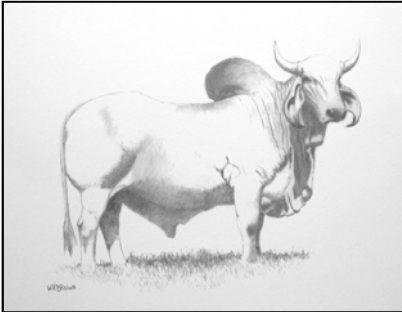




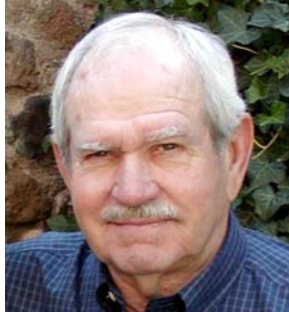
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Life in the Big Bend Episcopal Mission – June 2004

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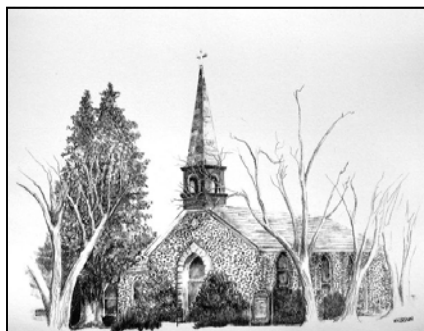
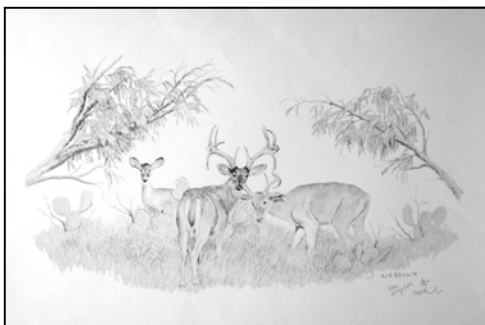
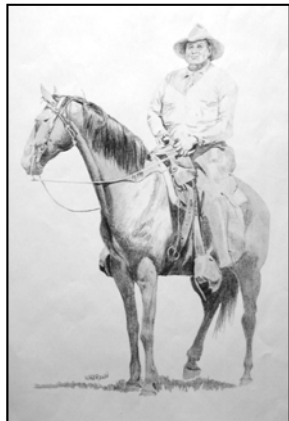


Bill Brown retired from a private veterinary practice before moving to Marfa with his wife Libi Rhodes. In a second career with the Texas Animal Health Commission, Bill spent five years in Mexico evaluating T.B.



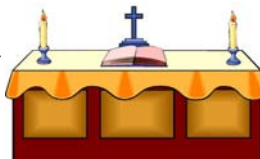
eradication programs in 21 Mexican states. Currently he is working in a "retirement" job as U.S.D.A. Port Veterinarian in Ojinaga, Chihuahua inspecting cattle for import into the United States.

Many of us know Bill Brown as a friendly face at St. Paul's on Sunday morning, but we have not had the opportunity to learn about his 25-year avocation of drawing and painting. He likes to do pencil drawing, oils, water color, and pen and ink. He claims to have only a "middling" knowledge of all of these and says his training has been by "trial and error." With Libi's encouragement, Bill has done some saleable work. He says it would be fun to do his art work full time, but wonders if he should quit is day job. Bill has completed a drawing of St. Paul's Church and is working on one of St. James'. Prints will be available.



## Altar Guild Help Needed at St. James'

The St. James' Altar Guild is looking for new members to help prepare the altar for worship and maintain the items used in the Holy Eucharist. Each person who serves performs the duties for one month in rotation with other members. Training is available. With an additional two members, each member would only serve for one month out of each five. Altar Guild is a less visible but highly important ministry in the Church. If you are interested in becoming an altar "elf," as they are affectionately called, please express your interest to the vicar, to Bonnie McNamara, or to Elaine. Also, if anyone would like to provide flowers for the altar at any time, please let Thelma Hoyle know.



## Winner of Youth Club Land Raffle

A drawing for the five acres of raffled land was held at the last board meeting of the South Brewster County Community Development Corp. The winner is Nora Seymour of Austin. She is delighted to have 5 acres of "heaven." Proceeds of the raffle benefit the Big Bend Youth Club. Many thanks to all who participated.

## Nominations Open for Bishop Coajudor



The Episcopal Discernment Committee and the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Rio Grande are accepting nominations for Bishop Coajudor. Anyone who wishes to suggest a candidate for nomination may do so by obtaining permission from the nominee and by submitting a nomination form.

Persons making nominations are asked to provide information about their relationship with the nominee and a statement explaining what it is about the nominee that commends him or her for this particular ministry.

