



Tigers golf team wins Brackett meet

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Padron latest to file in mayor's race Crane, Swinson seek positions on Brackett ISD board

Ponce Padron, former man- the ballot through March. ager of Super S and husband of County Tax Assessor-Collector will be held on May 15. Martha Padron, is the latest canof Brackettville.

Joe Garza and J.J. Guidry, a

Candidates seeking positions re-election. on the Brackettville City Coun-Trustees can file for a place on council seat.

didate to file to run for mayor cil members will be elected in by Bonnie Wardlaw, the current the Brackettville city election.

As of noon Wednesday, three former city councilman, filed for incumbent aldermen had filed the position last week. Carmen for re-election — Camilo Cruz, year's election. Berlanga is the incumbent, but Mary Flores and Johnny Sama-

Matt Bland has filed to run cil and Brackett ISD Board of against Flores for the Place 2

The mayor and council posi- for the election by the City ber candidates. Cruz was appointed to the coun-A mayor and four city council last year to fill a vacancy left rary employee as a voting clerk. events for the election and the city secretary.

year remaining following this Terrazas.

has not been active in the city niego. Council member Francis- tion will be held from 8 a,m. to day on April 9.

Bertha Reshman was appointed as the presiding judge packet available for board mem-

The city and school elections tions all have a two-year term. Council, and Rachael Clementz was hired as a part-time, tempo- reference guide of dates and

> are up for re-election: Lloyd Lee code of conduct. It also contains That position will have one Davis, Jim McDaniel and Sara basic information, such as what

Early voting in the city elec- elected to three-year terms.

since suffering a stroke last fall. ca "Chica" Garza is also up for 5 p.m. weekdays, April 7-28, the school election as of noon board. with the exception of Good Fri- Wednesday were Curvin Crane and Tom Swinson.

There is an information

The packet includes a quick Gracie Mata, deputy clerks. Three school board members recently adopted board member the school board has a right to The three trustees will be expect from a superintendent and what the superintendent has a The only candidates to file for right to expect from the school

ing clerk; and Marla Madrid and

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the BISD Central Office, located at 400 Ann St., between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning on April 28 and ending May 11.

March 16 is the first day applications will be accepted to vote early by mail for the city School election officials in- and school elections. All appliclude: Carolyn Conoly, election cations to apply for a ballot by judge; Yvette Clements, alternate mail must be received by May 7 judge; Susan Esparza, early vot- at the close of the business day.

Early starts

By DIANA K. WARD Staff Writer

Early voting for the Democratic Party primary elections began Monday at the Courthouse and continues through March 5.

The primary election includes a four-person race for county commissioner of Precinct 1. Incumbent Francie Wylie is being challenged by Marvin Davis, Mike Holley and Linda Jaso.

Five of the six local positions on the ballot for the primary will have unopposed races.

Incumbents without opposition on the ballot include L.K. Buddy" Burgess, sheriff; Bobby Guidry, constable; Martha Pena Padron, tax assessorcollector; Tully Shahan, county attorney; and Nat Terrazas, Precinct 3 commissioner.

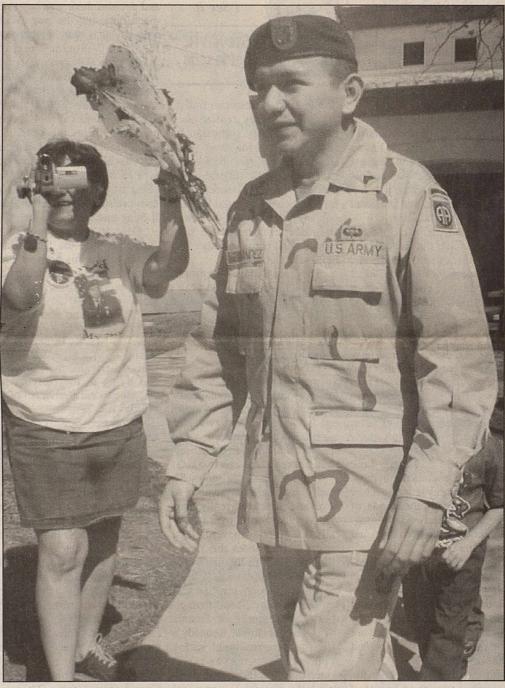
Early voting will be held during the week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the County Clerk's Office in the Courthouse.

Applications for ballots by mail will be received through March 1.

Election day is on March 9. Voting places are the EMS Building, Precinct 1; BHS auditorium, Precinct 2; Senior Citizens Apartments, Precinct 3; and the Kinney County Library Annex, Precinct 4.

Also on the ballot is the race for state representative of District 80. Incumbent Timoteo "Timo" Garza is being challenged by his predeccesor, Tracy King.

A Hero's Welcome



City considers employee raises

By DIANA K. WARD Staff Writer

cil is considering a 3 percent pay raise for city employees.

salary increases at a special meeting last week, but tabled the issue. The item will be on the agenda again for the March 9 meeting.

ten a raise in over three years," Mayor Pro-Tem Francisca accounts in arrear. "Chica" Garza said. "All the particular person."

The council also discussed amending the budget to reflect the city's debt.

"When Mayor Carmen Berlanga was here, on the budget, we were to pay off our outstandor three years," Garza said. that sufficient funds were com-"That has changed because we ing in. have paid off all of our expenses, we currently owe \$5,000 to."

Garza said the pay increases funds the city has saved from the for. salaries of former employees Gilbert Sanchez and Faustino "Lingo" Sandoval.

not counting that money," Alderwoman Mary Flores said. is Faustino Sandoval, which or so." would be half of \$28,000 -14,000 is what we have.

"When the budget was made, back when Carmen and the rest of us made it, there was nothing to work with. We had nothing in the budget. A lot of items were left out. We know that it's not tified, we could be fined \$1,000 right to pay things that are not per day.'

"The employees haven't gotten a The Brackettville City Coun- raise in over three years. All the raises The alderman discussed the were going to just one particular person."

Francisca Garza

"The employees haven't got- in the budget. However, we have been doing it, like paying the

"At the time the budget was raises were going to just one made, we had no idea nobody knew where the money was going to come in to pay the accounts in arrear. And we have been paying it out of tax monies, sales tax and whatever else has come in," she added.

