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Three-car accident

DPS Trooper Tully Welch (above) investigates a three-vehicle accident at the corner of U.S. 90 and Gove Street last Thursday. One Brackettville woman died and two others were injured as a result of the accident.

Photos by Kathy Wilson

Brackettville woman dies in accident

By FLO DEAN
Staff Writer

Olga Lidia DeLeon, 42, of Brackettville died in an accident last Thursday at the intersection of Gove Street and Highway 90.

DeLeon, who was wearing a seatbelt, was a passenger, along with Josefa Payne, 55, in a 1994 Ford Explorer driven by Maria Rosario Luna, 47.

Luna and Payne, also Brackettville residents, were both injured in the accident. Both were wearing seatbelts.

Luna's Explorer and a 1997 Chevrolet van, driven by Robert Alan Queenman, 44, of Arling-

ton, were east-bound on U.S. 90. When Luna slowed to make a left turn onto Gove Street, the van struck Luna's vehicle and it flipped onto its roof, facing south.

A third vehicle, a 2001 Sierra GMC pickup, driven by Pedro Galindo Nieto of Uvalde, was west-bound on U.S. 90. It was struck by Luna's vehicle as it flipped over into the west-bound lane. The van then crossed the westbound lane and struck a nearby building.

Queenman and a passenger, Chance Suthers, 32, were not injured. Both were wearing their seatbelts.

Galindo was able to drive his vehicle into a nearby parking lot. He was wearing a seatbelt and was not in-



jured. Luna and Payne were both in stable condition with bumps and bruises.

According to Texas Department of Public Safety re-

ports, Luna failed to activate her turn signal and Queenman failed to control speed and was inatten-

Davis claims primary win King reclaims state seat

It looks like Kinney County will have a new commissioner next year.

Marvin Davis claimed a majority of the votes in Tuesday's primary to win the Democratic Party's nomination for commissioner of Precinct 1.

With no Republicans filed to run for the post, Davis is expected to take over the post on Jan. 1.

Davis topped the four-candidate field with 122 votes, while incumbent commissioner Francie Wylie tallied 77. Mike Holley, chairman of the Appraisal District board, garnered 23 votes and Linda Jaso had 16.

"I was certainly surprised that it ended up in an apparent majority," Davis said Tuesday night after the unofficial results were announced. "But it showed me the confidence the people have in my willingness to work for the county."

County officials are expected to canvass the votes during a special meeting next Thursday.

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

Here is a look at the other contested races that appeared on the local Democratic ballot:

State Representative

Two years ago, a flood of money spread around by his father lifted political neophyte Timoteo Garza over four-term incumbent Rep. Tracy King to



Marvin Davis

represent the seven counties of District 80.

But in the Tuesday rematch, running without the benefit of his father's deep pockets and political muscle, Garza, 29, couldn't pull out a repeat victory.

King dominated the early voting and won by a 14,205-9,084 vote. In Kinney County, King finished with 412 votes while Garza had 165.

In making his first run for political office two years ago, Garza got a \$235,000 loan and other financial help from his father, Isidro Garza, the then-manager of Lucky Eagle Casino on the Kickapoo Reservation.

But Isidro was forced out after a change in tribal leadership in late 2002 and this time he wasn't a factor in the race.

King found himself vulnerable to Tracy King to

Filing ends Monday for city, school elections

Three candidates have filed to challenge incumbent Mary Flores for her seat on the City Council in the upcoming May 15 election.

Matt Bland, Dido Garcia and B'Ann Gomez have all filed to run for Flores' post.

Candidates seeking positions on the Brackettville City Council and Brackett ISD Board of Trustees can file for a place on the ballot through Monday.

As of late Wednesday, three incumbent aldermen had filed for re-election and had no opposition — Camilo Cruz, Francisca "Chica" Garza and Johnny Samaniego.

Joe Garza, former city councilman J.J. Guidry and Ponce

Padron have all filed to run for mayor.

Carmen Berlanga is the incumbent mayor, but has not been active in the city since suffering a stroke last fall.

The mayor and council positions all have a two-year term. Cruz was appointed to the council last year to fill a vacancy left by Bonnie Wardlaw, the current city secretary. That position will have one year remaining following this year's election.

Early voting in the city election will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, April 7-28, with the exception of Good Friday on April 9.

The school board election is also on May 15.

Three school board members are up for re-election: Lloyd Lee Davis, Jim McDaniel and Sara Terrazas.

The three trustees will be elected to three-year terms.

Terrazas is the only incumbent that had filed for re-election as of Wednesday.

Curvin Crane, Roy Jay Harris and Tom Swinson also filed to run for the school board.

There is an information packet available for board member candidates.

The packet includes a quick reference guide of dates and events for the election and the recently adopted board member code of conduct.

It also contains basic infor-

mation, such as what the school board has a right to expect from a superintendent and what the superintendent has a right to expect from the school board of trustees.

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 and school elections.

All applications to apply for a ballot by mail must be received by May 7 at the close of the business day.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RESULTS

U.S. President	County results	State results		
Lyndon LaRouche Jr.	9 2.00%	7,090 0.84%		
Dennis J. Kukinich	5 1.11%	15,993 1.90%		
Dick Gephardt	9 2.00%	12,357 1.47%		
Howard Dean	27 6.01%	39,991 4.76%		
Al Sharpton	16 3.56%	31,146 3.71%		
Randy Crow	5 1.11%	6,446 0.77%		
John F. Kerry	220 49.00%	562,287 66.96%		
John Edwards	100 22.27%	120,452 14.34%		
Joe Lieberman	31 6.90%	25,599 3.05%		
Wesley K. Clark	27 6.01%	18,385 2.19%		
U.S. Rep., District 23				
Joe Sullivan	315 73.26%	28,638 63.43%		
Virgil W. Yanta	115 26.74%	16,510 36.47%		
TX Rep., District 80				
Timoteo Garza	165 28.60%	9,084 39.01%		
Tracy O. King	412 71.40%	14,205 60.99%		
Commissioner, Pct. 1				
Marvin A. Davis	122 51.26%	N/A N/A		
Mike Holley	23 9.66%	N/A N/A		
Linda Jaso	16 6.72%	N/A N/A		
Francie Wylie	77 32.35%	N/A N/A		

INSIDE

■ FCS Festival
The Fourth Annual Fort Clark Springs Festival will be held on Friday and Saturday. The activities begin Friday with a street dance.
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■ Historic award
The Texas Historical Commission has recognized the Kinney County Courthouse as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark.
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■ Runner honored
Brackett junior Juliann Ashabranner has been selected for inclusion in the 2003-2004 high school edition of *Who's Who In Sports*.
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Brackett students finish first TAKS exam

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Students at Brackett ISD recently took the first of four Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) exams.

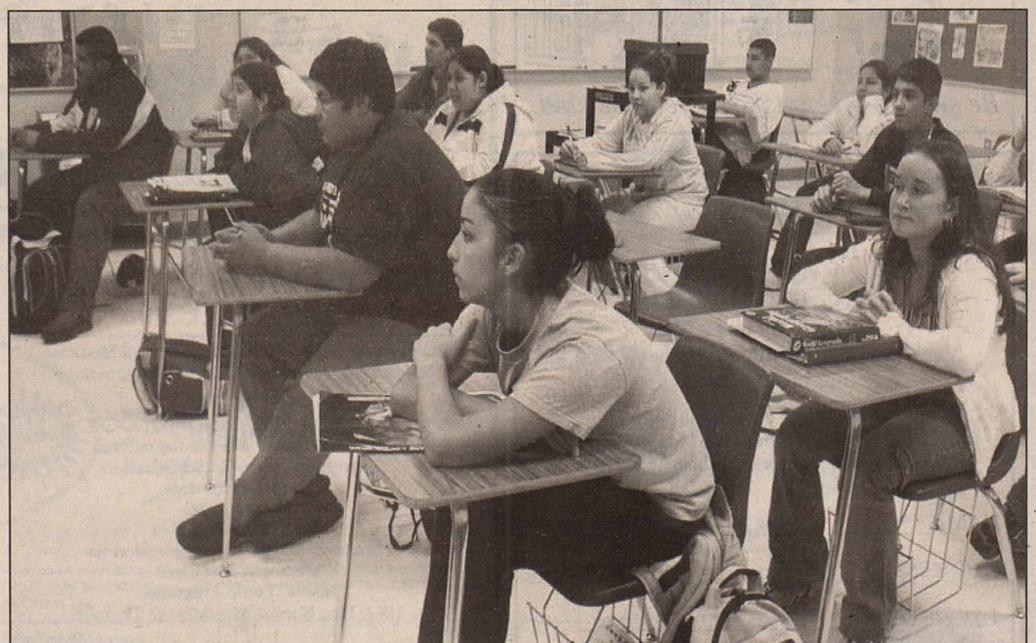
Emotions may be running highest this year among 11th-grade students, who are facing more tests with fewer chances to pass. They must pass the test, either now or in their senior year, to graduate from high school.

