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Ah Ha, Oh No, Don't Let The Rain Come Down! by Brad Maule

Part 3 - From the Book: *Died and Gone to Nacogdoches*

Then came the day when there was an actual audition for a real job in show business! The ad asked for "folk singers that can play guitar". That was me! I had eleven dollars left after six weeks of living in California.



Brad Maule is a two-time Emmy-nominated actor now living in beautiful Nacogdoches where he teaches filmmaking for the School of Art and acting for the School of Theatre at Stephen F. Austin Atate University.

Here's a little note about "the business". Fear is not your friend. The people in charge can smell fear in a performer and they don't want anywhere near it, or you. Here's another little note: sometimes you've got no choice and you must turn that into Devine Inspiration.

The audition was downtown Hollywood in a five-story office building on Hollywood Boulevard. This felt legit. It had an elevator! I had a good feeling

about this already. I walked in carrying my guitar, found the office on the third floor, and printed my name on a sheet of paper on the door.

Soon, a lady came out and called me into the office. Inside were several friendly people that I don't remember at all...just faces. I got my guitar out of the case, strapped it on, and tried to forget how badly I needed this job. I couldn't forget. Like the proverbial elephant, there in the middle of the room, between me and those smiling faces, sat all my fears, insecurities, and desperation on a delicate chair built out of eleven dollar bills in my front pocket. I had sweat rings under my arms that touched the top of my jeans. Fortunately, I had on a plaid flannel shirt that did not show wetness.

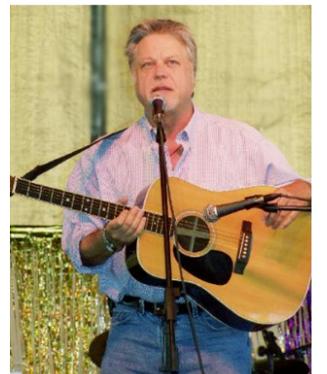
I took a breath and began to sing. As I sang, the words and melodies of my songs came from some other place and person. They did not come from the scared, broke actor in Los Angeles, but from the lanky (Oh, for those days again) farm boy from West Texas.

When I was ten and plowed the blanks between

cotton rows, my mother said she never worried about me down in the field because she could hear me singing over the sound of the tractor. I had a loud clear voice. I was back on the tractor at that audition.

After I finished singing, everyone in the room looked at each other, then back at me. The lady asked me to wait outside. A moment later, she asked me if I could sing for them again. My confidence grew. This process of going in and out of the room lasted three hours that day. Between my times inside, other people with guitars came and went, but they didn't go back in the room, only me.

There's always a glitch in good news. I knew something wonderful was happening inside that room, but I



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Cheryll Moore Revealed as Change Your Life Pineywoods Makeover for 2017

Over 10 years ago a group of professionals decided to create the "Change Your Life" Piney Woods Makeover Project. The original Dream Team consisted of Dr. Robert Lehmann, a LASIK surgeon, Dr. Jon Caster, an oculo-facial plastic surgeon, Dr. Aaron Polk, a cosmetic dentist, Debbie Thompkins, a master hair stylist, and Jinx Preble, a make-up artist and wardrobe consultant. "When we began putting this project together we knew it would be exciting, but I don't think we fully grasped the power of collaboration in this event," Lehmann said, "and when we met there was an electricity and excitement that showed that this will be a tremendous experience for the patient and for all of us, as well." Thompkins said, "Each of us realizes that doing something for someone who would not otherwise be able to afford it is a special gift, and I look forward to sharing in that experience." "Some of the people who are applying for the makeover might be able to have one of the treatments on their own, but it would be a rare person who would have the means and moral support to do all of the procedures at once," Caster said.

