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BRIEFS at Fort Worth

Ballew, a 4-H member from Brackettville, exhibited the first place light-weight fine-wool cross lamb in the Junior Wether Lamb Show at the 2003 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show.

The junior division of the 107th annual stock show this year hosted over 9,200 entries tered from April 1 to July 1. by youth of Texas as the culmination of yearlong agricultural educational projects in various areas of livestock production. Junior premiums exceeded \$86,340.

Petrosky named to Provost's List

SEGUIN - Brackettville resident Amanda Petrosky was among those named to the Provost's List at Texas Lutheran University for spring 2002.

The Provost's List honors students who earned a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade-point average with a minimum of 12 graded hours in the past semester.

Petrosky is a theatre student at Texas Lutheran University. **Lions Club hosts** March fundraiser

The Lions Stride For Sight Fundraiser, held annually during March, seeks funds to help equip and finish out the Lions Low Vision Center of Texas.

This facility will be located in the Allied Health Science Building of the UTHSC/SA on Floyd Curl in San Antonio. The opening date is scheduled for May 5. The center will be open to all Texas residents having low vision problems for consultation, evaluation and training at no cost.

The official date selected this year for the Fundraiser is March 15. Clubs will pick individual dates for their fundraiser.

Ballew takes win Ag community seeks relief FORT WORTH - Beth Water board may extend April 1 deadline for registration fees

It looks like the agriculture district's acting general mancommunity will get some relief ager, will answer questions con- answering questions for us," said from the Groundwater Conser- cerning well permit applications Jennifer McDaniel, whose fam- community asked the board special meeting. We will do it vation District. The water board voted Tues- District Courtroom at the Coun-

day to extend the deadline for ty Courthouse. citizens to have their wells me-

Citizens must register their Edwards Aquifer Authority, was rently due on April 1. The fees with the district's attorney, Brian wells by April 1, with either a hired in January as a consultant are \$500 for applications for Sledge of Austin. historic use application or a with the local district. He was more than 100 acre-feet of waregular permit application.

Steven Walthour, the water ing.

Saturday morning at 8 in the ily farms in Kinney County. Tuesday to consider extending as quick as we can.'

Walthour, a permitting en-

"We never get answers from the the deadline to pay the fees. board.

forcement manager with the deadline, permit fees are cur- after discussing the legalities District would have to pay for

"We really appreciate you applicable groundwater use fees. "As soon as we get that infor-

The directors said they would In addition to the registration consider moving the deadline Fort Clark Municipal Utility

in attendance at Tuesday's meet- ter and \$200 for applications for we legally can do," said Cecil Brackett ISD will have to regisup to 100 acre-feet of water, plus Smith, chairman of the board.

Members of the agriculture mation, then we can schedule a

Sledge had previously said the city of Brackettville and the water usage, but officials are seeking clarification. The direc-"We need to find out what tors are also studying to see if ter its wells.

> Wardlaw, **McDonald** set to meet in election

Bonnie Wardlaw will be challenging incumbent City Council member Martha Ward McDonald in the May 3 election.

The two candidates are the only ones to file for the Place 1 position on the city ballot as of press-time.

Tomas Gomez is the Place 3 incumbent alderman. He has yet to file for re-election. Camilo Cruz is running for the position. Each City Council seat has a

two-year term. Mark Frerich is the only candidate to register so far for the Brackett ISD Board of Trustees election, also on May 3.

There are also two positions up for school election. Each is an at-large position. Three-year terms are expiring for trustees Rose Mary Slubar and Tim Ward.

Candidates seeking positions in either election can file an application through March 28.



Donations are acceptable and are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Cancer Support Group to meet

The Cancer Support Group will meet next Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, located on the corner of Ann and Veltman Street. A potluck dinner will be served. For more information, call Pat Sitzes at 563-9515 or Lela Cervantez at 563-2978.

Spirit League sets registration date

Del Rio Spirit League will be holding registration for Pee Wee cheer, pep and drill teams on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fort Clark Days. The registration fee is \$10 per child.

Old Quarry Society presents melodrama

Tina Meek (from left), John Hunter, Jewel Robinson, Wesley Wilson and Barbara Hunter are featured in the Old Quarry Society's production of the melodrama "Virtue is its. Own Reward" on Saturday.

Fort Clark Springs hosts festival this weekend

Organizers say the annual dance that evening with a live will be arts and crafts to enjoy Fort Clark Springs Festival on band.

March 7-8 promises to be a weekend full of activities to 5K walk and/or run at 8 a.m. Ev- from Jones Elementary School; melodrama "Virtue is its Own interest everyone from kids to eryone participating will receive historical reenactors; live music; Reward." senior citizens. a T-shirt and the money made and storytellers.

The festival begins Friday will go to development of the night at 5:30 with a Cajun catfish dinner. Tickets are \$5 Swim Park. each. There will be a street

and purchase; living history ex- Saturday with the Old Quarry Saturday will kick off with a hibits, including some students Society's production of the

Beer will be available both unless you are a season ticket children's playground at the Friday night and Saturday and holder. Soft drinks and popa large variety of food will be corn (to throw at the villian) Throughout the day, there available all day on Saturday. will be available.

The weekend will close on

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Tickets for this are \$5 each,

Early voting by personal appearance for the city election will be held at City Hall April 16-29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for Good Friday on April 18. Applications to vote early by mail will be accepted beginning March 4. Ballots must be received by April 29.

The City Council appointed Bertha Reschman as its election judge and Rosie Garcia as assistant election judge.

Early voting by personal appearance for the school board election will be held at the BISD Central Office April 16-29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Applications to vote early by mail will be accepted by the close of business on April 25.

Dixie Brown is the school's election official, Sondra Meil is the election judge and Connie Coronado is an assistant election judge

INSIDE

Shanae Simmons

I am definitely not one to talk, but over the many years of my life, I have learned that stress is just a whole lot of worrying about nothing. **Opinion/Page 2**

Taylor Stephenson

Over 600 students and faculty attended Mario Fraga's presentation of the Time Machine last Friday in Brackettville's Civic Center. **Community/Page 3**

Chuck Hall

"You're not going to believe this." I always hate it when somebody starts a conversation with those words. Usually, I don't believe it. Lifestyles/Page 4

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Rally for a Cure helps raise funds for cancer research

The Fort Clark Ladies Golf Association raised \$360 with its Rally for a Cure event, held last Thursday in conjunction with couples golf.

This is the fourth year the golfers have sponsored the event. These funds go toward research for the Dallas-based Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women ages 35-54, and the disease also accounts for more than 75 percent of all cancer deaths in women 55 and over.

The winning lady golfer was Pat Alexson, who repeated her winning form from last year. Walt Sayler won the men's division.

A total of 21 couples participated in a scramble format. Everyone whose tee shot stayed on the green was given a ball. A prize was given to the lady and the man who were closest to the pin. All women participants received a breast cancer awareness symbol pin to wear and literature about early detection, plus a full-year subscription to Golf for Women magazine.



BHS debate teams advance to state competition

Photo Special to The Brackett News

Members of the Brackett High School debate team include coach Kathy Bader (from left), Beau Watkins, Tony Rosetti, Cody Robinette, Maria Martinez, Emily Petrosky and Elliot Stone. The team competed in the district UIL debate tournament on Feb. 13 in Natalia. Martinez and Stone won the district title, while Rosetti and Watkins came in second. Both teams will advance to the state meet in Austin on March 10. Petrosky and Robinette were in a "debate off" for third place. They placed fourth on a split decision.



The Brackell Mews

OPINION

Thursday, March 6, 2003

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Importance of voting for the right people in the FCS election has no limit

Brackett News are allowing me of yet.

Stressing the importance of did that happen? your vote for the right people to the board has no limits and will only help to insure the survival of Fort Clark Springs.

The latest slam dunk from the current administration is this Devils River minnow restoration thing, which will be the end of golfing, fishing and I'm sure many other things that are enjoyed here, due only to the use Dixon and Reyna is that all imof chemicals alone.