The state exam has four subject areas: English language arts, math, science and social studies. The English language arts was given two weeks ago, and the rest are scheduled for three consecutive days in April.

To pass the exams, juniors must remember what they learned in 9th and 10th grades, and, in some cases, 8th grade.

"Being prepared for a comprehensive exam can be difficult for students," BHS Principal Paula Renken said. "To be successful, students must have a working knowledge of the material."

"With the onset of TAKS,



Making the grade

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Photo by J.J. Guidry

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dicksons take fond memories

It is always hard to say good-bye, but my husband and I felt moved to express our thoughts about our wonderful experiences in Brackettville before we head to Lubbock.

We were fortunate to begin our marriage here and to bring our daughter into the world as Kinney County residents.

I vividly remember coming to Brackettville as a new bride and being somewhat horrified to realize that there was no Bed, Bath, and Beyond or 24-hour Walgreen's. I thought to myself, "What have I gotten myself into?" But, what I soon learned was that I was in store for a whole lot more than anything a shopping mall could bring.

We were completely embraced by this community. Coming from a large city, we had never enjoyed the hospitality and great kindness of small town living.

We have endless examples of kindness we are sure to miss: Post Office employees who know you by name; being able to be

identified by your burger order at Pico; an awesome, loving church congregation; friendly waves on the fort; hand-shakes on the football field after a victory or defeat; a week's worth of meals following the birth of our daughter; and the list goes on and on.

Most importantly, my husband and I are better people because of our experiences with the BISS students. The kids of Brackettville are truly amazing, respectful, hard-working and good-hearted young people. This is a direct reflection of being raised by great people in a very unique community. We will never forget our time together with the kids.

So, we want to thank the community of Brackettville for making it hard to accept this new job. It is very difficult to give up all that we have come to love here for this new adventure, but we will forever have great memories of Brackettville.

Leslie, Andy and Kamryn Dickson

Tax money goes to attorneys

Did you know that Kinney County collected approximately \$70,388 for the groundwater people in 2003? Most of this \$70,000 is to pay lawyers which will not produce one drop of water.

I strongly believe that we can solve most of the problems of water for the state of Texas.

My solution is to take all the groundwater taxes in Texas and

build a desalination plant in the Gulf of Mexico and pump the water to where it is needed, and tell the attorneys to take a hike and stay out of our pockets.

If you can think of a better solution than this, tell your state representative or send him a copy of this letter.

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Glen Heesacker

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Yo
Shanae

Shanae
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Share your feelings and show you care

Yo Shanae: I have a problem. I don't know why, but this girl keeps making up things that are directed towards me.

I don't understand why she would be doing this, but it has really confused me. Should I say anything to her?

— Misty Eyes

Well, Misty Eyes, thank you for being the very first of hopefully many questioners.

To answer your question, yes, you should eventually ask her what the deal is, but first, you should ask yourself some questions.

Questions like, "Are the things she is saying about me intentionally hurtful?"

If so, ask yourself why. Could it be that she is bored, she has low self-esteem and feels she has to lower others to heighten her own position, or can it be that the age-old telephone has totally changed what her original message was?

It is always good to put yourself in the other person's shoes. After thinking about it, go and talk to her politely, making sure not to throw any negative assumptions at her.

Start the conversation up by saying something positive like, "Why so-and-so, you are looking nice today," making sure that she knows you are not trying to attack her verbally.

Then, after starting a generic conversation, proceed to ask her about these rumors and explain how it makes you feel. Make sure not to make yourself too aggressive, and give her the benefit of the doubt.

Two things will happen — either she will deny having started any rumors, or she will admit her faults and explain herself.

Whatever she does, remember to stay calm and in control. You don't want to change the situation into a big blowout.

So if she does deny spreading rumors, then leave it at that, because she will know that you are hearing them, and do not appreciate it. Remember that words can never hurt you if you don't let them.

If she does admit her actions, then make sure to find out why, and explain to her that previously before hearing of these hurtful words, you had nothing against her and do not wish to start any problems.

Most likely, this person is just really insecure about themselves, and all they really need is a friend.

So if you tell her your feelings and show that you do care, you can turn a really negative situation into a positive one.

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The death of democracy

I just received an e-mail that is a godsend. I have been saying for years that our nation is in a death spiral that seems to me to parallel what has happened to many other nations over the years. I have tried to put into words what I see as the future of the nation, but have never been truly satisfied with the result.

Now, out of the blue, comes this message that says with amazing clarity and almost clairvoyance what I have been stumbling around for years. Here it is:

"At about the time our original 13 states adopted their new constitution, in the year 1787, Alexander Tyler (a Scottish history professor at The University of Edinburgh) had this to say about The Fall of The Athenian Republic some 2,000 years prior.

"A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, (which is) always followed by a dictatorship.

"The average age of the world's greatest civilizations, from the beginning of history, has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependence; from dependence back into bondage."



The Way
I See It

Steven R.
LaMascus

"Professor Joseph Olson of Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota, points out some interesting facts concerning the most recent Presidential election:

"Population of counties won by Bush, 143 million; Gore, 127 million.

"Square miles of land won by Bush, 22,427,000; Gore, 580,000.

"States won by Bush, 29; Gore, 19.

"Murder rate per 100,000 residents in counties won by Bush, 2.1; Gore, 13.2.

"Professor Olson adds: 'In aggregate, the map of the territory Bush won was mostly the land owned by the tax-paying citizens of this great country. Gore's territory encompassed those citizens living in government-owned tenements and living off government welfare.'

"Olson believes the U.S. is now somewhere between the 'apathy' and 'complacency' phase of Professor Tyler's definition of democracy, with some 40 percent of the nation's population already having reached the 'governmental dependency' phase."

So there you have the plain, unvarnished forecast of what this nation is headed into, if we don't stop the decay.

The real purpose of government is not to provide for you in your old age. It does not, or should not, guarantee you a job, an income, health insurance, a place to live, a car to drive, a television to watch, or any of the other things we seem to believe government is obliged to give us.

The Constitution guarantees you "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Yes, that's right, "the pursuit of happiness." Not a guarantee of happiness, but merely your right to seek it for yourself.

It is, or should be, up to the individual to provide for himself and his family. If there is charity to be doled out, it should come from private organizations funded by individuals, not from some government give-away program that is funded by the taxpayers.

Our government is authorized by the Constitution to do only those three things — to guarantee us life by intervening when some power or evil force is attempting to take it from us; liberty, by preventing anyone or anything from taking that liberty from us, and that includes that self-same government; and the pursuit of happiness, by providing the freedom and liberty that happiness must have to thrive.

When government steps outside of those bounds, it is in violation of the Constitution.

We are on the verge of collapse. We are a nation divided by our desires. Part of us desire the things our forefathers deemed sacrosanct — the right to work and make something of ourselves by the sweat of our brows and to worship the one true God as we see fit — and part of us simply desire to be given everything by Big Brother so we don't have to have sweaty brows, and to not have to be bothered by all those annoying Bible thumpers.

