

# Doss Celebrates 150th Anniversary

The town of Doss celebrated their 150th anniversary with the 83rd Annual Doss Fair. Among other events, they cooked and sold some great beef, chicken, and mutton BBQ, held a silent auction for home baked goods, acted a series of skits depicting the history of Doss, and ended the day with a series of comedy skits, monologues, and songs.

Edna Crenwelge, who authored the historical portion of the evening presentation, and Joe Schaefer, a newcomer to the area, took turns reading the history of Doss, while various citizens of the area acted out the history being described.

Originally, there was the land, as Mrs. Crenwelge stated, created by God and all his glory, populated by the occasional Apache, Comanche, and Tehas Indians.

One of the Indian skits was a song about an Indian maid named Red Wing, portrayed by Loren Wendel of Fredericksburg. The song went

something like this:  
There once lived an indian maid  
A shy little prairie maid  
Who sang all day, a love song gay  
As on the plain she'd while away the day  
She loved a warrior bold  
This shy little maid of old  
But brave and gay, he rode one day  
To battle far away

She watched for him day and night  
she kept her camp fires bright  
and under the sky each night she would lie  
and dream about his coming by and by

But when all the braves returned  
the heart of Red Wing yearned for far far away  
her warrior gay fell bravely in the fray  
Chorus  
Now, the moon shines tonight on pretty Red Wing  
The breeze is sighing, the night bird's crying  
For afar 'neath his star her brave is sleeping  
While Red Wing's weeping her heart away

Mrs. Crenwelge's narration continued: in the 1870s the Texas Rangers rounded up the Indians and moved them onto reservations.

We read the following paragraphs in *The History of Doss, Texas 1856-1998* (published by Doss Community Improvement Club, August 1998).

From the top of Brockman's Point, Indian Peak and Nixon Point, the sharp-eyed braves could spy over the entire valley where the Onion Creek enters the Threadgill there is a rock shelter known as Indian Cave. It was here that the Comanches, after their frequent raids on moonlight nights, retreated until morning. Hundreds of arrow points and other souvenirs that Indians left at their camping and burial grounds have been found here. The cliff and overhanging rock came to be covered with Indian pictographs. All these symbols and signs had a meaning, either to serve as a record of events or a warning to other bands of Indians wandering

that way In 1947, geology students of the University of Texas dug in the cave and found a skeleton of an Indian, a few beads, and several arrows. This all can now be seen at the University Museum at Austin, Texas.

Coming of the Doss Brothers  
From sources based on the notes entitled: "List of Grants to Doss Broth-  
(Story continues below the photo.)



Joe Schaefer is decked out in cowboy gear waiting in line for BBQ, as any cowboy would, at the Doss Festival.

Story is continued from above the photograph.

ers," it appears that Doss, Texas, was founded by the Doss brothers, after whom it was named, and that the point of founding of the community was the mill on the Threadgill and that the date was 1856.

The first records of the Doss brothers in Gillespie County records are for the year 1852. Mention is made, however, in one record of their partnership existing since 1851.

Thomas C. Doss seems to have been most interested in the town of Fredericksburg at the beginning. In 1852, he purchased several lots and outlots in and near the city, some of them from the German Emigration Co.

His brother, John E. Doss, on the other hand, seems to have turned his hand to ranching and farming east of Fredericksburg. He began his purchases in 1854 by acquiring 800 acres of what is now the Weinheimer ranch and continued to buy additional tracts of land in the eastern part of the county for five years until he had holdings of 6,170 acres, of which more than 2,000 acres (2,216 to be exact) were of the present Weinheimer ranch.

Thomas Doss also began his purchase of ranch land in 1854 and, not counting what he held in partnership with his brother in Doss later, finally owned 3,380 acres. He seems to have been the first of the Doss brothers to turn his eye to the northwestern part of the county. After running their cattle here during summer, they became interested in what is now the vicinity of Doss. They had built a small house near where a fine spring breaks from the hillside. This spring encouraged them to build a dam and they also became interested in building a grist mill. But time was required to grow an abundance of wheat, so in the meantime a distillery was put into operation.

It was in 1856 that the Doss brothers came to Doss to settle. On Feb. 20, 1856, they bought the 320 acres which are now a part of the Alonzo Woerner ranch, better known as the John Friedrich Sauer place.

Whether anyone was living on

# Harper ISD Adopts Budget

On Monday August 28th, the Harper Independent School District Board of Trustees held a public hearing in the school district board room. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the budget and the proposed tax rate for the 2006-2007 school year. The notice for the meeting was posted at school on Friday, August 25, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

The hearing began promptly at 6:00 p.m. and was attended by seven citizens outside of the board, including the elementary school Principal, Jay Harper and junior/senior high school Principal, Chris Stevenson. Three funds were discussed. Fund 199 General Operations, Fund 240 Food Services and cafeteria and a new Fund 690 Capital Improvements.

Fund 690 will fund the proposed elementary building. Superintendent Perri Whitten explained that construction funds were previously in co-mingled funds. A decision was made to move them into a separate category to simplify tracking.

President Bob Kee informed the group that legislative action had lowered the allowable tax rate and promised districts that governmental funding to them would increase. "It's under the caveat of trust me," he remarked.

Perri Whitten stated that the schools were being forced to compress the rate to 1.2198. "However," the legislature took into account what good stewards we were. "(with taxpayers money) "and what we would have generated at 1.50 all along and we got bonus points and they are supplanting that."

The "bonus points" awarded by the government are four cents, bringing the rate up to 1.2598, a twelve cent decrease from last year. The superintendent said "Not taking the four pennies would lose the district \$192,000." She recommended

taking them. (keep in mind the governments generous four cent bonus actually comes out of taxpayers pockets) The legislature will supplant the district with an additional twelve cents to bring the schools funds up to what they received last year.

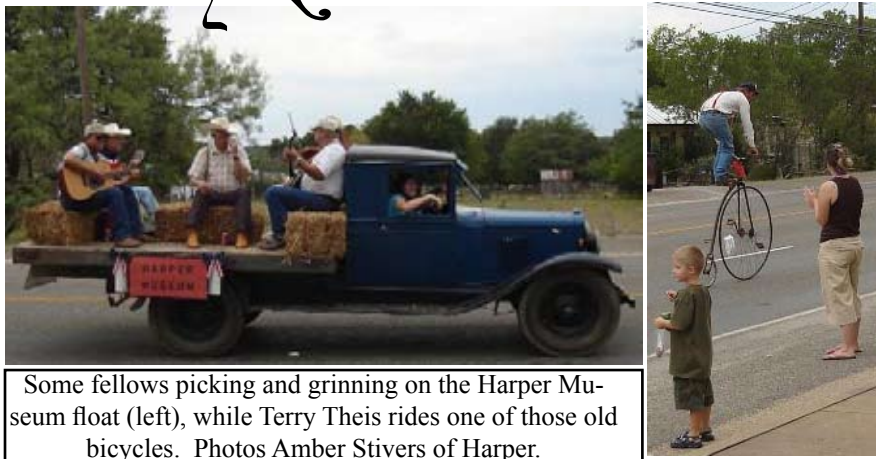
A woman in the audience asked how the legislature was going to acquire the twelve cents that it is supplying the district with. Vice President of the board, Fred Schmidt explained that the government will impose a gross profit tax on businesses, a tax on margin before profit. After that the hearing was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. and the regular meeting was opened with a prayer. (Seems all tax reform means is pulling taxes out of your back pocket instead of your front! It's less noticeable but it's still YOUR pocket.)

The board adopted the budget for Harper I.S.D. for the fiscal year 2006-07. The tax rate of 1.2598 for the 06-07 school year was adopted without hesitation. Plans presented by Fromberg Associates for the new elementary addition were approved. The Superintendent was authorized to advertise for competitive sealed proposals for site, slab, metal building, electrical, plumbing, HV/AC,

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**Caution Advisory:**  
**This issue contains an image of graphic violence that may be disturbing to some readers. Parents are advised to preview page 7.**

# Harper Labor Day Parade



Some fellows picking and grinning on the Harper Museum float (left), while Terry Theis rides one of those old bicycles. Photos Amber Stivers of Harper.

# FISD Finalizes Budget

Dr. Marc Williamson, FISD Superintendent said in a brief interview Thursday that on August 30 the School Board approved the budget totaling \$29,421,460.00. The tax rate of \$1.4384/\$100 is broken down into \$1.3175/\$100 for General Operations, and \$.1209/\$100 for debt service.

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Dr. Williamson said this year's rate is a decrease of \$.1516 from last year's tax rate, and he said that next year's budget should rate should decrease about an additional 30¢ if the legislature does not change anything.

Notably, the budget for this year is 15% higher than last year's.

II Cor. 4:18 ...for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

## Miscellaneous Notes on the Ferris Wheel

The Ferris Wheel was the engineering highlight of the exposition and one of the most pervasive, lasting influences of the 1893 fair. The Ferris Wheel was Chicago's answer to the Eiffel Tower, the landmark of the 1889 Paris exhibition. The wheel was created by Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania bridge builder George W. Ferris.

Supported by two 140 foot steel towers, its 45 foot axle was the largest single piece of forged steel at the time in the world. The wheel itself had a diameter of 250 feet, a circumference of 825 feet, and the maximum height was 264 feet. It was powered by two 1000 horsepower reversible engines. It had 36 wooden cars that could each hold 60 people.

The Ferris Wheel grossed \$726,805.50 during its short time in operation, at 50 cents per ride. The profit of approx. \$300,000 was of great benefit toward balancing the books of the exposition.

