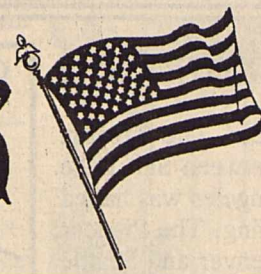


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Fuentes' resignation accepted Garcia requests correction to minutes

Tanya Kay McClure
Staff Writer

The Kinney County Appraisal Board unanimously accepted the resignation of Chief Appraiser Joyce Fuentes last Monday.

The Board tabled approval of the June 7th minutes and will have an agenda item concerning the May 25th minutes at their next meeting.

During a Board meeting, held May 25th, Gloria Garcia was quoted in the minutes of the meeting as saying, "All that was needed to be Chief Appraiser was to be a High School Graduate or equivalent and that the Board could hire someone off the street with the qualifications to do the Chief Appraiser job."

"Specifically I'm concerned about the statement that I supposedly made that showed in the newspaper as well as the letter of resignation that I just read, plus on apparently the minutes of June 1st. I was not here on May 25th I had a graduation to attend in Del Rio, otherwise I would have requested that changes be made at that time.

"I request in all fairness that the minutes be made reflective of what actually took place in the meeting and not hearsay,"

said Garcia.

"I think that some of the minutes reflect just rank hearsay. Our minutes just need to reflect that which takes place and not off the wall comments," said Tully Shahan.

"There is an isolated statement that has nothing before or after in context so that the reader will understand what was happening.

"To top that off, it was structured negatively, and to me (to suit) someone's whims," said Garcia.

The Appraisal Board will begin advertising for a Chief Appraiser next week. The Board intends to come up with a set of qualifications that need to be met by any applicant for the position.

"I think that prior to the advertisement of that, we should have the qualifications set forth as to what the prospective candidates would need to adhere to," said Tim Ward.

"What I'm concerned about is that I think that we should have an acting Chief Appraiser that we could have as a contact person for this office," said Garcia.

Executive session was held to discuss personnel.

"We want to announce that we have gone over some specifics of the office. We feel like our office will continue to run in good hands with Bea Porter and Bill Haenn. Bill was employed prior to Joyce leaving and so he is here with us, Bea is helping

"I request in all fairness that the minutes be made reflective of what actually took place in the meeting and not hearsay." - Gloria Garcia.

him. Bea has agreed to stay for a little longer period of time with us, as long as she can," said Tim Ward immediately following executive session.

Bill Haenn has been hired to fill the Clerk/Abstractor position, which is currently Bea Porter's job. Bea will be leaving within the month.

"We want the public to know and those of you who are here, that we are going to do everything possible we can to ensure the continued good operation of

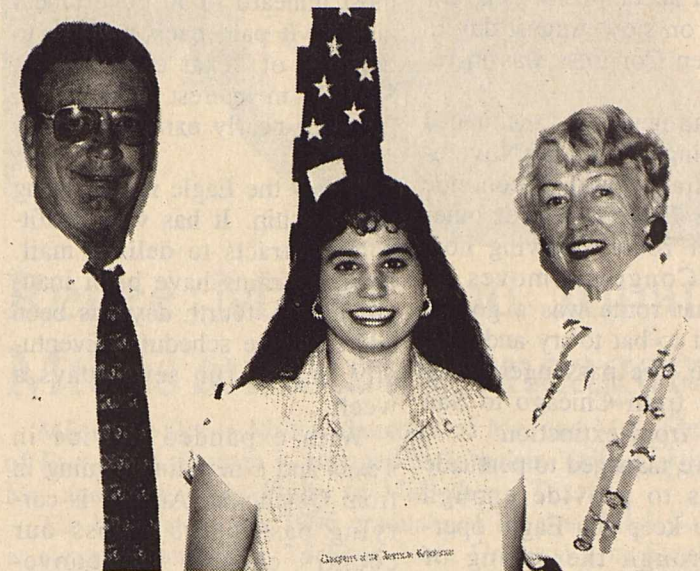
the office and the improved operation of the office. We will have a meeting next Tuesday, at 5:30 here again, to discuss issues that need to be handled," said Tim Ward.

The Board is also planning a short audit of the books.

They hope to have Bernie Morales from the State Comptrollers Office present at the meeting to help them set the qualifications for the Chief Appraiser position.

A short budget workshop will be held and the employee policy for the district will be discussed.

■ Editors Note: There are no educational requirements listed in the tax code concerning a Chief Appraiser. However, the board of directors for an appraisal district may set qualifications for the position in their respective district. After a person is hired as Chief Appraiser, they are required by law to register with the Board of Examiners. Then it becomes necessary for them to take certain courses and pass tests in a given period of time in order to continue functioning as a Chief Appraiser.



Pictured with Amanda Petrosky are BHS superintendent, Taylor Stephenson, and Pat McKelvy, secretary of the Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter.

Brackett High School's Dar Good Citizen

Amanda Petrosky was selected to represent Brackett High School and to receive the high honor of being named Dar Good Citizen of the 1998-99 school year. This honor will be awarded annually by the Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, to an outstanding senior girl whose character exemplifies dependability, service, patriotism and leadership.

Amanda has participated in many activities and received numerous awards during her 4 high school years. Some of the outstanding ones of her senior year are: Valedictorian, Tandy Scholar, All-America Scholar, Prudential Spirit of Community Award, VFW Voice of Democracy Competition - 2nd place, San Antonio Area Female Christian Athlete of the Year, Principal's Leadership Award, Border Patrol Most Outstanding Student, and Rotary International Youth Congress participant.

City contract null and void

Tanya Kay McClure
Staff Writer

Fort Clark Springs Municipal Utility District has been awarded the water contract with CiviGenics.

Fort Clark Springs Municipal Utility District, Board of Directors approved to supply water to the new Detention facility on Monday, May 24th. A rate scale on water usage has still not been set.

The city of Brackettville had signed a water contract with CiviGenics, but the contract will soon be nullified according to Larry Sofaly, MUD General

Manager.

Sofaly stated that the City of Brackettville could not provide adequate water pressure to support the needs of the Detention Center.

"I have no official information on the unanimously, City Council approved, water contract between CiviGenics and Brackettville. The only incidental information given to me by David G. Luna, City Secretary, is that he (Luna), would check with Pat Dotson, City Attorney," said Carmen Berlanga, City Mayor.

Luna declined to make comment concerning the issue.

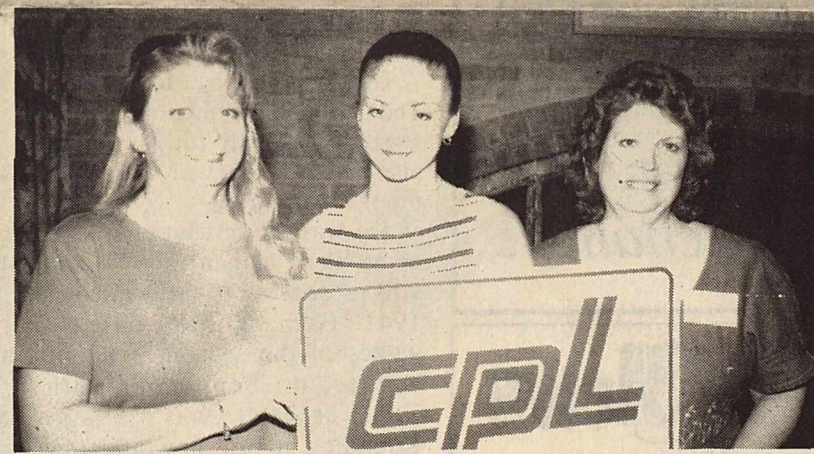
Locals attend Science Symposium

Forty four teachers and students from South Texas attended the 39th annual Texas Energy Science Symposium through the sponsorship of Central Power and Light Company. Those attending from Brackett High School are (from left), Ms. Karen Crumley (teacher), April Crumley (student) and Susan Dawlearn, CPL representative.