Garza said that when the ing balances - half of the cur- council took over managing the rent bill over the next two years city's finances, it was obvious

"The money had always been except for West Texas Gas which there, but it was never being paid to where it was supposed to be paid," she said. "There was could be supplemented with money just not being accounted

When questioned if there was an investigation still going on as to where the missing money "Yes, but we hired other went, Garza replied: "We just people after Gilbert, so we are got news today that it's going faster than it had been, so we should be seeing some progress "The only one we are counting within the next couple of months

Flores said the budget needed to be amended to address other issues as well, such as the \$1,000 per month contract with Randy Castilla for water testing.

"We had no choice," she said. "If we did not have anyone cer-

INSIDE

Steven LaMascus

I don't know about you, but I'm sick and tired of the Democrats trying to find something, anything, wrong with President Bush's past. Opinion/Page 2

Bobby Templeton

Possibly the most meaningful thing that a person could say to a teacher is: "You really make a difference in the lives of our kids, thank you." Community/Page 4

Chuck Hall

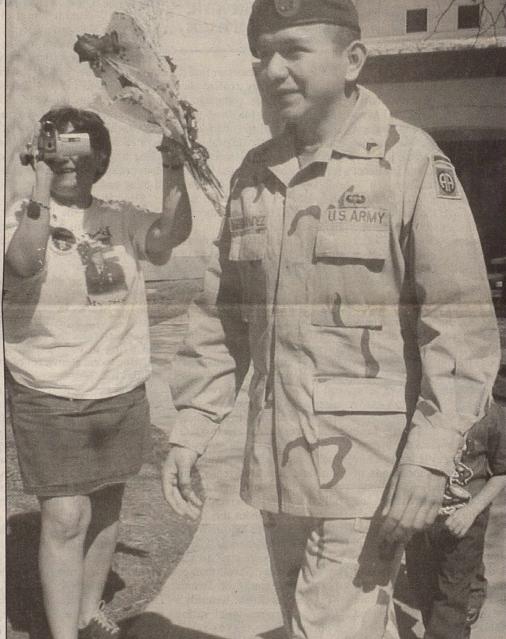
For those of you who don't know, my fourth grandchild was born two weeks ago. His name is Tyler William Bowman.

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Brackettville native Daniel Hernandez is welcomed home last week after returning from war in the Middle East. Hernandez was honored in a ceremony at Brackett ISD.

Commissioners approve temporary employee for JP's Office

Staff Writer

The Commissioners' Court temporary employee to work in nity service and jail time down. his office.

employee to work for a period of 12 weeks. The position is for 20 hours a week with a salary of \$6 per hour. The court specified that at the

end of that 12 weeks the justice of the peace would have to submit a report to demonstrate the advantages of having the additional employee and how it affected the generation of revenue and more work being completed. Ford said his office was bringing in enough revenue to sup-

port an additional salary. two years," he said.

but was not granted one.

"Now we must have one," he

Additional paper work is genapproved a request from Justice erated because extensions to pay of the Peace John Ford to hire a fines are given to keep commu-

More transactions are occur-Ford stated that an increase ring, according to the judge. The in paperwork caused by new DPS clerk entered 263 tickets in state laws that went in to effect January of last year. This Janu-Jan. 1 was overwhelming his ary the clerk entered 621. Teresa Davis entered 437 transac-The commissioners authotions in January of 2003 and 549 rized the hiring of a temporary this January. Gross receipts went from \$68,210 in January 2003 to \$87,560 in January 2004.

"We haven't had court in quite a while," Ford said. "We have people who have pled not guilty. They are entitled to

"You put that file in the comcomes up and catches all the flags. You see a person that hasn't paid. It's a possibility that you could issue a warrant. The person has already pled not "There is more revenue com- taken to jail on a warrant. They

"There has been some people who were was not the only department that taken out of the work force because of budget constraints ... In all probability, (we will) be looking at some additional reductions for the subsequent budget of which we will start planning in June of this year." County Judge Herb Senne

"A J.P. was just charged where we are at."

\$45,000 from the state for not taking care of collections in a of Precinct 1, said the additional timely manner." Ford added. Sandy Watkins, the county

auditor, pointed out that the additional work in the Justice of the Peace's Office was due to a law change that was beyond anyone's control. "If we are getting on a time

puter, and then warrant time lag and there are some liability issues, my concern is protecting the county," she said.

Ford said he was worried about the county getting sued. "You know that when you get

guilty, but might be stopped and too much on your platter as a laborer or anybody else, there we are just into January," said ing in to the county and there are mistakes that are easy to are just going to be mistakes will continue to be for the next make. That could lead to a law- made because you fell out of suit for wrongful arrest. This is your procedures to pick up months and we have almost half Ford had requested a part the stuff that I am worried about something else — it just hap- of the projected revenue." time clerk at the budget table, because I am responsible for it. pens," he said. "And that is

revenue would be more than enough to fund the additional salary.

sponsible of us to not provide someone to process the potentially lost income and liability issues," she said. "You are talking \$5,246. I can't imagine how much money processing 350 citations would generate.

The JP's Office has budgeted this year." revenues of \$482,000, but has already brought in \$220,000.

"That's just shy of half and Pat Melancon, commissioner of Precinct 4. "That's only four

County Judge Herb Senne the county judge added.

pointed out that the JP's Office was not granted additional help requested during budget talks last summer.

"Martha (Padron, county tax assessor-collector) also asked for some extra help," he said. "We did not see enough light in the tunnel to reach and allow that at the budget table for either of these two departments.

"In fact, we had to go to ex-Francie Wylie, commissioner treme. We looked at cutting people. I know the Sheriff's Department lost a couple of jailers. There has been some people who were taken out of the work "It would be extremly irre- force because of budget constraints. That is of concern to

Senne said the county will, "in all probability, be looking at some additional reductions for the subsequent budget of which we will start planning in June of

Senne requested a detailed written analysis concerning the

'My preference would be to set this back, not set it aside, but reset it and get a little more information for us to study prior to making a decision in writing,"

EDITORIAL

Rollback election was about more than just tax refunds

Francie Wylie, in her campaign worth the price tag? propaganda, has pointed out the road and bridge tax rate was .87 cents and that the rate was crease. rolled back to .8393 cents.

the county for the current fiscal year was .87 cents, which was \$35,000 in tax revenues, acnot a 12 percent increase, but cording to officials from the Kinin fact a 9 percent increase from ney County Appraisal District. last year's total county tax rate of .801840. The road and bridge cost of a rollback election? tax rate, however, was increased 249 percent from .020040 to .07

cies sooner. We would have rollback election. been glad to correct the infor-

of a can of whipped cream for

the shelf in the grocery store.

the clerk will bring one out for

them in the back now. They can

not be readily available to the

it upside down to put some on

ide or laughing gas. When the

along our streets. People who

walk the roads find full cans of

Bis Mama

The young people in this

cream come out when you turn cream.

them all?

far away, a couple went in search where.