The wheel was dismantled in mid-1894, after the fair, and reused at the St. Louis exposition in 1904. The original Ferris Wheel was scrapped in 1906. But, the influence of the engineering and entertainment marvel can be readily seen by the large number of Ferris Wheels of various types at fairs and entertainment grounds around the world.  
<http://users.vnet.net/schulman/Columbian/ferris.html>

# Gillespie County Fair



A view of the Gillespie County Fairgrounds from the top of the Ferris Wheel, Saturday, August 26

## Events Calendar

(Thanks to Fbg PD, Ralph Poth, and Fbg C of C. For details visit C of C website: [www.fredericksburg-texas.com](http://www.fredericksburg-texas.com))

## September 2006

- 8-9 Mike Blakely's Tex-Americana Fandango at Luckenbach
- 9 New Horizons Benefit Concert and Radiothon
- 9-17 2-4pm Fall Planting Days at Wildseed Farms
- 10 Bed and Breakfast and Cuisine Tour
- 14 Hill Country Parade of Homes
- 14- 24 Winnie The Pooh Cailloux Theatre Kerrville
- 14- 30 Streetcar Named Desire Coates Theatre Kerrville
- 15 Fredericksburg Trade Days at Sunday Farms
- 15 Drama Production: Star-crossed in Texas
- 16 Third Annual BGCA Invitational Shopping Tournament
- 16 64th Semi-Annual Hill Country Classic Car Auction
- 16 Nimitz Fall Symposium - Desperate Days: The Challenge Develops
- 16 Lutheran Fall Festival
- 16 Fall Creek Vineyards Cooking Demonstration
- 17 Luckenbach School Barbecue
- 21 Hill Country Parade of Homes
- 22-24 Renewable Energy RoundUp & Green Living Fair
- 22 Drama Production: Star-crossed in Texas
- 23 Roots Music in the Texas Hill Country
- 24-30 Texas Woodcarver's Guild Fall Extravaganza
- 24 St. John Lutheran Annual Homecoming
- 27 Jon Schallert's Increasing Sales & Profits as a Destination Business



# Letters to the Editor

## To the Editor:

Controversy is great! It stirs the blood, and invigorates the mind. Such was my experience lately, when a long-time acquaintance — a quite friendly one — suddenly said to me, “I hope you don’t support that new Fredericksburg Conservative paper.” Before I was a minute into my response, he left my table for conversation with someone else in the restaurant.

So, the following day I penned a full response and mailed it to him. In the interest of his privacy, I’ll omit personal references in this abbreviated essence of that letter:

To complete my response to your comment, of course I support the new paper. I am old enough to recall a time when Manhattan had five major dailies. My family preferred the Herald Tribune to the Times, and then there was the Journal American, the quintet being rounded out with the Post and Daily News. Both the Trib and the American have been gone for many years now, and one is left with a couple of low-brow tabloids and just one decent paper with, to my taste, a

usually terrible editorial page. Here in Fredericksburg, I understand that there were once two weeklies and a German-language paper to boot, until recently reduced to one. In either big town or small, the loss of journalistic plurality is a sad comment on the public intellect. Where people approach a herd mentality, discourse and debate are stifled and the fresh air breathed into this land by the Founding Fathers, and men of widely varied opinion throughout the centuries, becomes stale.

I support the arrival of any new newspaper in any city or town — no matter what its editorial standpoint. Every such addition is a strong affirmation of our First Amendment. I subscribe to the New York Times even though I strongly disagree with its editorial slant (and especially its often downright vitriolic anti-German drive!) simply because, aside from those annoyances, it is the best American daily I’ve encountered.

The new Fredericksburg Conservative is published by friends, the Treibs, which is one reason I support it. Another is that it was apparently launched in response to corruption in the ranks

of the Republican party here. Thinking I was far from such antics so common back East, I was shocked to encounter them here, and impressed by the industriousness and selfless dedication with which the Treibs and others immediately stepped in to clean house. I was told by your neighbors the [N.] that you are a Democrat, and so you may not know of chicanery attending the Gillespie County Republican convention here in March. Assuming you know [N.] and [N.], they can fill you in on the details.

... [The Fredericksburg Conservative’s] mere existence is something for which local citizens should be grateful. Every new voice, no matter from what direction, is a stimulant of discourse and thought, essential attributes of a vital community.

[N.], if you were to launch a liberal Democratic paper, I would personally support your effort — probably not with money or a subscription, but certainly in principle, and with every word I might write on the topic. Never would I suggest its shutting-down or resort to such slimy stunts as have been employed by some locals against

the FC as tossing stacks of the paper on public stands into the garbage. Such boorishness betrays the root mentality of book-burners and is the antithesis of the ethics which have ennobled America. As a well known quotation goes, “I may disagree with what you say, but I will defend with my life your right to say it.” That, I believe, is a principle which has helped to make America great and free, and I hope it is cherished by us all. Freedom of speech and the press are in short supply elsewhere in the world, even in some so-called democracies, and those guarantees of our First Amendment (“descendants,” as it were, of Zenger’s success in colonial New York) are hallmarks of liberty we must fervently guard if even you and I value the ability to write and speak without “looking over our shoulders.” (Remind me to tell you of my experiences in Prague, when it was still capital of a Communist satellite.)

Congratulations on ..., and thanks for stimulating me to somewhat deeper thought on the Fourth Estate.

Jim Lowe

# Editorials

## The Faith Based Initiative

(The text of the bill is reprinted below, followed by an analysis written by a local resident.)

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Executive Order 13397

Responsibilities of the Department of Homeland Security With Respect to Faith-Based and Community Initiatives  
March 7, 2006

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to help the Federal Government coordinate a national effort to expand opportunities for faith-based and other community organizations and to strengthen their capacity to better meet America’s social and community needs, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Establishment of a Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives at the Department of Homeland Security.

(a) The Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) shall establish within the Department of Homeland Security (Department) a Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (Center).

(b) The Center shall be supervised by a Director appointed by Secretary. The Secretary shall consult with the Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (WHOFBCI Director) prior to making such appointment.

(c) The Department shall provide the Center with appropriate staff, administrative support, and other resources to meet its responsibilities under this order.

(d) The Center shall begin operations no later than 45 days from the date of this order.

Section 2. Purpose of Center.

The purpose of the Center shall be to coordinate agency efforts to eliminate regulatory, contracting, and other programmatic obstacles to the participation of faith-based and other community organizations in the provision of social and community services.

Section 3. Responsibilities of the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

In carrying out the purpose set forth in section 2 of this order, the Center shall:

(a) conduct, in coordination with the WHOFBCI Director, a department-wide audit to identify all existing barriers to the participation of faith-based and other community organizations in the delivery of social and community services by the Department, including but not limited to regulations, rules, orders, procurement, and other internal policies and practices, and outreach activities that unlawfully discriminate against, or otherwise discourage or disadvantage the participation of faith-based and other community organizations in Federal programs;

(b) coordinate a comprehensive departmental effort to incorporate faith-based and other community organizations in Department programs and initiatives to the greatest extent possible;

(c) propose initiatives to remove barriers identified pursuant to section 3(a) of this order, including but not limited to reform of regulations, procurement, and other internal policies and practices, and outreach activities;

(d) propose the development of innovative pilot and demonstration programs to increase the participation of faith-based and other community or-

ganizations in Federal as well as State and local initiatives; and

(e) develop and coordinate Departmental outreach efforts to disseminate information more effectively to faith-based and other community organizations with respect to program changes, contracting opportunities, and other agency initiatives, including but not limited to Web and Internet resources.

Section 4. Reporting Requirements.

(a) Report. Not later than 180 days from the date of this order and annually thereafter, the Center shall prepare and submit a report to the WHOFBCI Director.

(b) Contents. The report shall include a description of the Department’s efforts in carrying out its responsibilities under this order, including but not limited to:

(i) a comprehensive analysis of the barriers to the full participation of faith-based and other community organizations in the delivery of social and community services identified pursuant to section 3(a) of this order and the proposed strategies to eliminate those barriers; and

(ii) a summary of the technical assistance and other information that will be available to faith-based and other community organizations regarding the program activities of the agency and the preparation of applications or proposals for grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, and procurement.

(c) Performance Indicators. The first report shall include annual performance indicators and measurable objectives for Departmental action. Each report filed thereafter shall measure the Department’s performance against the objectives set forth in the initial report.

Section 5. Responsibilities of the Secretary.

The Secretary shall:

(a) designate an employee within the department to serve as the liaison and point of contact with the WHOFBCI Director; and

(b) cooperate with the WHOFBCI Director and provide such information, support, and assistance to the WHOFBCI Director as requested to implement this order.

Section 6. General Provisions.

(a) This order shall be implemented subject to the availability of appropriations and to the extent permitted by law.

(b) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by a party against the United States, its agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

George W. Bush

The White House,

March 7, 2006.

This Executive Order was published in the Federal Register on March 9, 2006.

----- Commentary follows -----

## A LAYMAN’S ANALYSIS OF TROUBLING ELEMENTS IN THIS “ORDER”

“1. (a) The Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) shall establish within the Department of Homeland Security (Department) a Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (Center). “

-- COMMENT --

The establishment of a Center for “faith-based” — i.e. churches’ — initiatives within the Department that includes the FBI, CIA, air and other transportation security units, etc., seems strange indeed. What do soup kitchens have to do with security? Would such “initiatives” more properly be included in, say, something like “Health and Human Services?” Or has the ultimate function of a “faith-based and community initiatives” center more to do with control than with charity?

“1. (c) The Department shall provide the Center with appropriate staff, administrative support, and other resources to meet its responsibilities under this order. “

-- COMMENT --

The Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives will be staffed by the Department of Homeland Security. Will FBI or CIA men be ringing the doorbell at your parsonage, rectory or manse?

“3. ...the Center shall: (b) coordinate a comprehensive departmental effort to incorporate faith-based and other community organizations in Department programs and initiatives to the greatest extent possible;”

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-- COMMENT --

Faith-based organizations — i.e., churches — are to be incorporated in Department of Homeland Security programs. Given the range of “Homeland Security” activities, would you and your church prefer to be incorporated in a program of the CIA or, perhaps, in a new one that might be called TCIC — Thought Control in Churches or SOP — Surveillance of Pulpits?