The symposium was held June 1-4 at the University of Texas in Austin. Over 400 participants from throughout Texas had the opportunity to tour outstanding scientific facilities and attend lectures and workshops by professionals in the scientific field.

The Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation and the University of Texas jointly sponsor the symposium.

As one of the foundation's sponsoring companies, CPL pays all the expenses for the 44



Pictured above, from left to right is Karen Crumley, April Crumley and Susan Dawlearn.

students and teachers from their service territory.

"We're proud to help sponsor the symposium since these students will be taking us into the future," said Susan Dawlearn, CPL communication consultant.

The primary purpose of the foundation was to conduct the

world's first and largest privately financed research effort in the energy field. The goal of the foundation and CPL has since broadened to include heightening awareness of energy science in Texas schools and also of the privileges presented by scientific discovery.

Briefs ...

Junteenth Celebration June 19-20th

Emancipation Day will be celebrated by the Seminole Indians on June 19th and 20th. Anyone interested in putting up a booth, participating in the parade or performing in the talent show should contact Beverly Wright at (830) 563-2951.

Glory Road Play

Glory Road, a Historical Play about Fort Clark, will be shown on June 25th, 26th, July 2nd and 4th, 1999 at 8:30 p.m. at the Old Quarry Amphitheatre, Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville, Tx. (830) 563-2024.

Museum open to all

The Kinney County Heritage Museum located at the intersection of James, Brown and El Paso Streets is open every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. The hours are from 1 to 4 P.M.

First ever car show a success

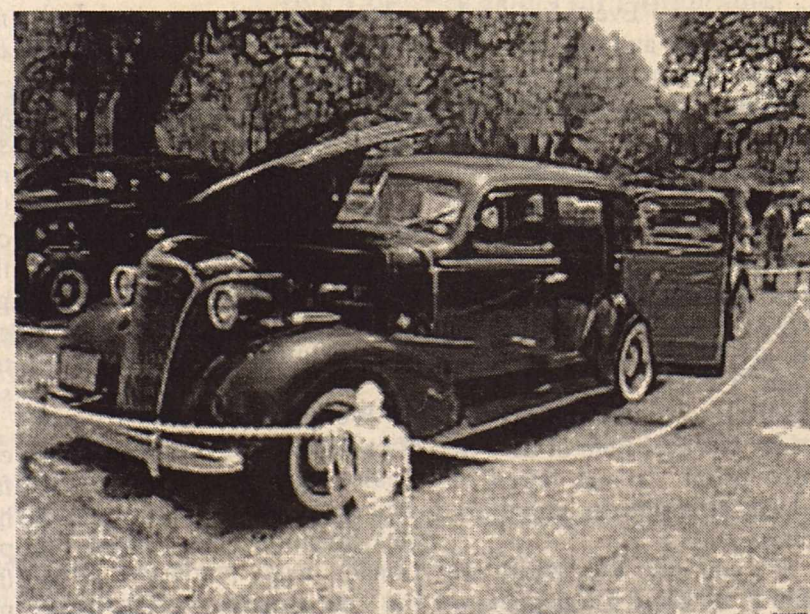
Submitted by
Tino Gomez

On May 30, 1999, the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce coordinated its first auto show at Rendezvous Park, Fort Clark Springs, right off Highway 90 and Brackettville. The show was free to the public and over 30 door prizes were given away.

The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department sold BBQ. The Kinney County Emergency Medical Service gave out various items, displayed their new ambulance and answered questions. Various distributors and retailers such as Schwan's ice cream, Amsoil, Advocare and Car Quest were present with their products and prizes.

There were 37 participants from Brackettville, Campwood, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Uvalde and Piedras Negras, Mexico. Trophies, plaques and other prizes were given to the winners.

Best Antique: 1st place, #27, Rudy Ponce, Del Rio, 37 Chevy



Rudy Ponce took home first place for "Best Antique," with his 37 Chevy 4 Door Sedan pictured above.

4 door Sedan; 2nd place, #17, Calvin Lissmen, Del Rio, 32 Ford 3 Window Coupe.

Best Classic: 1st place, #37, Jesus C. Segovia, Piedras Negras Mexico, 65 Ford Mustang; 2nd place, #16, John Schoellhorn, Del Rio, 50

Oldsmobile Holiday.

Best Custom: 1st place, #28, Juan J. Sandoval, Del Rio, 68 Chevy Camaro; 2nd place, #18, Lisa & John Martinez, Del Rio, 54 Buick Special.

Best Full Size Truck: 1st place, #33, Ricardo Rodriguez,

Del Rio, 65 Ford Pickup; 2nd place, #20, Raul Ocegueda, Eagle Pass, 97 Dodge Truck 150.

Best Low Rider: 1st place, #43, Ricardo Salinas, Del Rio, 97 Ford F150; 2nd place, #21, Andres Sandoval III, Del Rio, 95 Chevy S10.

Best Mini-truck: 1st place, #21, Andres Sandoval III, Del Rio, 95 Chevy S10; 2nd Place, #13, Chinto Rivera, Del Rio, 94 Geo Tracker.

Best Street Rod: 1st place, #34, Larry Hampton, Campwood, 1919 Ford "T"; 2nd place, #28, Juan Sandoval, Del Rio, 68 Chevy Camaro.

Special Interest: 1st place, #22, Mario Garza, Eagle Pass, 98 Kawasaki Ninja; 2nd place, #39, Mayelo Cantu, Eagle Pass, 37 Ford Coupe.

Best Paint (Trophy and Gojo Hand Care System): #43, Ricardo Salinas, Del Rio, 97 Ford F150.

Best Engine (Trophy and 40 pc tool set): #34, Larry Hampton, Campwood, 1919 Ford

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Texas Eagle Saved from extinction

Submitted by Kay Bailey Hutchison

Recently, in Austin, Amtrak Railroad repaid a loan the state government made to keep Amtrak's Texas Eagle operating. And it shows what teamwork can accomplish. This crisis arose on slow August day in 1996 when Congress was in recess.

The bad news was announced in Washington: come November, Amtrak would discontinue the Texas Eagle and three other passenger routes. Knowing how slowly Congress moves, I feared that route was a goner. So I went to bat to try and save the Eagle, the passenger route that runs from Chicago to San Antonio, from extinction.

First we managed to persuade Congress to provide enough money to keep the Eagle operating through the spring of 1997.

During this time I was reminded again of how people in Texas really love trains. I heard from Texans who had such detailed knowledge of passenger rail that they proposed entirely rewritten Amtrak schedules to make the Eagle successful.

In May of 1997, Amtrak received a \$5.6 million loan from the State of Texas to keep the Eagle running. Amtrak promised to operate the Eagle three times a week, and put up to 47 passenger cars as collateral.

They agreed to guarantee 50 percent of the loan. In fact, the commitment of local elected officials to their trains and depots is truly amazing. Mayors Celia Boswell of Mineola, Audrey Kariel of Marshall and J.W. Perry of Temple worked with other mayors and state officials to support the loan.

Without their help, the Eagle would have died. In some states that did not fight for their

Amtrak service. The Desert Wind service between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles was halted for lack of funding. The Pioneer link between Denver and Seattle also rolled to a stop.