You think we've had some bad rules dumped on us already? You just wait until Uncle Sam steps in and tells you what will be done because of this little fish. And, oh yes, we will be paying out more money for our part wrongfully accused by those, in this new scam.

in my letters about the seemingly underhanded dealing and mismanagement that have been again, The Brackett News, for done in those "nasty little secret this opportunity meetings," I might add, by the

Once again, these wonderful current administration, quesand generous people of The tions which remain unanswered. I had thought that by read-

the use of the tall soap box to ing through the propagandistic make another plea to those who sheets put out by these all powhaven't marked their ballots as erful rulers, the answers might be found, but alas, to no avail,

> All I found were more questions that needed answering. And, of course, I had to remind myself, more than once, to "dream on!"

In closing, I ask that you look past the troubles and woes, but instead, look at where the fort's future lies. Where, in my opinion, those votes cast for Brandt, portant step in the right direction needed for its survival.

I beg of you, please vote against removing Tom Saylor. He has done everything in his power to save the fort from total ruination and is now being who might be guilty of worse I have asked many questions deeds, wishing to rule us with an iron hand.

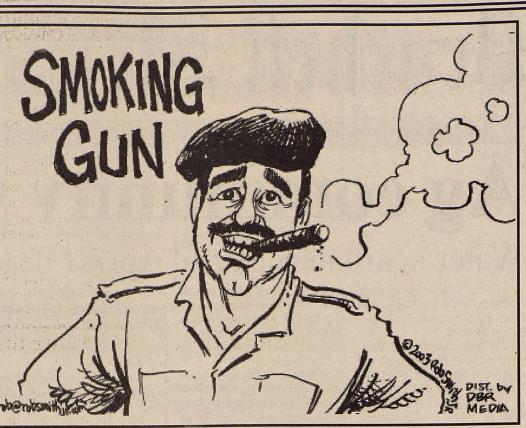
So please vote and thank you

Richard A. Card Sr.

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The glory of Texas

Last Sunday marked a special occasion for our great state. It was the anniversary of our state's independence from Mexico. On March 2, 1836, a convention of 54 men met in the small settlement of Washingtonon-the-Brazos to sign the Texas Declaration of Independence.

The Texas Declaration of Independence was produced, literally, overnight. Its urgency was paramount. While the founddocument, the Alamo in San Antonio was under siege by Santa Anna's army of Mexico. In near-freezing weather, in an unfinished building, the convention voted in the early morning hours of March 2 to unanimously accept the resolution. Ultimately, 58 members signed the document. And thus was born the Republic of Texas.

The declaration sent a sign to Mexico that Texans would no not give their lives in vain. longer live under what many of them regarded as a tyrannical ready and willing to fight for paign. It gave Sam Houston just did.

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Four days after signing the Travis and 184 brave men concluded their gruesome battle Texas Republic, still flies ing fathers of Texas prepared the against more than 5,000 Mexican troops.

The odds were against the Texas volunteers, but they were determined to stay the course and fight until the end. When the battle was over, only 15

people - mostly women and children - were spared. Familiar names like Davey Crocket, James Bowie and Juan Badillo lost their lives that fateful day. These brave souls did The casualties that the Texas

forces mounted against Mexico, rule from a distant source. It was and the time lost in reducing the an occasion for all Texans to testimony that Texans were Alamo cut short Mexico's camtheir freedom. And fight they enough time to perfect his plans for the defense of Texas and en-

abled him to win the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836. This victory spelled a final freedom for Texas.

In the saga of Texas history, there is no period as distinctive as Texas' struggle for independence. The period's heroes are remembered in the names of cities and towns, streets, plazas and public buildings. The Lone Star flag, inherited from the original proudly throughout our state.

I'd like to leave you with a quote by Sam Houston just before the Battle of San Jacinto:

"We view ourselves on the eve of battle. We are nerved for the contest, and must conquer or perish. It is vain to look for present aid: none is at hand. We must now act or abandon all hope! Rally to the standard, and be no longer the scoff of mercenary tongues! Be men, be free men, that your children may bless their father's name."

Texas Independence Day is stand proud and remember the men who stood up for their rights and fought for their freedom. God Bless Texas!



Stress is just a lot of worrying about nothing

Why worry? Why do we often find ourselves being nervous wrecks over such small issues?

I am definitely not one to talk, but over the many years of my life (15 years, 10 months and 26 days to be exact) and all my experience, I have learned that stress is just a whole lot of worrying about nothing. Everything always works out in the end.

I have learned this after much experience with school projects, plans and friendships.

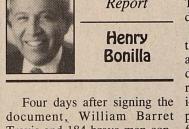
Life is like riding a really old roller coaster. You are sitting in your seat, rattling around, and you can swear you hear the whole ride falling apart beneath you. It is so bumpy, you're being jerked around, and you start rethinking whether you really should have ever ridden in the first place. Then, after much fuss, it's all over and you realize it wasn't so bad and that it was kind of fun - you may have even learned something.

That's how life is. You have these giant ordeals in your life that you don't think you can get through, and the whole world seems to be falling down all around you, but in the end your're still there, alive and everything is OK.

I have experienced this many times. Sadly, this is often the reason for my procrastination. I know that everything will work out in the end, because it always has in the past, so I don't worry about things getting done. But then as deadlines creep up on me, worry sets in, and I stress out. In the end though, it all works out once more and I didn't even know how it happened. Life is odd that way.

I think that many of us, especially those at risks of heart attacks, should just relax.

Now I am not saying for everyone to turn into lazy bums like myself. I am saying we should just pull our underpants out of a bunch and go out and experience life instead of fear-



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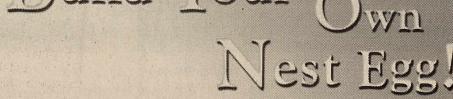
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ing it.

When we sit and worry about things, we usually miss the things that we worried we would miss. It is an endless cycle.

For example, when I was younger, I would always worry about growing up. I wanted to grow up as quick as I could, and I worried about adult problems. Then, as I grew older, I began trying to become a little kid again, because I worried I had overlooked childhood on my path towards adulthood. I was always worrying about time the past, the present, and the future. Now, I don't know where I will try and make up my teen years because I have been living life backwards.

See how complicated life is. (Don't worry I lost myself awhile back too.) I think what I was trying to say was that life is not as hard as it seems, and if we keep a chuggin' like the Little Engine That Could, we can overcome mountains.

Don't worry, be happy. Yeah, I think that was it.



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COMMUNITY

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Time Machine entertains BISD students and faculty

Over 600 students and faculty attended Mario Fraga's presentation of the Time Machine last Friday in Brackettville's Civic Center.

Fraga is a musician of the highest quality. He was able to play piano and guitar while entertaining students with a variety of compositions from G.F. Handel through some of the flowers. rock tunes of the '80s.

The school system thanks the Kinney County Arts Council for making this concert possible.

We also appreciate Kinney County for allowing students to use the Civic Center.

A huge thanks goes out to Clint Cooper, BHS vocational ag teacher, and his hard working students for moving school chairs to and from the site.

Cool Season

The sprinkles of rain continue in Brackettville. It continues to be cooler than the seasonal norms

I have seen purple verbena blooming. The rains should give Austin early next week.



us a beautiful season of wild

Also, the purple martins have arrived back in Brackettville. Our school has clay pipes that seem to make good homes for the martins.

It is nice to hear the sounds of all of the birds coming back into Kinney County. The humming birds could not be far behind.

State Debate Competition

Maria Martinez and Eliot Stone, and Tony Rosetti and Beau Watkins, and their sponsor Kathy Bader the best luck in Friday for spring break. Enjoy their performance at the state debate contests to be held in turn safely to BISD on March

BISD Athletics

Most of our junior high and high school students are involved in baseball, softball, track, tennis or golf. They are busy practicing to be the best that they can be.

is operating with lots of students every day. Improved fitness is a major goal of the state this year.

This is a very impressive program of fitness that reaches all junior high students, and a very high percentage of high school students.

BHS Band

Our band director, Jim DCamp, is working the Tiger Band hard trying to get them ready for their spring concert performance in the next month. We wish our debate teams of We're proud of the work that is going on in music classes. **Spring Break**

We will turn out at 1:15 p.m. the week, but be careful and re-17. Have a great week!

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Feb. 24

10:08 a.m., A Sentry Secusounding at a local ranch on Hernandez for unlawfully carry-Highway 674.