“3. ...the Center shall: (d) propose the development of innovative pilot and demonstration programs to increase the participation of faith-based and other community organizations in Federal as well as State and local initiatives;”

-- COMMENT --

Your church is to be targeted with governmental programs designed to have you participate in Federal, State, and Local “initiatives.” Surprise! The initiative is no longer yours. And, one wonders, What exactly will the federal or state “initiatives” be?

“4. (a) ...the Center shall prepare and submit a report.... (b) The report shall include.... (i) a comprehensive analysis of the barriers to the full participation of faith-based and other community organizations in the delivery of social and community services identified pursuant to section 3(a) of this order and the proposed strategies to eliminate those barriers;”

-- COMMENT --

Has your local Church Council voted not to participate in the “delivery of social and community services” as defined by Homeland Security’s new Center, and thus become a barrier to such? This provision under Section 4 calls for “strategies to eliminate” that barrier — your Church Council. Far-fetched? The texts of executive orders are very carefully constructed.

## UN Rights of the Child

**U.N. Treaty Trumps Parental Rights**

The Washington Times  
August 28, 2006  
by J. Michael Smith  
HSLDA President

Could a 10-person panel of foreign nationals dictate, with the full weight of U.S. law, how we raise our children? This idea seems far-fetched, even ridiculous, but, unfortunately, it is possible.

The problem stems from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which has been adopted by

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192 nations. The treaty creates civil, economic, social and cultural rights for every child. The Clinton administration sought ratification, but the treaty was not approved by the U.S. Senate because of opposition from senators who were concerned it would undermine parental rights.

For example, the convention gives children autonomy regarding the school they attend, the friends they have and the activities they choose. If there is a disagreement, the parent’s decisions could be reviewed by a third party. Consequently, parents could be subject to “identification, reporting, referral, investigation, treatment and follow-up.”

Many people are probably asking the question—if the Senate didn’t ratify it, why is the convention still a

problem for the United States? Unfortunately, this is not the end of the story because the U.S. court system has been incorporating the treaty steadily through a doctrine called “customary international law.” This is where U.S. courts look to foreign courts and other international treaties to derive its interpretation of the U.S Constitution.

In the 2004 case Roper v. Simmons, a majority on the U.S. Supreme Court noted that the execution of juvenile offenders violated several international treaties, including the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, and stated that the overwhelming weight of international opinion against the juvenile death penalty provides confirmation for the court’s own conclusion that the death penalty is disproportional punishment for offenders younger than 18.

Additionally, a change in the makeup of the Senate could result in the ratification of the treaty. The consequences of these actions could be devastating for the American family because it would mean that any state law relating to education, the family, adoption and dozens of other issues could be nullified by a judge.

Decisions interpreting the treaty in other nations could be relied on by our courts. An example of how this could unfold is occurring in Belgium today. A couple in Brussels is being threatened with criminal neglect for educating their children at home, and the Belgian authorities are using non-compliance with the convention as a legal argument to force the family to stop homeschooling. As reported by WorldNetDaily, the only response from the Belgian minister of education,

Frank Vandenbroucke, came through a spokesman who said in a local newspaper that in Belgium homeschoolers must sign a document that requires them to follow the protocols of the U.N. convention.

“These parents have not done this. This is why the ministry has started an inquiry,” he said.

It remains to be seen whether the Belgian courts, and potentially the European courts, uphold the position of the Belgian government. A ruling against the homeschooling Belgium family could have negative ramifications in the United States.

If the treaty is ratified, because of the way the U.S. Constitution is written, the convention would become the supreme law of the land. The U.S. Constitution’s supremacy clause re-

quires that “all treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land.” The U.S. Congress and state legislatures could not override the provisions of the treaty.

This scenario should remind us that we need to remain vigilant in defense of our liberty. In the short-term, it means that the appointment of judges who will not look to foreign courts for guidance is one of the ways the scenario above can be avoided.

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Sheriffs Need To Take The Lead: Personal Note

(Editor’s Note: Fredericksburg Conservative is very pleased to present Jim Schwiesow’s personal note and commentary.)

To: David C. Treibs, editor  
Fredericksburg Conservative newspaper

I am pleased that you, as editor of a conservative newspaper, have indicated a desire to reprint my recent column as posted on the NewsWithViews website. As you know this article is not an opinion article, but is based on actual, and verifiable fact. I would like to believe that my case is an isolated one, but I know differently. There is a spiritual sickness in this nation that permeates our society like a plague. We have fallen away from God’s word and our constitution has been made meaningless, by judicial tyranny and by unscrupulous politicians who have sold their souls to a corporate world, which also funds the peddlers of abortion, and deviant and destructive lifestyles. Our president and our congress have exhibited a complete indifference to the wishes of the citizens whom they have pledged to serve, and they have willfully violated their oath of office by deliberately refusing to secure the borders of this country. We have become a nation of sheep who blindly follow petty politicians and bureaucrats who completely ignore the principles upon which the nation was founded. When people do stand up to their despotic rule they are vilified, harassed and oppressed into submission and ostracized from their communities. Their reputations are destroyed and their integrity brought into question on nothing more than gossip and malicious and false implication.

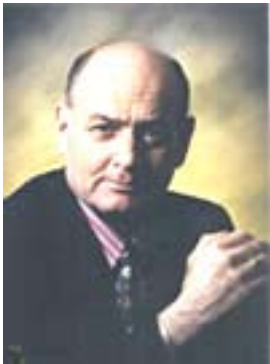
As your readers will learn from my article I do not hold either the media or the local politicians in any higher esteem than I do tyrannical federal officials. They do just as much damage, and have far less excuse for their execrable actions. They damage their friends and neighbors and the fellow members of their communities. I am remembering the roasting that I received, and having no recourse other than to swallow the falsities and innuendo that were heaped upon me. I had many years of honorable service, and my family was forced to suffer through the indignity of having my reputation and my integrity being questioned and impugned by those who had no idea of what they were talking about. And not once was the “controversial” sheriff allowed an unchallenged opportunity to respond with the truth of the matter.

It is really time for some of our sheep to become sheep dogs who stand up against those who bully and destroy the reputations of others for no other reason than a lust for power and a desire to dominate and control those

who disagree with them. If this article moves just a few of your readers to assert themselves and be heard when they come upon injustice, it will be well worth the effort.

To you and the citizens of your community, I wish only the best. I have had the pleasure of visiting your very fine community and remember well the hospitality with which I was treated.

Respectfully yours,  
Jim Schwiesow,  
Sioux County Sheriff (ret)



Sheriffs Need To Take The Lead

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It has come to my attention that Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio has set up a militia to help deal with the increasing crime problems in his jurisdiction wrought by an ever increasing flood of illegal aliens. Sheriff Arpaio ought to be commended for his on going efforts in behalf of the law-abiding citizens of Maricopa County. Maybe in Arizona this will be the case, and he will receive the support of the local politicians and that of those whom he has sworn to protect. But the chances are much more likely that if he has not already undergone an all out serious assault on his character and integrity by a cadre of political hacks, jealous professional rivals and bleeding hearts he most probably will. To be successful and effective is to invite

of the people in my county. I already knew what the people of New Orleans learned, that the feds couldn’t be trusted to differentiate between criminal marauders and law-abiding citizens.

The statutes of the State of Iowa provide the authority for the sheriffs’ of the state to summon the power of the county, and to deputize citizens to assist them in carrying out their duties. I had in my county 400 solid citizens to whom I had issued concealed weapons permits. I knew these people and trusted them implicitly. Each of these individuals had undergone a thorough criminal background check and they were of unimpeachable character. Sensing that I had a great pool of armed and intelligent people to select from, I contacted these permit holders, both men and women, and asked if they would be willing to serve as members of a sheriff’s posse.

Except for a handful of elderly citizens who heart brokenly told me that they felt they were too old to function effectively as a posse member, all of those whom I contacted accepted willingly and with enthusiasm. I advised those who felt that their more advanced age would prohibit their service that there were many things that they could do beside just carry a gun and confront outlaws, and they signed up also. Now all hell broke loose, but before I get into that I want to give you some additional background.

I have served forty-three years in law enforcement. And if you count three years as a military policeman in the occupying forces in post war Berlin, Germany I have a total of forty-six years of law enforcement service. I served fifteen years as a municipal police officer, and then I ran for the office of county sheriff, and was elected. In 1977 I was sworn in to the first of seven consecutive four-year terms of office. During my twenty-eight years as sheriff I was able to build an office of considerable stature with capabilities and abilities, which had been heretofore lacking in the office. In 1979 I was elected “Iowa Sheriff of the Year” by the Iowa State Sheriffs’ and Deputies’ Association, and I served for eight consecutive years as a governor’s appointee to the Iowa Board of Corrections. The solid reputation of the office was widely known, and I received yearly hundreds of inquiries and requests for applications for positions on the staff. All of this counted for nothing when the crap hit the fan over my formation of a sheriff’s posse.

Anyone familiar with county level politics will tell you that if a county officer succeeds and makes his office one of admiration and respect this will almost always engender the animosity and jealousy of other county offices, and particularly that of the county board of supervisors, or as they are called in some states the board of commissioners. I can truthfully say that there was never a time during my entire twenty-eight years as sheriff that the board of supervisors did not consider me to be other than an enemy to be dominated and controlled. They used every imaginable tactic throughout the entirety

of my service to impede, denigrate and hold back the progress of my office. The more accolades the sheriff’s office received for service and excellence the worse the envy and animosity became. The only thing that saved my political hide during my first five terms in office was that my office was very effective in protecting the lives, rights and property of the citizens and therefore had excellent public support. We will see that this also changed through the years as the ethics and morals of the new generation transmuted. But, while this public support held and was consistent the board had to be covert and underhanded in their effort to undermine the sheriff’s office.