In this conflict one side or the other must be destroyed — there is no other way for it to end. Don't let it be the side of right and righteousness.

Romans 1:17 — "For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'" NIV

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What you should know about Mad Cow Disease

How often do you think about BSE — commonly referred to as Mad Cow Disease? We've all read the news headlines. And if you're a rancher in America, you've probably done a fair amount of research on the subject. But have you ever sat down, sorted out the facts and given the subject some serious thought?



Weekly Report
Henry Bonilla

I think about the disease pretty often. As many of you know, I'm the chairman of the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. I meet with farmers and ranchers on a weekly — sometimes daily — basis. The one issue they are all concerned about is a potential outbreak in our country.

It's a frightening thought. But it's not just the farmers and ranchers who are concerned about the subject. Students, families and visitors of all kinds ask me about BSE. There are a lot of rumors and fictional tales out there. There's also a lot of confusion about the disease and how it would affect our country.

I'd like to set the facts straight. Let me begin by telling you a little about BSE.

Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) is a progressive degenerative disease that affects the central nervous systems of adult cattle. The suspected cause of BSE is a prion, an infectious protein with altered shape that triggers changes in normal protein cells.

In BSE, the unknown agent causes the cow's brain cells to die, forming sponge-like holes

in the brain. The cow exhibits the symptoms of a nervous disorder and eventually dies.

So how is BSE spread? BSE is spread by contact with brain or other nervous-system tissue from an infected individual. Contact can be from eating food or food by-products that have been contaminated with nervous tissue, or from instruments that have contacted diseased nervous tissue.

But scientists have never found the infected proteins in red meat (muscle) or milk. They are found in the brain and spinal cord, and to a lesser extent in the retina and the furthest part of the intestine.

And what are the chances of you contracting the disease associated with BSE?

Decide for yourself. There have been only 153 cases of variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) in the world and none of these have been contracted in the United States.

There is 96.7 million head of cattle in the United States; more than 36 million killed each year, which produced more than 27 billion pounds of meat — yet not a single case of BSE has been found in cattle born in the U.S. The most recent report that

many people remember came in December of 2003 when BSE was found in a cow imported from Canada. But because of our nation's detection system we found the case and were able to deal immediately with it.

Now that you know some of the facts, let me tell you what we're doing to prevent an outbreak. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are working hard to protect the United States from BSE. Several U.S. government agencies are monitoring the meat supply here, as well as imports from other countries.

I know that many of you are concerned about an outbreak. But remember that the United States is already several steps ahead of other countries that are currently dealing with BSE.

We're strengthening and safeguarding our system. We're looking out for our livestock owners. And we believe we are prepared for the worst. The bottom line is that we're doing everything possible to prevent BSE from entering our country.

I hope I've answered your questions and given you a little insight into our protection plan. For more information on BSE, I urge you to contact the USDA or take a look at their website: www.aphis.usda.gov.

The agriculture industry fuels our nation's economy. Rest assured that I'm doing everything possible to keep this important industry strong, prosperous and ready for the future.

A trail through history

From the battle of San Jacinto to the storied Chisholm Trail, Texas is steeped in a rich history. As a fifth-generation Texan, I've always told the tales of my family's heritage, being among the early settlers and the first pioneers of our great state.



Capitol Comment
Kay Bailey Hutchison

Camino Real opened the pathways to trade and cultural exchange.

To continue to foster this endeavor, I have introduced legislation to direct the National Park Service to designate El Camino Real de Los Tejas as a National Historic Trail.

This legislation will recognize the significance of the trail and preserve its historic importance.

While protecting the private property of landowners along its route, the bill will also allow our state agencies such as the Texas Historical Commission, to participate in the establishment and designation of the trail to enhance tourism and economic development.

This bill will help preserve our history, heritage and culture while educating Texans and the millions of tourists who visit each year.

El Camino Real de Los Tejas forged the way for the early development of Texas into a Spanish colony, an independent Republic, and finally our nation's 28th state.

This corridor is not just a highway with a historical foundation, it is a road that has been the foundation of an inspirational past and will continue to pave the way for Texas academically, economically and historically for years to come.

What many Texans may not know is that many stories and tales of our past lay as hidden treasure on a historic trail known as "El Camino Real de Los Tejas."

Winding some 2,580 miles from the Rio Grande River near Eagle Pass through San Antonio, Bastrop, and Nacogdoches to Natchitoches, Louisiana, El Camino Real opened America to Texas and Texas to the world.

Used early on for exploration, missionary work and colonization, the trail's history reaches back nearly 300 years to the adventures of Spanish explorers Alonso de Leon in 1689 and Teran de los Rios in 1691.

For 150 years El Camino Real served as a path for missionaries, explorers, traders, ranchers and armies. During this period, more than 30,000 Anglo-Americans immigrated along the corridor into the Texas region.

Over time, the trail assumed various names and expanded its reach. In South Texas, the Lower Presidio Road, the Camino Pita and the

Upper Presidio Road eventually became a part of the trail.

A separate path linked Laredo to San Antonio and the Camino Real system. Two major roads branched northeastward from San Antonio: The Camino de los Tejas along the Balcones Escarpment; and the Camino Arriba through the Post Oak Savannah, both of which converged again in Nacogdoches.

The different trails of El Camino Real served as a strategic corridor during America's War of Independence and the Texas Revolution, particularly during the battle of the Alamo.

Davy Crockett used a section of the trail to reach the Alamo while General Santa Anna sought a quick surprise assault on the Texans in San Antonio utilizing a linking trail, the Upper Presidio Road.

The El Camino Real de los Tejas road system was the main transportation route during the Texas Revolution for Mexican and Texian armies and continued to play a major role in subsequent military actions.

As the first major highway into Texas and Louisiana, El

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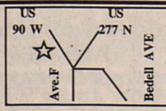
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Community forum set for March 30

What does our community need? What could be improved? What would make life better for everyone who lives here? All local residents who are interested in a better future for themselves, their families and the community are invited to participate in the Texas Community Futures Forum on Tuesday, March 30, at 6 p.m. at the Kinney County Courthouse.

The Forum is being conducted in every county as a statewide effort of Texas Cooperative Extension, an agency of The Texas A&M University System, to bring together a diverse group of individuals, groups and organizations to identify issues and concerns.

"We want to get broad-based input into this process so that a plan can be developed for the future of each county and for Texas as a whole," said Dr. Chester Fehlis of College Station, extension director. "We also want other local, state and federal agencies and organizations to participate. Many of the needs and concerns of people can best be addressed through cooperation and partnerships among the agencies and organizations that serve them."

The Futures Forum process will help the extension develop its long-range plan for the next four years, 2005 through 2008, Fehlis said. However, emphasized that the true goal is to facilitate the identification of common needs and define a process for addressing these needs to create a better economic, environmental and social situation in communities across the state.

"We view this as a partnership effort, all of us working together for the future of Texas," Fehlis said.

"We encourage everyone to let their voices be heard in the Kinney County Forum on March 30," said County Agent Robert Elledge. "This is your opportunity to speak to the future!"

BHS has 18 named to Who's Who

Brackett High School had 18 students featured in the 37th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students for the 2002-03 school year.

Representing BHS are: Dana Bonner, Stephanie Coronado, Hector Febres, Ryan Frerich, Maria Martinez, Sarah Meyer, Nataly Rodriguez, Ashley Smith, Rachel Swinson, Stacey Castilla, Dietrich Davis, Courtney Frerich, Allison LaMascus, Nicole Mata, Arnold Pinales, Sarah Rose, Tammy Smith, Beau Watkins.

Three named to National Dean's List

Three area students — Odessa Coll, Pedro Pacheco and Martina Payne — are among the approximately 170,000 students included in the 26th Annual Edition of The National Dean's List for the 2002-03 school year.

Students are selected for this honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10 percent of their class, on their school's dean's list, or have earned a comparable honor.