5:05 p.m., A man reported that a truck drove through a fence, 2 miles off of Highway 693.

11:30 p.m., A Pico employee reported that an individual was harassing her. She asked him to leave the store, and he did, but then he began harassing her on the telephone.

4:43 p.m., A man reported that his fence had been torn down at his residence on W. Second Street.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

that a door had been broken on a building on Highway 90 West by individuals driving a white Chevrolet truck.

5:31 p.m., A man reported a pickup truck was driving reckless on Highway 90 West.

10:37 p.m., An 911 caller reported a white Sunbird that Brackettville. was weaving all over the road Creek.

dondo Jr., 21, of Del Rio was rity employee reported an alarm arrested by DPS Trooper Marcos 90. ing a weapon and possession of marijuana. He was released the

same day on a \$2,500 bail bond. Thursday, Feb. 27 8:01 a.m., A 911 caller re-

ported a two-vehicle accident 300 yards south of Spofford on Highway 131 with injuries.

2:45 p.m., A man reported a green SUV driving reckless on Highway 90 East. The vehicle was traveling west-bound and time passing other vehicles on the

shoulder. 4:20 p.m., A man reported objects being thrown from a

8 miles west of Brackettville on less on Highway 90. Highway 90. The objects thrown had hit and cracked the man's that his golf cart had been stowindshield.

rity employee reported a possible break-in at a ranch on Highway 674, 2 miles north of agent reported an automobile ac-

and was stopped near Pinto that her daughter's watch had ported. been stolen while she was at

5:45 p.m., Elpidio Arren- Grand Cherokee weaving side to side, traveling east on Highway

Saturday, Mar. 1

10:55 a.m., Penricks James Hipplar, 20, of Needville and Albert Xavier Morales, 42, of Rosenburg were arrested by DPS Troopers Hernandez and Tully Welch. Morales was charged with driving while intoxicated and Hipplar was charged with public intoxication. Both men were still being held in the Kinney County Jail as of press-

4:12 p.m., A woman reported that she had locked her keys in her car on W. Brown Street.

5:58 p.m., A woman reported 8:25 a.m., A man reported Brackett ISD school bus, about a beige Suburban driving reck-

6:53 p.m., A man reported ndshield. len and his yard toilet papered 4:24 p.m., A Century Secu- in Unit 27 at Fort Clark Springs. Sunday, Mar. 2

3:55 a.m., A Border Patrol cident on Ann Street by the 6:54 p.m., A woman reported school. No injuries were re-

8:05 a.m., Deputy Manuel

OBITUARY Lorenzo Guajardo

Lorenzo Guajardo of jardo; brother, Francisco the 122nd General Hospital Del Rio at the age of 83. He nephews. was born in Eagle Pass on May 24, 1919.

Flores, Gertudis Fuentes and Flora Ward.

than 38 years, Refugia Gua- duct Medal, a Purple Heart, Cervantes Jr.

Brackettville passed away on Guajardo of Brackettville, Victory Medal, one service Saturday, March 1, 2003, in and numerous nieces and

World War II veteran of the Force Base. He was preceded in death U.S. Army. During his by his parents, Emiterio and years of service, he received day at St. Mary Magdalene's Timotea Guajardo; his the Combat Infantry-mans' Catholic Church. Burial folbrother, Librado Hernan- Badge, the American De- lowed at the Kinney County dez; his sisters, Tomasa fense Service Medal, the Cemetery. Pallbearers were American Theater Campaign Robert Estrada, Vicente Medal, the EAME Cam- Gomez, Jesus Lopez, Ro-Lorenzo is survived by paign Medal with three berto Dominguez, Carlos his beloved wife of more bronze stars, the Good Con- Luis Navarro and Alfonso

stripe and three overseas bars. He was a civil service Mr. Guajardo was a employee at Laughlin Air

Funeral mass was Tues-

Notice to Kinney County Landowners

February 25, 2003

Dear Kinney County Landowner:

It is our understanding that various absentee landowners have been approached about contributing to a "legal defense fund" in order to support the actions of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District. As fellow landowners, we share your concerns about this county's resources- its land, its water and its people. We also care about our private property rights and our land values, both of which, in our opinion, have been severely impacted by the local district's rules and fee schedules. Our goal is to make sure you are aware of all sides of this issue, specifically our views as operators and landowners actively engaged in farming and ranching for our livelihoods.

The agricultural community of Kinney County supports the existence of this district, but we firmly oppose its adoption of substantive rules in the total absence of a management plan based upon sound scientific groundwater studies as required by law. The following are areas of extreme concerns for us as private property rights proponents:

> Fees: It was unanimously agreed during the structuring of the district's enabling legislation, that the district would have absolutely NO user fees and would solely be supported by ad valorem taxes. In the event that water was ever exported out of the county, an export fee would be assessed, thus shifting the burden to the export fee vs. local taxes. However, the district has adopted a user fee, of which the City of Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs M.U.D. are exempt! These exemptions place the burden solely on agricultural users, specifically farmers, who have to pay for their water use in advance with no refunds!!!

> Metering Requirements: The metering requirements were adopted for non exempt wells at the expense of well owners. The fees associated with this requirement in Kinney County (\$1,500 per meter) will put small farmers out of business. Other districts, such as the Edwards Aquifer Authority, provide meters and installation. The cost is included in the registration fees of each well. Furthermore, registration fees are \$25 per well in the EAA versus \$500 per well in the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District.

> Production Limits: Landowners whose property sits over very prolific and highly productive aquifers are treated exactly the same as those with absolutely no water underneath their property (two acre feet of water per surface acre of ownership). Most of these landowners paid a premium for their property based on the ability to utilize this water. Limits should be derived from a purely scientific driven process

Our fitness center is open and

Wednesday, Feb. 26

10:16 a.m., An Edwards reported an overturned 18wheeler on Highway 674, 30 miles from Rocksprings. No injuries were reported.

12:18 a.m., A 911 caller requested assistance after running out of gas, 3 miles west of Brackettville on Highway 3008.

wanted to discuss the situation strained. with her grandson with an officer.

cheerleading practice.

7:48 p.m., A man reported a County Sheriff's Office employee black Chevrolet Tahoe was driving reckless and almost hit his vehicle on Highway 90.

11:38 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol agents at the Cline Checkpoint reported a silver Mercedez driving at a high rate of speed, driving westbound on Highway 90 with at least three individu-12:11 a.m., A woman said she als inside and one child unre-

9:34 p.m., A man reported a

Pena reported a white truck parked on Highway 131, south of Brackettville, with one individual in the vehicle.

12:11 p.m., Deputy Pena reported four horses out on F.M.

4 p.m., Railroad Police reported that a building in 6:59 p.m., A man reported

9:25 p.m., A woman reported

mas Street.

3348.

Spofford had been burglarized.

a vehicle driving fast on W. Tho-

that he had lost a kid goat.

Friday, Feb. 28



Brackettville native hosts grand opening for Avon Recruiting Center in Del Rio Former Brackettville resident Mary Terry, recruiter and beauty advisor, recently held a grand opening at the Avon Recruiting Center, located at 612 S. Main St. in Del Rio.

Photo by Becky Tuck

based upon subsurface hydrogeology.

Well spacing: We believe the same scientific driven process used in determining production limits should be used when establishing well spacing requirements. These spacing requirements have no business being applied to property located over "'karst" aquifers such as the Edwards and the Edwards Trinity areas in Kinney County. One director, whose wells were essentially "slid" in under the wire- completing them within a month of the August 6, 2002 'cutoff' date established by the District's rules— is exempt from the adopted well spacing rules. Otherwise, the wells would be in violation of current rules.

Historical Use: Landowners who have high capacity wells, some for as long as forty years, get absolutely no historical claim if they have not used them in the past ten years. Due to the way the rules were crafted, one director can extrapolate large quantities of water in order to declare a historical use on their wells that were just completed before the August 6, 2002 deadline.

Despite numerous motions for rehearing being filed against the current rules, the district has determined that our concerns, though well documented, are not valid. As demonstrated above, there are reasons for concern. If the directors had done their job ethically and with the support of the agricultural community, there would be no need for a legal defense fund. Three of the original seven directors have resigned in the past year.