Could the manager have sold the cream.'

you. You see, we have to keep an island.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's not just whipped cream

their pumpkin pie. What a sur- throwing the cans along the

prise it was to not find any on roads. We can, however, make

"Oh no" said the manager. and me in the little town of Pe-

"We have a lot in stock. Just go tersburg, Alaska., in the fall of

back to the dairy section, and 1998. Petersburg has a popula-

right, only the propellant comes aware of the fact that a can of

"The propellant is nitrous ox- and strawberries.

done with it, they throw the cans garbage up our streets.

Elect

Marvin

Kinney County

Commissioner - Pct. 1

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Once upon a time in a land whipped cream thrown every-

Precinct 1 Commissioner the rollback election was not

If that is the case, we would some inaccuracies reported by ask why she supported raising The Brackett News. And she is the tax rate above the rollback right — we incorrectly wrote rate. All of the commissioners that the county approved a 12 were made aware of the consepercent tax rate increase, that quences of the decision before they adopted the outrageous in-

By increasing the tax rate The total tax rate adopted by above the rollback rate, the county brought in an additional Was the extra \$35,000 worth the

If the members of the court would have cut some of their own salaries at the budget table, We wish Mrs. Wylie would they could have avoided exceedhave pointed out the inaccura- ing the rollback rate - and a

It seems that Mrs. Wylie mation — and to admit our mis- missed the point of the rollback takes - just as we are doing election. It was not how much the election was going to cost, Mrs. Wylie estimates the cost or even how much money the of the rollback election at citizens would be refunded by a \$5,000 and the cost of prepar-reduced tax rate. The message ing new tax statements at we hope all local elected offi-\$5,000. She also estimates an cials received from the rollback average return of \$10 per tax- election is that the citizens of Kinney County are tired of pay-Is Mrs. Wylie trying to say ing more taxes for fewer services.

"We cannot stop them from

This happened to my husband

it more difficult for them to buy

tion of about 3,000, and it is on

a difficult time in keeping them-

Unfortunately, within the

Sitka, Alaska.

CEEEEEAAAAU,

Demos can't win top office with a campaign on issues

deeply enough, they can find it.

and place it on things that sully

or totally fictitious.

isn't the same way.

The Way

I See It

Steven R.

LaMascus

I don't know about you, but crats trying to find something -

There is nothing there. They have gone over it with a microscope and found nothing, so now they are in "let's make up

Bush is a popular president. He is popular with the military, and with good reason. He knows how to give orders and then get the heck out of the way and let the professionals do the job, unlike every Democratic president with which I'm familiar.

when he made the famous and stupid remark that the pilots and commanders in Vietnam "can't The young people there have even bomb an outhouse without my approval." That is the kind selves busy, and are always of megalomaniacal idiot that we The man asked why not, and looking for new things to do to certainly don't need trying to was told a sad, but true story. occupy their time. run the country.

town have found a new way to past two weeks while we walked apparently decided to run a traichoice but to try to tear Bush He's a man with a common I just thought I had to write down to Kerry's level. I'm touch, who married two rich to work.

> whipped cram is not just for pies Fonda were communist sympathizers during Vietnam. They Kids, please don't wreck your cost the lives of thousands of They should have been tried and billion dollars — nevertheless, Kathleen Warm shot for treason.

> > Kerry has no moral or ideological center. He changes his few, but to all Americans.' position to suit the moment. He Vietnam and threw them at the ther Ted Kennedy or Dennis next nine months." Whitehouse ... Oh, wait, what are 'The Red' Kucinich. Kennedy's his desk?

medals he threw away belonged to someone else. So on top of

Bush just released his entire score from the American Con- ity challenged liberal element. National Guard record for the servative Union is 15 percent. world to see. Now the Democrats Kerry's is 6 percent. are saying that it only raises more ing to hide.

ally and really honest. There just with. has to be something dishonest in Bush's record, so if they dig home, Kerry sniffed the politi- him who sent you?"

cal wind in Massachusetts - the only state McGovern carried and decided there was hay to be made opposing the war. Without missing a beat, the hero enlisted in Vietnam Veterans Against the War, nobly serving with such VC-lovers as Jane Fonda and Ramsey Clark in the so-called Winter Soldier Investigation. Wonder if they'll cam-You see, they realize they paign for Johnny this year? The can't win if they campaign by concentrating on the issues. Bush nascent New Leftist had no stands head and shoulders above qualms about marching with scruffy Marxists carrying Viet every one of the liberal slime suckers on every issue. There-Cong flags and signs with slofore, they have to try to take the gans praising Ho Chi Minh, Kim public's attention off the issues Il Sung and Fidel.

"But it wasn't enough to merely oppose the war. Kerry Bush's good name, whether real had to smear his former comrades-in-arms as a bunch of de-They are gutless, immoral, unprincipled cowards, and can't generate, mutilating baby-killbelieve that the rest of the world

"The man who's now running Let me share a few things with on his war record - and menyou from Front Page Magazine tions his medals in every other breath — told a Senate hearing "He's a war hero who became that Americans then bleeding get 'high.' You see, there is a Fort Clark Road, we have tor and communist, Kerry, an anti-war activist when it and dying in the rice paddies propellant in the can that lets the picked up over 12 cans of the against Bush, they have no looked politically advantageous. were the moral equivalent of the Waffen S.S."

"John Forbes Kerry/Kohn is your pie or strawberries. How- about our incident to make the happy to say that it isn't going women. One he dumped, when a man whose time came and went she was suffering from depres- - roughly 30 years ago. He Kerry and "Hanoi" Jane sion, after she bore him two kids. could be elected president of "A graduate of the snooty St. Hollywood, president of the Ivy Paul's and Yale — member of League, president of the Na-Skull and Bones, currently mar-tional Council of Churches, young people of this town are bodies and minds — and don't U.S. servicemen and women. ried to a lady worth over half-a- president of the Dixie Chicks or president of CNN. But president he can prattle about this nation of the United States?

