

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Allen Bendy

Smith, Bendy exchange vows

Gretchen Dean Smith and Kevin Allen Bendy were united in marriage on Saturday, August 14, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the garden of the bride's parents' historical home in Buda.

The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. David Edgar of Boerne First United Methodist Church under an arbor decorated with magnolia leaves, ferns, white lilies and an urn filled with ivory roses.

The wedding guests were each given Chinese fans.

A reception and buffet dinner followed thereafter among the beautiful oak trees decorated with white lights and Japanese lanterns.

The buffet dinner was catered and served by Wade Schindler of Party Thymes Catering Service.

Harpist Delaine Fedson provided music before and during the ceremony.

On the eve of the wedding, a rehearsal dinner was given by the groom's parents at the Lion's Municipal Golf Course Club House in Austin with Texican Café catering.

The bride is the daughter of Pam and Mark Smith of Buda. She is the granddaughter of Betty Jane and Raymond Pinegray of Wimberly and Ed and Rose Smith of Weymouth, Massachusetts, and the late Betty Smith.

The groom is the son of Sandy and Don Bendy of Eagle Lake. He is the grandson of Ralph Truly of Eagle Lake and the late Estrella Truly and Marguerite and Allen Bendy of Teague.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a formal floor length gown of ivory chiffon with an Empire waist and spaghetti straps. The bodice was embellished with pearls. She carried a hand tied nosegay bouquet of ivory, pale pink, and fuchsia roses.

Susan Schnabel, a childhood friend of the bride, and Shelly Smith, sister-in-law of the bride, served as witnesses for the bride.

Elizabeth McLellan, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl.

The witnesses wore tea length sleeveless oatmeal linen gowns with Empire waist and embroidery of periwinkle blue flowers on the bodice. They carried hand-tied nosegay bouquets of pale pink and fuchsia roses.

The flower girl wore a sleeveless tea length dress of sage green and periwinkle blue organza. She carried a basket of pink rose petals.

Keith Bendy, brother of the groom, and Paul Marsalia, childhood friend of the groom, served as witnesses for the groom.

Jeremy Smith, brother of the bride,

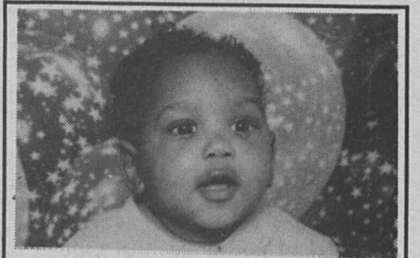
and Glen Cheney, cousin of the bride, served as ushers.

The groom wore a khaki linen suit and the witnesses wore khaki slacks with smoke grey linen long sleeve shirts.

Gretchen is a 1993 graduate of Jack C. Hays High School in Buda and has attended Southwest Texas State University.

Kevin is a 1989 graduate of Rice High School and 1993 graduate of Southwest Texas State University with a B.A. in Mass Communications. He is employed by Pulte Homes Corporation in Austin.

Following a honeymoon to Jamaica, the couple now reside in Austin.



Happy 1st Birthday Dontavious Johnson

D.J., today's your Birthday and we, your family, would like to say, "Happy Birthday." You have brought us more happiness and joy. You are our very special grandchild and we love you.

Love Always,
Grandma Katie &
Grandpa Roy Sr.

Living Hope presents children's awards

On Oct. 3, Living Hope Church presented awards to its boys' and girls' Sunday School classes for success in a year-long Bible memorization program.

Seven children completed the program and were awarded certificates for their participation and a trophy for finishing the program. Those

who received trophies were Kathryn Ellis of Orchard and Sterling Fling, Eddie Losoya, Cleve Scott, Robert Scott, John Supak and Angela Yanez of Eagle Lake.