The only request of the agricultural community during the rule making process was that science be incorporated into the rules. The directors did not see the need for it and thus, we find ourselves in this predicament today. Due to the appearance of certain adopted rules being tailored to only benefit certain landowners, a Request of Investigation of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District has been filed with the Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and is currently under review. This includes possible instances of self dealing, nepotism, and conflicts of interest. Please let us know if you would like a copy of this request.

As landowners, we object to this kind of unethical government and stand together in opposing this district's rules and fees. If you would like to discuss this further or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

Respectfully,

Wes Robinson W. B. Smith **Charles Foust** Jewel F. Robinson **Tony Frerich Nancy Frerich David Mann Ronnie Hobbs** John Jones Hayden G. Haby **Beth Ann Smith** Willie Jo Dooley Jimmy W. Ballew **Richard Smith** Susan S. Davis Wanda Whitworth Tommy Seargeant

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Doris Haby of Brackettville Marcia Federer of Cheyenne, has been elected president of the Wyo., lamb promotion co-American Sheep Industry chairs; and Roberta Hoctor of Women at the group's annual convention Feb. 6-8 in Washington, D.C.

Madge Pilster of Alzada, Mont., vice president, and Jean Sulte- Sheep Industry Convention with mier of Fort McKavett, secre- her husband, Hayden. The contary-treasurer.

Appointed officers are: Pat hard, parliamentarian, Marie various U.S. Representatives. Lehfeldt of Lavina, Mont., Make It Yourself With Wool chairman; with U.S. Reps. Henry Bonilla Sarah Gnatknowski of Carrizo- and Charles Stenholn. They also zo, N.M., auditor; Georgia met with Chet Edwards and Moore of Midwest, Wyo., and Lamar Smith.

Goldendale, Wash., historian. Haby has previously served

as vice president and Ways and Other elected officers are Means chair of the ASI Women. She attended the American

vention was held at the Renaissance Hotel. The Texas delega-Hamilton of Rio Vista, Calif., tion spent the morning of Feb. past president; Martha Leon- 6 visiting their U.S. senators and

The Habys visited personally

Doris Haby



'You're not going to believe this'

"You're not going to believe this."

I always hate it when somebody starts a conversation with those words. Usually, I don't believe it. More often than not, the speaker doesn't expect me to believe the tale because it's not even close to the truth.

story that way: "You're not go- portal bent, sprung open and the ing to believe this, but I went porker was free. Free to run out to check the hog trap the away. other day and it was full of pig. Not pigs, pig. Just one big boar pig.

"I had two other guys with me and when they got out, the old tusker went crazy. I told to flight. them to stay back so he wouldn't tear something up."

I guess youthful enthusiasm the truck. He did. got the better of them because they did not heed his advice. away, leaving three young men They stood at the door of the shaking and stationed on top of home-made trap and watched as the pickup. the oinker repeatedly rammed had entered this prison.

The gate was strong. The

But I Could Be Wrong Chuck

Hall

My son-in-law started the swine was determined. The metal

He chose another option. Not knowing who had caused him to lose his independence of late, he attacked the nearest likely culprits. He put everybody in sight

One young man declared that he couldn't get on the hood of

End of the story: the hog ran

Porky the pig is alive and his snout into the spot where he well. He's won round one. We'll get him next time.

But I could be wrong.

Miller named sorority's sweetheart

The Beta Epsilon Omicron ^{CB}Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met tion by several husbands. Sisters Cathy Conrey.

The Texas State Convention to be held in Austin on June 6-8 was discussed.

Cathey served finger sandwiches, frosted brownies, pigs in the blanket, nuts, mints and beverages of choice. This lovely buffet was enjoyed as sisters worked on their pictorial life biographies and reminisced about the more than successful sweetheart dinner held Feb. 14.

Breaking with tradition, the dinner was held in the home of tiful evening, but most especially Dee and Ken Curry rather than it was an evening of camaradea restaurant.

¹⁹last Thursday in the home of contributed baked potatoes with all the toppings, a wonderful spring salad, fresh vegetables, fruits and garlic bread. Ken prepared a very special Spanish

Steaks were grilled to perfec-

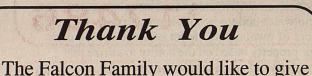
Sangria. There was a beautiful Beta Sigma Phi cake, brownies and chocolate dipped strawberries savored for dessert.

Twenty-six members and guests were seated at beautifully appointed tables, leading a lot of lively conversation. Connie Miller was announced as this year's sweetheart. It was a beau-

Medding Announcement

rie.

Winnie P. Sanders of Fort Worth, Texas is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter, Cynthia Annette Sanders, also the daughter of the late Herman E. Sanders, all of Fort Worth, to Donald Gene Hood of Brackettville, Texas. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Don A. and Jean Hood of Brackettville and Randall and Layla Sanders of Kerrville, Texas. The couple were married March 1, 2003 in Hurst, Texas.





Old Quarry Society presents melodrama

LIFESTYLES

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Jewel Robinson (from left), Nancy Stone, Tina Meek, Wesley Wilson and Rosie Mattingly star in the Old Quarry Society's production of the melodrama "Virtue is its Own Reward" on Saturday.

Citizens get warnings when tornadoes are approaching

This is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas. dodged the death and injury bul-Larry Eblen, NOAA lists Top 10 let, but just barely. Everyone killer tornadoes in Texas since with property here in Kinney 1900

Rocksprings tornado of April 22, 1902. This killer "occurred well south of what is generally considered Tornado Alley."

rating a tornado can get) and touched down 3 miles northwest of Rocksprings and moved towide path destroyed 235 of 247 buildings and killed 74 people, leaving 205 persons injured.

County has had too many tornado sightings to count.

Many storms that develop over our county cause extensive damage, as we witnessed last year in March. We had hail, high winds and heavy rain here, but in Hondo and Sabinal, as well as Bexar County, millions of dol-

For some reason, we have County suffered damage from No. 3 on the "Hit List" is the hail and wind last March. You can still see vehicles (like mine!) with hail damage. There were so many broken windshields and windows on homes, as well as local radios and televisions for roofs blown off. Do not lull yourself into a false sense of secu-

that today we get warning to take cover. There are Weather Alert radios, which give warnings of severe weather approaching and even other man-made disasters looming in our area. But how many people have these radios? tronic stores and they cost between \$35 and \$50. This is everyone notice of what to do.



important information. This is the new Emergency Alert System, which gives warnings on shelter, it will advise.

Next week's article will go into more depth about what to notice the Emergency Alert System on radio and television.

We at EMS now have a very They are available at elec- informative videotape, "Shelter certified attendant. This rein Place," which is available for civic and church groups to view. "cheap insurance" and gives It is based on hazardous materials incidents affecting commu-If you hear sirens going off, nities, but it can be applied to ing emergency management or lars worth of damage occurred which blast for more than 15 to severe storms, chemical and bio- EMS, please call our office or from tornadoes which touched 30 seconds, that means pay at- logical attacks, and other natu- visit Monday through Friday

ral and man-made incidents.

If your group would like to view this tape, please contact the EMS Station at 563-9090 or come by the office at 401 S. Ellen St. to make arrangements for your group to view this.

Above all, during these erratic weather patterns we experience this time of year, the rule is "use your head, stay alert, and plan what to do." More next week

If you have an emergency, the lower portion of the televi- call 911. Kinney County EMS sion screen. If you need to take will send our primary ambulance with staffing level that meets TDH personnel requirements.

Subsequent calls received do when you hear the sirens or during the commitment of the primary ambulance to patient care and transport will respond with a minimum of one EMSsponse is allowed by a personnel variance given by TDH for a period which ends on Dec. 31.

If you have questions regardfrom 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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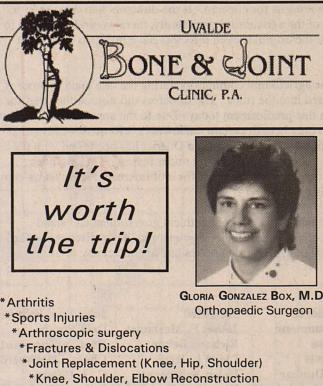
you a heartfelt thank you for all your prayers, flowers, and food. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Love, The Falcon and Cruz Family

Thank You

Mrs. Rosa Baker & Family (our boys) There are no words to express how thankful we are for everything you did for our family. May God bless you, we love you.