"Only if the American people have a complete and total "He's a moderate with a vot- memory failure — if the nation took the medals he was given in ing record more liberal than ei- has collective amnesia for the

The Democratic Party has those medals on the wall behind lifetime congressional rating moved so far to the left that they from the if-it-moves-tax-it are now nothing more than a Oh, yeah, now he says the Americans for Democratic Ac- thinly disguised branch of the tion is 88 percent — compared Communist Party. They no to 93 percent for Mr. Middle of longer represent the American the Road. Kucinich's lifetime Middle Class, but only the real-

Proverbs 22:17-21 - "Incline your ear and hear the words "One of Kerry's medals was of the wise, and apply your questions. Why? Because there for killing an enemy soldier who mind to my knowledge; For it is nothing incriminating to find supposedly was armed with a will be pleasant if you keep them and they can't believe that there rocket launcher. Except, evi- within you, that they may be is somebody out there with noth- dence suggests the fearsome foe ready on your lips. So that your was wounded at the time and may trust may be in the Lord, I have That attitude stems from the have been shot in the back. Per- taught you today, even you. Have I not written to you excellent things of counsels and knowledge, to make you know the certainty of the words of truth "Anyway, upon arriving that you may correctly answer



Teen Spirit

Shanae Simmons

Does what's on the inside still count?

The path is crowded with screams and cameras. Beautiful women are walking in high heels and glittery dresses that cover only about one-fourth of their small bodies, while their gentlemen escorts are dressed in tuxedos worn with sophistication.

Everyone looks as if they just had their teeth bleached, and their hair done professionally for hours on end, not to mention the makeup applied to perfection.

Recently, everyone is making a lot of stink about the Oscars. Every time I get on the Internet, I see stories of the Oscars' past winners, or I see television shows about the present nominees, but what seems most annoying is that I see shows and stories about the best and worst dressed. Actually, most of the time when the Oscars are involved, that is the major topic of the evening.

Why do we crave to constantly see who is wearing what?

I thought that I wore some crazy things to school, but some of their outfits are just plum mad. Honestly, I can't really distinguish the difference between the worst and best dressed of the red carpet. After the eyepopping, bare-all styles at the Oscars, I can't see how everyone was shocked with the Super Bowl.

The most comical thing though is the fact that for some celebrities, what they wear at the Oscars can make or break them. Silly right? An outfit can save your career or ruin it.

If it were me, I wouldn't feel the utmost confidence in my talents if a run in my hose lessened my popularity.

Because it is a big event, it would be appropriate to dress nice. If you are an actor, I can see that. Because you are in front of a camera and all of America, you would want to look your

I also see that looking nice can make good impressions, but then comes around the age-old question: Is it not what's on the inside that counts?

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something" mode.

He could be like Johnson

Now that the Democrats have about Kerry. I quote: ever, when you hold the can up- people in this wonderful town

everything else, he's a liar!

fact that most, if not all of them, haps this was a dress rehearsal have a lot to hide, so they can't for young Benedict's eventual conceive of anyone who is actu- betrayal of the guys he fought

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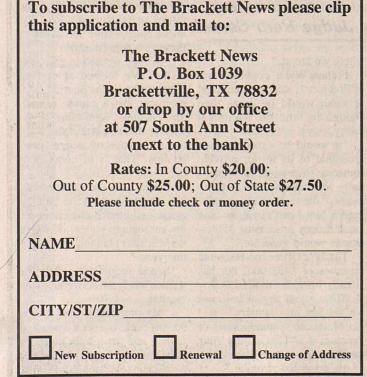
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Louise Williams

away Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at her ranch in Kinney County. She was born March 1, 1919, in her grandchildren: Jeremiah, Kinney County.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Robert L. Williams Jr., on Aug. 19,

Williams is survived by her sons, Robert L. Williams III and wife June of Tehachapi, Calif., Cemetery.

Louise Williams, 84, passed Douglas R. Williams of Denham Springs, La., and Robert L. Williams IV of Kinney County; and Ashley, Heather and Jake Williams, all of Denham Springs, La.

> Funeral services were held Wednesday morning in the chapel at G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home in Del Rio. Burial followed at Westlawn

BRIEFS

Landfill users need to bring pay stub Brackettville city officials are asking citizens who use the land-

fill to please provide a current utility stub when bringing waste to the landfull "This is not a new rule, this was established when the landfill was opened," said Bonnie Wardlaw, city secretary. "There is a

limit of four hauls per month. Any more after that, you will be

asked to purchase additional permits for every load. "I do apologize for the inconvenience this might cause. I am trying to get things back on track and I hope I can count on your cooperation. I would also like to take this opportunity to ask that if you have a complaint, address the issue at City Hall or at the City Council meeting. The employees are only doing their job

when they are asking for the utility stub," Wardlaw added. Little League registration is Sunday

The Kinney County Little League will host registration for boys and girls, ages 5 to 16, on Sunday at the Brackett High School gym from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Registration will also be held Tuesday, March 2, and Thursday, March 4, at the Civic Center from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

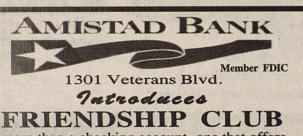
Little League players must be accompanied by a parent and bring a birth certificate or state certified copy of the child's birth, proof of residency, and a 12-pack of soft drinks (per family).

Registration fees will be similar to last season, but were not determined at press-time. Fees will be posted before the registration dates. Volunteers are still needed and may sign up during registration.

For more information, call Michelle Johnson at 563-3610.

Parade organizers to meet today

An organizational meeting for the Brackettville Fourth of July Parade will be held this afternoon at 4:30 in the courtroom at the Courthouse. Anyone interested in helping plan the parade, is invited to attend the meeting.



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It's not often that professional educators hear such things, but when those comments are made, they have power and meaning.

They affirm all of the reasons that we may have initially gotten into the profession years ago. This is amplified when such positive comments come from fellow educators.

Recently, I have had the pleasure of hearing numerous positive comments from parents, students, community members and staff members about two of my outstanding co-workers here at Brackett ISD.

As I think back, I can't really remember this many positive comments about an individual(s) in such a short period of time.

The individuals I am referring to wear many hats on behalf of the district, but their primary role is that of teacher/coach.

I am speaking about Charlie and Rhonda Marquardt, but to call them just a teacher or just a coach would not, at all, be an accurate assessment of their importance to our district.

In addition to their duties as educators, the Marquardts also sponsor the local chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Each week this group brings together 50 to 75 athletes and non-athletes with the purpose of fellowship and faith-building.

Making A Difference

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Even though their group is primarily religious in nature, pair. there is also a tremendous work training.

I have no doubt that many of the lessons they facilitate each week will serve our young people for the rest of their lives.

Education is not only about reading, math and science, it's thank you so much for all you also about honesty, fairness, do.

that sometimes gets left out of a student's formal education. Charlie and Rhonda not only

realize this, but step up to the plate on a daily basis to help cor-

hard-work, commitment and

hundreds of other intangibles

Our little corner of Texas is amazingly blessed to have this

I think Stan Conoly put it amount of leadership growth, best when he said, "I have seen self-esteem building and team- a difference in all of the kids since they got here.'