On May 21 of this year, Amtrak did something that is almost unheard of in government circles. It paid back its loan to the state of Texas early, saving \$54,000 in interest. Best of all, the once-nearly extinct Eagle is soaring.

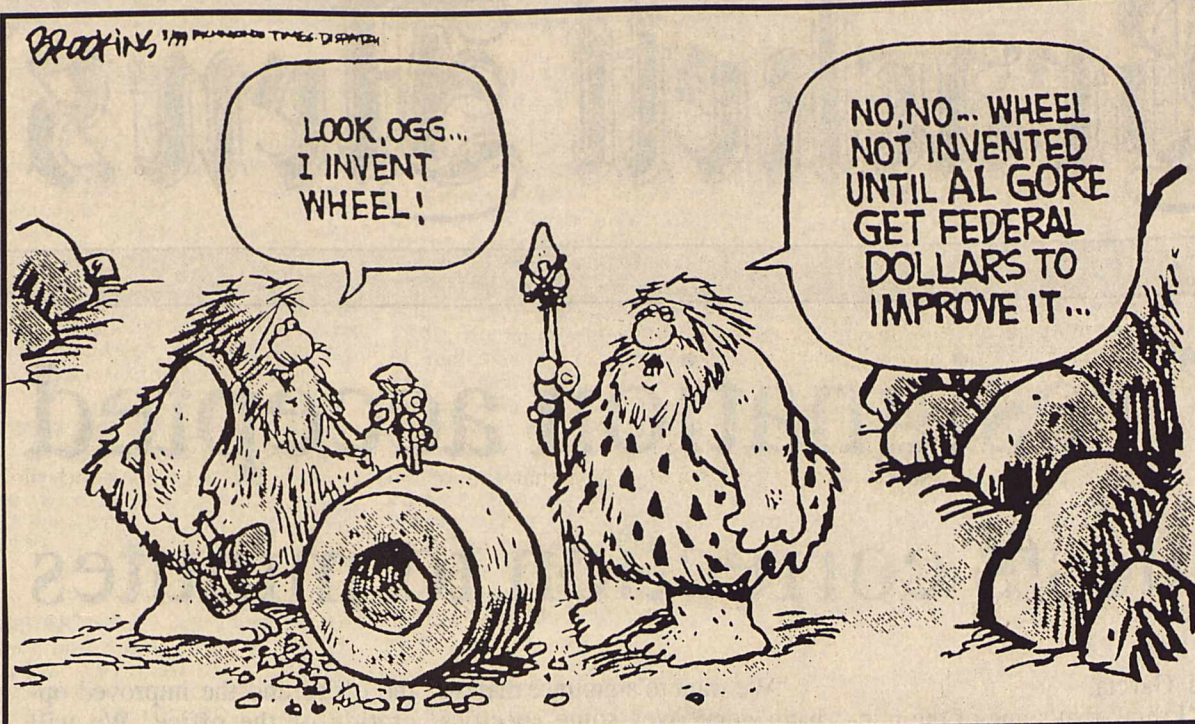
Today the Eagle is increasing its ridership. It has won profitable contracts to deliver mail. Express trains have been inaugurated. A fourth day has been added to the schedule. Eventually, it will run seven days a week.

With expanded service in Texas and a new line coming in from Oklahoma, Amtrak is carrying passengers across our country cheaply and conveniently. An elderly woman in Bandera can take the bus to San Antonio, get on Amtrak at the lovingly restored Sunset Depot and travel to Chicago to visit her grandchildren.

A business traveler will someday be able to arrive in Dallas on Amtrak, connect with DART to the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport and fly anywhere in the world.

Amtrak could be a real boon to football season in Texas. Imagine the convergence on Austin for the Texas-Missouri weekend as fans roll in from Saint Louis on the Eagle. A big-12 football package on Amtrak would be a winner in Texas. Railroad passenger service is critical to Texas' transportation future. We simply could not allow the Eagle to be grounded, so Texans mounted a true cooperative effort to save it.

My goal is to preserve Amtrak as an important option for Texas travelers and tourists visiting our state.



I am a product of Oklahoma

Between Us Rev. Joe Townsend

The following letter was a prize winning letter written by Mrs. Ruth Stephens of Stillwater, Okla. printed in The Daily Oklahoman, September 26, 1939.

To the editor: I am a product of Oklahoma: I am the youth of the state. I was born without my consent to parents not of my choosing. I was educated in schools built by adults; studied subjects selected for me by adults; taught by teachers, good, bad, or indifferent hired by adults.

If my education is poor, if I am a misfit, remember I'm a product of the State of Oklahoma. I was sent to churches and listened to preachers all hired by adults. If I am not a good Christian, men or women of Oklahoma I am your product.

If I find pleasure at roadhouses and honky tonks remember men and women of Oklahoma they are run by adults, not by youths.

If I drink too much beer I bought it from an adult; remember, and the men and women of Oklahoma gave him the license to sell it. I am a citizen of Oklahoma, good, bad or indifferent, I am an Oklahoma product.

Substitute "Texas" for "Oklahoma" and the reality strikes a chord. While this idea is the rampant psychology of today, (don't blame the culprit, blame someone else) there is a hard line of biting truth in the letter.

The others side of the coin is voiced in the following, "Letter to a Teenager." This letter has been reprinted so many times its origin was lost lone ago. The last time I saw it in print it was in Readers Digest in 1940 and had been copied from Kanahce

County Times Mora, Minn.

"Always we hear the plaintive cry of the teenager: What can we do, where can we go?" I can make some suggestion's. Go home! Paint the woodwork, mow the lawn, wash the car. Learn to cook. Scrub some floors, repair the sink, build a boat, get a job. Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your village does not owe you recreational facilities. The world does not owe you a living. You owe the world something. You owe it your time, and energy and your talents.

Help the ministers, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army. Visit the sick, assist the poor, and when you are through and not too tired-read a book." There can be no better advice to a teenager. It is truly sad to see the intelligence that leads to boredom and the tragic waste of time and talent.

We need more role models

But I could be wrong By Chuck Hall

One of my all time heroes is Ted Williams. Not only was he a great baseball player but he also proudly served our country in two wars.

He was the last hitter to even come close to batting .400 in a single season. The year was 1941. Going into the last two games of the season, a double header, on September 28th, Ted's record was .39955. Rounding it off, it would officially go into the record books as .400.

The Red Sox manager, Joe

Cronin, suggested that Ted sit out the games, and protect his hard-earned and well deserved average. But Williams, the true champion that he was, would have no part of it. "Fans paid money to come watch this game." He reasoned. "At least one spent his hard earned dollars to see me.

I won't cheat even that one man. And fifty or sixty years from now, I don't want anyone to tell stories about me and say that I sat on my rump the last two games of the season.

I wouldn't want folks to say I sacrificed my reputation just to save my precious record."

...What a man! Ted went to bat 8 times that day. He hit one homerun, three singles, a double, and another single. His batting average for the 1941 baseball season is listed in the record books as .406.

A fitting memorial to a man whose greatness is still talked about today. I hope he will be remembered for many years to come.

Today we seem to be in short supply of people like Ted Williams. We need more role models of his caliber for our young men and young women today.

Not just for them, for all of us. But I could be wrong.

The finish line, the way I see it

The Way I See it Steven R. LaMascus

The other day my buddy Chuck Hall and I had a fit of lunacy. Not the really serious kind where you run around drooling and howling at the moon (well at least not howling at the moon -- Chuck does drool a little, sometimes, mostly when he is holding forth on some political indiscretion, but I could be wrong) but the kind where you decide to do something that you know you will regret, but just have to do anyway.