To successfully complete the program, the children had to memorize and recite nine blocks of Scripture. They were required to say the 36

Books of the Bible in order, The Lord's Prayer, Psalm 23, John 3:16 and The Beatitudes. Other memory requirements included reciting the Ten Commandments, the names of the Twelve Apostles, the Fruit of the Spirit and the Great Commission.

Other children who faithfully participated in the memory program and received certificates of recognition for their efforts were Aaron Yanez, Jessica Yanez, Alyssa Ellis, Garreth Casper, Josiah Fling, Hannah Ruiz, Kevin Ruiz, Louie Ruiz and Nathan Ruiz.

The Bible Memory program was (See Awards, Page 10)

Marsalia reunion held Oct. 10

The Sixth Annual Marsalia Reunion was held Sunday, Oct. 10, in Mentz.

Attendees from Eagle Lake were: Wayne & Thelma Marsalia, Bill & Shirley Wilkerson, Glenda & Willie Moore, Lydia Simpson, Terri, Nilia Rae and Bart Henry, Neal Marsalia, Gretchen Marsalia, Myra Ruiz and Sierra Ruiz, Paul, Sharon and Camerona Marsalia, Wanda Henry and Ray

Cranek; Also, from Alleyton: Gene and Mary Lou Spalek; Columbus: Kevin Spalek, Bryan and Tonya Spalek; Austin: Jeanie and Jean Marsalia; Needville: Brian & Shanona Nesvada; Texas City: James & Boots Jewell; Santa Fe: Lloyd Jewell; Angleton: Dennis & Francis Jewell; San Antonio: Tara & Taylor; and, from Venetia: Dee & Sonny Marsalia.

Venable to speak at TACC Oct. 19 meeting

The Taxpayers' Association of Colorado County (TACC) is very pleased to announce that Mrs. Peggy Venable, Director of the Texas Citizens for a Sound Economy, will be guest speaker for its Oct. meeting. The Texas organization is a subsidiary of the national organization of Citizens for a Sound Economy based in Washington, D.C. The national organization boast 250,000 members.

Venable actually opened the Texas office of Citizens for a Sound Economy in 1993, and helped that organization grow its membership to its current 25,000 grassroots citizen activities. The organization promotes market based solutions to public policy issues.

Venable also serves as Director of Texas Citizens for a Sound Economy Foundation, a research and education public policy group that focuses on tax and budget, regulatory affairs and trade issues. She has worked in public

policy and the political arena for 25 years with more than 10 years of experience in Washington, D.C.

Venable has written over 100 pieces that have appeared in leading newspapers, including *The Wall Street Journal*, and is frequently heard on talk radio.

She travels extensively across the state speaking to civic groups. Her focus is that government taxes, spends and regulates too much! She has been a leader in advocating the scrapping of the current federal tax code and replacing it with a simplified Flat Tax.

A native of Texas, Venable is married and has one daughter.

The TACC meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 19, at the Nesbitt Memorial Library on Washington Street in Columbus, beginning promptly at 7 p.m.

All citizens are invited to attend. For more information, call Dittman Harrison at 409-732-3660 or Bob Raborn at 732-6483.

GAP offers incentives to students

Garwood Association of Parents (GAP) has begun a new program for the students at Garwood School.

At the end of each six weeks period, the GAP will give each teacher a Wal-Mart Gift Certificate card to award to the student of the teachers' choice.

The cards may be awarded for such things as working hard, good behavior and manners or completing the work assigned on time.

The winners for the first six weeks are eighth grade, Kristi Johnson and Mark Hernandez; seventh grade, Lupe Saenz and Julie Meisner; sixth grade, Bridget Kaiser and Kali Hamermiller; fifth grade, Mark Guthrie; fourth grade, Kourtney Korenek; third grade, Trent Popp; second grade, Carley Glover and Kristyna Lobpries; first grade, Michelle Smidovec and Ashley Dromgoole and kindergarten, Tina Till.

The students and staff at Garwood School want to thank GAP for this extra-added incentive to help the school become even a greater place to receive an education.

Reclaim your money!