Golfers to raise funds to fight cancer

The Fourth Annual Rally for a Cure Breast Cancer Golf Tournament sponsored by the Fort Clark Springs Ladies Golf Association will be March 25 at 1 p.m. The tourney is a four-person scramble with handicaps. All golfers, both ladies and men, are invited to sign up at the golf course by March 8. Golfers can sign up as a two-some, or as a single and a partner will be assigned. Call Effie Bromley at 563-3418 for more information.

Breen to speak to Computer Club

E-Bay buyers and sellers are invited to an evening of E-commerce when Kazine Breen, a local E-Bay merchandiser, shares his experience as an E-Bay trader at the Brackettville Computer Club meeting on Monday night from 7 to 8:30 at the Kinney County Library Annex.

There is no charge for the meeting, but the club requests a 50-cent donation per person to the Library for utility expenses. For more information, call 563-3443.

Red Cross to conduct lifeguard class

The American Red Cross in Del Rio will be conducting a lifeguard class. Pre-testing will be done April 15 at 5 p.m. Class will be from 5 to 10 p.m. on April 16 and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on April 17-18.

Students must register prior to the course, which costs \$100. The minimum age is 15. For more information, call the American Red Cross Office at 775-8626 or 298-6315.

Little League has registration today

The Kinney County Little League will host registration today at the EMS building from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Little League is for boys and girls, ages 5 to 16. For more information or to make arrangements for sign-ups, call Michelle Johnson at 563-3610.



Grand opening
The Uvalde Area Chamber of Commerce Roadrunner Ambassadors were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of Kay's Fashions Monday. The owner, Kay Burns, formerly of Kay's Full Figured Fashions, has moved to a new location, changed names and added new sizes. The business is located at 2031 E. Main St. in Uvalde and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

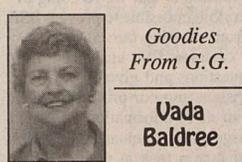
Spring hopefully means lower prices on delicious seafoods

Isn't it exciting? Spring will soon be here, which means more outdoor cooking and entertaining, plus lower prices, hopefully, on delicious seafoods!

Now this is all leading up to a scrumptious dish that is a little pricey, but well worth every nickel. I do advise, if you don't like oysters, don't try this.

Seafood Cornbread Dressing

- 1 9-inch pan of cornbread (preferably made with a small amount of sugar)
- 1/2 cup chopped onions
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped parsley
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions, top included
- 1 cup grated jalapeno cheese



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- * 1 can cream of shrimp soup
 - 1 cup oysters, drained
 - * 1 cup crab meat, salt and pepper to taste
- Prepare the cornbread and set it aside to cool. In a medium saucepan, brown onions, add celery, parsley and green onions, and cook for five minutes on medium-high heat.
- Add soup (diluted with approximately 1/3 to 1/2 can of

water), shrimp, oysters and crab meat. Season to taste.

Bring to a boil on medium heat for about 15 minutes. Crumble cornbread into seafood mixture. Blend well. Add cheese and stir.

Pour into greased 9-by-13 casserole dish, sprayed with Pam. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Serves six to eight.

* Imitation crab or canned crab may be used. If fresh crab is unavailable, it does lose some, but is still good.

* Cream of shrimp can be made by using one can of mushroom soup and adding 1/4 cup shopped shrimp.

Thanks, special friend, for sharing Sam's favorite dish.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Tuesday, March 2
8:58 p.m., Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess reported a car racing and a possible wreck on F.M. 2804.

9:46 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee reported a possible break-in at a residence on Airport Road.

Wednesday, March 3
4:45 a.m., Octalvio Salcedo Reveles, 29, of Mexico was arrested by Deputy Cody Shannon on warrants for forgery and failure to appear. Reveles was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

11:52 p.m., A man reported a suspicious vehicle parked on the bridge on E. Fulton Street.

Thursday, March 4
12:14 a.m., A woman re-

ported that her intoxicated boyfriend had left her residence on W. Fulton and she was concerned about him driving his vehicle.

1:39 a.m., Jose Ramon Sanchez, 41, of Mexico was arrested by Deputy Ramon Gutierrez on outstanding warrants for probation violation and driving while intoxicated. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

11 a.m., Ralph Anthony Perez, 34, of Pasadena was arrested by DPS Trooper Maldonado on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury. He was released the next day after posting a \$1,000 bail bond.

4:57 p.m., A 911 caller reported an accident on Highway

90 next to Burger & Shake.

Friday, March 5
8:28 p.m., A man said his son had walked out of church and he requested that a deputy find him and take him home.

Saturday, March 6
10:44 a.m., A 911 caller reported a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Highway 277 and Highway 693.

12:12 p.m., A man reported that a horse was on his property. City officials were notified.

1:53 p.m., Alvaro Tonebe, Montes, 43, of Memphis, Tenn., was arrested on warrants for driving while intoxicated and probation violation. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

11:05 p.m., A woman re-

FCS hosts celebration

The Fourth Annual Fort Clark Springs Festival will be held on Friday and Saturday.

The activities begin Friday at 6 p.m. with a street dance to the music of the Happy Travelers Band, and a food court on the grounds of the Old Courthouse Museum.

On Saturday, the information booth opens at 8 a.m., the 5K Run/Walk starts at 8:30 a.m. (race day registration is at 7:30) and the Flag Raising Ceremony is at 9 a.m. The 5K Run/Walk is a fundraiser for the playground improvement fund.

During the day, enjoy the infantry and cavalry re-enactors with encampments, demonstrations and drills. There will be living history exhibits and demonstrations, a variety of bands, singers and solo musicians.

The celebration will also feature cowboy poetry, Texas tall tales and even a Texas tall tales contest.

The food court will be open until 7:30, and beverages will also be sold. The event also includes games for the kids, as well as arts and crafts.

The celebration will end with the 7:30 p.m. performance of "Happyville," a comedy play.

The performance is under the direction of Ida Holley and includes a cast of Jewel Robinson, Pat Melancon, Linda Conrey, Cody Clark, Brooklyn Gose, David Crowe, David Pierce, Wally and Kathi Warm, Gage Brown, Lois Carlson and the Palmer family, David, Christie, Emma and Samuel.

For more information, call 563-9447 or 563-3319.

BRACKETT ISD HONOR ROLL

The following is Brackett Independent School District's Honor Roll, as provided by the district, for the fourth six-weeks grading period:

High School
All-A Honor Roll

■ **Seniors:** Elizabeth Ballew, Chestin Clark-Hatley, Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Hector Febres, David Latimer, Sarah Meyer, Emily Petrosky, Ashley Smith, Ashley Thourot, Blake Ward, Beau Watkins, Caitlin Wylie.

■ **Juniors:** Tillman Davis, Danielle Moore, Cody Robinette, Oscar Sierra and Shanae Simmons.

■ **Sophomores:** Alanna Conoly, Rachel Swinson and Brand Wylie.

■ **Freshmen:** Justin Calk, Laura Meyer, Kara Yeager.

A-B Honor Roll

■ **Seniors:** Stacey Castilla, Stephanie Coronado, Tony Jamail, Allison LaMascus, Christopher Lehnert, Arnold Pinales, Nataly Rodriguez, Travis Rose, Anthony Rosetti, Star Smith, Blanca Talamantes, Elijah Woolsey.

■ **Juniors:** Jaclynn Duncan, Whitney Hobbs, Emmanuel Talamantes, Gabriel Talamantes, Nohelia Trujillo, Kody Yeager.

■ **Sophomores:** Dana Bonner, Jessica Crane, Kimberly

Middle School
All-A Honor Roll

■ **Eighth grade:** Bailee Allen, Heather Baggett, Kaden Berg, Meghann Davis, Daphne Hunt, Conrad Moore, Bianca Stewart.

■ **Seventh grade:** Amanda Braesicke, Samantha Moore, Laura Swinson.