Their chance finally arrived with my formation of a sheriff’s posse. And

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure  
Art. 2.14. MAY SUMMON AID.

Whenever a peace officer meets with resistance in discharging any duty imposed upon him by law, he shall summon a sufficient number of citizens of his county to overcome the resistance; and all persons summoned are bound to obey.

they immediately seized their opportunity to vilify the sheriff. In open board meetings, with media present, they never missed a chance to refer to me as a wild-eyed and dangerous nutcase who was assembling a lynch mob. They would invite me to their meetings on the pretense of discussing office issues, and then call the TV stations with anonymous tips that something big was going on with the sheriff’s office that was worthy of media coverage. When I would arrive at the meetings, invariably the TV cameras would be already in place. The pretext use to lure me to the meeting would be forgotten, and board members would bait me with inflammatory comments. And then as the TV cameras rolled and the reporters scribbled frantically on their pads the good times would roll, for all, of course, but me. They said in one of their meetings that, “I had left the farm.” Meaning of course that because I was concerned enough to plan for the safety of the citizens in the county by assembling a Sheriff’s Posse that I had taken leave of my senses.

These events generated media frenzy and the comments made by board members were appearing in publications from coast to coast. The Wall Street Journal, for whom I had previously had some respect, ran a demeaning article, in which they highlighted the board’s “left the farm” comment, on their front page. The media sensationalism and hysteria became so intense that my heretofore-public support began to wane and dissipate. The Board was elated and poured it on with intensity. Every comment that I made to the media was either taken out of context or edited. I was almost always misquoted and the so-called news articles in the area papers were

no more than biased editorials by young and dumb reporters. I finally quit making comments and public statement, and I refused to meet with, or talk to, the print or electronic media people. Mind you all of this because I cared enough about the people, whom I served, to want to protect them and ensure their safety

Interviews with the Lieutenant were set up during which he actually cried in front of the TV cameras. He unashamedly blubbered that the reduction in his salary was starving his family, this even though he was making \$50,000.00 a year plus \$21,000.00 in benefits after his demotion. The bleeding hearts were all over me despite the fact that the Iowa Code made provision for just such a demotion. By statute the sheriff has the right to politically appoint his first two deputies and the appointments, if made, may be withdrawn without cause. I had cause, but this made little difference as the people, were beginning to believe, due to a pattern of frequent repetition, the manure being shoveled by the board, the media and the shameless deputy.

There is a lesson to be learned from this, the media is never interested in the truth of a matter or even in an impartial probe of the facts of a situation. They thrive on controversy and sensationalism and will go to great lengths to promote it if it is not present. They choose a side and then expend all of their energy making sure that their side wins in the realm of public opinion. They never used my name in a sentence without preceding it with the word controversial. I was routinely referred to as, “controversial sheriff Jim Schwiesow”. We have been programmed to be a nation of sheep and the concept of justice is now completely warped. People will cry and sob over the plight of criminals, killers, prison inmates, and insubordinate employees, and ignore the damage inflicted by these people.

Thirty years ago people would have looked at the circumstances of my situation, said hogwash and moved on with their lives. Now, however, the continual caterwauling and carrying on took root in gullible minds and enabled the board and the local party officials to promote the candidacy of the disloyal and shame deficient former Lieutenant for a run for the sheriff’s office. The problem was that I still had a year and a half to serve on my term of office. If they were to be rid of me this had to be dealt with.

One day one of the board members called me and asked me to meet him in a restaurant in a town situated in a neighboring county. I was suspicious, but could not resist hearing of what kind of further skullduggery the board was up to. After some phony preliminaries, this supervisor got down to business and made a proposal that he felt I wouldn’t be able to resist. He told me that the board would be willing to buy out the remaining year and a half of my term of office for \$150,000.00. I said to him that I believed this to be illegal, and he replied that the board had consulted the county attorney (another story here) and that she had informed them that it was entirely legal. In order

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to ascertain if he was acting on behalf of the entire board I asked him to put it in writing.

The following day he appeared at my office and asked to speak with me privately. He had with him a hand-written proposal the content of which was that the board would pay me \$150,000.00 either in one lump sum or in installments if I would resign my position as sheriff. The supervisor advised that the board would make a public release stating that I would be a paid (but inactive) consultant in exchange for the money. I said to the man, “Let me get this straight, you are willing to soak the taxpayers of this county an extra \$150,000.00 by paying me and a newly appointed sheriff a total of \$300,000.00 over the next year

and a half?” He replied, with a look on his face, which was supposed to make me believe that my statement had hurt his feelings, that they were just being kind and offering me an early retirement package. I said, “Sure you are, now I’ll tell you what I am going to do, I’m going to serve out every day of every week of every month of my term of office.” And with that we parted company, but not before he said to me, “You are being foolish, you could have used the money to buy that land in Arizona which you want.”

So there you have it, a sad true tale of the sheriff who wanted to set up a militia to provide for the safety and well being of those he had sworn to protect. I might add that I did set up a militia, despite the board of super-

visors and despite a stupidly hostile media. I had calls from states attorneys and sheriffs’ from across the country with statements of support and inquiries as to the language of the state law, which allowed me to do so.

The last time I did a google search there were many, many pages documenting the results of my assertion of my right to assemble a militia. But, after eight long wearying years of being pummeled by the j----- on the board and the j----- in the media I had simply had enough, I retired. The disloyal and faithless former Lieutenant, whom the board could control and direct, was elected sheriff and is currently mired in some controversy of his own. A controversy not born of a commitment to that which is right or

for dedication to his constituents, but a controversy wrought by ineptitude and the inability to control his staff.

And what of the Sheriff’s Posse, does it still exist? Now, you know better than that don’t you. Of course you do. The Posse was disbanded forthwith by a sheriff not beholden to his constituents, but to five elected potentates possessed of no other qualifying attributes than being of age and having an innate sense of their own importance.

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Pvb. 24:11 If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?

**Trans Texas Corridor**  
America’s infrastructure fire sale  
Henry Lamb (World Net Daily.com)  
Posted: August 26, 2006

The Chicago Skyway Bridge is a 7.8-mile toll road built in 1958 to connect the Dan Ryan Expressway to the Indiana Tollway. In 2004, the facility was leased for 99 years, for a one-time payment of \$1.83 billion, to the Skyway Concession Company, LLC, owned by Cintra Concesiones de Infraestructuras de Transporte S.A., and Macquarie Infrastructure Group. This same consortium won a 75-year lease for the 157-mile Indiana Tollway for \$3.85 billion.

Cintra is a Spanish company that has 21 similar highway projects in six countries. Macquarie Infrastructure Group is a wholly owned subsidiary of Macquarie Bank, an Australian corporation with assets in excess of \$100 billion.

Cintra has also formed a consortium with Zachry Construction Company in San Antonio, Texas.

In December 2004, the Texas Transportation Commission selected this consortium to develop the Trans-Texas Corridor. The proposal included a bid of \$1.2 billion to build and oper-

ate the first segment of this facility as a toll road. Zachry Construction Company has invested heavily in political campaigns of key Texas officials.

The Trans-Texas Corridor is a member of the North American Super-Corridor Coalition.

Greg Carey, managing director at Goldman, Sachs & Company, told the Texas Transportation Forum last June, that this method of financing should not be limited to highways, but should include airports, bridges, tunnels, parking facilities, ports, rail, water and sewer systems, power facilities, hospitals, government-controlled liquor stores and “... anything else that produces revenue.”

The American Water Works Company, a subsidiary of Germany’s utility mega-corporation RWE, already provides water to 18 million Americans in 29 states.

Carey also told the group that all but 14 states had already changed their laws, or were now considering legislation, to allow this “international” financing of public infrastructure.

This relatively new method of financing infrastructure has excited government officials who see these public/private partnerships as win/win solutions. Government gets an infusion

of cash and is relieved of the burden of daily operations. The private sector is eager to invest in long-term projects that promise a payback of as much as 61 times the investment.

But the users don’t win. They get to pay a new tax in the form of tolls, in addition to the gasoline tax that is supposed to provide highways.

The devil, of course, is in the details. Each deal is governed by a contract between appointed government officials and corporate big wheels. There is little or no oversight by elected officials. Each contract determines such things as maintenance, minimum services, prices charged for services, concessions offered along the tollway and every other aspect of the venture. If the public that depends upon the infrastructure facility doesn’t like the performance of the contractor, to whom do they turn for recourse? Elected officials are out of the picture; appointed officials are bound by contract.

The users of the facility are left with whatever they get from the contractor, which inevitably includes gasoline and concession prices that are much higher than those found along non-toll highways, where competition governs prices.

In anticipation of the Trans-Texas Corridor, the Kansas City Southern Lines set up a Mexican subsidiary to purchase the National Railways of Mexico, with 2,600 miles of track that reaches to Mexico’s ports in Veracruz and Lazaro Cardenas.

These ports are owned by another international mega-corporation: the Chinese Hutchison Whampoa Limited. This company has globally strategic locations in 21 countries throughout Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and the Americas, and operates a total of 251 berths in 43 ports, including the ports at both ends of the Panama Canal.

The so-called “free trade” enthusiasts have no problems with this international ownership of strategic infrastructure. In fact, it is the essence of “globalization” through public/private partnerships. Enthusiasts claim that this transfer of public infrastructure to private partners is the free market at work.

But it is a process that is rapidly erasing the concept of national sovereignty. Is it smart to allow America’s crucial infrastructure to be controlled, if not owned, by foreign companies? Kenneth Orski reports that one of these toll projects in Stockholm has been used as a demonstration project to show that pricing can be an effective way to decrease automobile use and force public transit use.