All educators touch kids on an individual basis but on a wholesale, institutional scale now that is making a difference.

Mr. and Mrs. Marquart,

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sunday, Feb. 15

10:15 a.m., A man reported two dogs in his goat pen at his residence on E. Third Street.

Monday, Feb. 16 4:30 p.m., A Del Rio DPS official reported a blue 18wheeler spilling blood on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. was notified of the spill. He

found that the liquid was water. 5:15 p.m., A Fort Clark city animal control officers. Springs security employee requested assistance.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

3:18 a.m., A man requested assistance in removing a walking cane from his wheelchair at his residence on W. Veltman

4:10 p.m., A man requested assistance in unlocking his vehicle in the back parking lot of Brackett High School.

4:48 p.m., A woman reported loud music on E. Veltman Street.

5:42 p.m., The owner of Burger & Shake requested assistance with a customer that was harassing the employees and other customers.

7:05 p.m., A woman requested that a deputy check a driver reported that a boy did had multiple bleeding scratches held at press-time. residence on Sweeney Street. Wednesday, Feb. 18

3:22 p.m., A woman reported that her car had been egged at that someone was staying in a over to the officer. her residence on East Second house that was not theirs. The

that a vehicle had trespassed on given the man permission to stay rested by Deputy Shannon for yards into brush. his property. Thursday, Feb. 19

10:16 a.m., Del Rio DPS officials reported that they had re- her vehicle on Spring Street. ceived a 911 call in reference to

about 4 miles west of Brackettville. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley and EMS personnel were dispatched to the location.

8:19 p.m., A woman reported that a dog was loose and had Highway 90. almost bitten a man on Edwards Street. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez driving on El Paso Street when spoke to the owners of the dog Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter and asked them to secure the animal. At 12:03 a.m., he again saw the dog loose and notified

Friday, Feb. 20

1:09 a.m., The Val Verde Sheriff's Office reported a blue and black sport utility truck weaving into oncoming traffic on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. Deputy Gutierrez was informed and found the vehicle inside the city limits. He spoke to the local man, who was not intoxicated. The driver was on most hit a pedestrian at the crosshis way home.

3:40 a.m., Border Patrol agents from the Cline checkpoint requested assistance with two individuals that were in possession of marijuana. Trooper Ashley was dispatched to the

7:55 a.m., A Brackett ISD bus not want to get on the bus and on his forearm. The woman first was hitting his mother.

owner of the house later inat the residence.

quested assistance in unlocking leased the next day on a \$1,200 ficials requested medical assis-

12:03 p.m., Deputy Gutiera man needing medical attention rez reported a dog was once ported seeing two illegal aliens agents.

City officials were notified of the situation.

7:30 p.m., A man reported a

9:10 p.m., A girl said she was

rock, leaving a dent below the passenger side window. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the scene. The girl said she was throwing the rock at a friend and did not mean to hit the vehicle. The driver initially did not want to press charges, but she later arrived at the Sheriff's Office and said that her mother wanted

9:15 p.m., An anonymous driving fast and reckless and alwalk in front of the school.

to press charges.

10:22 p.m., A man reported that he had a fight with his girlfriend. He said that she had him his car keys back. Deputy Cody Shannon was dispatched to the residence on Pafford

Saturday, Feb. 21

driving under the influence and 10:42 a.m., A woman re- reckless driving. He was rebail bond.

10:11 a.m., A 911 caller re- ankle who was detained by

again loose on Thomas Street. crossing Highway 90. Border Patrol officials were notified.

1:44 p.m., A woman reported an illegal alien on W. Fulton dead deer east of Fritter Park on Street. Border Patrol agents were

Sunday, Feb. 22

4:20 a.m., An Amistad Nursa girl struck her vehicle with a ing employee requested that a judge meet her at a residence on Mud Creek Road in regards to a woman who had passed away.

4:27 p.m., A woman requested assistance in contacting a woman in Austin.

7 p.m., A Border Patrol agent reported a truck driving reckless on Highway 131, about 5 miles south of Brackettville.

10 p.m., Alberto Munoz Martinez, 62, of Eagle Pass was arcaller reported that a man was rested by DPS Trooper Marcos Hernandez for driving while intoxicated, second offense. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

11 p.m., Rodolfo Arellano, scratched him and wouldn't give 21, of Mexico was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for failure to identify as a fugitive. He was booked into the Kinney County Street. He spoke to the man, who Jail, where he was still being

11:15 p.m., Deputy Shannon said she threw the car keys into reported a speeding vehicle, 9:43 a.m., A woman reported a field, but later turned them about 3 miles east of Brackettville. The vehicle would not stop and started to drive faster. The 4:30 a.m., Jaime Voreto vehicle ran off the highway, 4:27 p.m., A man reported formed officers that she had Jaimes, 18, of Austin was ar- through a fence, about 100

Monday, Feb. 23 2:34 a.m., Border Patrol oftance for a man with a broken

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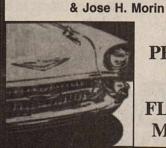
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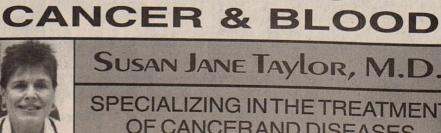
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Hall pens last column

For those of you who don't know, my fourth grandchild was born two weeks ago. His name is Tyler William Bowman. He weighted 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 19 inches

Unfortunately, he was born with many, many problems. He has already had one sur- came by, called or wrote letgery and will have to have ters of support. I have never open heart surgery this week.

Last week was a week of anniversaries. It was seven years ago that I first began to to write my usual notes of levwrite a weekly piece for the ity. I cannot pen a column paper. I did not intend for it about a thought that is lightto last so long. Also, it was hearted and enjoyable. I don't 31 years ago that I sat in the have the ability to put somewaiting room of the Santa thing down that would enter-Rosa hospital in San Antonio tain you. I can't even try. awaiting recovery of my oldtion after a car wreck.

That was when I made up joyed writing. my mind to live in Brackettville for all of my life. I think all of my family. everybody in town either



Chuck Hall

But I Could

Be Wrong

known of such compassion. I will remember it always.

My heart hurts too much

So this will be my last colest daughter's serious condi- umn. I hope you have enjoyed reading as much as I have en-

Pray for my grandson and And so it ends.

DRT chapter honors Vondy

Agnes Vondy of Brackettville lic of Texas (DRT).

