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Happy Valentine's Day

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BRIEFS

Fort Clark Ladies Golf

Game of the day, low score on odd number hole. 1st place went to Marilyn Ballard, 2nd place Luella Gilliland, 3rd place Pat Elson and 4th place tie went to Dorothy Stute and Carol Benfield.

Chili Cookoff a success

Fort Clark Festival - Chili Cookoff held on Monday, the 24th, was a great success.

The People's Choice Award went to Mark Kesteloot. 1st place by judge's went to Ida Holley, 2nd to Shirley White, 3rd place to Rick and Carolyn Card and 4th place to Russ White.

We had 21 entries in the cookoff. We also had a wonderful day and a large crowd enjoyed the chili.

The 5th Annual Cookoff was hosted by Darlene Sandwick.

A big thank you to all that cooked and all the helpers that were there on Monday. A special thank you to all who attended. Thanks from Darlene.

Valentine Tea, Open House

Sunday, February 13th, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Art Studio above the maintenance building.

A Mission of four nights

The mission is at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 310 Ann Street.

Deacon Juan Pareja and his wife Elena will be conducting an *Issiah mission* called "Blessed and Broken" this coming week, starting Sunday through Wednesday (Feb. 13 - 16) from 7:00 to 8:30 pm each evening. The emphasis of the mission is to gain a better appreciation of the communal services for the congregation.

Everyone is welcome to join us in a journey to become one in Christ.

KCAC Meeting

With 12 members present, the Kinney County Arts Council met Feb. 7th at 5:00 p.m. at the FCS's Adult Center to finalize plans for the Texas State University's Panorama Steel Band performance on Feb. 26th at 7:30 p.m. at the Post Theater. Brackettville citizens and school children are urged to attend to promote an interest in the percussion arts.

Art Council hosts Steeldrums Panorama Feb. 26 at Post Theater

Special to

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How fortunate can we be! Just fantasize "the Texas State University Steel Band" under the direction of Genaro Gonzalez coming to Brackettville and performing at Fort Clark Springs' Post Theater.

Only, this is no fantasy and their visit includes a busy schedule by also performing at the Kerrville and Comfort schools.

The Kinney County Arts Council has been negotiating for some time to bring this group to Brackettville.

Even though the KCAC is a non-profit organization, there will be a charge/donation for the 7:30 p.m., Feb. 26 performance. Tickets for students are \$3 and \$5 for adults.

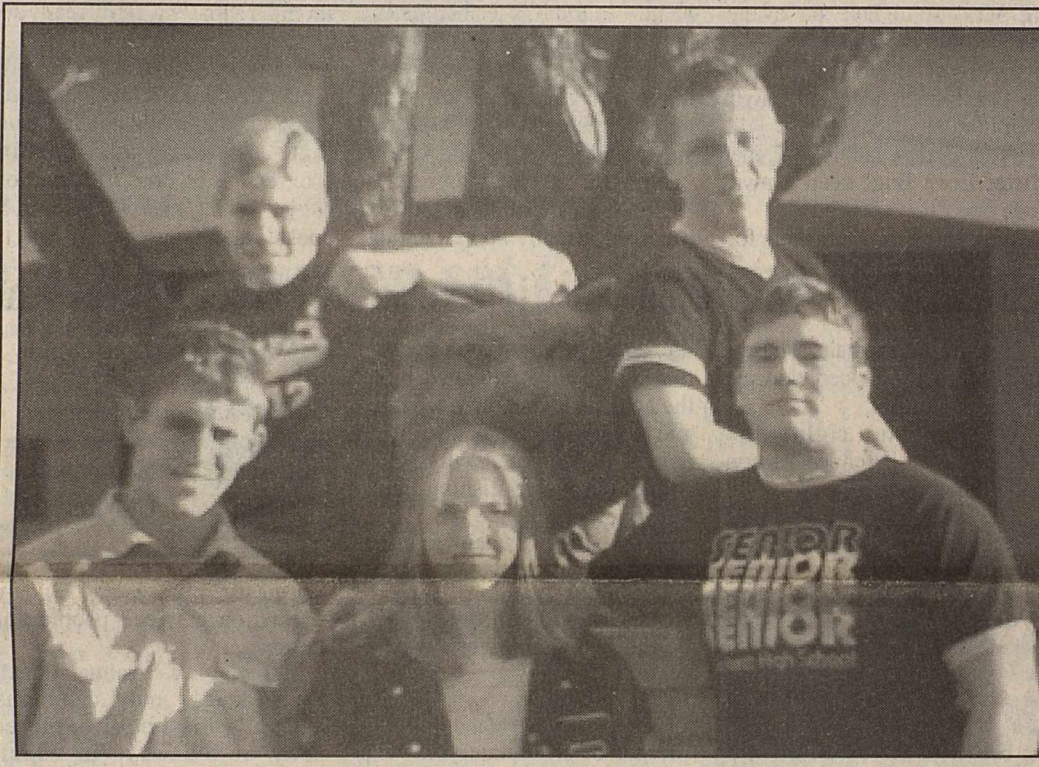
This is a necessity in order to bring future events for the cultural enrichment of the Kinney County School Children.