Are we empowering these public/private partnerships to make and enforce public policy? Are we removing elected officials from responsibility and accountability for infrastructure? Are we building a trap that will ultimately subject American citizens to the whims of the global elite? Are we making a big mistake, selling American infrastructure to the highest international bidder?

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through The Cottage Cafe’.

Jacque’s husband Norman helps make it all possible. He has encouraged her and financed her endeavors. He helps keep a look out over the operation on her behalf.

Consider a visit to The Cottage Cafe’ on 232 West Main Street, and begin to build your own dining experiences with Chef Jacques’s assistance.

## Local flavor



A peek at the beautiful furnishings inside The Cottage Cafe’.

### Cottage Cafe’

Jacque’ Rudman is Chef and co-owner with her husband Norman of The Cottage Cafe’ at 232 West Main Street in Fredericksburg. The Cottage Cafe’ is described as “a casually elegant style restaurant” that is “anything but typical--hill country fine dining.”

Chef Jacques’ was born in Germany. Although not formally certified through cooking schools, she has a God-given talent honed by years of experience. Her dad, Kurt Otto Beilharz, was an avid connoisseur of fine food and wine. As a young lady, Jacques’ would pick mushrooms in the Black Forest with her grandfather (“Opa”) Heinz Fritz. She would come home and prepare the savory dishes with the pheasants her father had hunted and dressed.

Grandmother (“Oma”) Hildebackh ran a bakery in Germany, and taught Jacques’ the fine art of confectionary. Grandfather Beilharz educated and coached Jacques’ through the years in fine dining establishments, and informal home entertainment.

At age 17, Jacques’ managed her first restaurant. It was a New York franchise with epicurean gift shop, delicatessen, and catering service, all under her care. This is the European flair that Chef Jacques’ brings to the Cottage Cafe’.

Chef Jacques’ is becoming well-

known for her Chef’s Tastings, petit portions of a variety of dishes artfully prepared for each client’s taste.

The Cottage Cafe’ is not just a place to eat, but it is a dining experience. Some clients come to celebrate special events, such as anniversaries, and others are regular customers. The Cottage Cafe’ also specializes in private parties and functions.

Menu items include a \$10 Steak and Salad, a \$12 Brie Cheese Board, and 3, 5, and 7 Course Chef’s Tastings.

None of the food used by Chef Jacques’ is shipped in from some central warehouse--all of it is locally produced. Chef Jacques grows many of her own herbs, and the majority of her produce is hand picked at Wild Boar Farm.

Chef Jacques says if she wanted to make a lot of money, she would work for a major franchise or corporation in a big city. Instead, she prefers to spend her years making memories for people, spending time with families, and enjoying what a small-town restaurant offers.

The Cottage Cafe’ had its start two years ago. Initially, in 1994, husband Norman and Jacques’ had leased the building for a retail clothing and accessory boutique, and attached to it was a commercial kitchen. Jacques’ thought she would support the retail establishment with her culinary talents, having

considered herself retired from the food industry. However, the restaurant portion of the business superseded the retail establishment, and 2 years ago Labor Day, Norman and Jacques’ switched the retail establishment to a restaurant. Chef Jacques’ says she plans to stay at the present location on 232 West Main Street.

In their two brief years, Cottage cafe’ has earned awards, including Flavors of Fredericksburg two years in a row. Printed accolades have been lavished by *Gourmet Magazine*, *Texas Monthly*, and the *New York Times*.

People from all over the world have visited Cottage Cafe’. Chef Jacques’ estimates that during the week, 70% of the customers are local, and 30% are from out of town, and that ratio reverses on the weekend.

Referral by word of mouth is the only advertising they have ever done, and it has been the secret to their success, enabling them to grow slowly while constantly upgrading and improving.

Recalling events of the past 2 years, Chef Jacques’ says probably the most exciting occurrence for her was when a couple that had been engaged in The Cottage Cafe’ returned to celebrate their 1 year anniversary. Customers develop traditions at the restaurant,

and these traditions create a special accountability. Chef Jacques’ believes she has a responsibility to help people share in the memory being created, and to maintain her business, to keep those memories alive.

Encouragement from customers and friends has greatly contributed to Chef Jacques’s success. She would also like to give credit to her culinary team and the front floor staff, all of whom make the restaurant a success. The Cottage Cafe’ is a team effort on all accounts.

Staff include Sous Chef Justin Coddington, who came on board 2 years ago as a dishwasher, having been a manager at Burger King in another state.

Logan Maddox has been at The Cottage Cafe’ since she was 15, and she just turned 17. Logan is the indisputable mirror of Chef Jacques’s own gifts and talents, including artful platings and tasteful creations.

Sandra is the Front Manager, integral to the success of the operation. Without proper care of the front of the house, there could not be a successful restaurant.

Craig Kothe is the Special Events Director. He has been a chef in several well-known restaurants in major Texas cities. He works for private events that people would like to coordinate



Cottage Cafe’ Chef and co-owner, Jacques’ Rudman, and her protegee’, Logan Maddox

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and masonry.They accepted M.K. Gas’ bid for propane 06-07.They also accepted Maxi Energy Co.’s bid for gas/diesel purchase for 06-07. A Post Graduate Incentive Plan was discussed and it was decided more studies should be obtained. It will be reintroduced at the September 19th regular board meeting.

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entered into an agreement that they would share the land on the Threadgill, each of them having taken out a preemption certificate for 160 acres. These 320 acres were a part of the present Emil Lange ranch.



Consequently, the founding of Doss occurred when the Doss brothers entered into a three-way agreement with William C. Thomas to build a saw and grist mill on the Threadgill a little below the fine springs that furnish an abundance of water to turn the wheels of the mills. This they began to do in the summer of 1856. The Doss brothers had been influenced by the Mormons, whose settlement was close to their land that they owned, southeast of Fredericksburg. The Mormons had a flourishing saw mill business on the Pedernales and had supplied most of the lumber for Gillespie County The Mormons had branched out to Doss on what was later known as Mormon Creek but their sojourn must not have lasted long. In spite of the crude rustic machinery this sawmill took a great part in serving the people of the community.

A certain J.D. Robinson seems to have settled nearby and opened a general merchandise store, for we find a record of May, 1861, of the purchase of all his “stock of goods, wares, grain, groceries, merchandise, etc.” by John E. Doss, which indicates that they had a general merchandise store in connection with their mill. He had slaves on their plantation near Fredericksburg. Since they built such a beautiful home on the hill south of their distillery, a show place of the entire community, displaying the remarkable workmanship of the German men such as August Steiness, who was a skilled craftsman at sawing and lumber work, indications are that slaves filled in at the Doss mill.

As though good fortune had reached its climax in the fall of 1859, the worst flood in the history of that section arose, destroying their dam and almost washing away the saw and gristmill and later in 1859, fire completely demolished their beautiful house.

The Doss Brothers Are Gone

From then on the mill saw a shifting of partners and a change of hands several times. William Thomas sold his interest in the mill and land to the Doss brothers only a little more than a year after the partnership had been formed. A year after that a certain William Wallace bought into their firm.

Arrival of the Germans

John Doss died some time before 1864. His heir was William C. Doss. In that year, August Steiness, who had worked for the Doss brothers, bought the Doss mill for \$10,000 in Confederate money. Enthusiastic over his purchase, Steiness immediately began making preparations to develop a great community He tore away the old distillery and improved the gristmill by making additions. Then he built a store and added a room to the old house to be used for a post office, where those coming and going to Cherry Springs would bring the mail and leave the mail for the whole community In 1862 he made the mill both a flour and corn mill. Steiness seems to have died soon after he became the owner of the mill. His widow, Mary Steiness, sold the plant to William Lange on May 16, 1866, for \$530 in good U.S. currency The new owner was from Bexar County and little did he and his

Fred Schmidt made a handwritten motion to accept the Chapter 41 agreement with Lake Travis I.S.D. and region XIII to sell them water.The motion was approved. The group also approved a motion to endorse Mike Sagebiel as TASB Board member as a representative for region XIII.Perri Whitten recommended they adopt the 2nd Reading and

family realize the vast fortune they had acquired soon after they had arrived in San Antonio. They made their home here, after landing at Indianola following a three month voyage from Bernstein, Germany (over the most surging waves that tilted the ship until the sails



actually dipped into the water, first to one side and then to the other, while those aboard clung to each other and all hopes of landing safely were erased from their minds).



(The Lange family couldn’t believe their eyes when they landed on the shore of Indianola and actually walked on the soil of earth again.) Surprised as they were when they landed from their voyage, they were even more surprised when they arrived at their new home. It was a far more flourishing business than they had dared to dream of; even in this promising new country With the mill well known all through the surrounding country and its products being so favorable, the Langes immediately realized more power was necessary to handle the business. A larger dam was built, and when the dam was completed another obstacle arose. There was too much power and the shaft of the overshot wheel was broken. A turbine wheel would solve the problem and the Lange boys left for San Antonio where, after a few days shopping around, such a wheel was purchased from Beyers Mill and the boys started their long trip back home. It took



Her hat looked like a cow paddy with a turkey feather in it.

them four days to travel the hundred miles. When everything was ready for grinding, joy filled the hearts of every one of the Lange boys. Tired from the months of toil, they went to the old swimming hole to partake in fim and to relax, while the neighbors stacked their grain, ready to be ground the next morning. That night a heavy rainstorm

approval of Update 78 and the board approved.

The school board set the date for the first hearing to be held prior to the regular board meeting on September 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. with the board meeting to follow.The board then went into executive session to discuss other matters.

Amber Stivers

came, filling the streams and increasing the pressure against the newly built dam until its wall gave way and all rocks and sand scattered in the rushing stream. Their dam was gone. This was a most distressing disaster and certainly disheartening, not just to the Langes, whose endeavors had become about exhausted, but to all the surrounding country depending on the mills for their breadstuff.