Vondy turned 95 years old lowing the business meeting.

Vondy's niece, Barbara Fritalso a chapter member, helped with the celebration.

and Pricilla Montgomery reported on their trip to San Aning the Alamo Centennial project.

Caddel-Smith Chapter meeting Alamo and many celebrations were designed, and they are in Stephen Moore. of the Daughters of the Repubare being planned during that need of a major facelift.

on Feb. 8. DRT chapter mem- the Alamo represents the longter Lomax from Rocksprings, Spain, France, Mexico, the Re-members. public of Texas, the Confedercy, and maintenance of the Alamo.

It was decided that the retro-

The goal is \$325,000 and will vations must be made. Contact The DRT's custodialship of come from Alamo supporters any member for more informawith the DRT leading the way. tion. bers enjoyed a delicious pine- est period of time that the Alamo Each of the over 100 chapters apple cake in Vondy's honor, fol- has enjoyed under one leader- will be assessed an amount, ceremonies of the year at the ship. Put another way, the DRT called the "chapter challenge," has outlasted the governments of based on the number of chapter

The 15th Texas History Fo-Madeline Barta, Pat McKelvy of Texas in the protection, care Alamo grounds and is open to they carried. the public.

tonio earlier this month regard- fitting of the Long Barrack Mu- ers Dr. Maria Wade, Eugene "The Gates of the Alamo," and seum on the Alamo grounds George, Dr. Paula Mitchell the program narrator will be Dr. would be a fitting centennial Marks, Madge Thornall Rob- Stephen L. Hardin.

2005 will be the 100th year project. It has been more than erts, Dr. Jesus de la Teja, Dr. was recognized recently at the that DRT has cared for the 17 years since the exhibits there Richard Bruce Winders and

The charge is \$20 and reser-

One of the most impressive Alamo Shrine is scheduled for Saturday. It is the candlelight tribute service honoring the valiant Alamo Couriers of 1836 the United States and the state rum is set for Friday on the and remembering the message

The featured speaker will be The event will feature speak- Stephen Harrigan, author of

Hunters and hikers: Protect yourself from diseases

alone. Billions of critters that occur. can carry diseases will be out there, too.

have an increased risk of exposure to diseases transmitted by ticks, fleas and mosquitoes and the Texas Department of Health tend.

and wildlife are less likely to they can take to protect themselves," said Eric Fonken, a veterinarian with TDH's zoonosis

West Nile virus can cause encephalitis and is spread through the bite of an infected mosquito.

is an inflammation of the covering of the brain or spinal cord

Thousands of Texas hunters tense headache, high fever, nau- or by direct contact with inand hikers are taking to the sea, muscle tenderness, partial fected animals such as prairie contact with dust particles conwoods and fields in pursuit of unconsciousness and even coma. dogs, squirrels, cats, rats and taining a virus, and others by game. Unfortunately, they're not Although unlikely, death may

As of Nov. 13, TDH had recorded 363 human cases of West Hunters, campers and hikers Nile virus meningoencephalitis quickly, death may result. in 75 Texas counties this year, including 27 deaths.

mals, according to officials from enjoy the outdoors have to con-

With Lyme disease, which is "But encounters with insects the most frequently diagnosed tick-borne problem in the United cause problems if people know States, there may be skin lesions yourself against insect bites:

> In addition, Rocky Mountain that is spread by ticks and that produces a rash, can cause serious illness and even death if not such as a hat, a long-sleeve shirt supportive treatment, but antitreated quickly.

Encephalitis is an inflamma- causes tularemia, yet another clothes to easily spot ticks. tion of the brain and meningitis tick-borne disease, also can occur from handling carcasses of wild rabbits and rodents.

Symptoms can include in- is transmitted to people by fleas

times includes the presence of mals or animal carcasses. painful, swollen lymph nodes.

"Many of these diseases beto diseases spread by wild ani- illness with which people who body aches," Fonken said. dust particles. "However, symptoms can ous systems of the body.'

■ Use insect repellent conage directions carefully.

Stay on trails and avoid arspotted fever, another disease eas of overgrown brush and tall grasses.

■ Wear protective clothing and long pants tucked into boots Exposure to the bacteria that or socks. Wear light-colored

for ticks every few hours. Ticks are small, easy to miss and will Plague, common in wild ro- attach to any part of the body

Some diseases are spread by mice. This dreaded disease some- direct contact with infected ani-

Infected rodents such as rats Unless treatment is sought and mice spread hantavirus infection to people. A rodent may have the virus in its droppings, gin with flu-like symptoms such urine and saliva. From there, the West Nile virus is only one as fever, chills, headache and virus can spread in the air on

"You can become infected by worsen quickly and affect vari- inhaling dust that contains the virus," Fonken said. "Cleaning The best way to avoid get- cabins, sheds or barns without a ting these diseases is to protect mask can increase your chances of coming in contact with

Early symptoms of hantavirus infection are much like those of flu. The disease may lead to extreme difficulty with breathing, possibly followed by death.

Patients may recover through biotics will not cure a hantavirus infection. Deer hunters need to be aware that deer can share the ■ Check your body carefully bacterium that causes anthrax in people and that feral hogs can carry brucellosis.

Care should be taken when

Chocolate desert is well worth the wait

If you like chocolate and want to serve a sinfully rich dessert that's quick to assemble, this one is for you.

The only drawback to it is the four-hour wait for it to set before serving. But it's well worth the wait.

Chocolate Eclair Cookie

1 cup cold milk 1 8-ounce carton frozen whipped dairy topping, thawed 1/2 box (7.5) graham crack-

instant pudding mix

frosting

pudding in a medium size bowl. ers. Then, fold in whipped topping (makes about 4 cups) and set over the top layer of the crack-

Using an 8-inch square glass

1 small box of french vanilla you may need to break some to make an entire layer) on the bot- what they're dealing with, what or rashes. If left untreated, setom of the dish, and spread about the symptoms of infection are vere damage to the joints, heart taining DEET, following pack-1 cup of the pudding mixture and some simple precautions and nervous system may result. other layer of crackers.

Goodies

From G.G.