Tickets may be obtained from KCAC's members or at Fort Clark Springs adult center.

Under Genaro Gonzalez's organization and direction since the Fall of 1989, the Texas State University, Panorama Steel Band has performed at the Texas Music Educator's Association convention in San Antonio, the Berkley World Percussion Festival in Boston, Mass., the Montreux Jazz and World Music Festival in Montreux, Switzerland, the Percussive Arts Society International Convention, touring Mexico many times and to enthusiastic audiences at Euro Disney in Paris, France.

The group has also performed at numerous elementary, junior and senior high schools as well as colleges and universities around the State of Texas in an effort to develop interest in the steel drum and steel band performance.

Celebrating 97 years



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
Winners of the 2005 Kinney County Livestock Show Scholarship include (front row from left,) Tillman Davis, Whitney Hobbs and Whitney Massingill and (back row from left) Cody Robinette and Brandon Kluzek. Each won for their essays they submitted.

Ashabranner named as a scholarship finalist

February 2005, Brackett High School student athlete, Juliann Ashabranner earned SportQuest First Team All-American recognition as one of the top high school Christian student athletes in America.

As a result, she has been named as a scholarship finalist for one of five scholarships that will be awarded through the SportQuest all-American Program this year.

Nominations were accepted from more than 20,000 high schools nationwide, and approximately 2,500 applications were received. The top 15 percent of applicants were chosen as First Team all-Americans and as scholarship finalists. Athletes were selected for their academic accomplishments, athletic achievements, and Christian character, and represent some of

the brightest and most accomplished high school student athletes in the nation. The SportQuest all-American program, now in its tenth year, was created to reward and encourage high school student athletes who are impacting their schools, communities and generation in a powerful way.

"We want to congratulate Juliann Ashabranner on being selected to represent her school, city, state and country as one of the finest Christian student athletes in America," said Kent Susud, Athletes of Good News Executive Director.

"The mission of the SportQuest all-American Program is simple, yet powerful! Our mission is to encourage and reward Christian student athletes for their athletic accomplishments, academic achievements,

and boldness to impact their generation through a life of Christian character," says Susud. "Our strategy, in part, is to develop positive relationships with high schools, reinforce the commitment of student athletes to excel with integrity, promote national exposure to qualifying athletes and schools through college scholarships, award recognition, and to challenge athletes and coaches to become greater leaders by serving others." "Juliann is a student athlete who is truly making a difference and should be recognized not just because she makes good grades or because she is a star athlete but for a greater reason; because Juliann made a commitment to serve others and live a life of character and integrity based upon her personal relationship with Jesus Christ."

Attorney General Abbott supports legislation to ban Enron-type bankruptcy forum shopping

AUSTIN - Attorney General Greg Abbott today praised legislation filed by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, that would stop corporations like Enron from exploiting a loophole by filing bankruptcy in federal courts far from their headquarters. The Fairness in Bankruptcy Litigation Act would amend federal law to require corporations that file bankruptcy to do so where their principal place of business or principal assets are located.