It was brass determination and iron clad persistence that stirred the Langes on to build another dam. They started work in 1872 and the new dam was completed in 1875. Buchmeier, a stonemason, who lived eight miles north of the mill did his utmost to prove his skill in building a dam that would not break. Their efforts were not in vain, for it is one of the most remarkable pieces of craftsmanship in the country, built to serve through centuries. Today the old mill and dam are in perfect state of preservation and visited by many tourists the year around.

In 1878, at the time when possibly all dreams and ambitions were realized and crops harvested, F. W. Lange died. He had three full glorious years after the completion of his dam and at the height of his happiness and of his



business, he left the grist mill as a token of his life’s struggle to his son, Julius.

In 1896 Lange’s Mill was first officially made a post office and was then known as Lange’s, Texas, with John Kasper being the first authorized mail carrier riding horseback twice a week to carry the mail to and from Cherry Springs, where it was left by a stage coach. In 1904 a daily mail route was installed and the end room of the old house still served as the post office. In 1915 Lange’s post office was cancelled and was given to Doss valley.

Conclusion of Doss History

Mrs. Crenwelge’s historical recounting concluded by saying that the settlers succeeded because of their faith in God, their hard work, and their respect for the land. The present descendants of Doss, and the newcomers, are walking in the light of their legacy




Thanks to the Doss Community Improvement Club and many other volunteers for thei festival and everything connected to it, including *The History of Doss*.

Comedy Skits  
Nellie Belle topped the docket of evening humor with her story of the beanie-eyed, egg stealing raccoon. She told how she cornered it in a tree, then was treed herself, and ended up falling down

with no coon to show for her pain and trials, except that her husband watching the entire affair had a good laugh, and then a good walk home, while she drove away in the pick-up truck. The coon escaped, much to the dismay of Nelle Belle and the chickens.

One cast of characters demonstrated the benefits and drawbacks of the old hand cranked, party line phones. The ladies eavesdropped on each other,

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The Hofbräuhaus in Munich

Maibaum and Dirndl on the Marktplatz

and commented on each others clothing. Of particular note was a hat that one lady said looked about like a cow patty with a turkey feather stuck in it.

The Construction company owner was trying to calculate a salary for a secretary he wanted to hire. The funniest moment of the evening, as measured by the crowd’s laughter, occurred

when he was calculating his overhead costs. He asked himself out loud how much he paid his dozer driver, and someone from the audience, probably the dozer driver himself, wisecracked “Not enough!”

The humor continued long into the night, concluding about 10:30 pm.

## Mission Trip to Russia

by Andy White, owner of Greater Grace Christian Coffee House on 311 E. San Antonio Street.

Having just returned from Russia, I am still thinking in my own broken Russian, enjoying the memories of a wedding that for Russians is often a three day event, including lots of food, drink, and music. My mission trip was wrought with trials and trouble, but in it all the Lord had a plan, and He fulfilled it. Flights canceled due to weather, one flight returning after an engine problem, lost luggage, sickness and more, left me in a great place to trust in the Lord. All roles were reversed..., many years ago I went as a missionary to Russia and helped to plant churches. The Russians were truly drawn by the Holy Spirit to know Jesus in great numbers and a great revival broke out. The people of Russia saw Americans and missionaries in a very positive light and really depended on us to help them. Well, on this trip I was truly depending on them. When finally arriving in Russia two days late, I found that my luggage had not followed. All the clothes, medicine, wedding gifts etc., were lost.

Mama Valya made me a pair of dress pants, Pastor Randy loaned me a shirt and tie, and the whole wedding went just as planned. I was treated with teas, kefir, and garlic for my ailments. My friends took me to the forest for some fresh air and we picked fresh raspberries and mushrooms. I enjoyed reunions with friends made as far back as 1993 when I first went with my Pastor Rick Amato and his wife Susan. My interpreter Dennis Ershov who now owns his own trucking business brought his daughter Yana to see me. I have the privileged of being Yana’s Godfather. Yana is now five years old and reading well, she speaks English as well as Russian and is unusually intelligent. After about ten minutes of conversing in English, Yana politely gave me permission to speak in Russian. It was all very heart touching, to see the relationships that have grown from those first efforts to reach these precious people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There were some very different attitudes than those I encountered back in 1993. There is a great surge in anti-American nationalism and antisemitism. When Russians look ahead, they feel that they are on a roll. Thanks to sky-high oil prices, Russia is flush with cash. It has paid off much of its foreign debt ahead of schedule. Pensioners are no longer afraid of starving to death in the winter, soldiers get regular pay and there is a general sense of security. The anti-American nationalism so palpable in Russia today is rooted in the 1990s, the decade of Boris Yeltsin, whom many Americans credit with ending Soviet totalitarian-

ism and introducing the country to democracy. Russians have a different take on those years. They remember the chaos; the economic contraction; the extreme poverty; the robber barons who, with the connivance of the government, made billions after taking over state-owned industries at bargain-basement prices; and the Yeltsin family’s rampant corruption. Rightly or wrongly, they associate these bad experiences with the United States.

Interestingly, the Russian Orthodox Church is also a great source of nationalism, and its leaders make no bones about it. Many leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church actually are happy that Russia was not granted membership in the World Trade Organization, fearing that globalization will reduce Russia’s independence, contaminate its culture and allow foreigners to control its natural resources.

The events in the Middle East



Andy White relaxing after his trip to Russia. He is in the conference room of his coffee house.

have also stirred the latent embers of antisemitism that has historically run deep in Russia’s history. The pogroms, which were village by village holocausts, are almost unknown history to the average Russian, but the attitude of blaming the Jews for nearly everything imaginable still is very much alive and increasing with rabid ferocity. As one young man Ruslan stated his case he made the statement that the Jews were forming trade partnerships in his city and holding meetings. He said he was glad for one reason, “because we will know where to find these people when we go to get them.”

Needless to say it was uncomfortable to be confronted with these attitudes, while at the same time it is a privilege to be able to participate freely in these conversations. The respect that has been gained by building long term relationships has kept the doors open to our hearts and as ideas were exchanged I left confident that all is not lost.

Next mission?Looking ahead I am challenged to return again, hopefully with a team of like minded Christians. Our dear brothers and sisters in Jesus all over the world need our encouragement and participation to give them hope. Are we up for the challenge? If you think you might be, please contact me, drop by Greater Grace Christian *Cont. on page 6, Mission Trip*



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Coffee House or call me at 456-3333 and ask for Andy White, and come join us as we “go and make disciples of all nations...”

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.  
19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:  
20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

**St. James’ Church’s New Program**

St.James Lutheran Church is launching a new rotational Sunday school program called Bible Adventures. The students will study one bible lesson for six weeks using several learning techniques. These will include acting, computers, cinema, storytelling, science and art.

During the first unit they will be studying “Daniel”. Children from kindergarten through seventh grade will be participating. All children regardless of denomination are invited. Children under the age of four will be in the “Noah’s Ark Room” nursery. Teenagers will have their own Bible study and will begin creating and decorating their own space.

Frances Dendy and Amber Stivers artwork has transformed the former parsonage into a unique education

**A peek at the new Education Building of St. James Lutheran Church in Harper**



Not shown: The “Creation Room” where children will do art work portraying stories in the Bible. Bible Adventures teaches each story of the Bible for 6 weeks. Each week the children will learn and experience the lesson in a different way. It is also called rotational Sunday School. The curriculum comes from the Potters Workshop. Frances Dendy and Amber Stivers did all of the artwork. John Graham, Walter Molder, Larry Mauldin, Lloyd Wendell, Laura



Kaiser, and Bill Jonas did scraping, cleaning and wood-working and building all kinds of things. Gayle Reed and Ruth Ann Lemmerbrock have been organizing the curriculum and keeping everyone on track. Many others have helped and donated time and money.

Also not shown:



Left photo: entrance to St.James new Education Building. The Bible Adventures begin on September 17th at 9:30 a.m This tree will have the handprint of every child in the program on it with their name. The handprints will make be the leaves.

Center: the “ Bible Bistro. “ Children will learn about Jesus and the Bible through cooking and science experiments in this class.

Above: “His Majestic Theater.” The children will watch movies of each Bible story and then discuss it.

–the story telling or “Parable Room.”  
–the Garden of Eden room. The children will learn the lesson and discuss it with the teacher.  
–the “outdoor” theater where the children will perform each Bible story as a play.

**South Texas Republicans**

Thanks to Joe Solis of the South Texas Republicans for the following information.

**Health Care**  
By John Merrifield,  
Professor of Economics  
Director, Entrepreneurial Conservatism Institute September 4, 2006

The just-released “Code Red” report alleges a health care crisis in Texas because 25.1 percent of us are without health insurance. The path to tyranny and poverty is paved with good intentions and misleading statistics.

“Code Red” assumes that a 25.1% ‘uninsured rate’ means 25.1% cannot purchase health care, which is unacceptable, and that government intervention is the solution, not the problem. Credible leadership is needed to address each of those questionable assumptions and avert a renewed government assault on our prosperity, liberty, and the well being of the sick and injured.

The uninsured are a constantly changing set of people. The much more informative, rarely published number is the long-term uninsured. Many counted as part of the 25.1% are briefly between jobs, and others have simply made an economic decision to not spend their limited funds on expensive health insurance and pay out of pocket, if necessary. Based on a quick Internet search, I estimate that only about 10 percent of Texans lack non-emergency room access to health care for an extended period; a much less scary number than 25.1%. We need to demand that our leaders - the people with their hands in our pockets

– deliberate on the basis of relevant numbers, not sensationalist, misleading numbers.

With a clearer picture to work from, we can discuss the underlying assumptions. Many people equate ‘no insurance’ with ‘no access’ because health care and health insurance has gotten very expensive. Because of past government interventions, prices have shot up because hardly anyone directly pays for their own health care. Do it doc, someone else is picking up the tab. Now that our policies have driven up the prices to those outside the ‘someone else will pay’ club, many people demand additional government intervention to address the impact of that.