Vada

Baldree

1 cup prepared chocolate ding mixture is used. It should control division. make about four layers. Top Mix together the milk and with a final fifth layer of crack-

ers, sealing it to the edges of the dish. Cover with plastic wrap or ceramic dish, place a single and refrigerate at least four hours that may be caused by one of layer of graham crackers (de- or up to 24 before serving. several mosquito-borne viruses. dent populations of West Texas, from head to toe, so look care- handling all wild-animal carpending on the size of cracker, Makes eight to 12 servings.

over the crackers. Top with an-Continue until all of the pud-

Spread the chocolate frosting

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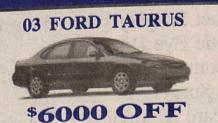
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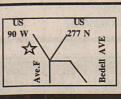
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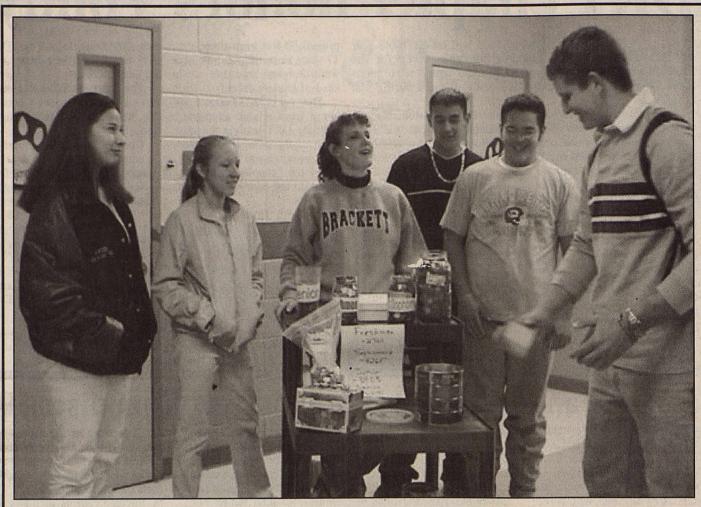
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Fellowship of Christian Athletes members Emily Valenzuela (from left), Natasha Smith, sponsor Rhonda Marquardt, Ricky Ortega and John Moore watch fellow member Dietrich Davis donate money during the Penny Wars, a class competition to raise funds for the organization. The local FCA group raised \$823 and used part of the funds to purchase a saw for Expanding Horizons of Brackettville.

Wednesday noon service offered

Lent is a 40-day period of reflection and repentance. Scripture uses this number 40 frequently to describe in intense period of time.

Noah was in the ark with all of his charges for 40 days. The Hebrews wandered in the desert for 40 years. Jesus was in the days without food or drink to name just a few.

During our 40 days of Lent, called to examine our lives, to reflect on how we have sinned against God, ourselves and our neighbors, in thought, word and deed, by doing the things we promoting Pharisees and 12:50 p.m.

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are invited to attend.

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desert tempted by Satan for 40 know we shouldn't do, and not doing the things that we know we should do.

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Jesus spoke out against the self-satisfied, self-righteous, self-

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> Our Redeemer and St. Andrew's churches will be offering a Wednesday noon healing and break and celebrate the healing prayer service from 12:10 to

> This will be a year round ser-We humbly on Ash Wednes- for and receive healing, to reday receive the imposition of ceive the sacrament of Holy excited to offer this opportunity I am excited to announce that to the communities of Fort Clark Springs and Brackettville.

> > Come during your lunch

and to dust we shall return. Yet spite in our busy lives during ebrate the promise of redemp- through the laying on of hands tion through Jesus Christ. We and annointing with oil are a tracelebrate that Christ has come dition in both the Lutheran and to make whole the brokeness of Episcopal churches, and we are

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"My son, remember you have "Son, I'll leave you with the an angel to go with you, invite same advice that a very wise man him into all you do and listen to

They all prayed and the

■ Editor's note: This column working in Brackettville to "Keep the Lord in mind in strengthen families, faith and

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"And Joseph called the name of the first born Manaseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.

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of Egypt, were ended.

dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said; And the dearth was in all Lands; but in Mine hour is not yet come. all the Land of Egypt there was

Egypt was famished, the people



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Tigers win BHS golf meet

The Tigers won the Brackett Invitational golf meet Monday at Fort Clark Springs.

We are very pleased with the results, but we have to get better if we are going to reach the goals that we have set for ourselves this year," BHS coach Ken Wallace said.

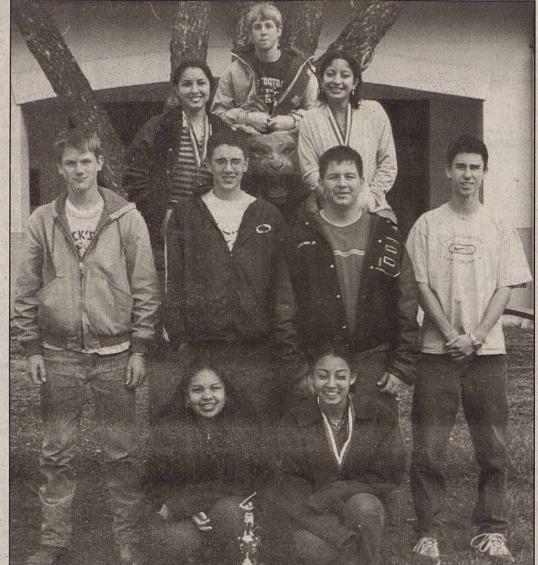
Brackett, which finished second in district last year behind the state champs from Three Rivers, topped the boys' field of five teams with an overall score of 345. Uvalde finished second with a 362 and Natalia was third with a 387.

Martin Flores paced the Tigers with a first-place finish, posting an 82, while teammate Justin Calk took second with an 85. Brackett's Mason McWilliams tied for third with J.P. Gerdes of Uvalde as both finished with an 87. Travis Nowlin posted a 91 for the Tigers, while Seth Frerich shot a 94.

In the girls' division, Uvalde took first with a 383. Brackett posted a 468, Natalia shot a 490 and Pearsall tallied 499.

"The girls finished a strong second in the tourney, but more importantly, we finished 22 strokes ahead of Natalia," Wallace said. "That has to help our confidence. Natalia finished second in district last year and advanced to the regional tourney. It was the first time in a while that our girls did not go to regionals so we are trying to rebuild and get back there.'

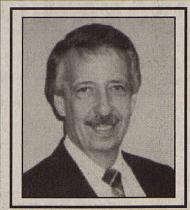
Cassie Mata and Isabel Rivas each shot a 111 for BHS, Saman-Perez shot a 130.



Tournament champs

Photo by J.J. Guidry

The Tigers won the Brackett Invitational golf tournament Monday at Fort Clark Springs, while the Tigerettes finished second in the girls' division. Team members include, bottom row (from tha Pina had a 116 and Kaylynn left): Cassie Mata and Kaylynn Perez. Second row: Seth Frerich, Justin Calk, Martin Flores and Travis Nowlin. Third row: Isabel Rivas and Samantha Pina. Top: Mason McWilliams.