Through the years some of the professionals have changed, and new ones have been added. Dr. Tim Young with Lehmann Eye Center, eye surgeon, has joined in as well as Jeanie Suhor with The Surgery Center of Nacogdoches. For

a few years Dr. Gregory Whittpenn, plastic surgeon, and Dr. Cliff Thomas, bariatric surgeon, gave their talent to the project. Shannon McCollum and later Sharon Roberts, and now Nathan Michaels joined in as health and fitness trainers as did Diane Lunsford with Skinny School, a body-type counselor. Joe McCracken serves as counselor providing vital



Cheryll before and after makeover.

help during the makeover. Sharla Sparks and later Belk's and now Tammy Welch at Hallmark have been wardrobe consultants. Pamela Hightower added her talents and Carla Redfield with Bonnie Hawk at the Oasis Spalon provide the hair styling.



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didn't know what, or the glitch, yet. Finally, around five in the afternoon, the lady brought me in, and the one man wearing an actual suit said, "So, you want this job?"

"Yes, I do."

"The pay is three hundred dollars a week, you pay your own room and board." I fainted, but didn't let them know. Three hundred dollars a week would mean I would have my original six hundred dollars back in two weeks. For one of the few times in my life, math was easy.

I wheezed, "When do I start?"

"I need you on the redeye for Houston tomorrow. You start at the Fairmont Hotel Saturday night."

I found the glitch.

"Tomorrow is Friday, so I have the whole week to rehearse for the Saturday night show?"

"No, you rehearse when you get there and perform that night. Oh, and by the way, have you ever managed a group on the road?"

The glitch now arrived in bigger letters.

"I don't even know what that means."

"It means fifty dollars extra per week for you."

I shook my head up and down like a spinning quarter slowly coming to a stop. "I can learn."

The man in the suit sighed some secret knowing, weary sigh, and said to the lady, "Alright, sign him up and get him gone."

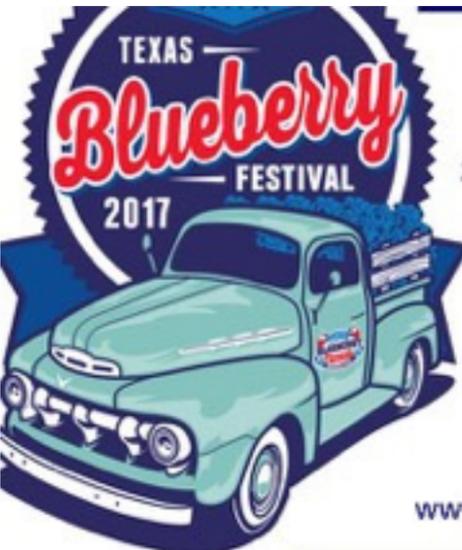
I got in my brown Torino and drove toward my castle. I started singing and screaming, "I got a job! I got a job! They are paying me three hundred fifty dollars a week, to fly on plane, to be in show business, to manage a group (whatever that means) at the Fairmont Hotel, in Houston, Texas! I'm going on the road forever!" Wait. What? The glitch was everywhere. I parked at my castle. The old man was watering his flowers by the moat. I put my head down and waved at him. As soon as I got inside my apartment, I locked the door, pulled down the shades, and started quietly packing my clothes. During my six weeks in Los Angeles, I had learned there was free furniture left on the street curbs on the fifteenth and the thirtieth of each month by those constantly on the move Angelinos'. I had an apartment full of free furniture.

I waited for the old man to stop watering his flowers. I waited till all the lights in the building were out. In the quiet, siren and helicopter filled Los Angeles night; I began to pack my clothes. I had only been in Hollywood for six weeks, and here I was leaving town like a thief in the night.

The next day, Friday, I laid low trying to avoid eye contact with the old man. I felt like he knew everything. I was just like every sleaze in show business; friends till you get a better gig. I was no different. I called my parents and they arranged for my dad's sister in Visalia to take my faithful brown Torino and sell it. There was a sadness in their agreement to my hasty plans. I hid the keys on the left front tire.

Late that afternoon, I threw some of my furniture out my window into the dumpster and garbage cans just outside. I left the best stuff in my apartment to possibly pay some of my guilt for breaking my six-month lease. I understood that first and last month's payment now.