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Drivers need to respect pedestrian crosswalks

This column is for your information - and to those who think their heads are harder than metal.

Case in point is I sit at the school zone day after day and watch some people who think they are tougher than metal.

They do not use the cross-

walks. They would rather wait until a vehicle comes along, and then step out in front of it in a non-pedestrian crosswalk. I gave a citation the other day for it.

This is known as jaywalking. In the traffic code, it is referred to as a "pedestrian crossing at place other than crosswalk.' Yep, it is against the law.

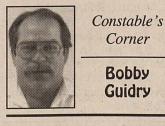
Another fact is if a pedestrian gets struck by a vehicle in that non-pedestrian crossing, the your vehicle is traveling. driver of the vehicle may not be held responsible. In other words, it means he or she may not be ticketed and their insurance may not cover any medical expenses.

It does not mean a pedestrian can just walk out in front of a vehicle in a legal crosswalk either. That pedestrian is to look both ways and make sure the oncoming vehicle has time to stop

It also means that drivers who see a pedestrian approaching a crosswalk must stop and let the pedestrian have the right of way. Wait until it is safe to proceed.

Remember, as a pedestrian, you may not suddenly leave the

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curb or another place and proceed into the path of a vehicle so close that it is impossible for the vehicle operator to yield.

The operator of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing a roadway in a crosswalk if:

No traffic control signal is in place.

The pedestrian is on the halfway of the roadway in which The pedestrian is approach-

ing so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.

In my opinion, for safety's sake, give the pedestrian the benefit of the doubt to cross safely so as to avoid a terrible accident. One more point to ponder for people parking vehicles near crosswalks. You cannot park within 20 feet of a pedestrian crosswalk in an intersection. Nor can you park on or in front of a crosswalk at any time.

I saw a school bus do this the other day. Remember, I am watching and will issue citations. Drive safe!

Texas DAR celebrates Washington's birthday

Pat McKelvy, chapter regent, and Louise Stone, chap- Col. Paula Haley whose topic ter historian, of the Uvalde de was "Flags Across America: las Encinas Chapter of the Long May They Wave." Daughters of the American Revolution recently joined approximately 150 other DAR members from across the state in celebrating George Washington's birthday.

The San Antonio DAR Regents Council sponsored the luncheon Saturday at the Dominion Country Club.

The event was also held to honor the Texas state slate of officer candidates.

Patton, who was born and raised in Eagle Pass, is a nominee for state regent. Nacodgoches, her maternal family home place since the 1830s, has been her hometown since 1961.

The guest speaker was Lt.

Haley showed the various flags that have flown over the United States and played the type of patriotic music that was of the time period. When the current flag was presented, April sang "God Bless America."

A Texas Armed Services Award was presented to the Brooks Base Flight Nurse Honor Graduate of the year, 2nd. Lt. Lisa Anderson by Florence Elizabeth Fitch Mrs. Dorothy Welch. The Good Citizenship Medal was presented to high school senior Scott Leikner by Mrs.

Becky Royce. In closing, the group stood and sang "I'm Proud to be an American.

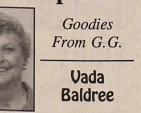
A simple, easy dessert that is an eye-catcher and taste-pleaser

A friend shared this simple, easy dessert that's a real eyecatcher and taste-pleaser. You must plan ahead a few hours before serving this colorful creation. It's called prism cake or confetti delight.

We need three small boxes of Jello - choose all different colors and flavors - and one large tub of coolwhip, thawed.

Mix each box of Jello separately and pour into square pan or dish to set. You may use a plastic ice-cube tray, but I found 40 minutes well. pans easier.

Once the Jello is set, cut the Jello into approximately 1/2-inch squares (slice while in the pan, checker-board style) and combine it all into large mixing bowl. Carefully fold in cool whip. Spread into 9-by-13 pan (preferably glass) or a large



bowl. Refrigerate at least one hour before serving.

When serving, cut into squares. It does not sit out of refrigeration for longer than 30 to

Now, choose your favorite colors and flavors to watch this airy dish quickly disappear. Note: 3/4 cup of coconut and nuts would be nice addition if desired.

Note: We left out a ¼-cup of milk in last week's breakfast casserole recipe.

SPORTS

The Brackell News

BHS has 9 named to all-district team

Jared Hobbs, Philip Munoz and Ashley Smith represented Brackett on the 30-2A All-District basketball teams, selected recently by the conference's coaches.

Hobbs and Munoz, both seniors, were named to the boys' first team after helping the Tigers to a 14-9 campaign and a playoff berth. Brackett finished second in district with an 8-2 league mark.

Three Rivers senior Tyler Garcia was named the MVP. Newcomers of the Year were Tigers sophomore Charlie Slaughter, and George Alderete and Phillip Pennington of Three Rivers, both juniors.

Brackett's Boyd Brotherton, a senior, and Dietrich Davis, a junior, earned second-team honors, while senior Jesse Davis received honorable mention.

Smith, a junior, was named to the girls' first team. Three Rivers senior Mary Graves was the MVP and Freer freshman Kali Warrick was the Newcomer of the Year. Ashley Castillo, a freshman, and Courtney Frerich, a sophomore, earned honorable mention for Brackett.

ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL TEAMS

The 30-2A All-District boys' basketball team: MVP: Tyler Garcia, Three Rivers, senior.

Newcomers of the Year: Phillip Pennington, Three Rivers, junior; Charlie Slaughter, Brackett, sophomore; George Alderete, Natalia, junior.

First team: Jared Hobbs, Brackett, senior; Frankie Argenal, Natalia, senior; Isaac Gallegos, Freer, senior; Jed Snyder, Dilley, senior; Samuel Garcia, Three Rivers, senior; Philip Munoz, Brackett, senior; Andrew Jarrett, Three Rivers, junior.

Second team: Joseph Ottis, Three Rivers, senior; Robert Obregon, Dilley, senior; Brian Clark, Natalia, junior; Mitch Carroll, Dilley, senior; Dietrich Davis, Brackett, junior; Boyd Brotherton, Brackett, senior; Jacob Rangel, Freer, junior.

The 30-2A All-District girls' basketball team:

MVP: Mary Graves, Three Rivers, senior.

Newcomer of the Year: Kali Warrick, Freer, freshman.

First team: Latoya Hasette, Freer, senior; Monica De La Garza, Freer, senior; Lucy Blevins, George West, senior; Vanessa Trevino, George West, senior; A. Garcia, Dilley, sophomore; A. Rodrigues, Natalia, senior; D. Gonzales, Natalia, senior; L. Johanson, Three Rivers, junior; K. Brosig, Three Rivers, senior; Ashley Smith, Brackett, junior.

Second team: Dannie Marie Garcia, George West, sophomore; Carly McCumber, George West, junior; Jessica Rodrigues, Natalia, senior; Ashley Cheatham, Three Rivers, sophomore; Stephanie Robbins, Three Rivers, freshman; Ashley Chapa, Dilley, sophomore; Randi Freeman, Freer, junior.

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Tigerettes win meet Ashabranner sets meet record in 3,200

Ashabranner

Swinson won the 400-meter

was also third in the 800 with a

dash after posting a 28.6. She

was second in the high jump

with a jump of 5 1/6 feet, while

Frerich was fourth at 4 2/3 feet.

Frerich was also third in the

300-meter hurdles with a time

Castilla won the 200-meter

100-meter

DILLEY - Juliann Ashabran- with leaps ner set a meet record Saturday, of 15 1/2 helping the Tigerettes to a firstfeet and place finish at the Wolf Pack 32 1/12 Relays. feet, re-

Brackett blew away the com- s p e c petition, finishing the meet with tively, 156 points. Falls City was sec- and third ond with 87 points and Nueces in the Canyon was third with 68.

Ashabranner won the 3,200high hurmeter run after being clocked at dles with 12:17.1, setting a new meet an 18.1. record. She also won the 1,600meter run with a 5:49. Jessi Crane was sixth in the was third with a 66.5. Coronado

3,200 with a time of 14:17.6 and sixth in the 1,600 with a 6:41.4 2:47.8.