Many assume that the earnings of the successful should be taxed to pay for care for those who do not earn enough to buy it for themselves; that those who earn little should not have to rely on charity. As we expand ‘rights’ to the earnings of others, we move towards socialism; certainly with good intentions, but the effects are the same. Liberty and prosperity retreat across the board. Even our poor are better off than the average citizen in the socialist paradises of North Korea and Cuba.

Do we want the same political process that created ‘Nation at Risk’ quality public schooling to have a larger role in the delivery of our health care? In so-called single-payer, Government-controlled health care systems around the world, patients have lost freedom of choice, and the sick are literally dying while on wait lists for critical care. It’s going to take exceptional leadership to separate sympathy and politics.

brock under the guidance of Pastor Willfred Bigott. Many of the members working tirelessly on this project include: John Graham, Larry Mauldin, Bill Ruff, Bill Jonas, Roy and Sharon Kasper, Laura Kaiser, Walter Molder, Lawrence Metzger and Dennis and Connie Bernhard.

The teachers for the first six-week

unit are Laura Kaiser, Larry Mauldin, Lisa Sanders, Myron Schneider, Jalyn Sivells and Amber Stivers. Bible adventures will begin on September 17,2006 at 9:30 a.m. It is an exciting time at St.James, we encourage everyone to join us in this endeavor.

For more information call 830-864-4193

**Alfredo's Last Day**



This is a picture of Alfredo's on the last day it was open, August 31. It is the last time you will ever see Alfredo's with an open sign on the door. The owner, Lupe Colunga is retiring. When asked why, Lupe said after 26 years, it was time. Her statement is strikingly similar to Bob Metzger's when discussing why they were closing Knopp and Metzger's Department Store.

Lupe was often seen in the kitchen or at the cash register wearing her apron, working hard. She knew many of her customers by their first name, knew what they usually ordered, and chatted with them. Frequently her grandchildren visited the restaurant, adding a family atmosphere.

Increasingly, as medical technology advances, it is impossible to promise universal access to everything that we know how to do. Attempting to do so, or just failing to face this economic reality, will reduce the efficiency of the entire system. That means longer wait times, higher prices, and lower quality care.

**Susan Combs**  
by Joe Solis

Susan “The Trendsetter” Combs, Candidate for Comptroller, is on a ROLL this election year. I’m happy to report and comment on some exciting news.

[Disclosure: I’m one of the Susan Combs for Comptroller Bexar County Co-Chair this year.]

Over the next two months, the citizens of Texas will be hearing about many positive and refreshing ideas Mrs. Combs will be implementing when she is elected to the position of Comptrol-

**Local Press Releases and Announcements**

**KRVL Wins Award**

The Roots Music Report is pleased to announce its selections. For radio stations of the year.recipients were selected by staff of RMR after carefully listening to the programming first hand and were selected based on their format and variety of music played.

This years list of honors signifies the first acknowledgements in what is planned to be an annual event.

The award serves to recognize the stations commitment to and support of its roots based genre.” Theses stations seem to give all artists a chance to be heard,” says RMR owner/operator Robert Bartosh.” They are all consistent reporting stations to our charts and contribute immensely to the roots music movement.”

Designated honors for 2006 were presented to the following stations:

Bluegrass-WTCR- Huntington, West Virginia  
Roots/Americana-KRVL- Kerrville,Texas  
Roots/Rock-XCountry-Satellite True Country-KMCO-McAlester,Oklahoma  
Western Swing-KBEC  
Folk-KCLC-St.Charles,Missouri  
Blues-Blues Deluxe-Arlington, Texas  
Jazz- WFDU-Teaneck, New Jersey

**A note to our readers**

We would like to apologize for the lateness of the last several issues.

As you may be able to guess, putting together a newspaper is an arduous task in and of itself.

In addition, we have been involved in the project of upgrading our computer equipment. We spent weeks determining what computer we needed, and where we could buy it, and then we

had to order all the components from a number of places, put it together, install the software, transfer our files, figure out how to use it, and so on. All these efforts took time away from the paper.

Upgrading our computer was necessary, because our old one simply could not handle the growing size and complexity of the paper. In fact, while laying out the fourth edition, we encountered a catastrophic failure, and came near to losing the entire edition. I think the problem was that the computer did not have enough memory, although I’m not sure. It took many hours of work to recover the fourth edition, one page at a time. To top things off, when we attempted to electronically transfer the fourth edition to the printing press, it would not go. It turned out that the printer was having problems with his equipment, and it took several days for those problems to be fixed.

After much labor, our fifth edition is finally ready, and we hope you enjoy it. It is larger, partly due to the delays, and partly due to the expanded capacity of the new computer.

We would like to be able to promise that our paper will always be on time, but with the difficulties involved, we may delay printing in the future from time to time. Sometimes we will intentionally delay by a few days to cover important news. We ask you to have patience.

There are several areas where we seriously need help.

Printing the paper is not cheap, and the subscriptions only pay for mailing the paper to the subscriber. If you would like to advertise, or if you know someone who would like to advertise, or even just take out a classified ad, please contact us.

Distributing the paper is also a serious challenge. If you would like to

**Poetry submitted by our readers**

**My Light For The World**  
written by Hope Mary Ann

Open your heart to let My light flood your soul.  
The light is the peace that the world searches for.  
My peace is everlasting.  
It calms the storms and quiets the raging rivers.  
The thunder from cannons are stilled and the guns cease to roar.  
Hatred and violence, the dark clouds that cover the eyes and hearts of men are vanquished by My light.  
Greed and the clamour for wealth does not bring peace, nor can it be bought at any price.  
The price was paid and My light is free to every man if he only believes in the Prince of Peace.  
Seek my peace from shore to shore and My light will cover the world.

ler in November.

Here are just a few:

- 1) Use advanced technology to maximize the value of taxpayer dollars sent to the state of Texas.
- 2) Crack down on delinquent taxpayers, who now owe the state of Texas \$1.8 billion dollars, in an efficient and effective manner.
- 3) Establish an independent review panel to assure that taxpayers who protest tax claims are given a fair hearing in Austin.
- 4) Implement a complete review of office and employee efficiency throughout the state of Texas.
- 5) Use forensic accounting to catch tax dodgers.
- 6) Revamp the application of information technology at the Comptrollers’ office to eliminate waste and

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pass out the paper to your street, or to several streets in your area, or if you can handle a bigger area, please contact us. If someone is willing to take significant portions of Fredericksburg, or some of the smaller towns in the county, please let us know. We may be able to trade you some advertising space in exchange for distributing the paper.

Covering local events is our third major challenge. If you are interested in going to local events and businesses, and if you can write from a conservative perspective, please contact us. As we stated in the first edition, we are especially interested in students who enjoy writing. For example, we would like to enlist a student (or parent) to write about the sports events the attend, whether it be high school or middle school football, or some professional sporting event.



# Home Project: The family builds a family computer



We laid out all the components. You can see some of the children standing ready to assist



The motherboard is still in the box, and that is where we installed the CPU, the thermal grease, the cooling fan, and the memory. According to one web site, that method gave us more room to work. You can't see it in the picture, but we had the windows open to increase the humidity to decrease the probability of static electricity, which kills computers. Be sure to ground yourself well each time before touching the computer.



We installed the motherboard in the computer case, where we had already installed the power supply and an extra cooling fan. The video card was not yet in, and none of the cables from either the power supply or the case were connected, as you can see. Connecting all those cables, and figuring out where to connect them, took more time than anything else. Later on we installed the hard drive and DVD drive,



Uncle Stephen helps set up the network. He has plenty of eager assistants. We needed the new and old computers networked so we could copy files from the old to the new computer. There was a lot of data and it took a long time. We still have not yet transferred all the files.

## Pointers

If you are going to purchase a computer, here are a few things to consider.

First, you need to decide why you need a computer, and what you want to accomplish with it.

It's just a tool to accomplish a task.

Do you want to surf the internet? Make online purchases? Send and receive email? Write letters? Balance your check book? Conduct your business? Play games? The answers to those questions make a big difference in what you buy.

Then you need to decide what computer you want, and what you can afford, which are generally two different things. Probably the best way to decide is to talk to someone who knows a lot about computers. For example, you could call Scott Mills at PC Solutions, who is a personal friend, and a computer dealer and repair person in this area. His number is 990-6679.

Then decide who or what company will give you the best deal for what you need. Will you need technical expertise every now and then? That's a big consideration when you are going to decide where to buy your computer. If you buy a mail order computer, or from a big, impersonal store locally, who will help you when you have a question or a problem? If you buy from someone like Scott, you can always call him, or even have him come over and help.

I have enough friends and relatives who are computer savvy that I was able to buy components from a number of different places, and put them together, and then ask for help for things that did not work.

If you buy online, search for buyer evaluations of the company you are considering.

I made purchases from PageComputers.com, NewEgg.com, and zipzoomfly.com all of which have

received good reviews from others who purchased from them. I do have a complaint about PageComputer. I purchased several incorrect items from them (it was my fault--I didn't pay close enough attention to what I was purchasing, and bought the wrong items), and need to return them, but they do not have a customer service telephone number to call, and they have not answered the latest emails I sent to them asking to help me return the items. So far I'm stuck with one rather expensive item: an AMD 64 Athlon X2 Socket AM2 3800+ CPU with heatsink. I'll make anybody a good deal who wants it, plus give you whatever Arctic Silver 5 thermal grease that I have left.

Some other questions to ask about online purchases: How much is the shipping? What is their return policy, and how much do they charge for a restocking fee, and do they take returned merchandise that has been opened? How many days do you have to return

merchandise? How long will you have to wait for the merchandise to arrive?