Then, my guitar and I were gone. I had never even flown on a plane before. It was one of my dreams when I left home. Well, I had it, but it didn't feel too good. In fact, it felt terrible. This was a pattern to be repeated over and over in my life in show business. I was always leaving and not feeling too good about it.



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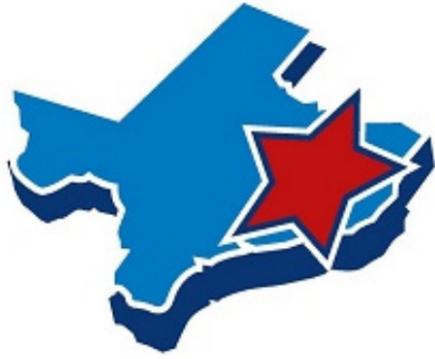
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March 4th Christ Episcopal 33rd Annual Auction & Dinner

Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 6:00 PM
This year's theme is Under The Big Top!
The excitement includes cocktails, dinner, and a live & silent auction.
Tickets are \$50 per person and are available at Christ Episcopal School 1430 N. Mound Street.
Tickets will not be sold at the door. To reserve your tickets call 936-564-0421.

March 4-5th Region V High School Rodeo

Free Admission and Free Parking.
Saturday: Starting at 10:00 AM, Sunday: Starting at 9:00 AM. Watch these young athletes compete in Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Team Roping, Breakaway Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling and Goat Tying.

March 7th Ward Animal Annual Equine Banquet

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:30 PM
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March 11-12 th Region V Jr. High School Rodeo

Free Admission and Free Parking.
Saturday: Starting at Noon, Sunday: Starting at 10:00 AM. Watch these young athletes compete in Bareback (on a steer), Saddle Bronc (on a steer), Bull Riding, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Team Roping, Breakaway Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Goat Tying, and Ribbon Roping.

March 18th Old Stone Bike Ride hosted by Nacogdoches Rotary Club

The Old Stone Fort Bike Ride welcomes you to one of the most beautiful rides in the state! The ride covers 25miles (~40km), 35miles (~58km) and 63miles (~100km) in and near the oldest town in Texas. There will be an assortment of unique rest stops that will support and cheer you on all day. This ride is also fully supported with food, gear and SAG vehicles to make your experience safe and enjoyable. At the Finish Line back (at the Nacogdoches County Expo & Civic Center) you can kick your shoes off and enjoy provided post-stretching, local music, food and brewskis.

For information/registration go to: <http://www.active.com/nacogdoches-tx/cycling/races/the-old-stone-fort-bicycle-ride-2017>.

March 22nd R&K's Alive After Five at the Nacogdoches County Expo & Civic Center Skybox

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Enjoy the tasty offerings from Classic Fare Catering and beverages from R&K Distributing in the Skybox overlooking the Main Arena. Danny Merrell from KICKS 105 will be on hand to kick off the festivities. Don't forget to bring your business cards to register for the Chamber of Commerce give away!

March 23-25th Nacogdoches Pro Rodeo & Steer Show

All the fun and excitement of the Nacogdoches Pro Rodeo and Steer Show benefiting the Nacogdoches Jaycees is back! Gates open at 6:30PM Mutton Bustin' with MC Danny Merrell begins at 7:00PM, Pro Rodeo action starts at 8:00PM. Vendor Booths are available on a first come basis, call 936-564-0849 to reserve yours soon!

Thursday Night is sponsored by Southern Power, admission is FREE with a \$2.00 donation per person benefitting Cushing ISD Angel Tree. Saturday Night is Tough Enough to Wear Pink night and you can pre-order your t-shirt on our Facebook page.

Mutton Bustin' registration is open to children 3-7 years old at Booth Barn in Nacogdoches from March 6-17. Registration deadline is Friday, March 17, 2017. Participants will be chosen at random, 15 for each night.

Tickets are available at www.outhousetickets.com or locally at Boot Barn and Boles Feed Store.