Texas State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander will publish her annual Unclaimed Property List on Sunday, Oct. 17.

The public should call 1-800-654-3463 to inquire about unclaimed money, or use the Comptroller's Window on State Government Internet site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us> to search for their name and begin the claims process electronically.

Over the past year, the state has returned over \$42 million in unclaimed property to its rightful owners. If you find your name, or if you've found it in past years and never followed up, give them a call, drop them a line, or send them an e-mail: unclaimed.property@cpa.state.tx.us.

The Unclaimed Property List publication contains only the names of unclaimed property owners who have been reported to the state within the last year, and only the names of people who have at least \$50 or more coming to them.

Names from this area are: Columbus: Allam Inc., Juliet Appelt, Charles Boone, Lenore M. Carpo, Ivory W. Collins, Columbus Eye Associates, Audrey Ann Derr, Tim Fitzgerald, Camille Galvan, Robert Hastedt, Andrea Jones, Howard E. Otto, Pearl Parish, Freddy Pelts, William B. Seay, Emaola Subbs, Wilmer Sueber, Michelle Subberry;

Eagle Lake: Phillip Dan Canaris, Kimberly Corman, Terry Cunningham, Ninfa Garcia, Irsela Gonzales,

Eugene L. Guyon, Caladearl Hayes, Lakeshia Jackson, Nancy Dangler Lange, Jesus Lede, Jesus Ledezma, Sam Meitzen, Rosendo Munoz, Gwen Paschall, Lanette D. Powers, Lanny D. Powers, Patrick D. Powers, Erlinda Salinas, Dan Taylor, The Diplomat;

East Bernard: Kenneth Bohacek, Emma Dickerson, Tish Janis, Daniel Karasek, Janet King, Rose Luco, Dwayne E. Matthews, Stanley J. Michulka, Leslie Rosilez, Melvin Ray Sands, Tina Searles, Tanya Sulak,

John D. Sutherland, Robert L. Tondre, Michael A. Trombley, Raymond J. Valigura, Andrew Wicke;

Garwood: Lester Bunge, W.R. Frnka, George Williams; Nada: Lena Balusek; Rock Island: Herman H. Hatten, Hatten Oil Co.; and Sheridan: Dalaine Pittman.

Note: Be sure to check the entire publication in Sunday's daily paper or on the Web even if your name does not appear in the above list.

LIBRARY LINES

The Eula and David Wintermann Library has five new Baker & Taylor books ready for you to check out: *Hard Time* by Sara Paretsky, *Hearts in Atlantis* by Stephen King, Sandra Brown's *Alibi*, Iris Johansen's *Killing Game* and *Wild Child* by Mary Jo Putney.

Two new "Chicken Soup" books have also been added to the library: *Chicken Soup for the Couple's Soul* and *Chicken Soup for the College Soul*.

Several new books for the younger children include *Whoop's Haunting the Teeny Tiny Ghost*, *The Witch Who Was Afraid of Witches*, *Sapo yel Ancho Mundo*, *Los Huevos de Dora*, *The Teeny Tiny Mouse* and several more.

The older children were not forgotten. Marilyn Sachs' *Surprise Party*,

Zooman Sam by Lois Lowry, *I Spy Treasure Hunt: A Book of Riddles*, *Quinceanera Celebrando los Quince* by Elizabeth King, and for Halloween *Gator Halloween*.

For the month of Sept., a total of 113 new books have been added for your reading pleasure. When you support the Study Club's auction on Saturday, Oct. 23, you are insuring the continuation of the Eula and David Wintermann Library.

For those who would like to learn to read Spanish or English, the library has books that have the text in both, side by side.

For those who would like to learn to speak Spanish or English, the library has audio tapes in both.

Para los que quieren aprender a leer Espanol o Ingles la biblioteca tiene el texto en ambos.