Nomination forms and the Diocesan Profile are available at the Diocesan web site at <http://riogrande.anglican.org> or may be obtained from the vicar. An election progress report from Standing Committee chair, The Rev. Canon Brian Hobden, is also available.

## Deadline for Nominations is June 15, 2004

For answers to your nomination and election questions, contact Jack Probst at 432-837-7153 or contact the vicar.

**A father is a man who carries pictures in his wallet where his money used to be.**

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## ESL Dinner Planned

The English as a Second Language class that meets at St. Paul's is invited to a dinner in their honor at St. Paul's on Thursday, June 10th at 7pm. All members of the Big Bend Mission are welcome to attend. Libi Rhodes continues to teach and coordinate a group of volunteers in this important ministry. Contact her at 432-729-3792 for further information.

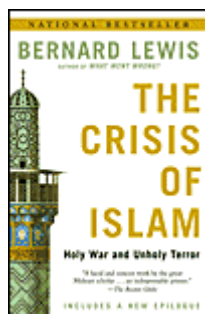
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**"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went."**

-Will Rogers

## Study Group Starts New Book



The study group in Marfa will be reading *The Crisis of Islam* by respected Islamic scholar Bernard Lewis during the summer months. The book

ranges widely through 13 centuries of history, but in particular it charts the events of the 20th century leading up to the violent confrontations of today. Anyone may participate in the group. (Some group members participate by email.) A number of books have been ordered. If you would like a book, please contact the vicar.

## Aric Bostic Fires Up Students at the Terlingua School



Thanks to support from the Big Bend Mission and others in the community, the Big Bend Youth Club was able to bring motivational speaker Aric Bostic to the Terlingua School. Based in San Antonio, Aric is a former teacher turned motivator who specializes in leadership and success training for teens. On Friday, April 30th, he spoke for an hour and a half each to groups of middle school and high school students, including some who drove over from Presidio for the occasion.



Aric Bostic with Big Bend Youth Club Director, Beth Garcia

Aric's message is one of energy and hope. He convinces his audiences to take charge of their lives, set goals, and stop complaining that other people are responsible for their problems. In addition to speaking to teenagers all over the state, he conducts his own leadership camp called The Camp of Champs. Eight students from the Terlingua School are currently raising money to enable them to attend the camp this summer. For more information on Aric Bostic visit his web site at [www.aricbostic.com](http://www.aricbostic.com).

**Last Month's Question:** Why is the Church described as catholic?

**Answer:** The Church is catholic because it proclaims the whole Faith to all people, to the end of time.

**This Month's Question:** Why is the Church called apostolic?

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## Don't Forget to Visit the Big Bend Mission Web Site

The Big Bend Mission web site at [www.bigbendepiscopalmission.org](http://www.bigbendepiscopalmission.org) gives you access to past issues of *The Circuit Rider*, a photo directory of Big Bend Mission members and friends, and much more. Suggestions welcome.

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## One Million at Risk of Dying in Sudan

As many of you know, the Big Bend Mission has established a link with the Diocese of Lui in Sudan. News from Sudan is not good. One million people have been displaced from their homes and villages by violent militias operating in the Darfur region of northwestern Sudan. As the crisis escalates, immediate emergency assistance is needed to prevent what the United Nations is calling one of the worst humanitarian emergencies in the world today. Tragically, innocent women and children are the most vulnerable. They are suffering the loss of their possessions, food supplies, and human dignity as the militias ravage and destroy their villages.

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) is in close contact with the Most Rev. Dr. Joseph B. H. Marona, Archbishop of Sudan. He told us, "Many have been slaughtered. Hundreds of villages in Darfur have been burned and water sources destroyed. The Episcopal Church of Sudan has a duty to respond to this humanitarian catastrophe." After determining the most critical needs in Darfur, an ERD-funded relief team will concentrate on providing lifesaving food supplies including: sorghum, groundnuts, beans, vegetable oil, okra, onions, eating utensils, wash basins and soap. Long-term agricultural assistance will help Darfur's displaced rebuild their lives and support themselves.



You can help today. Please send the most generous gift you can to help provide lifesaving food supplies to suffering children and families. Your partnership is critical to saving vulnerable lives in the midst of this quickly escalating crisis. Here's how your gifts will help: \$35 will provide lifesaving food supplies for 20 people; \$70 will provide lifesaving food supplies for 40 people; \$135 will provide lifesaving food supplies for 80 people. Please pray for Sudan, and give what you can today to save innocent lives. Innocent women and children are among the most vulnerable in Sudan. They have lost everything and are struggling to find enough food to survive. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Episcopal Relief and Development/Sudan Relief Fund. MAIL TO: P.O. Box 12043, Newark, NJ 07101-5043. To make a credit card donation, please call 1.800.334.7626, Ext. 5129 or visit [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org). Thank you for all you do. If funds for this project are oversubscribed, ERD will use these funds for similar lifesaving projects.



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