Presale Admission: Child (4-12) - \$7 / Adults - \$10

Gate Admission: Child (4-12) - \$8 / Adults - \$12

Two Day Armband: \$12 Presale / \$15 At the Gate

March 25th Shawnee Hill Trail Ride

Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 8:00 AM

The trailride begins at 8:00 AM from CR 528 and winds through the Historic District to Festival Park. After enjoying lunch in the park the riders will begin the last leg of the ride to the Expo Center. Waiting at the Expo Center will be the Tail Gate Party sponsored by CC's Smokehouse! All participants will be invited to ride in the Grand Entry of the Nacogdoches Pro Rodeo at 7:30PM. Call Pam Hambly at 936-564-1119 to enter and get ready to saddle up!

March 25th Boot Barn Meet and Greet

Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Boot Barn in Nacogdoches will host a Pro Rodeo Meet and Greet with special guest Danny Merrell from KICKS 105. Meet legendary Rodeo Clown Rudy Burns, Pro Rodeo Announcer Andy Stewart, as well as some of the Professional Cowboys competing in the Nacogdoches Pro Rodeo!

Visit us on Facebook for details on all our upcoming events. Don't forget that our Main Arena is open to the public for riders from 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday for only \$10 per horse. Please call the office at 936-564-0849 for availability. Come tour our facility and see for yourself all we have to offer. From Wrestling to Roping, we have a place for you!

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Our County blesses all with amazing beauty in March. Plus, every single one of us are able to enjoy the blooming colors and scenic views, whether strolling gardens and trails in town or riding the roads through the pastures and around our gorgeous lakes.

The Chamber will honor the leaders of our County at the Fourth Friday Luncheon sponsored by Farmers Insurance Grace Handler Agency on March 24. County Judge Mike Perry and Commissioner Jerry Don Williamson will give a State of the County report to the audience. The Fourth Friday Luncheon serves as the Chamber's monthly membership meeting, but it is open to the public. There is a \$16 charge for the lunch, but the information shared at the meeting and the opportunity given to meet and visit with business leaders is worth a lot more than the charge for a tasty meal.

Commissioner Williamson has given some important topics of discussion that could be included in the presentation. Dealing with continuous cuts in funding coupled with unfunded mandates present constant challenges with budgets and daily operations. County leaders are addressing the importance of properly dealing with mental health issues. The judge and commissioner plan to give updates on improvements to the lakes and what benefits the weigh station on Hwy. 59 South may bring. These are only a few of the topics that the County addresses. Please join, learn more, and ask questions to better understand the work that our County leaders do for us. If you are interested in attending the Fourth Friday Luncheon, please contact the Nacogdoches County Chamber at 936-560-5533 to make a reservation by March 22.

March also brings a Chamber business-after-hours event that folks look forward to all year long. R&K Distributors, Inc. will host the Alive After Five that will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 22 at the Nacogdoches County Exposition Center. Scott Goodrich with R&K works with Classic Fare Catering for delicious refreshments and Townsquare Media (KICKS105, KFOX95, Q107, 860AM) for entertainment. Along with the chance to get a selfie with DJ Danny Merrell, everyone attending will have the chance to win some outstanding door prizes. No RSVP is needed for this event, and it is a fun time to see what's going on at the Expo Center.

Now, let's all get a big dose of fresh air and God's gift of beauty in our County this month!

Learning to Drive

I remember the day my Dad taught me to drive. I know now that he must have been nervous on that two-lane narrow farm road with me behind the wheel. His hand was never far from the steering wheel.

I put that old Impala into reverse and backed out of the driveway at breakneck speed – straight through the neighbor's fence across the street. All the while, Dad kept calmly saying, "Turn, turn, turn." I didn't turn. I didn't really know which way to turn. I only knew forward and reverse. After the proper apologies to the neighbor and a promise to fix the fence, he still let me drive out on the road.

It took another year before I mastered the art of driving a vehicle. I quickly realized to expect the unexpected (so did he) and that moving slowly forward, looking backward and turning when appropriate would get me safely where I wanted to go.

I thought of that again recently as I sat in the Texas Transportation Forum held in Austin. I could barely keep my mouth from dropping open as I listened to travel industry leaders speak about what future travel could look like in Texas within the next few decades.