We were out on a place Chuck leases for grazing his pet goats and cattle. He says he's a rancher, but I have never known anyone he sold any livestock to. Mostly he just likes to mess with animals. Which may explain why he has anything to do with me.

Anyway, we were trying to rid his place of some unwanted visitors; primarily predators that think his goats taste good. We had already walked a good bit of country in the pursuit when one of us mentioned that there would sure be a good view from the top of a particularly large and forbidding hill.

Soon we were headed up a junior grade Mount Everest with visions of George Mallory (died trying to conquer Everest) and Edmund Hillary (first man to climb Everest) dancing in our

miniscule minds.

The higher we got, and the steeper the mountain got, the more painful the climbing became. Soon my breath was coming in ragged gasps and I was seeing spots before my eyes. I think Chuck was also panting uncontrollably but I'm not sure. I couldn't see him for the black spots or hear him for the roaring in my ears. Every few yards we would stop and pant for a few seconds before again climbing upward, ever upward. By the time we reached the top of the mountain (it ceased to be a hill about fifty feet into the climb) my legs were on fire and it felt as if someone were driving railroad spikes into my knees. Chuck collapsed onto a flat rock and grimaced (he said it was a smile. Coulda fooled me!). I crashed and burned on another nearby boulder. Both of us were truly spent. It had taken us nearly an hour to make the climb.

So, you ask, why didn't we quit? If we knew it was going to hurt, and if there was no pressing reason to climb this half-size Matterhorn, why didn't we just stop and go down?

Well I'll tell you why. Because we had made a commitment! We had started something, and anything you start you should be ready, willing and, hopefully, able to finish. That is the difference between a person who is

dependable and reliable and a person who will quit on you in the middle of the job and leave you in a bind.

Too many people today start a project and when it becomes too difficult they simply walk away. I see it all the time. It is displayed in the modern American psyche in the form of increased divorce rates, high school drop out rates, and Jack Kavorkian assisted suicides. If the going gets tough the tough get going -- but today we just go somewhere else. We are afraid to make a commitment.

In the "old days" the American motto was "can do." We knew we were capable of anything if we put our minds to it, and we succeeded in the face of overwhelming odds because of that attitude.

We built the Panama Canal after others had failed. Grand Coulee dam is a monument to American resourcefulness and determination. Who tamed the frontier, made productive farms out of prairie wilderness, whipped the British for freedom and independence, won two world wars, put men on the moon, and invented the personal computer?

Do you want to succeed? Do you want to be a winner? If so all you have to do is commit. Be prepared to suffer a little to gain a lot. You cannot be a quitter and a winner.

What is happening to the Beef?

Submitted by Rep. Henry Bonilla

When we send our hard earned tax dollars off to Washington, we have no choice but to trust that federal bureaucrats will spend our money in a wise way.

But as we all know by now, the words "bureaucrats" and "wise" are not generally found in the same sentence. The latest example of bureaucrats needlessly wasting taxpayer dollars comes from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Recently, the USDA announced a plan to buy \$6 million worth of ground buffalo meat.

The federal buyout is aimed at easing the stress on bison ranchers who are having trouble unloading their product. Apparently the buffalo steaks are selling well, but the ground bison, which is very lean, is somewhat of an acquired taste and hasn't been selling well.

This federal buyout sounds like a good plan at first glance, and for some it is. But for who? Who is really being helped by this federal buyout? Certainly not the buffalo! The fact is, there are relatively few buffalo ranchers in the United States. Granted, a few bison producers in this small industry really do need the help.

But a good part of the buyout money will go into the pockets of wealthy buffalo ranchers like Ted Turner. Turner is the billionaire TV mogul who started up the CNN news channel. He is also the largest producer of buffalo in the United States.

The fact that the federal government is throwing money at wealthy bison ranchers like Turner, is a bit hard to swallow for struggling cattle producers in Texas and across the country. Cattle producers have been through some really tough times lately.

In Texas, devastating droughts and low commodity prices have really taken their toll on livestock producers.

The USDA should be spending taxpayer dollars more wisely. Putting federal tax dollars into the pockets of millionaires in an effort to bailout a relatively small, specialized industry like bison, is a ridiculous waste.

There are struggling livestock producers that could really use some help. The USDA should focus its attention on getting aid to the producers who really need it.

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend

There is a fine lady who came to Brackettville and married a local man. She soon went to work in the "Tax" office. When the man in charge resigned she succeeded to the top spot.

She has served for many years in one of the most pressure packed jobs there is. No one really likes to pay taxes so this office faces a barrage of complaints castigations. When the city raises taxes people don't go to the City Council with their complaints, they go to the tax office. The same is true about school and county taxes.

For years this lady had weathered the storm. She recently faced scorn from a member of her board, who by any thinking person should not have her on the board in the first place. The complaint was typical of the inanity of the board members. This lady should consider the source and let it rattle.

While everything she does in her responsibilities is prescribed by law she constantly is bombarded by people who have taxes to pay. For many years she has done a superb job. Surely Joyce Fuentes is an Unsung Hero.

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A Grandmother is a mother who has a second chance.

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, May 31

9:38 a.m. A call was received reporting gun shots at the cemetery. Upon investigation it was learned that the VFW Post was conducting a Memorial Service.

12:09 a.m. A local woman called the station stating that someone was driving a station wagon fast and spinning it's wheels by her residence. The vehicle could not be located.

6:15 p.m. A local woman reported that someone from Fort Clark Springs had hit her car. There were some minor scratches on the right front quarter panel. Chief of Police Ron Ring tried to locate the other vehicle, but had very little to go on.

Wednesday, June 2

2:00 p.m. An employee of the Texas Department of Public Transportation reported that the northwest corner fence at the

rest stop on Highway 90 East, was torn down. The owner of the fence line was notified of the situation.

12:09 a.m. A local woman reported that her dogs were barking toward a local residents home and would like to have it checked out. Deputy Bobby Guidry was advised of the situation and stated that the home was secure and everything looked ok.

8:30 p.m. A local man called in to the Sheriffs Department to report that a pickup had been abandoned in the alley next to his house.

Michael Woodard Clements, age 41 of Brackettville was arrested for assault by Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter and then later released by the Justice of the Peace.

Jose Flores, age 34, of Brackettville was arrested for Probation Violation by Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter.

Friday, June 4

Anthony Orozco, age 22, of Brackettville, was arrested for assault on a public servant by Deputy Bobby Guidry. He was later released to Presidio County.

6:15 p.m. A local woman called in and stated that the recently arrested Mike Clements who was in jail in Hondo, had left his children under her control until his brother could pick them up.

She just wanted to inform the station of the situation as to not upset anyone.

7:25 p.m. A local man reported that illegal aliens had gotten into his house and taken food and beer. He wanted the Border Patrol to know about the situation.

Saturday, June 5

7:50 a.m. The sheriffs department informed Chief of Police Ron Ring of a dog bite victim in the Sheriffs Department Office. The woman was being treated by EMS for a dog bite wound to her right leg.

She stated that she was walking down Remote Alley when a large wolf type dog exited the yard through an open gate and bit her on the leg.

Eddie Garza (with Animal Control) was notified of the situation. The owner of the dog stated that the dog had not been inoculated for rabies because she had just had pups.

Animal Control quarantined the dog and her pups. The victim went to Val Verde Hospital to receive stitches and the owner of the dog was cited for not maintaining control of her dog.



Renee Miller and Jonathan Mikus announce engagement

Miss Julie Renee Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mert Miller of Fort Clark Springs is engaged to Jonathan Keith Mikus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mikus of Midlothian, Texas.