Happy 3rd Birthday Holly Rae Ridley

From Your Grandparents,
Hollis & Katherine Smith

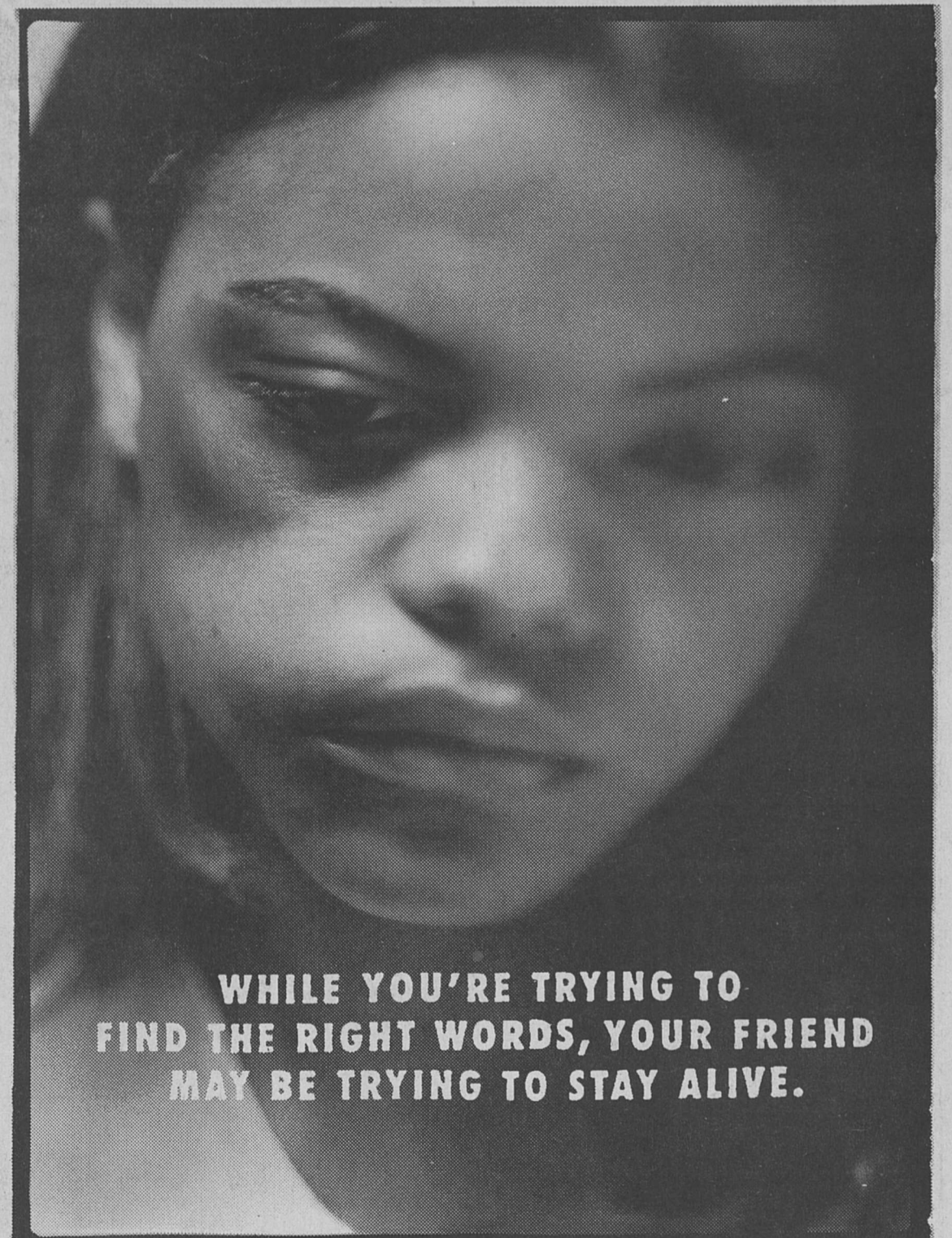
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Family Violence Prevention Fund