A-B Honor Roll

■ **Eighth grade:** Jesus Balderas, Travis Bonner, Julie Castillo, Capri Creech, Doolie Fernandez, Joshua Kluzek, Lane Nowlin, Evelyn Rojas, Ashley Stephenson, Gabriela Talamantes, Anolda Watkins.

■ **Seventh grade:** Laura Adams, Rebecca Mann, Bianca Martinez, Maribel Rivas.

Elementary School
All-A Honor Roll

■ **Sixth grade:** Brooklyn Gose and Katie Yeager.

■ **Fifth grade:** Kelsey Bruce, Haley Hale, Ayland Letsinger, Josh Smith

Fourth grade: Lauren Duncan, Nevada Payne, Joel Talamantes, Ashley Wardlaw.

■ **Third grade:** Cesar Castillo, Ryan Clark, Meghan Flores, Yeika Garcia, Selina Gerardo, Rolando Gutierrez, Lucas Hurt, Ethan Justice, Austin Pettett, Jonathan Pinales, Adam Resendez, Raul Talamantes, Marissa Villarreal.

■ **Second grade:** Carolina Aguilar, Korlee Allen, Wyatt Blake, McKenzie Castillo, Clarissa Cruz, Clay Flores, Dolores Garza, Javier Gomez, Hannah Johnson, Steven Maldonado, Leona Packard, Garon Rueda, Shelby Schuster.

■ **First grade:** Webb Ashley, Peyton Bonner, Gabriella Brown, Morgan Brown, Maddie Frerich, Mark Garcia, Bryce Slubar, Davis Wade.

A-B Honor Roll

■ **Sixth grade:** Brayen Chacon, Cody Clark, Charles Conoly, Victor Elizondo, Ramon Gutierrez, Lauren Hernandez, Ana Martinez, Aracely Martinez, Elena Molinar, Elidia Molinar, YeMi Moore, Raul Rivas, Michael Rosetti, Nydia Talamantes.

■ **Fifth grade:** Bryan Calk, Sarah Davis, Stella Guajardo, Janine Rex, Sahara Rodriguez, Victor Roman, Sam Stewart, Erica Villanueva.

ported that a man and two women were fighting near her residence on E. Remote Alley.

Sunday, March 7
1:37 a.m., A woman reported that her husband had left Uvalde about 9 p.m. the previous night and had not arrived in Del Rio.

1:19 p.m., A 911 caller reported four illegal aliens on a ranch in western Kinney County.

9:20 p.m., Rodolfo A. Hernandez, 37, and Jose Dolores Escobedo, 45, both of Seguin, were arrested by DPS Trooper Luna. Hernandez was charged with driving while intoxicated, second offense, and Escobedo was charged with public intoxication. Both men were booked into the jail, where they were still being held at press-time.

■ **Third grade:** Priscilla Aguirre, Daniel Brinker, Booke Brown, Calli Campos, Trevor Clementz, Vanerick Domenech, Tony Flores, Crystal Garcia, Briana Garza, Sariah Guartuche, R.J. Hernandez, Alexandra Herrera, Celes Molano, Jasmine Pena, Juan Ramos, Kyle Rinaldi, Jose Rivas, Selene Talamantes.

■ **Second grade:** Judy Admas, Isaac Baldillez, Arturo Castillo, Edgar DeLeon, Shannon Gammill, Joshua Pena, Zachary Pevehouse, Paul Resendez, Isauro Rivas, Marlinda Rivas, Alberto Rocha, Andriana Salmon, Haley Smith, August Stephenson, Herman Talamantes, Landon Tuck, Clarissa Valdez.

■ **First grade:** Yessenia Argil, Alexis Castillo, Blake Duncan, Leonardo Elizondo, Siarra Falcon, Brianna Flores, Griffin Grayson, Logan Hurt, Christian Lopez, Reid Markham, Courtney McDonald, David Ortega, Karina Perez, Amber Resendez, Denise Salmon, Te'a Sandoval, Joaquin Solis, San Juanita Vasquez, Yasmine White.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Armando & Minnie Luna

The children of Armando & Minnie Luna are proud to announce their parent's 50th wedding anniversary on February 18, 2004. The six of us and our spouses: Gary & Martha Hobbs, Joe & Linda Luna, David & Elsa Luna, Richard & Cathy Luna, Rosie & Roger Flores and Ray & Debbie Luna and their 17 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter witnessed a renewal of their vows on Saturday, February 21, 2004 at St. James Catholic Church and then hosted a reception, dinner and dance at the Four Points Sheraton in their honor. We are exceptionally proud of our parents. For 50 years, their love has endured. We would like to thank them for all their years of love and support. Congratulations, Mom and Dad.

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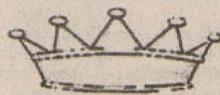
Many thanks to all the people who helped and supported our B-B-Q fund-raiser we held Sunday 29th. This will help offset our expenses and give us an advantage of the opportunity we have to participate in the 2004 Parkroyal Down Under International Games in Australia this July.

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King reclaims state position

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able two years ago because of the reconfiguration of his district. Uvalde County, King's home base, was moved to District 78 and replaced by Maverick and LaSalle Counties in District 80.

This spring, Timoteo Garza filed a lawsuit in Eagle Pass, claiming King still lived in Uvalde and was thus ineligible to run against him. Under state law, a candidate for the Legislature must have lived in the district for a full year prior to the general election.

In a hearing last month, King testified he has lived in Dimmit County for the past two years. At the close of the hearing, a state judge rejected Garza's request that King be blocked from campaigning. A trial on the matter may be held in April.

District 80 is composed of Kinney, Maverick, Zavala, LaSalle, Dimmit, Medina and Frio counties. King will have no Republican opponent in the fall.

U.S. Representative

Joe Sullivan, a psychology professor at San Antonio College, garnered 63 percent of the votes in the race for the Democratic Party nomination for the District 23 Congressional seat.

Sullivan and Virgil Yanta of Boerne, a personal-injury lawyer, were seeking to represent the sprawling district that reaches from far Northwest Bexar County westward along the border toward El Paso and

includes Kinney County.

Sullivan was the favorite locally, receiving 315 votes compared to Yanta's 115 votes.

Sullivan will face Republican incumbent Henry Bonilla.

U.S. President

Sen. John Kerry breezed through primaries in Texas and three other Southern states Tuesday, inching closer to the number of delegates needed to win the Democratic presidential nomination and turning his sights on President Bush.

Kerry virtually locked up the nomination last week when he swept his last rival, North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, out of the race.

But the importance of the Southern states this fall prompted Kerry to campaign in Bush's home state of Texas, with stops in San Antonio and Houston, and in Florida, where the tumultuous 2000 presidential race was settled.

Kerry was the top vote-getter in the Texas race with 562,287 votes, while John Edwards finished with 120,452.

In Kinney County, Kerry garnered 49 percent of the votes with 220, while Edwards had 100 votes.

Joe Lieberman finished with 31 in Kinney County, Wesley K. Clark and Howard Dean each had 27, Al Sharpton received 16, Dick Gephardt and Lyndon LaRouche Jr. each had nine, and Randy Crow and Dennis J. Kukinich both had five.

NOTICE

Anyone who would like to run for the office of Director of Fort Clark Municipal Utility District may sign up in the District office between now and 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2004. The election will be held May 15, 2004. This is for a 4 year term and 3 directors will be elected. To be qualified to serve as a director, a person shall be at least 18 years old, a resident citizen of the State of Texas, and either own land subject to taxation in the district or be a qualified voter within the district.

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Courthouse named a historic landmark

The Texas Historical Commission has recognized the Kinney County Courthouse as a significant structure in Texas history by naming it a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark. The designation is the highest honor the state bestows to a historic structure for architectural integrity and historical associations.

A dedication ceremony will be held to commemorate the event on March 22. On this day the Courthouse will be 93 years old. Speakers for the afternoon will include state, county, city and local organization officials, to share and witness this exciting historical event.