Ashabranner teamed with Stephanie Coronado, Rachel Swinson and Stacey Castilla to win the mile relay with a time of 4:21.1.

Castilla, Courtney Frerich, Tammy Smith and Rachel Swinson took top honors in the 800- of 52.6. meter relay with a 1:55.1.

Smith won the 300-meter in the discus with a throw of 86 hurdles with a 49.6, was second 2/3 feet. in the long jump and triple jump

in the 100-meter dash with a 14.09.

The sprint relay team of Timmeka Simmons, Dana Bonner, Brandy Smith and Ashley Castillo took fifth with a 55.9.

In the boys' division, Tito Hidalgo, Terrell Freeman, Cody Edwards and Mark Kesteloot took second place in the sprint relay with a time of 45.61.

Hidalgo was second in the 100-meter dash after turning in an 11.70. Edwards was fourth dash with a 63.4, and Coronado with an 11.93 and Beau Watkins

was fifth with an 11.98. Kesteloot took third in the 400 with a time of 53.46, while Freeman and Tony Rosetti were third and fourth in the 200 with times of 24.79 and 24.85, respectively.

Noe Talamantes, Watkins, Rosetti and Kesteloot finished fifth in the mile relay.

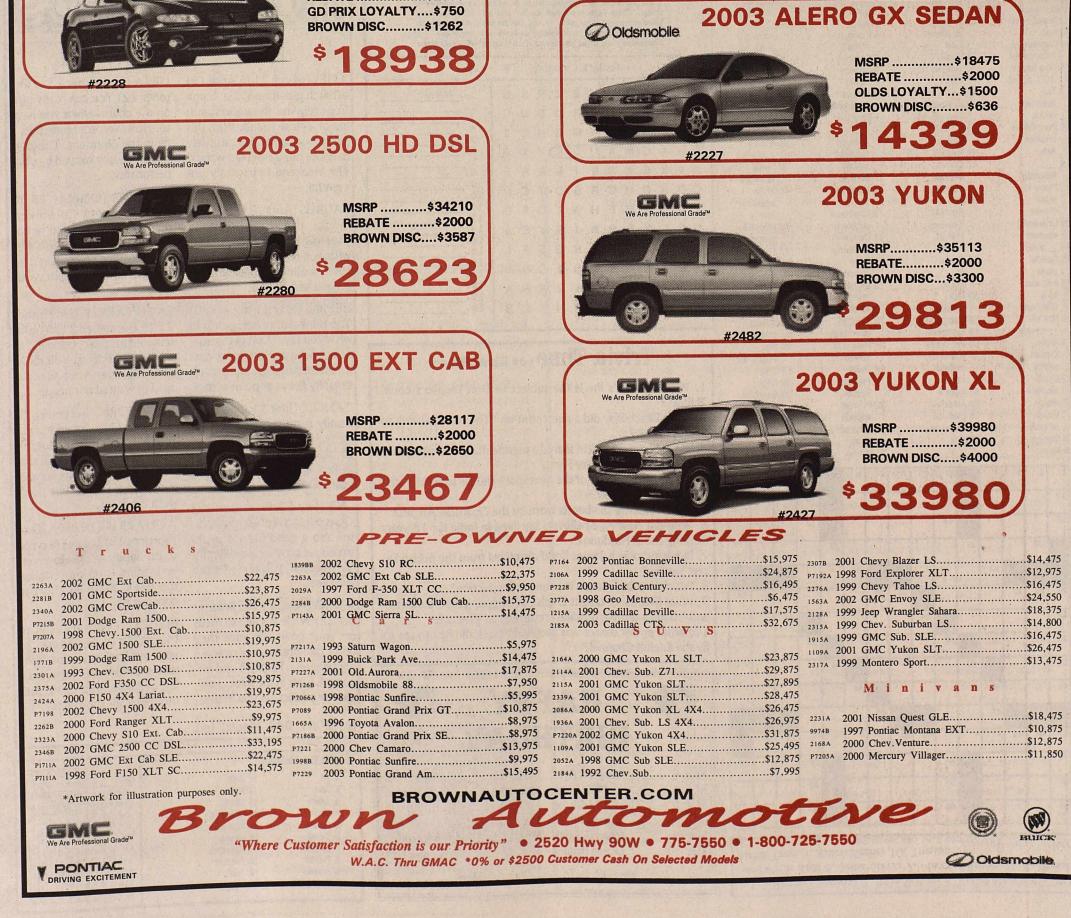
Doug Sanchez took fifth in Shanae Simmons took fourth the shot put with a throw of 40 1/6 feet, and Tres Rueda was sixth in the 300-meter hurdles Caitlyn Wylie finished fourth with a 46.78.

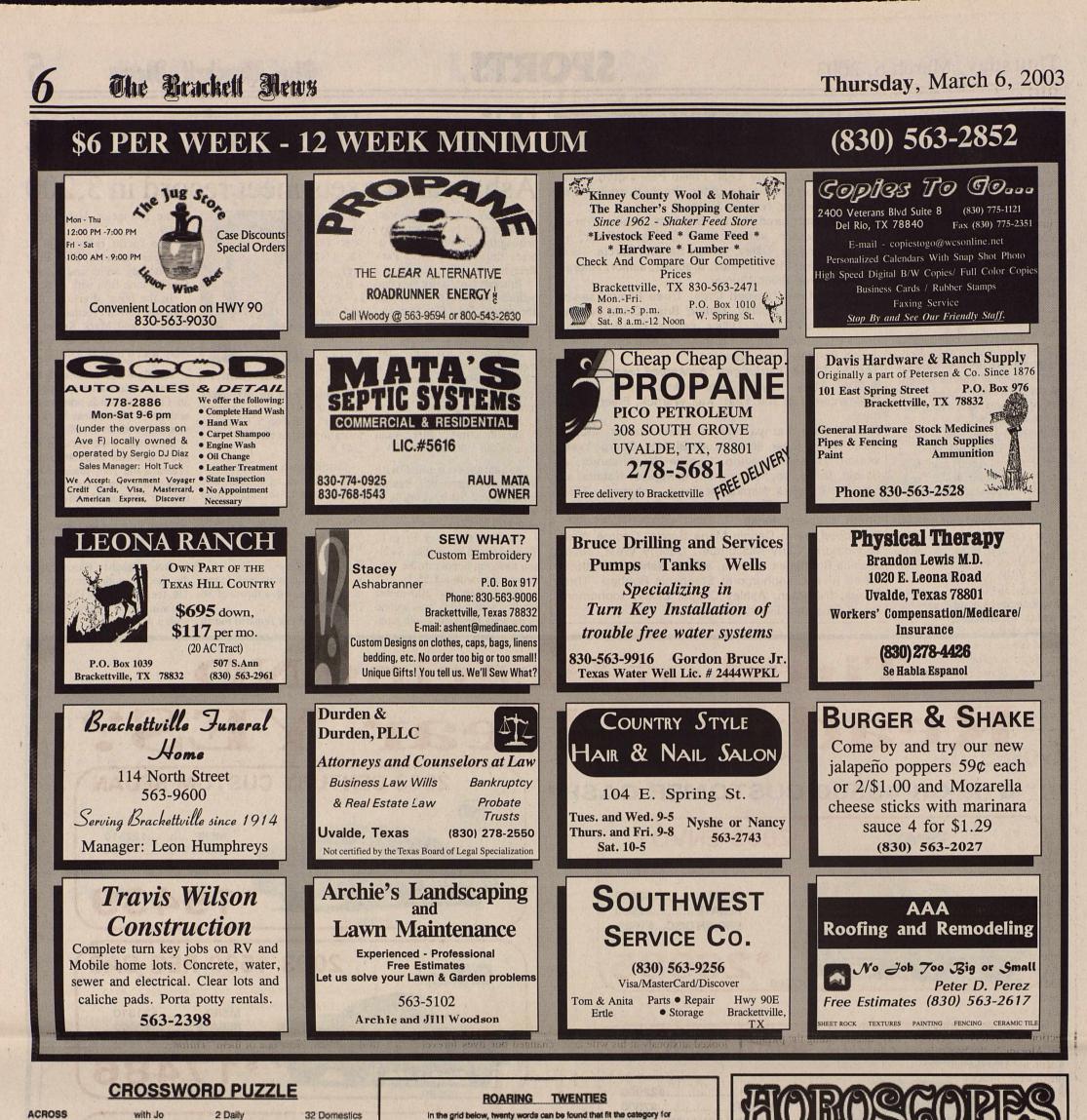
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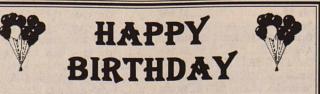
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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- 1. What assassin's life is the subject of Don DeLillo's book, "Libra"?
- 2. What Beach Boy did a guest stint on "The New Leave It to Beaver" show?
- 3. What American Indian shared a presidential ticket with porno magazine publisher Larry Flynt?
- 4. What was the name of the next space shuttle to fly after the "Challenger" disaster?
- 5. What color are the berets worn by the Guardian Angels? 6. Who did New Age believers say lived in India for 18 years
- learning about Hinduism? 7. In what movie is James Bond dismissed from the British Se-
- cret Service?