The bride elect is a 1996 graduate of Brackett High School and is currently attending Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. Renee is a member of the Alpha Zeta Chapter of the National Sigma Alpha Sorority and is currently serving as Treasurer. Her fiancée is a 1994 graduate of Midlothian High School and is currently attending Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Jon is a member of the Beta Sigma Chapter of the National Alpha Gamma Rho Agricultural Fraternity and is currently serving as their Membership Development VNR officer. He is also the Alumni secretary for the Tarleton State University Plowboys, the campus spirit organization.

The couple plan an August 14, 1999 wedding in Stephenville, Tx followed by a honeymoon in Ocho Rios Jamaica.

Coast Guard Nationwide Competition

The United States Coast Guard Academy is now accepting and processing applications to the Class of 2004. Appointments are tendered solely on the basis of an annual nationwide competition with no congressional nominations or geographical quotas. Applications must be submitted to the Director of Admissions prior to December 15, 1999. Candidates must arrange to participate in either the SAT I or ACT prior to or including the December 1999 administration.

Appointments are based on the candidate's high school record, performance on either the SAT I or ACT, and leadership potential as demonstrated by participation in high school activities, community service and part-time employment. Most successful candidates rank in the top quarter of their high school

class and have demonstrated proficiency in both mathematical and applied science.

Candidates must be unmarried at the time of the appointment, have no legal obligations, and must have reached the age of 17 but not 23 by July 1, 2000. Candidates must be assured of high school graduation by June 30, 2000.

Coast Guard cadets obtain an excellent undergraduate education at no personal expense. In addition, they receive pay and allowances for living expenses. The Academy curriculum emphasizes engineering and science, leads to a Bachelor of Science degree, and establishes a solid foundation for a challenging career. Graduates of the Academy are commissioned as Ensigns in the United States Coast Guard.

The Academy graduate can

look forward to a varied, exciting, and demanding career as a regular Coast Guard Officer. Under the Department of Transportation, the Coast Guard performs a variety of missions including search and rescue, maintenance of aids to navigation around the globe, operation of icebreakers, enforcement of maritime law, boating safety, and marine environmental protection.

Selected officers may pursue further postgraduate education in such fields as aviation, business administration, electronics, engineering, law, and oceanography.

To obtain an application or further information write: Director of Admissions, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 31 Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT 06320; or call 1 (800) 883-8724.

*Lordy, Lordy,
Look
Who's Forty*



The ancient Greeks and Romans used carrots for medicine but not for food.

Dynamite was invented in 1867 by Alfred Nobel, a Swedish chemist and the founder of the Nobel Prizes.

Briefs ...

Border Patrol monthly statistics

DEL RIO - The following is a recap of Del Rio Sector Border Patrol activities during May 1999: Abilene Station - 129, Brackettville - 1,738, Carrizo Springs - 2,735, Comstock - 181, Del Rio - 2,660, Eagle Pass - 5,546, Llano - 70, Rocksprings - 243, San Angelo - 196, and Uvalde - 791. Sector total - 14,289. Marijuana seized - 1, 861.34 pounds, estimated value of \$1,489,115.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets

The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met in the Gorgas room at the Adult Center on June 1st. The winners were: 1st Joyce Bell and Alice Seargeant, 2nd Jim and Flo Stafford, 3rd Tina Bauguess and Rosetta Pingnot.

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Making a Difference
Taylor Stephenson

Summertime is just about here! Our daylight time continues to increase, and we have light from about 6 AM to 9 PM. The longest day of the year - first day of summer - will be here in a couple of weeks.

We're fortunate to have this great climate along with two golf courses and two swimming pools. I'm sure the fishing must be good. There are lots of folks walking and exercising. What a great place to spend the summer!

Have you noticed the improved traffic lights by the bank-Ann and Spring Streets? The improvement in safety because of the light visibility and timing

is wonderful. A tip of the hat to the State Highway Department for a job well done!

Activity is picking up at the new high school. I counted about 25 workers there today trying to get the job finished. The painting is going big time inside the school - halls and classrooms. Workers were installing insulation on the air handling system. The grid system for ceilings and lights began this week. Plaster work is picking up, and the first coat of paint has been put on the plaster. The building plaster will be the same color as the Annex with a red-brick trim. We're very excited.

At school, the school board has hired a new home economics teacher and has completed its elementary teaching staff. We're pleased to have Jenifer Harris

(home ec) and Amanda Edgar (3rd grade) join our staff of teachers at BISD. Openings at this time are high school math to replace the retiring Tom McNew and elementary principal to replace Michael Schooler.

We have begun the summer clean up of buildings. The staff has painted the front of the gymnasium. We'll eventually paint the trim red.

We hope to get the auditorium and annex painted this summer also. Fifth and sixth grade lockers have been repainted and some of the rooms are in the process of being moved.

Summer school is in full swing for students in elementary and middle school. The school focuses on helping students re-

gain the skills needed at their grade level. The school cafeteria is serving breakfast and lunch each day of the summer school.

The legislative session appears to have been a good session for education. There is a tremendous shortage of teachers in Texas.

I believe that more competitive salaries will help schools attract and retain the best teachers. Fine teachers make a difference for children. I am pleased with the actions taken by the Governor and State Legislature of Texas.

I hope that you take the time to enjoy beautiful Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville and Kinney County. Have a great week.



First woman Rotary President

Brackettville Rotary played host to its first woman president and one of its favorite people at the Thursday, June luncheon meeting.

Lashawn McIvor spoke to the group about her memories of her grandfather, Happy Shahan and some of the past events at Alamo Village. She brought with her a huge scrapbook, one of

several, with newspaper items and memorabilia in it.

Mrs. McIvor was accompanied by her sister, Leisha Ashley and her son, Webb. Members were honored to have these relatives of the Brackettville Rotary founder, Happy Shahan with them and enjoyed hearing Mrs. McIvor's personal recollections of the past.

McKelvy and Gilliland, women of the year



Submitted by
Nancy Frerich

Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi announced Pat McKelvy and Luella Gilliland women of the year at a recent Founders Day Celebration. Theta Sigma's Founders Day Celebration, which is held each year on April 30 across the nation with other Beta Chapters, was hosted by Clara and Allen McCord.

A brief meeting was held with

outgoing officers recognized and service pins given to perfect attendance honorees.

A delicious dinner prepared by members was enjoyed by: Molly Schroeder, Jean & Phil Land, Jan & Karl Chism, Doraline & Ken Kellar, Bobbie & Pack Waddill, Pat & Clemy McKelvy, Arlys & Jack Simpson, Luella & Dewite Gilliland, Marge Geeze, Nancy & Tony Frerich, B.J. & Nick Eckenrod and Clara & Allen McCord.

Ozone fight taking place in Texas

(Austin) - Members of the Texas Railroad Commission today reminded Texans that rebate programs to help offset the cost of converting private vehicles and commercial lawnmowers to use clean-burning propane gas are available through the Commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division (AFRED).

RRC Chairman Tony Garza, Commissioner Charles Matthews and Commissioner Michael L. Williams pointed out that such conversions could contribute toward ongoing efforts to reduce air pollution from ground-level ozone in communities across the state. Studies by the Texas Railroad Commission show that hydrocarbons in propane exhaust form about 70 percent less low-level ozone than the hydrocarbons in gasoline exhaust.

"The term 'ozone action day' is being heard far too often in cities across Texas," Garza said.

"By converting to propane, Texans have an effective tool to reduce ozone levels in their community."