"Historic structures serve as directories of early residents and reflect the cultural influences that helped shape our state's communities," said Larry Oaks, executive director of the Texas Historic Commission.

"The Recorded Texas Historic Landmark helps bring attention to these community treasures and the importance of their preservation. Awareness and education are among the best ways to guarantee the preservation of such architectural and heritage-rich sites. This designation is a tool that will increase public awareness of these important cultural resources," Oaks said.

A proposed marker topic must meet several criteria to qualify. A historic structure must be at least 50 years of age and should retain its architectural integrity from a period of at least 50 years ago. Naturally, historic significance must be demonstrated.

"It is vital that as we move forward, we do not forget our past," said Francie Wylie,

A Brief History: The Kinney County Courthouse March 22, 1911 - March 22, 2004

The rough and lawless area called Kinney County has been sparsely inhabited for thousands of years.

Thwarted by desolation, constant Indian attacks and Mexican raids, early attempts to establish missions and settlements were doomed.

Kinney County was carved out of Bexar County by state legislation in 1850, and named for the early settler and adventurer Henry Lawrence Kinney (1814-1862).

Two years later, in the same year Fort Clark was established, the town of Brackett was formed — 77 years had passed since the first attempt to establish a mission. The settlement was named in honor of Oscar B. Brackett.

Although the formation of the county was authorized in 1850, the first county meeting was not held until Jan. 27, 1873. This meeting was held in the "schoolhouse," which was "kept in old Brackett house."

The first 1879 Courthouse was in use until 1911. It later served as the Federal Post Office for a time and, in 1914, was sold to the Las Moras

Masonic Lodge No. 444.

Exactly 31 years after the acceptance of the 1879 Courthouse, the Commissioners Court met on March 8, 1910, "for the purpose of passing on the erection of a new Courthouse."

Design No. 52 was adopted, and the architect firm of L.L. Thurman and Co. of Dallas was authorized to make drawings, details and specifications for the proposed new Courthouse.

Kinney County's Courthouse shares similar architectural elements with other courthouses, particularly the domed cupola housing the clock.

With this courthouse, however, Thurmon branched into a different style and plan. He decided to employ Beaux Arts Classicism.

The "fireproof" courthouse was "ordered to be built of brick." The field of buff colored brick is finished with decorative D'Hanis red brick quoins.

Octagonal turrets flank the main entrance on James Street. A sizeable balcony is above this entrance at the second floor level between the turrets. Each turret is topped with a large decorative finial, which is repeated atop the dome/clock tower.

The prominent dome/clock tower rests atop the mansard style roof above the center of the Courthouse. The tower has four clock faces and houses a 1910 Seth Thomas clock.

Although some modifications have been made, the Courthouse remains a fine example of the Beaux Arts style and has served the county for 93 years.

The two-story 1911 Courthouse constructed during the "Golden Era of Courthouse Construction" is located on Texas Highway 674 in Brackettville on the same block and directly behind the 1879 Courthouse.

This section of the state highway was first named Post Street and later re-named Ann Street in honor of Ann O'Hanlon Ross, an early settler of the area.

The July 7, 1910, issue of *The Brackett News-Mail* predicted, "the building when completed will be a fine structure, a monument to the civic pride of the people of Kinney County, and an ornament to Brackett."

— Francie Wylie
County Commissioner

people of Kinney County and an ornament to Brackett. We endeavor to respect that desire."

The Recorded Texas Historic Landmark is awarded far less frequently than its counter marker type, the subject marker. Unlike subject markers, which are solely educational in nature and reveal local historical aspects, Recorded Texas Historic Landmark is a legal designation

and comes with a measure of protection.

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Texas has the largest historical marker program in the U.S. with more than 200 marker applications each year.

Students finish first TAKS exam

Continued from Page 1
TEA knew that success would be a team effort: the student and the teacher. Therefore, requirements are heightened for educators to teach in such a manner that basic knowledge learned over time would be retained and recalled.

"This method requires that for such an examination as the 11th grade test, students will use the upper levels of Bloom's Taxonomy: application, analysis, synthesis and evaluation," she added.

Students have five chances to pass the test. The old Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exit test was given in the 10th grade. It covered only reading, writing and math, and students got eight tries.

Renken said she believed five attempts were sufficient for students to pass the exam.

"Analysis of the testing re-

sults will indicate to the teacher and district where our strengths and weaknesses are. Based on that analysis, gaps in learning can be filled and strengths built on," she said.

The TAKS test will carry higher stakes for schools as well. Under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, schools that have a high percentage of low-income students are subject to sanctions if they don't meet state standards for two or more consecutive years.

Last year was the first time a significant number of Texas schools — 7.3 percent — fell short of the standards. If those campuses fail again, students will be able to transfer to a new school.

Brackett ISD met the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards last year.

"The school district did a su-

per job in the first AYP reporting cycle and, based on the early testing data, will do well in the upcoming AYP cycle too," Superintendent Bobby Templeton said.

"We are head and shoulders above the majority of schools in Texas. We easily passed muster, but several other schools were not so fortunate," he added. "When schools do not meet AYP standards, some of the possible corrective actions could be: replace school staff relevant to the failure, institute a new curriculum, significantly decrease management authority at the school, appoint outside experts to advise the school, extend the school year, extend the school day and restructure the internal organization of the school."

"With the outstanding staff and quality of education this district provides, I feel pretty con-

fidant those are dragons we should never have to slay," Templeton said.

The TAKS test is the assessment of the state's curriculum, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

"Everyone was very apprehensive going into last year's TAKS tests because it was the first year of implementation," Renken said. "Now that we have seen the tests, the format and passing standards, the staff has reworked their curriculum and method of delivery to ensure success for the students when they take the exams this year."

"The standard of success will continue to go up annually, therefore, we must continue to 'over-prepare' our students, which translates into teaching the curriculum, the TEKS," she added.

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Glorify God by using his gifts

Have you ever come upon a herd of pigs?

My mother's teenage uncle was found the next morning by his father after the young man had gone out the night before to bring in the cows.

He had been thrown from his horse and a herd of pigs had gotten to him.

It was a family tragedy and a story I will never forget. Yet, do we let the pigs in our lives attack us, especially when we let our guard down?

God's word says: "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn



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again and rend you." (Matthew 7:6 KJV)

Your "pearls" can be those things of value in your life which God has gifted to you.

These valuables can be your talents, your time, your knowledge, your fellowship.

Your "pearls" can be anything of value whether physical or spiritual.

Your "pearls" are what God has given you, even as a husband gives a beautiful pearl necklace to his wife.

What you do with that gift will determine whether you glorify God with it, or dishonor him by tossing it away on activities which are not developing your God appointed path.

It is urgent that we not be consumed with things that are unclean in our lives, for those unclean activities can turn and trample us and can consume us unto death.

We do not want to be the dog that returns to its own vomit and eats it again. We do not want to be made clean by God and

then return to wallow in the mire. (2 Peter 2:22)

We do not want to become that unclean "swine" that devils so eagerly desire to inhabit for they will cause you to run down a steep path until you are choked and perish in dark waters. (Matthew 8:30)

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)

You do have the strength to make right choices because you "can do all things through Christ (the anointed one and his anointing) which strengtheneth" you. (Philippians 4:13)

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

In your heart are the sources of life

"I know," said Patty. "I'm getting tired of what we're seeing on TV. If it isn't the war in Iraq, it's the war in Afghanistan. If it isn't that, then it's the Palestinians and Israelis. It seems like all we see is people getting blown up someplace."

"Yeah," Joan responded. "Even here in America it seems like there's some kind of tragedy someplace every day. When do you think it'll stop?"

Before Patty could respond, the door slammed and Mark's voice echoed through the house.

"Mom, I'm home," he announced. "What's for supper?"

As he rounded the kitchen door he greeted the two women: "Hi Mom. Hi Mrs. Johnson. What are y'all talking 'bout?"

"We were talking about all the violence and tragedies we see on TV all the time, Mark. Seems like somebody someplace is getting blown up every day! What do you think, son?" Patty asked.

