



Mr. and Mrs. James Vencil Vasek Jr.

## Burrow, Vasek unite in marriage at St. Mary's

Miss Rebecca Anne Burrow and Mr. James Vencil Vasek Jr. were united in marriage at two o'clock in the afternoon Saturday, June 23, 2001 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada, Texas.

The double-ring ceremony was officiated by Father Joseph Koebel with scripture readings by Calvin Sommer, uncle of the bride.

Patrick Kubala, uncle of the groom, served as Eucharist minister while altar servers were Luke Shimek and Layton Cook.

Linda Cook, godmother and aunt of the bride, and David Sommer, godfather and uncle of the bride, delivered offertory gifts.

Organist Kevin Shimek provided music for the ceremony with vocals by Cynthia Sunderman and Chris Burrow, brother of the bride.

Witnesses were Amanda Burrow, sister of the bride, and Shea Sitka, friend of the groom.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Burrow and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sommer Sr., all of Eagle Lake.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Vasek Sr. and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Koehne Jr., all of Wharton.

Given in marriage and escorted by her father, the bride wore a simple but elegant strapless gown.

The gown featured a dropped waist and semi-cathedral length train.

The bodice was embroidered with raised flowers and embellished with beads and pearls.

The back of the gown had covered buttons the length of the dress, accented with clusters of raised roses, embroidery, beads and pearls.

The matching veil featured the characteristic raised roses, embroidery and beadwork, with a satin ribbon edge.

Rebecca carried a sixpence in her shoe for good luck. Her mother's garter served as something old, a blue garter as something blue, and a borrowed anklet from lifetime friend Jackie Schmitt rounded out the list.

She carried a hand-tied bouquet of white Virginia roses with a sheer white ribbon.

Amanda Burrow, sister of the bride, served as Maid of Honor.

Bridesmaids were Tanya Burrow of Eagle Lake, sister-in-law of the bride; Christy Vasek of Wharton, sister of the groom; Donna Cunningham of Wharton, sister-in-law of the groom; Angela Ward of Bentonville, Arkansas, college roommate of the bride; and Jackie Schmitt of Eagle Lake, Rachel Matthys of Austin, Jill Sataky of Houston and Sarah Matthews of Fort Worth, friends of the bride.

Bridesmaids wore ice blue A-line dresses made of cotton satin and carried hand-tied bouquets of yellow tulips held together with sheer ice blue

ribbon.

Serving as flowergirl was Faith Cunningham, niece of the groom. She carried a white wicker basket filled with miniature white roses.

Shea Sitka of Wharton, friend of the groom, was the Best man.

Groomsmen were Scott Cunningham of Wharton, brother of the groom; Chris Burrow and Jonathan Burrow of Eagle Lake, brothers of the bride; and Robert Svatek of Galveston, Jeremy Hyde and Travis Hundt of College Station, Nathan Harris of Austin and Clint Barbee of Wharton, friends of the groom.

Ring bearer was McKay Chamberlain of Wharton, friend of the bride.

Ushers for the ceremony were Jordan Kubala of El Campo and Beau Matthews of Tucson, Arizona, cousins of the groom.

Members of the house party included Becky Chamberlain and Debbie Schmitt of Eagle Lake, friends of the couple; Linda Cook of Allen and Susie Sommer of Sugar Land, aunts of the bride; Becky Kubala of El Campo and Denise Palinek of Rock Springs, Wyoming, aunts of the groom; Amy Sommer of Sugar Land, Judy and Lisa Cook of Allen and Lindsey Sommer of Eagle Lake, cousins of the bride; and Haley Kubala of El Campo and Jennifer Pope of Rock Springs, Wyoming, cousins of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a recep-

tion, dinner and dance was held at the Wharton Civic Center in Wharton.

The foyer displayed the bridal portrait as well as other photographs of the couple through the years.

The round tables were decorated with glass bowls atop square mirrors holding white candles. Greenery with small yellow flowers encircled the bowls.

The head tables were decorated with silver candelabras displaying slender white floating candles entwined with greenery. Ivy garland extended the length of the tables.

The bride's six-layer round white cake was decorated with 100 yellow roses. The groom's two-layer round cake was chocolate decorated with a script V and strawberries.

The dance began after a Grand March led by Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Till of Garwood. Music was provided by DJ Chris Burrow.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Rice High School and a 2001 graduate of Texas A&M University. She is employed as a teacher/coach at Clear Brook High School with the Clear Creek ISD.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Wharton High School and a 2000 graduate of Texas A&M University. He is currently attending medical school at UTMB in Galveston.

Following a seven-day Caribbean cruise honeymoon to Jamaica, the Cayman Islands and Cozumel, the couple resides in Galveston.