- 8. What does DAT mean in sound reproduction?
- 9. What filmmaker taught English in Saigon, joined the Army and "made a terrible mistake" returning to Vietnam?
- 10. What power source was Stephen Ptacek the first to use to fly the English Channel?



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Mar. 12.....Christina Meek



by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) What happens on the home front requires the understanding of a close friend. With this person's support, you can safely navigate these troubled waters. The weekend is blissfully uneventful.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Indulge that desire to be on your own. Togetherness isn't what you really need this week. Later, business advice you receive is very sound.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You think you're being clear in what you say. However, someone close to you just doesn't get it. Utilize patience, and you ultimately get your point across.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Family is most important this week. However, resist the urge to indulge a child's material wishes. To some extent, you're being manipulated.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Quiet pursuits are best this week. It's also a good idea to avoid strenuous physical exercise. By the weekend, you're on a more even keel.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) While it's fine to focus on your goals, be sure they don't take precedence over everything else. Family is also important. Later in the week, a personality conflict has you fretting.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You can really turn on the charm when you have to. However, someone puts a fly in the ointment. This person isn't easily swayed by your personality.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Co-workers share a secret that you're not part of. Fortunately, it's just routine office gossip. Let it go at that and go about your work.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're tempted to speak your mind to a friend in distress. You mean well. However, your advice is neither wanted nor needed.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A minor argument with your mate doesn't have to turn into full-scale war. Make an effort to compromise. You may be right, but don't push the point.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's not like you to do sloppy work. However, your mind is on other things this week. Make an effort to concentrate.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's best to stick to your methodical way of doing things. While a job has a pressing deadline, you can't rush through it. Be thorough.

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The Brackell Rews

Humility is commanded and rewarded

This week's subject is humility. I'll describe what it is, how it can be obtained and how it makes you feel.

Humility is the state of being humble, freedom from pride and arrogance, a modest estimate of one's worth, or a sense of unworthiness through imperfection or sinfulness, lowliness, meek- the barn and turned it on it's side ness, the opposite of pride.

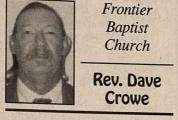
A humble man does not ator virtue that he does not possess. He does not overrate himself and he does not take immodascribes all his goodnes's and it wouldn't budge. good works to God's grace.

If you have ever felt humila husky 13-year-old farm boy school football team. named Jonathan.

and worked from dawn to dusk father had said: "Get a longer and his father was very proud piece of pipe and put it over the not enter into the Kingdom of of him. For Jonathan's 14th wrench handle for additional le- heaven. Whosoever therefore birthday, his father bought him verage. a second-hand mowing tractor and he was thrilled.

Right away he started earning extra money by mowing yards and fields for his neighbors and the people of a nearby town. He took great care of his tractor, washing and cleaning the motor and shining it's exterior.

One day, he noticed that it's



to remove the bolt that holds on the blade. Having been around tribute to himself any goodness equipment and machinery a lot, he knew that to loosen a bolt, you turn it to the left (counterclockwise). He put a big wrench erate delight in himself. He re- on the bolt and gave it a turn. It alizes his imperfections, and he only moved a little bit and then

proud of his physical strength. ity, let me tell you a story about He was a star linebacker on the

Jonathan was very ambitious bolt, he remembered what his cept ye be converted, and be-

After several attempts, he finally gave up. In humiliation, he loaded the tractor into the family truck and took it to the repair shop in town.

something.

blade was dull. He drove it into number, he said "I hate to tell humble."

you this, but on this particular model, the company decided to reverse the treads on that bolt. You've been tightening that bolt instead of loosening it. And don't worry about being strong, son. You've tightened it so much that we're going to have to burn it off with a torch."

To say the least, Jonathan felt even greater humiliation.

This is a small example. The supreme example of humility is found in the incarnation and death of the Son of God.

Humility is commanded. Here is an example. Jesus said in Matthew 18:1-4, "At the same time came the disciple unto Jesus Now, this boy was very saying, who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and When he couldn't loosen the said, verily I say unto you, excome as little children, ye shall shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.'

Humility is rewarded. Here is an example from 1 Peter 5:5, "Likewise ye younger, submit When he got there, the me- yourselves unto the elder. Yea, chanic looked it over and said, all of you be subject one to anwait a minute, let me check other, and be clothed with humility, for God resisteth the After looking up the model proud, and giveth grace to the

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Jesus said, "Thou shalt love

Jesus also responded to his

a person should forgive another:

I say not unto thee, Until seven

thy neighbor as thyself." (Matt.

22:39)

or her life.

Have you sold your birthright for a "bowl of bean soup?"

Esau sold his birthright to his brother Jacob for a bowl of bean soup because his flesh was weak. (Genesis 25:29-34) Has your flesh been stron-

ger in your life than the spirit of God? I have good news for you!

God has a way out for you. He is the way, the truth and the life and he forgives every disciples when asked how often sin that is presented to him. He is for you, not against you, and he has made you more times: but, until 70 times than a conqueror. (Romans seven." (Matt. 18:21-22) 8:31, 37; John 14:6)

Jesus is not bound by time to literally count how many or space, and the blood he times you forgive, but to do it shed thousands of years ago so frequently that it becomes a still covers and washes away habit. This does not mean you the sins you have made in condone sin, it simply means your past, as well as the mis- that you spiritually release that takes you will make in your person for God to move in his spirit or sowing to my flesh?" future. (1 John 1:7)

Jesus is the God of fresh starts, He forgives you the self. You may have fallen short moment that you cry out to of choosing the best for your him. The next step is for you to

finisher of your faith and he will forgive yourself. If you don't forgive yourself, you place yourself against the word of ting healthy habits. He started

miles to pray (He believed in physical fitness). He was not afraid to fast (a healthy form of fasting cleanses toxins from the body).

He used the word of God to overcome the temptations that the devil would throw at him through physical or verbal confrontations.

Jesus is our example to sow to the spirit and not to our flesh

"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let This does not mean for you us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Galatians 6:8-9)

Make a sign and put it on your refrigerator or TV that says: "Am I sowing to my Whatever you "sow," you

The same must apply to your- will reap. Choose not to loose your inheritance of faith. Be not like Esau who

sowed to his flesh, but sow to the spirit in everything you do and reap a better life both on earth and in heaven.

Stand in faith, rest in hope, off each day with walking many walk in love.

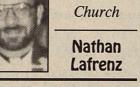
Going in the opposite direction describes sin

One day in 1938, Douglas Corrigan presumably intended to fly his plane from New York to California. But instead of going west, he went east and landed in Dublin, Ireland. For that he earned the nickname, "Wrong Way Corrigan.'

gone in opposite directions. road map. The prophet Jonah, told by preach repentance, caught a ship to sail west.

rection accurately describes sin. Already in the beginning, of sin. Adam and Eve did the opposite of what God desired. That is what sin still is today.

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Of course, others have Word, our travel guide, our

All His commandments are God to go east to Ninevah to summed up in the word "love:" Love God totally and love your neighbor totally. Going in the opposite di- When we love, we go the right

way, thus avoiding the pitfalls The problem has to be recognized, however, that we are

imperfect in our love and God says, "Come to me," would lose our way if left to our own strength and sense of

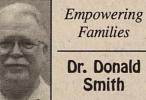
God will comfort you in times of grief

Everybody sat staring at the food. Nothing seemed important just now. The silence was awkward and smothering. Josie looked into her husband's face, searching for some clue that might tell her his thoughts.