"Its really no big deal, Mom," Mark answered. "I look at it kind of like the video games I play at the mall. I have some video games here. I can wipe out whole cities. I've got one game where I can be a sniper and kill people for no reason at all. Just pretend



Empowering Families

Dr. Donald Smith

they're the enemy and they're gone!"

As Mark bounced out of the room, Patty looked at Joan. The two seemed to echo the same question: "Have we allowed our children to become insensitive to the pain of others?"

"I wonder," said Joan. "Is it time for us to take a look at the video games our kids are playing?"

A very wise man said long ago, "With closest custody, guard your heart, for in it are the sources of life." (Proverbs 4:23)

Moses taught his people they were not to harden their hearts to others in need. (Deuteronomy 15:7)

The writer of Hebrews echoes the Psalmist, "Harden not your hearts as at the day of rebellion in the day of testing in the desert." (Hebrews 3:6, Psalm 95:8)

Editor's note: This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.

Listening can possibly lead to love

Last week this short column shared with you two scenarios. The first demonstrated a widespread trend among us to be so clogged up with one's own agenda that a reply in the course of any conversation usually is "off in left field" — no real listening.

The second illustrated a living example of establishing a relationship, as short as it might have been.

The installation chaplain listened. These are two different handlings of "love."

Both scenarios involve this thing we call "love."

In the first, the "love" was at least questionable, depending upon what meaning a person gives to the word, "love."

Did you detect love in the second scenario, that of the in-



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stallation chaplain dropping everything important to listen to the young airman?

The English translations of the Bible today are many. Some are translations-of-a-translation-of-a-translation. The more recent ones are translations from the original languages of Hebrew and Greek commissioned by the most reliable resources available.

The three Bibles available to yours truly — the New American Bible used by our Catholic

Church in its liturgies, the New Revised Standard Version and the New Revised Standard Version (Catholic Edition) — all indicate that their scholars have discovered an average between the three of 543 references to "listen," "hear," "hearken," and "pay attention" in both the Testaments of the Bible. Could all these indications have anything to do with "love?" You be the judge.

Consider these further facts: 1. Our English language gives us only one word, "love."

The Greek from which many of our English words and versions of the Bible stem, uses three different words for that reality of "love": "eran" (from which comes our English words erotic, erotica and eroticize, referring to a passionate sexual encounter.

The expression "making love" is in this category.

The second word is "philein" (from which comes part of the name of the city in Pennsylvania, Philadelphia). This is the kind of love that a person has for those who are nearest and dearest to him or her.

The third word is "agapan." This latter is the kind of "love" that says, "No matter what harmful thing you have done to me, I will allow myself only to go out of my way to be good and kind to you."

The "agapan" kind of love is the love that God has for all his creatures: "For he makes the sun rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and unrighteous."

When you say, "I love you," which of the three do you mean?

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But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the



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Egyptians; and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses." (Exodus 14:21,29,31)
 Look at God! Glory!!!

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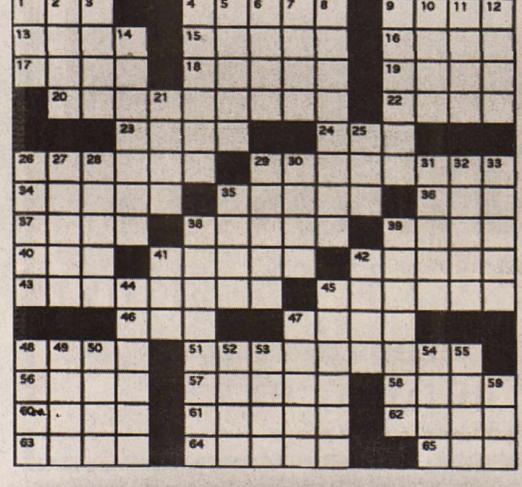
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ROARING TWENTIES

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions— forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: LAST NAMES OF ACTRESSES
Grid with letters and numbers 1-20 for answers.
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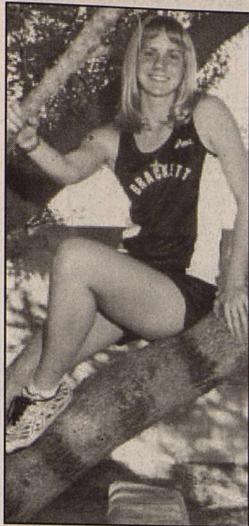
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7. Garson 17. Redgrave
8. Goddard 18. Spacek
9. Grable 19. Stanwyck
10. Hayward 20. Streep

FLOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're tempted to make a home repair yourself this week. That's not a good idea. This particular task is best left to a professional.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A minor argument with your mate mars the early part of the week. Fortunately, you're able to swallow your pride and smooth things over. This weekend, travel is in the stars.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You don't see eye-to-eye with a loved one over finance and career matters. There's no need to make excuses. Ultimately, the choices and decisions have to be yours.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You love a mental challenge. Thus, when you and a friend get embroiled in a philosophical discussion, you're in heaven. Later in the week, take time to sort out finances.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're tempted this week to lash out at someone who's bugging you. Sarcasm is your weapon of choice. In the long run, though, it's not worth it.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This isn't the week to indulge yourself and be a couch potato. Tap into your energy. This way, at week's end, you can revel in all the progress you made.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You're delighted by a special invitation which comes your way. You didn't expect this at all. However, you proved yourself worthy of being included in this special circle.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're spinning your wheels this week. That's because you and a loved one are arguing about politics. Drop this since you two will never agree in this area.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It's not a good idea this week to get into finances with your mate. Instead, make an effort to do your own bookkeeping. Once you do, you realize that it's a bit harder than you'd thought.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Watch that sharp tongue this week. You won't win over anyone by being flippant. Bigwigs in particular don't appreciate this side of you.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your attention is taken up by domestic issues this week. A child in particular needs your guidance. This weekend, it's all romance, all the time.
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Ashabranner earns national sports honor



Juliann Ashabranner

Brackett junior Juliann Ashabranner has been selected for inclusion in the 2003-2004 high school edition of *Who's Who In Sports*, a national publication that honors outstanding achievement in high school athletics.

Ashabranner won the district cross country title three straight years.

At regionals, she finished fourth as a junior, third as a sophomore and fifth as a freshman. She was 29th at state this year, 36th last year and 32nd as a freshman.

In track, Ashabranner won district in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs her freshman and sophomore years. As a freshman, she was second at regionals in the 3,200 and finished fourth at state. Her sophomore season, she was second in the region in the 1,600 and fourth in the 3,200. She went on to finish seventh in the 1,600 at state.

Ashabranner has earned all-state honors in cross country and track. She has won the Ronnie Armbruster Fighting Tigerette Award and has been named to the BHS Scholar Athlete team.

Juliann is the daughter of Ray Dale and Stacey Ashabranner.

Inclusion in *Who's Who In Sports* is a significant honor. Less than half of 1 percent of high school students participating in athletics will appear in *Who's Who In Sports* this year. These athletes are selected based on their athletic achievement from the nearly 7 million students who participate in competitive sports.

Who's Who In Sports has been honoring high school athletic achievement for 25 years and is one of the leading sports publications of its kind in the nation. It is a hard bound book published each year in November.

Tigerettes take second at Crystal City Relays

CRYSTAL CITY - The Brackett Tigerettes turned in a third-place finish at their second track meet of the season in Crystal City last Thursday.

Pearsall won the meet with 172 points, while Pleasanton was second with 117 and Brackett had 105.

Carrizo Springs finished fourth with 65 points, Cotulla was fifth with 53 points and Crystal City took sixth with 51 points.

Rachel Swinson came home with three gold medals. She won the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.6 and the 400

meters with a 60.2.

Swinson also teamed with Juliann Ashabranner, Stephanie Coronado and Courtney Frerich to win the mile relay. The quartet turned in a time of 4:20.1.