The innovations and new designs ahead that will move vehicles, freight, rail, aviation and port traffic at a much faster and safer pace and the technology designed to make that happen is awesome. They referred to vehicles as "deathless" and "autonomous." Faster rails, bullet trains, freight systems designed for large loads and "driverless" cars are appearing on the future's horizon.

Those "deathless" days can't come soon enough for many parents and grandparents worried about a teen driver on Friday night, or the one teaching them how to drive and hoping they remember the lessons when they are out on their own behind that wheel.

As I watched a video recognizing TxDOT's 100th birthday, I realized that our ancestors probably thought they were living "high on the hog," sporting their futuristic Model T's along bumpy dirt roads. Looking back at how they traveled then is antiquated to us today.

From the original 26 state highways that included SH 7 through East Texas, to the newly approved section of I14 and future I69, both of which will traverse through the Lufkin District, it doesn't take much to realize how far we have come in building roadways.

From being literally stuck in the mud in the early 1900's to modern day six and eight lane interstates, farm to market roads and state highways that are maintained year round, we are proud of where we have come from and where we are going.

You can read all about our journey and catch some great state history in the special section published this month by Texas Highways Magazine that chronicles our journey as an agency. You can also view it here: <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/txdot100/>. You will likely get a kick out of viewing the old photos and reading some great well-written articles.

Looking back, making turns, as they were needed and moving forward as an agency is a lot like learning to drive, but way more complicated. TxDOT's journey over the last century has been collaboration between many people. As early leader, Dewitt C. Greer said, "It never hurts to remind ourselves that we who build highways work under a public mandate. If we do not have the public's confidence, we cannot do our work."

Holding your trust and advancing at a steady, sure pace is still a goal as we move forward into our next 100 years. We hold your confidence in high regard. As we see the future unfold, we want to look back and learn. Make a turn when we need to. Move forward in a steady sure pace, with our hands never far from the steering wheel. All while keeping it between the lines. Be safe and enjoy your ride into the future.



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Sam Rayburn Lake Report

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Well, it's that time of year. Fishing season is here again and spring is on the way. All the different species of game fish: Crappie, Catfish and Bass are in their pre-spawn patterns.

All fish are related to structure. Structure can be a drop off, points or brush and trees. Now is the time to find it or set out your own natural or artificial structure. A lot of the old timers cut and sink switch cane, tree trimmings or cedar trees in various depths of water next to drop offs or other natural structure. I am now making and using artificial PVC reefs. You can sink these just like the natural, but they are more durable, last longer and you don't get as hung up. Once they are submersed and marked (it is best to use GPS coordinates), they are ready to be baited with chum, cattle range cubes, dog food or chicken scratch. It wouldn't hurt to make some soured maze to attract more fish. Now you will have a productive baited hole to fish year around. Good luck and God Bless!



David Chandler with 54 pound Blue Cat caught on trotline at Shirley Creek Marina.



Collin and Brandon Butler helped David Chandler land this 54 pound Blue Cat out of Shirley Creek Marina.



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Spring Colors Arrive Early for Annual Nacogdoches Azalea Trail



Sherri Skeeters
CVB Marketing Director

Designated the Garden Capital of Texas, Nacogdoches' breathtaking natural beauty is arriving earlier than expected this year.

"During peak season, the flowering azaleas take center stage during the annual Nacogdoches Azalea Trail," said Sherri Skeeters, marketing director for the Nacogdoches Convention and Visitors Bureau. "As always, the centerpiece of the Azalea Trail are the 25 miles of self-guided driving routes that meander through the oldest town in Texas and the stunning Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden, the largest in the state," Skeeters said.

The 25 mile route showcase's the city's beautifully landscaped residential areas and historic districts. The routes are divided into three trails named for the azaleas they feature, including Southern Indica Trail, Evergreen Azalea Trail and The Fashion Azalea Trail. Each trail begins at the Charles Bright Visitor Center located at 200 E. Main Street. Trail maps are available to pick up at the Visitor Center or they can be downloaded from the Azalea Trail website.

The Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden boasts one of the most diverse azalea collections in the United States. Featuring more than 7,000 azaleas, the garden explodes into a kaleidoscope of color each spring. Paved walking paths weave visitors past evergreen and native azaleas in varying shades of pink, purple, white, red and yellow. Unique native varieties found in the garden include the yellow 'Aromi Sunrise,' orange flowering 'Topsy Tangerine,' and yellow 'Admiral Semmes.'

The Nacogdoches Azalea Trail will also feature several special events including free guided tours of the Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden every Saturday afternoon during the season, The Old Stone Fort Bike Ride, a "Little Princess" Tea Party, Main Street Shop and Stroll, the Farmer's Market Spring Fling, SFA Gardens Plant Sale and lecture series, and Azalea Art Day. Check out the Azalea Trail website for trail packages including a discounted stay at host hotel Holiday Inn Express.

For more information about the Azalea Trail, including bloom reports, please contact the Nacogdoches CVB at (888) 564-7351 or visit www.NacogdochesAzaleas.com.



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A TEXAS LEGEND— The Father of Nacogdoches

ANTONIO MARGIL DE JESÚS (August 18, 1657- 6 August 1726) was an early missionary to Texas and considered the founder of Nacogdoches, the oldest permanent town in Texas (christened Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de los Nacogdoches in 1716) was born in Valencia, Spain. His parents, Juan Margil and Esperanza Ros, were poor parishioners of the church of San Juan del Mercado. The parents also had two daughters. Margil attended school, where he demonstrated a peaceful and gentle demeanor and distinguished himself by his abject humility. Even as a boy he referred to himself as “Nothingness Itself,” a title consistently used by him in adulthood. In his early teens Margil expressed his desire to become a Franciscan. On April 22, 1673, he received the order’s habit at La Corona de Cristo in Valencia. Further education included the study of philosophy and theology. At the age of twenty-five he received Holy Orders and soon accepted the challenge of missionary work in New Spain. He departed Spain on March 4, 1683, and arrived at Veracruz on June 6.



In New Spain Margil was assigned to the missionary College of Santa Cruz de Querétaro, from where he spent several years as a missionary in Yucatán, Costa Rica, and Guatemala. Margil returned to Querétaro in late 1706, then traveled in early 1707 to Zacatecas to found and preside over the missionary College of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de Zacatecas. He was to have accompanied the Domingo Ramón expedition of 1716, charged with setting up Franciscan missions in East Texas.

While in East Texas Father Margil established Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de los Nacogdoches and worked a miracle that has made him the subject for sanctification by the Vatican. Called the “Eyes of Father Margil,” the miracle occurred during a terrible summer drought in 1718, when the Indians’ crops failed and the LaNana and Banita creeks dried up. According to the legend, Father Margil spent a night in solemn prayer for his people, and had a vision. Following this vision, on the next morning he proceeded to a high bank in a bend of LaNana Creek. Here he knelt and prayed. Then he struck his staff against the rock bank, and two springs of life-saving water began to flow. The people were spared, and the springs became known as Los Ojos de Padre Margil, The Eyes of Father Margil that still flow from a high bank above a U-shaped, ox-bow lake that was once the channel of LaNana Creek. For this, Fr. Margil is being considered for sainthood canonization by the Vatican.

However, illness at San Juan Bautista prevented his arrival in East Texas until after the founding of the first four missions. He did not arrive there until July 1716. In 1717 Margil supervised the founding of Nuestra Señora de los Dolores and San Miguel de los Adaes, which with the previously established Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe completed the missions under the control of the Zacatecan Franciscans. During the “Chicken War” of 1719, the six missions and a presidio in East Texas were all abandoned, and the entire Spanish population withdrew to San Antonio. In February of the following year Margil founded at San Antonio the most successful of all Texas missions, San José y San Miguel de Aguayo.