## Fan mail for the troops

Individuals and families all across the nation, in schools and churches, with campus groups, youth organizations, veterans groups and auxiliaries, and many other kinds of groups (including on military bases) are already writing fan mail to our troops at home and abroad for the Christmas 2001 Military Mail campaign.

"From the bottom of our hearts we would like to thank you for thinking of us during the Holidays..." wrote one U.S. Marine unit.

Mail from all over the nation is sent to Friends of Our Troops headquarters, where it is thoroughly mixed.

It's then made up into well over 1,000 packages of mail to be sent out, ranging in size from just a handful for small units up to several thousand for an entire base or one of the navy's large ships.

"This helps to get an appropriate amount of fan mail to all those places," said G.B. Wiser, executive director.

As the continuation of the Vietnam mail call program established in 1965, there have now been 35 years of service to and support of our military folks.

A visual overview of how the campaign functions has been posted in the on-line photo album, <http://www.troopfmail.net/album.htm>.

In addition, there are special schools, colleges, churches, veterans groups, youth groups, Catholic and

military pages.

Special thanks to those around the nation who were the top participants in the most recent campaign:

**Organization:** American Legion Auxiliary Commodore Denig Unit 83 of Sandusky, Ohio;

**Individual:** Esther L. Peters, Sandusky, Ohio;

**Church:** Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel of Loretto, Pennsylvania;

**Military:** NCO Wives Club of Fort Bliss, Texas;

**College/University:** West Virginia Northern Community College of Wheeling, W. Virginia;

**High School:** Pine Grove Area High School JROTC of Pine Grove, Pennsylvania; **Junior High/Middle School:** St. Marys School of St. Marys, Georgia; and, **Elementary School:** Memorial Elementary School of Milford, Massachusetts.

To learn how to help boost morale by writing fan mail for U.S. troops all across the U.S. and around the world, send your name and address to Friends of Our Troops, P.O. Box 65408, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28306. (And mention where you read about this campaign). Thank you!

## Bill

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commodity groups and farm organizations had called for in the next farm bill.

The House narrowly defeated an amendment that would have diverted crop support away from farmers and to conservation programs, a move that caused Combest to threaten pulling the bill before a final vote.

"This farm bill already contains an 80% increase in conservation programs," Patman said. "The final bill correctly focuses adequate resources on agricultural producers, who are in a fight for survival."

Patman urged the U.S. Senate to act quickly on the farm bill, along the lines of the action taken by the House.

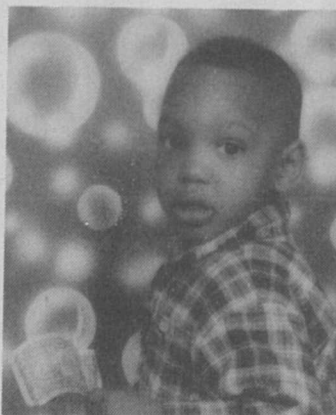
"The House passed a balanced bill that addressed the problems we face in American agriculture," Patman said.



Dianne and Eliot Tucker are donating a lazy afternoon at the newly decorated I.V. Duncan ranch/home. Also included is a fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings.

Headlight Photos by Carol Nelson

## Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Dontavius E. Johnson



D.J. celebrated with a birthday party at Chuckie Cheese in Stafford Saturday. D.J., we all love you very much. Sending you hugs and kisses.

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## Tours

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with native coastal prairie habitat.

Unfortunately, the refuge's self-guided auto tour route may still be closed for repairs until the last week of Oct.

Videos of prairie-chicken recovery efforts are available to view at the refuge's visitor center which is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The refuge is open daily, sunrise to sunset. There is no entrance fee, so grab your binoculars and bird or nature books and head out to your local national wildlife refuge to help celebrate NWRW.

The refuge is located off FM 3013 between Sealy and Eagle Lake. Those interested in learning more about these tours or to make a reservation should contact the APC NWR at 979-234-3021, ext. 13.

## Grant

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ties of fewer than 10,000 residents. Public bodies, corporations operated on a nonprofit basis and Indian tribes which are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms are eligible for assistance.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the USDA Local Service Center in Bastrop at 512-321-3428 ext. 4.

## Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Derrick Jermaine Shavon McAfee

Oct. 18, 2001

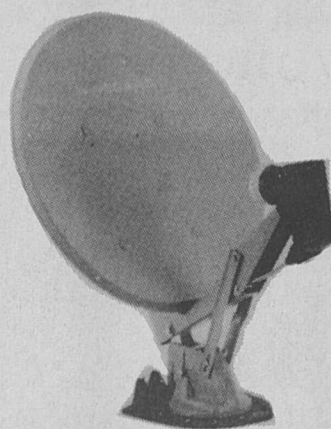
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