Asabranner won the 3,200-meter run after being clocked at 13:27.0, while Jessi Crane finished fourth with a 14:27.2.

Frerich took first in the intermediate hurdles with a 50.0, while Brandy Smith and Stephanie Bonner were fourth and fifth with times of 53.6 and 54.4, respectively.

Bonner was also second in the high hurdles, and Caitlyn Wylie finished sixth in the 100-

meter dash with a 14.1.

Ashley Smith won a silver medal for her second place finish in the 800. She was clocked at 2:37.0, while Coronado took sixth with a 2:44.9.

In the field events, Frerich was second in the high jump with a 4-8, while Swinson took sixth in the long jump with a 14-9 1/2.

Shanae Simmons was third in the shot put with a throw of 32-1 and fifth in the discus with a 90-2 3/4.

Brackett's track teams resume action Saturday when they compete in the Del Rio Invitational.

Knights of Columbus crown youth free throw champions

A total of 31 boys and 29 girls participated in the Brackettville Father Postert Knights of Columbus Council 8223 Free Throw Championship.

The competition was held Jan. 29, and five boys and four girls, ages 10 to 14, were named local champions.

Marisol Aguirre was the 10-year-old girls' champion and Manuel Pena III was the winner of the 10-year-old boys' division.

In the 11-year-old's bracket, Amanda Flores was the girls' champion and Shaun Davis won the boys' Champion.

Winners of the 12-year-old division were Lilianna Valdez and Adam Pinales.

The 13-year-old girls' division was won by Jessica Garza and the boys' by Lane Nowlin.

Kevin Bonner was the 14-year-old boys' champion. There were no competitors for the girls' 14-year olds.

Each contestant was allowed 15 free-throw attempts in the contests. Ties were settled by successive rounds of five free-throws per contestant until a winner emerged. Each of these winners earned the right to compete at the district level.

Three girls and 10 boys participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships at the District 40 level. The competition was held Feb. 18 in Brackettville.

The 13-year-old boys' division was won by Lane Nowlin and Amanda Flores, Lilianna Valdez and Jessica Garza were the 11,12 and 13-year-old girls' champions. They all advanced to the regional competition, held in San Antonio on Feb. 21.

Amanda Flores, the 11-year-old district girls' champion, placed second at the regional level.

The state competition will be held in Austin on March 13.

Brackett ISD donated the use of its gym for the local and district competitions.

BHS athletic director David Yeager and coaches Ricky Creel and Charlie Marquardt assisted with the event.

OUTDOORS

New fishing stamp triggers the need to revamp licenses

AUSTIN — The creation of a new freshwater fishing stamp by the last Texas Legislature was designed to defray costs of fish hatchery construction and repair, but it also created an opportunity for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to revamp its licensing structure to better serve anglers' needs.

Agency officials have been wrestling with ways to incorporate the new stamp into the mix of existing fishing and hunting licenses, while maintaining a "user pay, user benefit" philosophy of not charging customers for services they don't utilize.

A set of proposed changes were unveiled Jan. 28 to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission's Finance Committee that include new license options and revisions to existing licenses.

The recommendations will be up for public comment and the commission is expected to make a final decision at its April 8 meeting. Any changes would take effect Sept. 1.

The freshwater fishing stamp carries a \$5 price tag and is expected to generate about \$4.5 million annually. The temporary stamp would be required to fish in Texas fresh water beginning this fall for the next 10 years.

TPWD plans to earmark a portion of the revenue from the stamp toward relocation of the aging Jasper Fish Hatchery.

By statute, revenue from the stamp can only be used for the



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purchase of game fish for stocking in public waters such as the state's winter trout stocking program. Another provision of the law eliminates the freshwater trout stamp and the special muzzleloader stamp.

According to the new proposed licensing structure, anglers could choose from several fishing packages: a freshwater fishing license (\$28 for residents, \$55 for non-residents), a saltwater fishing license (\$33 for residents, \$60 for non-residents) or an all-water fishing license good for both fresh and saltwater (\$38 for residents, \$65 for non-residents). All packages come with the appropriate required stamps.

Similar license packages would also be available in conjunction with hunting licenses, including a freshwater combo (\$47 for residents, and \$15 for seniors), a saltwater combo (\$52 for residents, \$20 for seniors) and an all-water combo (\$57 for residents, \$25 for seniors).

The popular super combo, "one stop shop" license package would incur just the additional cost of the freshwater stamp (\$64), as would the senior super combo (\$30).

TPWD is also recommending changes in temporary fishing licenses, eliminating the three-day resident, the five-day non-resident and the 14-day temporary and replacing them with a one-day temporary with an option to buy additional daily privileges at the time of purchase.

A one-day resident license would sell for \$13 for freshwater, \$18 for saltwater and \$23 for all water privileges. Non-residents could purchase a one-day license for freshwater for \$20, for saltwater (\$25) or for all water (\$30).

Residents could purchase subsequent days for \$2 each and non-residents for \$5 each.

TPWD is proposing a summer's end license valid for the months of July and August. The freshwater version would cost \$25, while the saltwater would run \$30 and an all-water license \$35.

The agency is also considering for convenience sake a "year-to-date," all water fishing license valid for 365 days from the date of purchase. Currently, all licenses expire each year on Aug. 31. The proposed cost of this license option would be \$45 and available to Texas residents only.

Comments about the proposed license changes can be made in person at public hearings to be scheduled across the state, in writing to Gene McCarty, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, TX 78744, or online at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us>.

Talamantes selected to compete with USA football team

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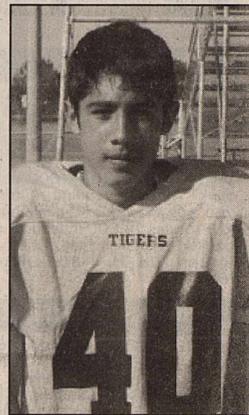
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Talamantes will dedicate the

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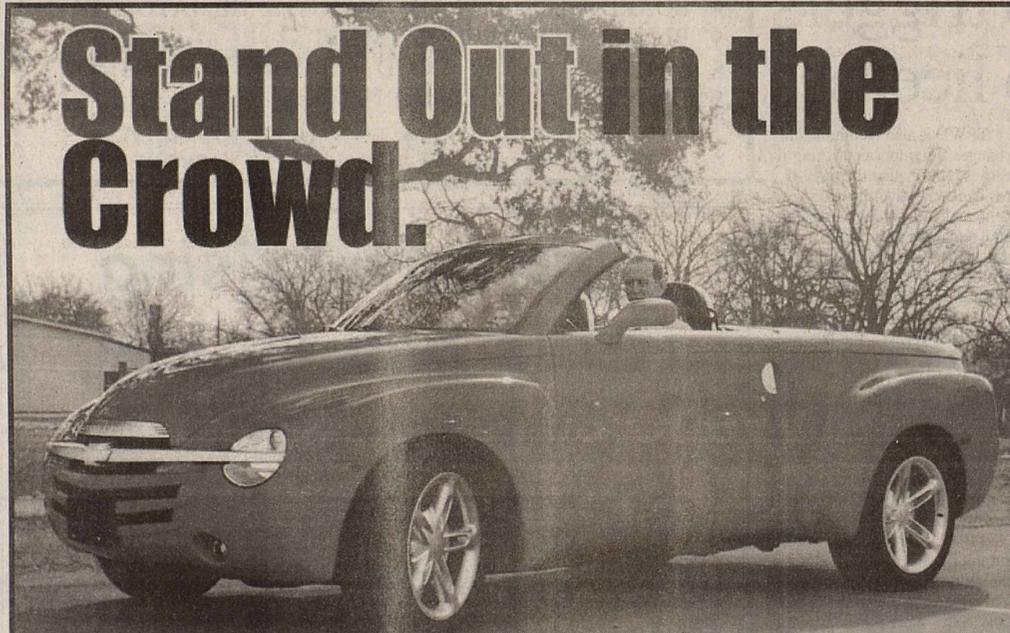
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