In 1722 he was recalled to Mexico to serve again as guardián of the college he had founded. At the conclusion of his three-year term (1722–25), Margil resumed missionary work in Mexico. He died in Mexico City at the church of San Francisco on August 6, 1726. Arguably the most famous missionary to serve in Texas, Antonio Margil de Jesús remains under consideration for sainthood by the Vatican. His career in Texas was brief but served as an inspiration to his Zacatecan brethren, who assumed control of all Texas missions in 1773.

MAKEOVER

Dee Bishop with Merle Norman, is the make-up artist for the ladies. Cosmetic dentist, Dr. Brent Stephens now transforms the looks of the makeover winners. Clay Bostian with Creative Photography has been the professional photographer of the group, and Shelley Brophy has added her delicious food for the reveal celebrations. What began as a few people giving of their time, expertise and money has grown into changing the lives of more than ten ladies and touching hundreds of people in the Nacogdoches area. In the words of Rene White, the first recipient, “I am so thankful that God placed people like that around us. It is amazing to know that they wanted to unselfishly use their time and talent to help others, especially to do something for someone like me. They didn’t have to do it. I am just lucky by being chosen.” Rene is still so appreciative of each member of the Dream Team. “They changed everything for me. It was wonderful to be able to show on the outside what I felt on the inside, but was unable to do on my own.”

Cheryll’s REVEAL party was held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday night, February 25 at The Jones House, downtown Nacogdoches. A crowd of about 75 people attended including friends and family of Cheryll who were so proud and happy for her. Cheryll made a dramatic entrance as she descended the lovely antique staircase to the delight of everyone, especially her husband. The “Dream Team” was introduced, and each member talked about the changes that they were able to make. Cheryll thanked everyone and posed for pictures with everyone in attendance.

Previous recipients of the “Change Your Life” Piney Woods Makeover are: Rene White, Terri Thompson-Saylor, Lynn Thorne, Candice Barr, Lynde Chunn, Nelda Frederick, Tiffany Saylor, Sheila Burch and Jean Campbell.



Pictured left to right: Dr. Brent Stephens, Dr. Tim Young, Dr. Jon Caster, Mrs. Cheryll Moore-Makeover, Dr. Robert Lehmann and Joe McCracken, LPC.



Pictured left to right: Joe McCracken, LPC, Shelley Brophy, Dee Bishop, Carla Redfield, Dr. Jon Caster and son Jagger, Dr. Tim Young, Dr. Robert Lehmann and Dr. Brent Stephens.

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“Where’s the Fire?”

“The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.” (Romans 8:26, NIV).

Bill Yates is a pastor in North Carolina. His father was the Chief of Police in a small town. It was the job of the policeman on duty to answer the telephone at the fire station, and then, blow the whistle to send all of the volunteers running.

One day, just as he had come on duty, the telephone rang. He picked up the phone and said, “Fire Department.”

A woman, on the other end of the line, frantically said, “Send the fire truck!” Then, the caller immediately slammed the phone down!

He stood there stunned, not knowing what to do. But in a few minutes, the phone rang again. Quickly, he picked it up and said, “Fire Department.”

Again the woman said, “Where’s the fire truck? Send the fire truck now!” Then she immediately hung up again.

Realizing that someone’s house was possibly at stake, he ran outside and scanned the sky for smoke, so that he could send the fire trucks in that direction. While outside, he also came up with a plan to keep the lady from hanging up if she called back.

Soon the phone rang and he ran inside. This time, he picked up the phone and immediately asked, “Where’s the fire?”

The lady yelled, “It’s in the kitchen!” And then, hung up again!

Like the desperate woman in the fire, we are often in a panic ourselves! We need answers; we need help; we need things for which we do not even really know how to ask. Left alone, our prayers are about as sensible as that woman’s call. We are not sure what to say, so the details come out jumbled, our feelings overwhelm us, and all we do is say, “Oh Lord, send help!”

The Holy Spirit takes over from there. The Holy Spirit, during our times of utter panic, is praying precisely for what we need.