"Propane burns so cleanly that it reduces particle emissions almost to zero," Matthews said. "Through our rebate programs, the Railroad Commission works to make conversion to cleaner burning propane accessible."

"Whether it's your car, truck or commercial lawnmower, Commission staff members are ready with useful information about converting to propane," Williams said. "Anything we as an agency can do to help communities reduce high ozone levels is a step in the right direction for all of Texas."

Under the AFRED rebate programs, consumers can re-

ceive up to \$1,500 for converting their private car or truck to a propane system that meets the emissions requirements of the federal Environmental Protection Agency. The same rebate amount is also available for new vehicles with factory-installed, EPA-certified propane fuel systems.

Operators of commercial lawnmowers can apply for a rebate covering up to half of the alternative fuels conversion cost (not to exceed \$400 per unit). Converted equipment must displace at least 200 gallons of gasoline per year to be eligible.

AFRED rebate programs are subject to available funds on a first-come, first served basis. In some instances, rebates are allocated geographically throughout the state to assist in ozone-fighting efforts on a regional basis.

Created in 1991 by the Texas Legislature, the Texas Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division is charged with researching and educating Texans about propane and other environmentally beneficial fuels that can help reduce air pollution in Texas.

For more information on AFRED rebate programs or additional tips on converting to propane to help fight pollution, contact the RRC's Alternative Fuels Division at (800) 64-CLEAR [800-642-5327].

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RRC news releases are also available on the Commission website: www.rrc.state.tx.us



Class of 2012

The Graduating class of 2012 held their Pre-Kindergarten graduation on Monday, May 24th, at the Brackett Independent School District Auditorium.

This years graduates were: Juan Balente Aguilar, Christian Bailey, Tariq Cheradi, Jon Michael Clements, Trevor Clementz, Miranda Contreras, Joseph Fuentes, Rolando Fuentes, Anthony Lomeli, Stevie Lowrance, Erby Martinez, Nevada Payne, Megan Resendez, Ervey Rodriguez, Linda Beth Samora, Juan Talamantes, Valerie Vela, Jorge Villarreal and Anthony Young.

Ms. Woodie Trotter is the Teacher of the class.

Pictured at right is Valerie Vela. Photo by Tanya Kay McClure



Jesus Chaves Segovia, of Piedras Negras, took home first place in the "Best Classic Division," with his 65 Ford Mustang pictured above.

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Dove bag limits, longer teal season

A Little on the Wildlife side
Henry Lutz

AUSTIN - Weighing public comment that in some areas of the state ran 3-to-1 in favor of current dove hunting regulations, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission opted here Thursday, June 3, to retain the current 15-bird daily bag limit and 60-day season. The commission approved the measure as part of the 1999-2000 Early Migratory Game Bird Protection.

Federal framework allows states some flexibility in the setting of season dates and bag limits, however, the combination of duration and bag is a trade-off. In Texas, those options included both a 60-day season and a 15-bird bag, or a 70-day season and

12-bird bag. At issue for state wildlife officials is the question of hunter opportunity, not resource management, since dove populations in Texas have remained stable at 40 million birds, half of which are produced annually.

"This is not a resource issue, it's a serving-the-public issue," said Vernon Bevell, TPW migratory game bird program director. "There was not a great hew and cry when we went to the increased bag and shorter season five years ago, and input we've received from the public indicates they want to keep things the same."

The approved dates for mourning doves are Sept. 1 - Oct. 30 in the North Zone; Sept. 1 - Oct. 17, Dec. 26 - Jan. 7 in the Central Zone; and Sept. 24 -

Nov. 7, Dec. 26 - Jan 9 in the South Zone (Dec. 26 - Jan. 5 in the Special White-winged Dove Area). Shooting hours are one-half before sunrise to sunset.

The white-winged dove season is Sept. 4, 5, 11, and 12 in the Special White-winged Dove Area of South Texas. Bag and possession limits are 10 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, including no more than five mourning doves and two white-tipped doves per day. Shooting hours are noon to sunset. The white-winged dove stamp is also required. Also adopted was a 16-day September teal season beginning the second Saturday in September (Sept. 11-26), pending federal approval later this month. "This assumes teal numbers will remain above

population thresholds," said Bevell. "If they do not, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may restrict the season to nine days in which case the teal season will open on the third Saturday (September 18-26).

Approved sandhill crane hunting dates by zone are Nov. 13 - Feb. 13 in Zone A; Dec. 4 - Feb. 13 in Zone B; and Jan. 8 - Feb. 13 in Zone C. Zone boundaries will remain the same. A free sandhill crane hunting permit is still required.

As last year, the commission approved rail and gallinule seasons concurrent with the waterfowl seasons. Dates for 1999 are Sept. 11-26 and Oct. 23 - Dec. 15 but these will likely be modified if waterfowl season dates change.

Sports

Summer basketball underway

Jacob Hughes
Sports Writer

Summer will take on a whole new look for Brackett High basketball players. Head basketball coach, Jimmy Thomas, has helped enter a high school boys team into a surrounding city league.

The players will be coached by Will Glasby. After a meeting this past Tuesday night, twelve people showed up to join the high school team.

"Playing basketball in the summer is always beneficial during the regular season. It allows the guys to become more familiar with each other. Younger players can improve their skill and become more mature by

playing against more experienced players. There is a huge difference between running pick up games all day and playing in an organized environment," said Jimmy Thomas

The basketball league is founded out of the Eagle Pass area, but the organization was given over to the Crystal City chapter this past May.

Surrounding towns that are involved are Brackettville, Carrizo Springs, Cotula, Crystal City, Knippa, and La Pryor. The boys team will begin playing on Monday.

The season opener is at 8:00 P.M. against Cotulla at Crystal City. A schedule of the season will be printed as soon as a copy arrives.

Response less than prodigious

Gunsmoke and Campfires
Steven R. LaMascus

I started this column as a forum for questions and answers. I had visions of readers writing in to ask all kinds of interesting questions, both technical and whimsical. I gathered together my volumes of outdoor lore and prepared to delve deeply into daunting dilemmas. Unfortunately, the response in this area has been less than prodigious. So I say again - anyone who has a question regarding the outdoor experience, hunting, fishing, camping, outdoor cooking, target shooting or anything else you can dream up, is cordially invited to write to me care of the Brackett News. You can mail your request or just drop it off at the office on Ann Street. I do not know all the answers, anyone who knows me will probably be very happy to tell you that, but I usually know how to find out. Even if you know the answer to the question, it is possible that there are others out there who don't and who would be interested.

Thanks, Steve
In other news - summer is here. Oh, I guess you noticed, huh? Well here is something you may not have heard; this is the time of year that you should be out there at the range shooting and on the road getting in condition. It is only three months

until the opening of dove season and the beginning of the fall. If you are like me you spend those hot, depressing summer days either sitting in the air-conditioning thinking about hunting, or on the water fishing --and thinking about hunting.

Every year I decide that I will get in shape for the fall opener. I ride my bike a little, climb a hill or two, and do a miniscule amount of hiking. Then I decide that it's just too dangd hot and retire to the den to sit in air-conditioned comfort and read rousing tales of hunting exotic game animals in far off lands. By the beginning of hunting season I am even fatter than I was last year and I haven't fired a practice round in my rifles in months. Not this year!

This year I have made a commitment. I have decided that I will:

1. Work up a new handload for each of my hunting rifles.
2. Go on a real diet (not a seed-food diet).
3. Exercise at least three times a week.
4. Spend more time writing about hunting and less time reading about it.

away from the bench and fire five slow shots off-hand, letting the barrel cool between shots; five shots sitting, five shots kneeling, and five prone. All your shots from all four positions at 100 yards should be in 9 inches or less, and if you are better than average, in six inches or less. If you can't keep all your shots in less than 9 inches at 100 yards, practice more.