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Tigers fall to Rohawks in playoffs

By J.J. GUIDRY Sports Editor

LYTLE - The Brackett Ti-Randolph Rohawks 63-38 in the round to face Premont. first round of the state 2A basdies ketball playoffs. 210

Randolph was up 33-22 at

halftime but went on to outscore perior team," Tigers coach Char-Brackett 30-18 in the second half to secure the win.

gers season came to an end Tues- Brandon Ervin's game-high 24 day night as they fell to the points, advance to the second

with a 13-2 mark.

lie Marquardt said. "They were only player to score in doubleby far the quickest team we've figures. He finished with 12. The Rohawks (23-5), led by faced all year, as far as covering the floor.

but I am very proud of how hard Davis and Charlie Slaughter Brackett finishes its season our kids played. They never each had four, and Cody Edbacked down. They kept fight- wards and Rolando Ortiz both "Randolph was just the su- ing until the end," he added.

Travis Nowlin was Brackett's

Leon Woolsey posted seven points in the contest, Noe Tala-"You're never happy losing, mantes scored six, Dietrich

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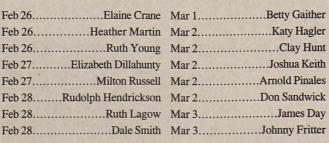
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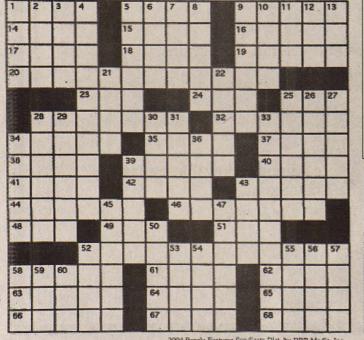
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by Charles Cooper

Some of it is good concerning fi- to reach proves to be quite elunances. Personally, though, you sive this week. Be persistent. You have issues to sort out with loved won't succeed at work unless you

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) SCORPIO (October 23 to No-Listen closely to what others are vember 21) Avoid making imtelling you. You need to discern pulsive decisions this week. While who's telling the truth and who you're generally a person of acisn't. Those being deceptive have tion, sometimes, you just need to a hidden agenda.

While money matters seem to be picking up, not all the news is fa- SAGITTARIUS (November 22 areas so you can address them so suspicious of others' motives, properly. Over the weekend, shar- particularly where romance is to happiness.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You need some direction on a CAPRICORN (December 22 to ing with those in authority. LEO (July 23 to August 22) Try

not to push a romantic interest too hard. This person doesn't deal really desire.

wavelength with loved ones. As a result, communication goes well. to straighten out.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) LIBRA (September 23 to Octo-It's a week of mixed news for you. ber 22) Someone you're trying can get this person's input.

lay back and think things over. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) what people want. This weekend, you're in tune with

vorable. Identify those problem to December 21) Try not to be ing with family members is the key concerned. Not everyone has an angle. Once you learn this, your love life improves.

complicated work project. Don't January 19) Seize the opportuhesitate to seek help and ask ques- nity which arises this week at tions. It won't weaken your stand- work. Since you're in bigwigs' good graces, you'll be able to make the changes you want in the workplace. Later, a personal decision needs to be made.

well with pressure. If you back off, AQUARIUS (January 20 to Febyou'll achieve the end result you ruary 18) You chafe a bit at a close friend's neediness. You are correct to feel that you can't al-VIRGO (August 23 to Septem- ways be the one riding to the resber 22) You're on the same cue. However, you can point this person in the right direction.

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amending the By Laws of the

Kinney County Groundwater

Conservation District on Thurs-

day, March 4, 2004, at 4:00 p.m., in the District Courtroom

of the Kinney County Court-

house located in Brackettville,

Texas. HEARING ON AMEND-

ING THE BY LAWS: 1. Call to

lic Hearing and possible action on amending the By Laws of the

Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District to allow the

directors to set the day of the

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dersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above NOTICE

OF HEARINGS of the Board of

Directors of the Kinney County

Groundwater Conservation Dis-

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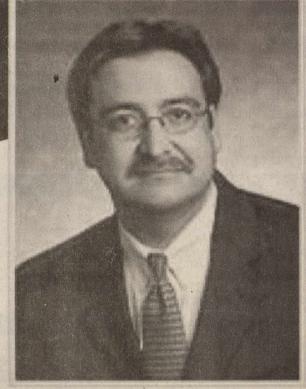
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Endorses State Representative Timoteo Garza

I served the people of Maverick & Kinney County for over 12 years. I was proud to work side-by-side with Timoteo Garza.

He served as a member of the Mexican American Legal Caucus & together we pledged to support Texas kids, and vote no on any cuts to kids.

Because education is crucial to our state's economic and social well-being, we pledged to vote no on any education cuts.

Because we support the elderly, we pledged to vote no on any cuts to Medicaid or Medicare.

And because we support border programs, we pledged to vote no on any cuts to border programs.

Timoteo Garza kept his promise, and authored legislation and amendments to prevent educational cuts, medicaid cuts, and fought to restore funding to CHIPS and primary healthcare providers.

With Timo I have learned that, 'a Promise made is a Promise Kept'."

-- Pete P. Gallego, State Representative
District 74



Tracy King says he wants to improve our kids Education, <u>but</u> in 8 years in office, he <u>never</u> filed education legislation to make that happen. Perhaps that is why, while he claims to live in Batesville, his children continue to attend elementary schools in Uvalde. Aren't any of District 80's Schools good enough for his kids?

State Representative Garza fought side-by-side with his colleagues to prevent Education, Medicaid & CHIP cuts.

Thanks to your record-setting vote, in his first-term, he was the only Freshmen Democrat appointed to a leadership role as Vice-Chair of Law Enforcement. Representative Garza sits on the powerful transportation committee & serves on the Public School Finance Committee, which provides each of us, a strong voice on the future of Texas education.

Representative Garza passed more legislation for you and I, secured more transportation dollars, & delivered greater funding for medical & healthcare providers, than King did in 8 years. Twice, two years ago, each of us sent King a message, last election, lets send it again.

Representative Pete P. Gallego, Senator Frank Madla, Senator Leticia Van De Putte & House Democratic Caucus Chair Jim Dunnam endorse Your State Representative and think he is a great Democrat. Whom should you believe? Four proven Democratic Leaders, or one bitter, misguided, outsider that distorts the facts?

On March 9, 2004 Vote for the Proven Candidate, Vote Timoteo Garza, State Representative, District 80