



# The Circuit Rider

Life in the Big Bend Episcopal Mission – June 2007

## Next Threshold Quiet Day at Casa de la Rosa

The next Threshold quiet day will be held at the new retreat facility, Casa de la Rosa, on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30am until 2:30pm.. Everyone is welcome to attend for all or part of the day.

Work on the chapel and guest facilities is nearly complete. Donations of furnishings and equipment are still needed. The facility is scheduled to be open for overnight guests and daytime retreats some time in June. Contact Tom Graf or Aurie West for details.



Casa de la Rosa is located in Mano Prieto Estates, on the east side of Highway 17 between Ft. Davis and Marfa.

## David Hance Brightens Our Lives with Flowers

In recent months, parishioners at St. Paul's have been treated to "flowers by David." David Hance has been arranging flowers for Sunday services and special events. David



was born in Alamogordo, New Mexico, but moved to Texas three weeks later. He has lived in 30 places in 44 years, but grew up primarily in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. David moved to Marfa a year ago after seven years in Lexington, Kentucky. He works for IBM from his home office and supports eleven business partner relationships with market intelligence. His work includes designing surveys, statistical analysis, preparing mail and business-to-business telemarketing, email lists and events. He maintains demographic information for more than 250,000 businesses in North America. (He says he "tries to take a nap every day.")



David joined St. Michael's Episcopal Church while he was in Kentucky and served on the search committee for a new Rector, the Floral Guild, and chaired their annual Ministry Fair. In addition to incredible talents with flowers, David also paints, draws, makes jewelry, and does a little writing. His formal education is in Fine Arts and Interior Design. He owned a small design business in Houston in the early '90's and a special events business in Grand Prairie in the second half of the decade. During this time he also did some stand-up comedy. He and his 13 year old Siberian cat named "Pooh" have moved to Marfa so David can transform his hobbies into income producing ventures.



## Vicar is Guest Speaker at BBH Graduation

On Friday, May 25th, the Vicar was Guest Speaker at this year's Big Bend High School graduation. Judy is president of the Big Bend Education Corporation which has been responsible for raising donations for the construction of the high school. Donations are currently being accepted for the final building in a series of three which will house a gym, cafeteria, and auditorium. Until this facility is complete, graduation ceremonies are being held in the pavilion at the Lajitas Resort.



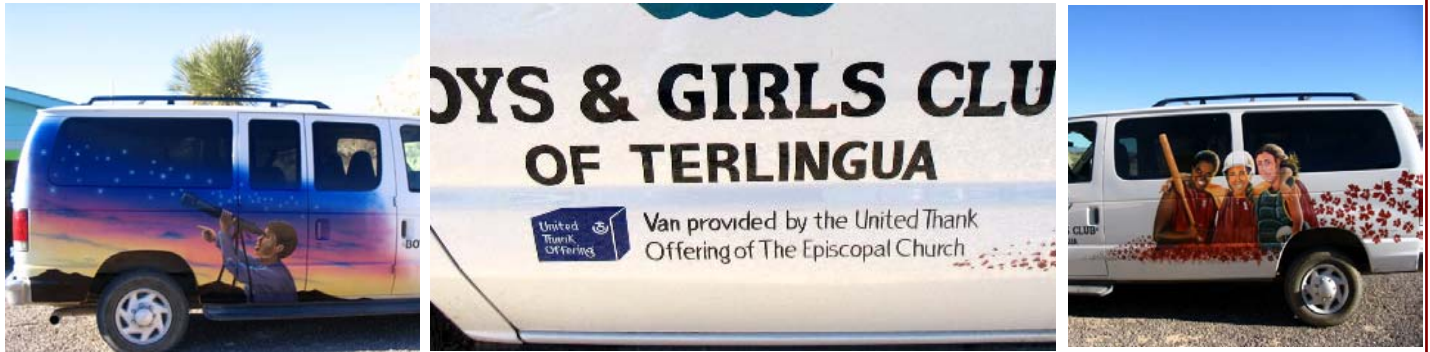
Judy addressed a standing room only crowd of students, parents and community members. The graduating class of 13 stu-



dents included Mimi Smith's nephew Trevor Lipscomb. Scholarships totaling \$38,000 were awarded to the graduates who will be attending Sul Ross, the University of Texas at Austin and other schools in the fall.

## Boys & Girls Club Van Gets Paint Job

Thanks to a United Thank Offering grant, the Boys & Girls Club of Terlingua was able to purchase a van for the club in 2005. The van ended up costing a little less than the amount of the grant, and some of the excess was used to pay south Brewster County resident David Mendoza to decorate the van with an eye-catching paint job. The van is used to transport club members from school to



the club and for special events like summer camp and field trips. The van also transports staff to Boys & Girls Clubs of America meetings and training events. The new paint job draws comments where ever the van goes and helps promote the club.

**Last Month's Question:** Why do we call Easter "Easter"?

**Answer:** "Easter" was originally a Saxon word (Eostre), denoting a goddess of the Saxons, in honor of whom sacrifices were offered about the time of the Passover. Hence the name came to be given to the festival of the Resurrection of Christ, which occurred at the time of the Passover. In the early English versions this word was frequently used as the translation of the Greek 'pascha' (the Passover)."

*- from Easton's 1897 Bible Dictionary*

**This Month's Question:** What have you always wondered about? Send your question to [seth@equimax.com](mailto:seth@equimax.com) or tell Seth. He will research the answer and print it here next month.

## Easter Vigil Gets the Easter Season Started with Fire



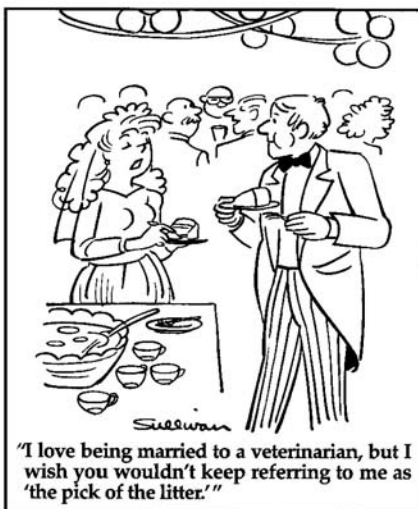
For the third year in a row, the Easter Vigil service was held at St. Paul's to start the Easter season with the lighting of the new fire.

*We are saddened by the recent death of Nancy Antrim's mother, Mae Wilkes. We will miss her lovely smile and gentle spirit at St. James'*



## Hard Questions

When was the last time someone asked you to tell them about your personal journey with God? In general, people are much more interested in discussing "issues" or making statements about what we should believe or not believe than they are in sharing their personal experience of sin and redemption. Yet it is precisely this sharing of personal stories that spreads the Good News of the love of God. The next time you think of it, ask someone you know to tell you their story. - Seth



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## Spanning Four Generations



**Frances Harper, Ted Harper, Sandy Stephens and Hannah Stephens at a recent St. Paul's Gathering**



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