If you are a bird hunter, try to shoot at least two rounds (fifty targets) of skeet, sporting clays, or trap once a week. Since we live in an area with a dearth of skeet and sporting clays ranges that may not be easy to accomplish, but even a few birds thrown by a buddy from a hand trap will give you a huge advantage come opening day.

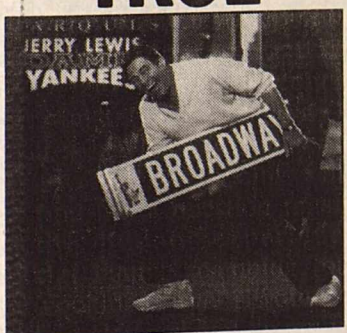
If you work hard this summer, you should do well this fall. And you might wish me luck with my summer program, I have a feeling I'll need it.

At least once a week, go to the rifle range, or skeet range if you're a bird fanatic. At the rifle range fire ten rounds from the bench rest into a single group. If your rifle is sufficiently accurate to be used for most hunting the total group should be three inches across or less. Then step

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday bicycle 10 miles or walk 3. Time - 1 hour or less. Saturday or Sunday, do a long slow bike ride of at least 20 miles or walk at least five. This should take about 2 hours. Do not strain yourself. Take your time and enjoy the trip.

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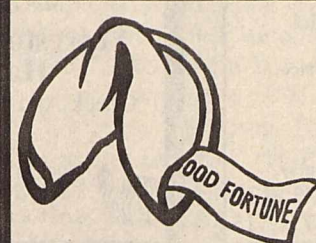
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MAGIC MAZE

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

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Foreman	Jordan	Mays	Seaver
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Hogan	Mantle	Montana	

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An unusually honest exchange with a friend or co-worker may bring up issues which are painful or confusing. Do not despair, the things you hear will ultimately help clarify future plans.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An important choice may be yours to make but take care that you don't turn what could be a compromise into an all-or-nothing situation. Try to take the needs of others into account.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An associate may have hidden motives, or some small but puzzling error in your work could crop up; make sure to check your work carefully and try not to depend on others.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Take a chance at this time, and it's likely to pay off, but playing the lottery or quitting your job is not the path to success. Instead, starting an ambitious new project is the key to your future.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Stay calm and bite back any ugly comments you're tempted to make; disputes threaten at work and home but can be avoided with care, tact and a generous dose of Leo charm.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You may have more in common with someone in your life than you thought; though this person may appear different, even distant, you share common goals and dreams.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Time spent clearing away irksome details or attending to errands will serve you well, especially if taking care of these tasks keeps you out of the way of someone who may be spoiling for a fight.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Has life ever been so fun? Workaday blues can't get you down. You're full of high spirits and



ready to have fun. Get out of the office and socialize with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone important in your life is finding it impossible to say no to you; make sure that what you're asking for is really deserved. At work, this is the time to ask for that raise.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A well-meaning slip of the tongue or something else you say may have consequences you didn't intend. Make sure you communicate clearly, particularly at work.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone in your family may be causing you friction and giving you a headache. Learn from the example of the willow tree which bends with every wind.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You feel refreshed, energized and ready to move ahead on projects which may have stalled for a while. Don't miss this chance to change your life in ways you only dared imagine before.

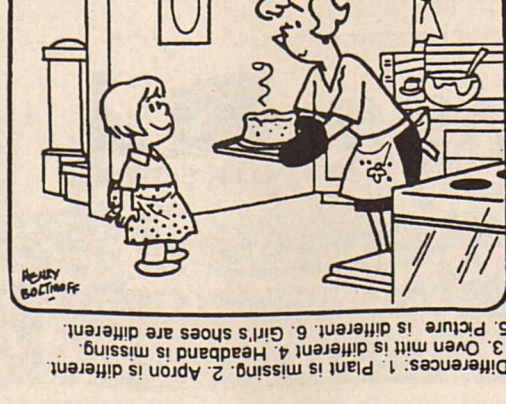
YOU BORN THIS WEEK: You are an extremely loyal friend and lover, thus people often confide in you. Your tendency to put your own needs on the back burner sometimes gets in the way of accomplishing long-term goals. Others consider you highly sensitive and emotional.

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Principals for the year 2000 The call comes from above to every child

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charollette Corey

Peter wrote in 1 Peter 4:7 "But the end of all things is at hand..."

The meaning of this had to do with the world as they know it, changing so drastically due to the efforts of others to seek them out and kill them, and thus, try to rid the world of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Even though their world was changing rapidly through wars, political decisions, and even though they were hunted down like criminals, they were unafraid and walked with peace in their lives.

In this same chapter are found principals for today as we near the year 2000.

1. Be sober. (Don't ignore to what is going on. Be alert and informed.)
2. Watch unto prayer. (Pray over things that are happening and may happen.)
3. Have fervent charity among yourselves. (Love each other {with Agape Love} above and beyond in their needs.)
4. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. (As you share your things with others and invite them to share your home, do it without grudging, as unto the Lord.)
5. As every man has received

the gift, even so minister the same one to another. (Every believer has been given a gift from God in what he/she is best at doing. Share your spiritual gift with others, because it is throughout the grace of God that you have it in the first place.)

Love is the key to facing the changes of tomorrow. This love is the love that God has given us first. It is given to others without them having to measure up or be perfect in our expectations.

In this we have the victory over change. In this we have the victory over the future.

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Frontier Baptist Church
Joe Townsend

There is so much evil, so much crime, so much wrong in our world that there are almost daily "conferences" on how to solve the problems. Politicians think passing more laws will solve the problem. "Do gooder" organizations think they have the answer, and still morals, family values and personal behavior continue to slide.

There is a simple answer found in the Bible. It is guaranteed to work. Jesus himself gave the formula. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

If every person were to put his or her faith in Jesus Christ and do all He has commanded us to do all problems would be solved and we would have heaven on earth.

The call comes from above to every child of God to ardently and actively lead others to come to know and follow Jesus and His teachings.

Since knowing and following Jesus would solve all personal and societal problems the call comes from all about us that we lead all people to personally know and obey the teachings of Jesus.

If Milosovic, Tony Blair and Bill Clinton were to truly know Jesus Christ and follow his teachings there could be no such insanity as the war in Serbia.

If every thug on the streets were to know and follow Jesus there would be no murders and mayhem. Were every homosexual to truly know Jesus Christ and follow him that whole segment of society would abruptly change. If all people knew Jesus and followed his teaching there would be no abortions.

If every person knew Jesus Christ and followed him there would be no need for prisons.

Therefore the call comes clear that every child of God approach with zeal the opportunity to win all mankind to know Jesus Christ and follow Him.

The call comes from above, the call comes from all about us and the call comes from below. The rich man, not knowing Jesus Christ, died and went to hell. One of his most plaintiff cries was "Send him to my father's house for I have five brethren, lest they also come to this place of torment."

Every soul suffering the tortures of hell for all eternity would urge every Christian to tell every person about Christ as the Savior and Redeemer and lead him to obey all the things He has commanded. There will be another message from God's

Word, the Bible, at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 AM. Come and worship and be enriched.

Love the Lord

Saint Johns Missionary Church
Rev. William P. Adams, Sr.

And thou shalt Love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy might.

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart.

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk to them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-7.
VBS Time at St. John's Missionary Church, 116 W. Crockett St. June 14-16th. 9 a.m. - noon. Pastor: Jimmy Linn and Utopiz B/C will be with us.