If you decide to buy individual components or software online, consider using one of the price comparison engines. One way to find them is to go to your favorite search engine, such as Google or Yahoo, and type in the words: lowest price, and then the name of whatever you want. Be aware that there are scam companies and individuals out there, maybe even quite a few of them, who will take your money and make your life miserable. Be careful where you shop. Be even more careful when buying software, or you will end up buying something that is a pirate copy made in Eastern Europe.

Several useful price comparison websites are PriceGrabber.com and

PriceWatch.com.

Buying online is risky, but if you know what you want, and if you know what you are doing, you can save some money.



With minimal instruction from Uncle Stephen, Josiah was able to set up his own network of a bunch of older computers.



## Where the Walls are Broken

Join us at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 14 at New Women's Clinic, 419 San Pedro Avenue in San Antonio as we intercede for life.

\*In order to remain within the law, we will not block parking lot entrances.

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I can't explain why I'm so relentlessly passionate about the pro-life cause, except to say that I know it is what the Lord put me here to do. One Sunday I was sitting in church, and suddenly, all I wanted to do was write something that would convince the world to end the tragedy of abortion. Almost ten years and more than ten million abortions later, I still feel called to write. It is the most difficult thing I do.

After seven years of writing, I met Jim and Debbie Locander of Choose Life Ministries. I had never been to an abortion mill; and, frankly, I did not ever intend to go. Debbie kept asking, and I finally ran out of excuses and conceded. The appointed morning arrived, and

though I was scared to death, I had given my word; so, I went thinking, "If I perish, I perish." :) Well, I wish I could tell you I saw miracles happen that day. (Looking back, I think the biggest miracle was probably my obedience in being there.) In fact, though I went back time after time, I never saw a baby saved. I kept reminding myself that my job was to write; but, for some reason, I had to keep going to the mill.

This past January, Sanctity of Life Sunday was approaching, but I wasn't inspired to write anything. Instead, I felt the Lord was leading me to invite other members of our church to go out to New Women's Clinic on a monthly basis. Since we began our Saturday outreach on January 21, we have undeniably seen the Lord's blessing. In two month's time, I have at last personally witnessed the Lord rescuing not one, but three babies. One of the moms we met last week even attended our church this past Sunday, and she was greatly impacted by the message. During this same two-month window, our nation has also witnessed the unanimous Supreme Court ruling in favor of pro-life demonstrators, and the banning of virtually all abortions in South Dakota. Thank you, Jesus!

I believe we are at a defining point in history, a time in which the Lord is empowering Christians to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Our response to this opportunity will literally determine the future of America. We may not have another decade and 10,000,000 more lives to lose. At any rate, the souls of the mothers and fathers, their friends and family, the clinic staff, and the abortionists are of far greater worth than a few extra hours of sleep. :)

Yours for life,

brenda taylor, a witness who can no longer remain silent  
For more info, contact Brenda Taylor: 210-363-3631 or Brendabrenda@wherethewallsarebroken.com

Robert Westbrook, abortionist at New Women's abortion clinic in San Antonio, locking his vehicle, oblivious to the pro-lifers surrounding him.

I'm Pastor Robert Welch and I'm with Park Hills Baptist Church, which is on the north side of San Antonio. We have 2500 members; it's a fairly large church. We have a pretty good showing of members here today.

(To bring the congregation out here today), actually I haven't said a word about this. Some of our members take this issue to heart, take it very seriously, and they planned the rally or whatever you want to call this. Anyway, they know my stance on the issue, and they take the Bible seriously.

Comment on our culture.

I think we have to re-evaluate what's important; and convenience and comfort is something that our society

values over truth. And it's necessary for a culture to examine what it values, otherwise we'll end up imploding--falling in on ourselves. Eventually



we'll find ourselves not valuing people who don't contribute to society what we think is important.

And even though those issues are dear to my heart, the most important issue that drives me is the love of God, not only for the child, but for the mother and the father. And at a time like this when they are making tough decisions, I want them to know that other people not only are watching, but they care, and would like to offer them an alternative.

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7) Apply new money management strategies to assure taxpayers funds are generating maximum returns in the safest possible manner.

This is BEST part: We will have a Comptroller who is committed to working with our Governor, Lt. Governor, and elected representatives in Austin. We will no longer have a Comptroller who is playing games with the numbers so she can be the media darling at press conferences.

All of this will happen if all Texans pull together and support Susan Combs for Comptroller. Please contact me if you need bumper stickers, friend-to-

friend postcards, signs, pens, and blue plastic Combs' combs.

A NOTE to OUR Conservative Friends who have lost faith: I have read your numerous e-mails about your frustration with government waste, deficits, the growth of government and all the unnecessary taxation over the past few years. I have been a consistent critic of our leaders who are partaking in this waste. We're in the same boat on these issues. Consider this appeal.

PLEASE get behind SUSAN COMBS. She is going to be our consistent fiscal conservative friend in Austin. This lady is tight with money and she needs to be elected. Tell your friends about this lady. THANKS!!! Joe Solis





Edna Crenwelge (R), referred to by one Doss resident as the unofficial Mayor of the town, with Jael Treibs (L). The picture above her head is of Mrs. Crenwelge when she was a little girl. The rack of horns is the first deer she shot. The rifle is her brother Harold's. The mantle is one solid piece of wood carved from a single tree. Mrs. Crenwelge furnished much of the material used in this paper for the history of Doss.



Charlotte Mounce with mom Janet. Charlotte won Junior Best of Show with her Peanut Butter and Milk Chocolate Morsel Cookies.



(Left photo) Demonstration of a heat differentiated Sterling Cycle hot air engine, made some time between 1876 and the 1920s. The engine was made by Louis Heinrich of Zwickau, Germany. Right photo, a powered grain grinder. We think the man demonstrating is Mr. Dierre.



Melvin Scott of Doss plays the accordion; Linda is in the background.



Above: Oooooohhhh that coon!! Nellie Belle seems to be saying.

Below, they sang When the Wagon Was New, at the Doss Festival.



Allen Ahrens plays bass while his mother Vernell from Doss plays the piano.

We apologize to those who pictures we could not fit into the paper.



The day concluded with presentation of the colors, by Ray Hartman with the Texas flag, and Jeff Gideon with the American flag. The audience sang the National Anthem and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.



Various youngsters costumed as Indians, reenacting the history of Doss. Loren Wendel as Indian Maid Red Wing stands in the upper right hand photo.

## Harper Labor Day Parade

Harper Labor Day Parade photos.

1. Harper Chamber Little Miss. and Mr.
2. The Harper float is carrying the Rodeo Queen, Jessica Townsend, Lion's Club Queen, Chelsea Glocar and Miss Flame Shelby Campbell. Photo Amber Stivers.
3. Junction Float. Photo Carol Stivers.
4. This is the Harper Junior High football team and cheerleaders. Mystle Haas is the girl watching all the children. This was taken in front of St. James Lutheran church. Photo Amber Stivers.



Just how many "nanners" do you have anyway, and how hard is it to count them? These gentlemen are struggling with such issues. Now, let's count: We have one "nanner" and two "nanners", and one plus two equals three "nanners." Right?



Singing about the Coat Of Many Colors her mama made.



During intermission we had time to visit the famous Doss School. Students are in the room on the left. Mrs. Carrie Bierschwale (L) has been there 21 years, and is the acting Principal. Mrs. Clairene Friedrich stands on the right.



## September 11 Tribute

They Stand by Jim Lowe (C) 2001

They stood only one generation's length:  
Twin towers to Manhattan's skyline lent,  
Thrust upward 'gainst the skies, columns of strength  
For global commerce named, for ages meant.

Two steeples far below proclaimed God's pow'r--  
At Wall, Old Trinity's spire pierced the air,  
While in the shadow of the northern tow'r  
Saint Paul's, where Washington once knelt in prayer.

O'er centuries arose a mass of stone,  
Great buildings for the bustling neighborhood:  
The Woolworth, City Hall. Landfills were grown,  
And finally, the World Trade Center stood.

Beneath its bulk were slender rails upon  
Which thousands traveled daily to the site  
For work, a plaza lunch, some lingering on  
At labor's end for cocktails in the night.

In droves did tourists toward the Center come,  
To marvel at the view from high above  
In Windows on the World, so oft', for some,  
Accompanied by whispered words of love.

And city lights that glistened far below  
Became a starry campus for the spree  
Where millions worked and partied in the glow  
Of Gotham's grand and soaring panoply.

Then suddenly, the magic in a flash  
Was shattered in a fiery holocaust;  
The Center crashed, lay clad in dust and ash,  
A somber pall for what that day was lost.

Yet, other tow'rs withstand of dementia,  
Impervious to years, to man or main:  
They're Faith and Hope, throughout millennia  
Ne'er wavering 'midst loss or searing pain.

We live, and hope, and wait, and dream of 'morrow,  
While mem'ries waft, and ghostly pallor don.  
Mere words cannot bespeak the rending sorrow  
Descended 'pon our hearts, for all that's gone:

The buildings and the skyline, yes, and more--  
The souls that gave them reason, worked, shopped, ate  
Within their walls beyond the hundredth floor,  
And where the concourse thronged with life of late.

The offices and shops of yesterday,  
The restaurants, the trains that rumbled there--  
With men and towers, all have gone away.  
Yet, shrouded forms echo: "Do not despair!"

"We proved a spirit once; that spirit lives!  
The days and years and work we shared live on!"  
The haunting pause such sob'ring counsel gives  
Tears at the heart, forges a liaison:

In mem'ry yet, the escalators rise,  
And silent passengers ascend the lifts.  
Too soon these folks' rapid, sordid demise,  
And far too brief' we had the buildings' gifts.

The world is frail, but Tow'rs of Faith and Hope  
Survive all edifices forged by hand.  
God's pow'r with all calamity can cope;  
The kingdom ours remains. The Tow'rs? They stand.