Juan looked up at his wife, catching her gaze. Quickly he looked away, afraid she might daughter. Slowly he moved to sense the tremendous weight that crushed his heart.

Lupita picked at her food, glancing alternately between her mom and dad, not knowing what to say. The sadness of the funeral left her numb.

Juan knew that he must comfort his family. He stood up and That decision by a stranger has looked anxiously at his wife and changed our lives forever.



the empty place at the table. Resting his hands on the back

of the chair, he bowed his head as if to pray. "Three days ago," Juan beknew made an unfortunate decision to drink and then drive.

St. Mary

Juan moved to stand behind has been taken away by somehis wife. His gentle touch one else's sin. God who gave us brought tears. He put his hands his only Son in death shares our upon her shoulders and continued.

life, but God is the author and

carry you through to the end.

Jesus is your example for set-

"Now we share an unbearable grief," he said. "A piece of each away and will never return."

Lupita. Kneeling beside her chair, they both faced the empty place at the table. Lupita put her his eye." (Sirach 31:21-23; arm around her daddy's neck. Taking her hand, Juan looked speak for the pain that gripped Henry deOsso Family Project,

tiful children. Now one of them cation.

pain and will comfort us in this time of grief.

"A very wise man long ago said, do not give in to sadness of our hearts has been taken for cheerfulness will prolong your days. Distract yourself and Then Juan moved again to renew your courage, drive resentment far away from you. Trust in God for nothing escapes 39:19,20)

Editor's note: This column working in Brackettville to "God has given us two beau- strengthen family, faith and edu-

gan, "somebody none of us up to her face. He could barely is brought to you by the St. his heart

Welcome!

but people go away from Him, as the prodigal son went away from his father and home. Does going in the opposite direction get us anything good? No, only unhappiness, disillusionment and death.

called to turn back around, to stop going in the opposite direction of what God intends for us. Christian obedience means going in the right diwhich He presents to us in His Church.

direction.

Knowing this even better than we do, God sent His Son into the world as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Not only does Jesus point out the right On Ash Wednesday, we are way, He Himself is the Way to peace with God, with one

another, and eternal life. Come and celebrate the Way, the Truth, and the Life each Sunday morning at 9 at

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The Lord will give grace and glory

They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob, Selah. Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and in thee. Psalms 84:7-12. shield: the Lord will give grace



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is, many people have enjoyed the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at the Episcopal Church. Ash Wednesday found St. Mary Magdalene, as well as many other churches with services on that day, filled to capacity. Why is this?

of God approach each church make the excuse that church serholiday with the attitude that. this time I will do better. I know I do. This year is no exception need some attention from God, for me. As I have said before, I it is a "convenient" time for do not make New Year's resolu- Him. tions — I can never keep them, and it is just one less time for me to feel guilty. I do, however, try to make some sacrifices for Lent.

always seemed to focus on what Christmas time have used up evwe should "give up." And it erything they were given and should always be something we could use more. If you know really liked - candy, gum, etc. someone who needs help getting They didn't seem to talk about to the grocery store, church or the extra "do's," just the "do a doctor's appointment, call me nots.

I try all the time not to eat think about "giving up" something, it always involves food? For me, anyway! So this year, I really plan to focus on what I Your Resurrection. "do," not on what I "do not."

pray more and spend more time reading my bible. I used to get up at 5 a.m. every day to spend 30 minutes or an hour in prayer and Bible reading while it was quiet, before anyone else was awake. Now I get up at 7 a.m. and spend an hour reading the newspaper, and get upset if the paper isn't here exactly when I want it. What's wrong with this picture?

We have Mass every Wednesday at noon and what am



Lent begins this week

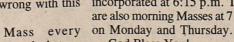
I think all of us as children I doing at that time? I sometimes vices are not at a convenient time for me. I certainly hope when I

I can do more for others. Churches and community organizations have Christmas food drives, but what about an Easter food drive. I'm sure all the When I was a child, the nuns people who received help at at 563-9229.

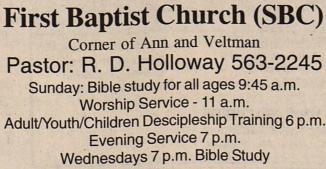
Lord, I thank you for yet anbetween meals. Incidentally, other opportunity to "get my act isn't it strange that when we together." As I remember Your perseverance on the road to Cal-, vary, I will persevere on my road to Easter and the Glory of

You are welcome to worship So now, what can I do? I can with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

In addition to regular weekend Masses, there is a Mass at noon on Wednesday, with "Quiet Time with the Lord at 5 p.m. and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:45 p.m. On Friday, there will be morning Mass at 7 a.m., and Mass at 6 p.m. with Stations of the Cross incorporated at 6:15 p.m. There are also morning Masses at 7 a.m.



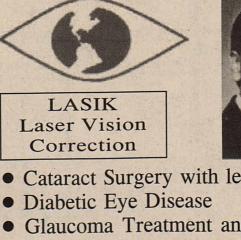
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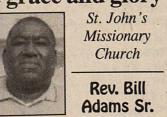


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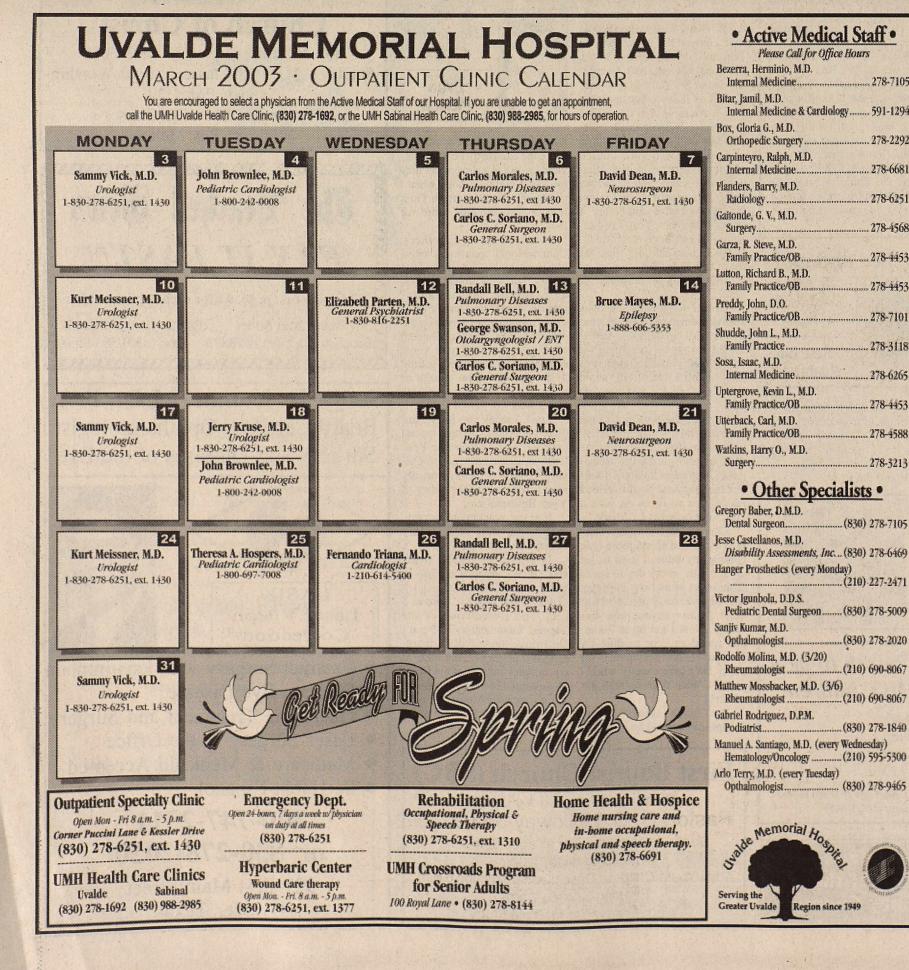
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