Children of all ages are invited. Adults of all ages are also welcome to come.

DO
UNTO OTHERS
AS YOU WOULD
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DO
UNTO YOU

The Beatitudes; Poor in Spirit

St Mary Magdalene Church
Lynn McNew

As Jesus began His teaching throughout all of Galilee, the crowds following Him became larger and larger. When He saw the crowds He went up on the mountainside.

After He had sat down, His disciples gathered around Him and He began to teach them. What followed is what we commonly know as the beatitudes. This week we will talk about the first one.

Happy the poor in spirit:

theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Surely this must be wrong. Rich people are the happy ones because they can have whatever they want. But rich people are never satisfied, so how can they be happy?

By "poor" we don't mean people living in poverty. People need a certain amount of material things in order to live with dignity.

What then, is "poor in spirit"? It means those who put their trust in God rather than in money. But some would say that in our world money is the only thing

that matters. Not so. Money will not open the door that really matters, namely, the door to the kingdom of God.

But everyone wants to be rich. If only they knew what true riches consist of. It's not the amount of possessions you have, but the kind of person you are, that makes you rich in the sight of God.

Let us pray to our heavenly Father for those qualities Christ wants to see in His followers.

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

HEALTH

Be prepared when severe weather comes

People in coastal areas of the state expect a hurricane that comes their way to bring high winds, pounding tides and drenching rain. But much of the damage and death tolls come from the slow-moving, wide-ranging storm systems that continue inland after the winds die out.

These kinds of roving storms repeatedly dumped record-breaking rains on Texas last year, causing severe, deadly flooding. Although no hurricane struck the Texas coast in 1998, the moisture remaining in weakened tropical storms and hurricanes which struck elsewhere and drifted over Texas created disasters of their own, according to the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

"Families and entire communities need to be prepared for whatever severe weather comes our way," said Dr. William Archer, Texas Commissioner of Health. "We need to be in-

formed, prepared and equipped to deal with nature's forces before anything hits our state."

Meteorologists are studying how to improve severe storm forecasts that typically include estimated locations, courses, size, wind speeds and intensity of tropical weather systems. They now are looking for ways to estimate the flooding potential of smaller storms and to forecast any unusual threats of heavy or sustained rainfall as tropical storms begin to lose strength over land.

Emergency experts agree that, along with a more watchful eye on long-range predictions, Texans need to prepare now and remain alert for severe weather. The hurricane season typically extends from June 1 to Nov. 30.

Local emergency coordinators, usually county judges, mayors or their designees, are responsible for planning for disaster survival throughout their

communities. In addition, families are urged to do their own planning. Know their particular evacuation routes, rehearse the job of each member in the plan and have survival supplies adequate to last several days.

TDH Emergency Preparedness staff recommends these minimum precautions during hurricanes or potential flood conditions:

Keep a battery-operated radio and extra batteries ready in case of power outages. Be sure your car's gas tank is always at least half full. Conserve gasoline and battery power by using car radios only for emergencies.

Check on the safety of neighbors and relatives, especially the elderly, disabled or children.

Stay tuned to TV and radio reports from the National Weather Service for weather watches, warnings and special advisories.

If you are evacuating, follow local government instructions and directions. Turn off the gas,

power and water in your home as you leave.

Tell someone outside the emergency area where you plan to go.

Take a supply of water; nutritious snacks; cash, traveler's checks or credit cards; clothing; baby items; blankets; a first-aid kit; and prescribed medicines. Find care for your pets in advance, since they are not allowed in evacuation shelters.

While driving, avoid low-lying areas, including beaches and valleys prone to tides or flooding. Never drive through flood waters. If your car stalls in rising water, abandon it and find higher ground and shelter.

If safe evacuation is not possible, weather the storm in a sturdy structure above the danger level of storm tides.

Keep on hand supplies of food and water, medicine, baby items, a radio and flashlights with extra batteries and be sure all cooking equipment is in safe

working order. Protect valuables and documents in water-tight containers. Tie down lawn furniture or other objects. Fill boats on trailers with water for extra weight. Sterilize containers with bleach and fill with water.

In emergencies, use bathtubs, cooking utensils, jugs or other containers for a reserve water supply. If you must boil water for drinking or cooking, be sure that it boils for at least a full minute before using.

Stay sheltered throughout the storm, making emergency re-

pairs quickly if the storm's eye surrounds you.

Remember that conditions will be calm in the storm's eye but that winds will return from the opposite direction as it passes. Tornadoes, dangerous hail and lightning or downed power lines are dangers.

Try to remain calm and disregard rumors. Your composure will help others.

For a copy of the "Disaster Planning Guide for Families," call the TDH Division of Emergency Preparedness at 512-834-6700, ext 2389.

Don't be in the dark about hepatitis

The illness can lurk in the body for decades with no symptoms. In fact, up to 70 percent of people with the disease don't even know they have it. In Texas, more than 300,000 people are infected.

It's hepatitis C, and it's at epidemic proportions. That's why it's so important to get all the facts on the disease and get tested.

Hepatitis C, like all forms of hepatitis, affects the liver. About 15 percent of those with the virus eventually get well. The other 85 percent develop a chronic infection that may or may not have symptoms. Many people make the mistake of believing that if they have no symptoms, they don't have the illness or the illness is mild, but that's not true, said Dr. Diane Simpson, a physician with the Texas Department of Health.

"Don't let that fool you," Dr. Simpson said. "You can still have it. That's why people at risk need to be tested."

You are at highest risk for hepatitis C if you are or have ever used illegal intravenous drugs or cocaine. "People who

have ever injected drugs, even many years ago, even if it was only once, must be tested," Dr. Simpson said.

Also, if you have multiple sexual partners now or have in the past, you are at risk, especially if you did not use a latex condom. Up to 20 percent of new infections can be attributed to high-risk sexual behavior. There appears to be little risk of hepatitis C transmission in a monogamous, long-term sexual relationship, even if one partner has the virus.

Another risk factor is receiving a blood transfusion or a transplanted organ before 1992. More reliable tests to screen out blood and organ donors with hepatitis C have been developed since 1992, virtually eliminating any risk of contracting the virus from a donor. But if you received blood or an organ before that time, you need to be tested. Blood banks and transfusion services within the next couple of years will send out letters informing those who received transfusions between 1988-1992 that they may have received hepatitis C-contaminated

blood.

Receiving such a letter does not mean that a person has the virus, but it does mean that person must be tested as soon as possible.

You also may need to be tested if you have received dialysis, or if you have received blood clotting factors, which are given to people with conditions that inhibit blood clotting. And if you are a health care worker who was exposed to blood, you too may be at risk and need to be tested. It is possible to be infected with hepatitis C through sharing razors or toothbrushes with infected individuals, but transmitting the virus through these means is rare. It also is possible, but not common, for a pregnant woman to pass the virus to her child.

It's important to remember that you can't get the virus from hugging, holding hands or kissing someone who is infected.

There's no need to be frightened of people with hepatitis C. You only need to protect yourself against the known risks for getting the virus. If you are using intravenous drugs, stop. If

you don't stop, use a sterile, unused needle. Remember that abstinence is the best protection from contracting hepatitis C from sex. But if you must be sexually active with multiple partners, use a condom.

Seventy percent of those infected with hepatitis C develop chronic liver disease. Many of these people eventually will need liver transplants. About 8,000 to 10,000 people die from chronic liver disease each year.

If you are at risk, it's better to find out if you have hepatitis C as soon as you can so you can explore treatment and illness management options, rather than allowing the virus to lurk undetected.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state.

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