A LITTLE HUMOR: Two little brothers knelt for their usual bedtime prayers. Johnny prayed first, finishing this way, “Amen. Good evening, Lord. Now stay tuned for Jimmy.”

Copies of Dr. Reed’s devotional books, *Reed All About It! Daily News From the Good News*, are available from First Baptist Church, Nacogdoches, Texas or Amazon.com.



Finishing Touches

Cathy J. Marberry – Interior Designer, Johnson Furniture

As we are approaching the Spring season the term of “Spring Cleaning” comes to mind. In the world of design...my clients sometimes refer to that as “fluffing” ... or just sprucing up what we have. After we’ve spent a lot of time in our homes after a cold or wet season, we just want to change things around for a fresh new look. Accessorizing is a great way to do that. Whether that’s taking the things you have and move them around, or just start over with a new and different look.

I have always considered a room’s accessories to be like accessorizing your wardrobe. You’ve started with that basic black dress and now you can dress it up or dress it down with your jewelry and selection of shoes. Same concept with a man’s suit. What selection of tie will compliment it best? As the wardrobe accessories not only tie it together, it’s what brings out your personality in that outfit. The same principle applies to the rooms in your home.

For home accessorizing, there are some basic design tools that will help in accomplishing a great overall look. A good rule of thumb is accessorizing in groups of 3’s. While that is not a hard and fast rule, when you do put a variety of items together in a display, they need to have something in common. Otherwise they may just look like clutter instead of a completed finished look. Balance is also very important. Some people like symmetry (exactly the same pieces across from each other) but balance can certainly be different pieces that just give the symmetry illusion by just “balancing” the space. An example of this might be a tall lamp on one side of the buffet, and then a group of candlesticks on the other side that give height and width which in turn balances both sides without being exactly the same.

If you choose to do the groups of 3 concept, selecting a variety of sizes and shapes as well as adding height in the mix will typically give you a great visual compliment to your room. If function is needed in the mix, for example, a light source, then starting with a lamp will help you on your height or your starting shape.

Remember that elevating some items with books or a box, is a great way to add interest and fullness to your grouping. Another great accessory tool is greenery. Don’t overdo it, but a few touches of greenery will add not only texture to the mix, but also a feel of life to your room. Try arranging your collection in a triangle shape with your tallest piece at the back and working to the front corners of that triangle with your other heights. This will create an appealing look.

Most importantly, when accessorizing, be sure and tie in color to coordinate with your furniture or bedding, etc. Your main objective should be to compliment the overall room and pull your pieces all together for a great overall look with finishing touches!



Angela’s Monthly Recipe Appleby Sand Cafe Baked Chicken

Angela Bradford is the owner/operator of Appleby Sand Mercantile Cafe’ in Nacogdoches.

Ingredients:

- 1 whole cut up chicken
- 1 cup of Ketchup
- ¼ cup of sugar
- ¼ cup of vinegar
- 1 sliced bell pepper
- 1 sliced yellow onion
- salt and pepper
- ¼ cup of Tabasco (optional)

Directions: Pre heat oven to 450 degrees.

First salt and pepper chicken, then lay it into a 13 by 9 baking dish. In a mixing bowl mix vinegar, sugar and ketchup together. Add in the Tabasco if you want some spice. Pour the mixture over the chicken and with your hands move the chicken around until each piece is coated with the sauce. Lay the bell pepper and onion over the top of the chicken and cover with foil. Bake at 450 for 45 minutes and then remove foil and bake for 15 more minutes to brown the top of the chicken. Chicken temperature should be 165 degrees when fully cooked. Oven temperatures will vary so be sure to check the thickest piece of dark meat for 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

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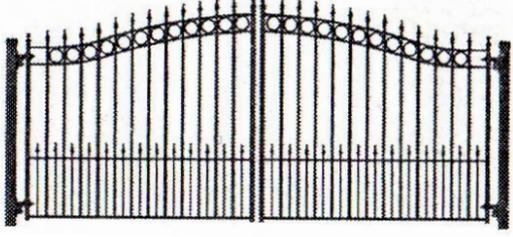
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