"Infamous bankruptcy filings like Enron's underscore the need for corporations to do the tough work of reorganizing in their home states - not in far-flung locations where most people can't afford to participate," Attorney General Abbott said. "Corporations based in Texas should be accountable and accessible to their employ-

ees, pensioners, creditors and shareholders who live in Texas."

Sen. Cornyn's legislation would stop "forum shopping," a common practice in which corporations file bankruptcy in debtor-friendly courts far from the scrutiny of the communities where they are based. The bill, S. 314, which implements a major recommendation of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission, also forbids parent companies from filing first through a subsidiary.

Enron, one of the world's largest energy corporations prior to its 2001 collapse, had 7,500 employees in its Houston headquarters, but filed for bankruptcy in New York where it had a small, 57-employee subsidiary. The Office of Attorney General unsuccessfully asked the court to transfer the case back to

Texas.

In addition to the inconvenience caused by the distant location, the New York case resulted in ridiculously high professional fees, which are expected to exceed \$1 billion by the time the bankruptcy case concludes. Meanwhile, the company's creditors will likely receive 20 cents on the dollar and shareholders - including Texas retirement funds - will get nothing.

Abbott added, "Enron may be the poster child for corporations that abuse the bankruptcy system, but it is by no means the only one. Forum shopping by corporate debtors harms Texans from all walks of life."

It is time for this gamesmanship to stop."

To obtain a copy of the bill or for comment from Sen. Cornyn's office, contact Don Stewart at (202) 224-0704.

DPS spotlights missing persons

The Department of Public Safety has released a Project FindME Top 10 poster that highlights 10 Missing and Endangered individuals, whose cases indicate the possibility of foul play.

DPS Special Crimes Service and its Missing Persons Clearinghouse spearhead Project FindME and believe that the monthly focus on each case may generate public awareness and new leads to help solve these cases. In addition to the initial release of the poster, DPS will highlight one missing person from the list each month for ten months.

In 2004, approximately 69,291 missing and endangered persons were reported and entered into the FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) by law enforcement agencies in Texas. As of Dec. 31, 2004, 6,927 of those remained on the list of active missing persons cases.

"We believe that someone, somewhere, has information that could help investigators solve these disappearances," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "The families of these missing people de-

serve to know what happened to their loved ones."

Anyone with information is asked to call the nearest DPS Special Crimes office or the Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243. Individuals could earn up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and indictment of person(s) criminally involved in the disappearance of one of the missing persons featured on the poster.

The Project FindME list can be found on the DPS website at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/mpch/findme/0tenspot.htm>.

DPS believes that Project FindME may be the first project of its kind in the country to target missing persons in this format.

The Missing Persons Clearinghouse was established by the Texas Legislature in 1985. It serves as a database for law enforcement and the public on missing persons, including disability, endangered, involuntary, juvenile and catastrophe-related disappearances.

The Clearinghouse also serves as a central repository for unidentified deceased and living persons.

Hometown Hero



Brackettville welcomed home one of its native sons, Matthew Rocha from his tour of duty in Iraq. Rocha serves in the U.S. Army and served his country in Iraqi Freedom. He was welcomed home Wednesday morning with an official escort from local law enforcement officials as well as family and friends. Here, he sits atop a Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department Truck with his children.

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Where did the time go? Why do fools fall in love?

It's hard to believe but it's been eight years since I started writing this column.

Eight years!
It's difficult for me to imagine that I had that much worthwhile to say.

OK, let's not get carried away with that one.

I write it. You read it.
Who said it had to be worth reading?

Or even worth writing? Never the less, it is the anniversary of the beginning of my articles.

I had great dreams of Pulitzer prizes. I guess the committee overlooked me.

I think I've done at least a couple of respectable pieces of penmanship.

I can't recall one right off of the top of my head, but I'm sure there must something noteworthy. I also turned 50-something this week.

I am one of those individuals who indeed got "too soon old, too late smart".

I was born in the land of fruits and nuts.

Like Cheech Marin, I was



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

born in East LA. I guess that answers some questions some of you have had about me.

My grandson, Ty, turns 1 year old this week.

He's over weight and under height.

He's temperamental, moody and sometimes down right grouchy.

He has very little hair and a pot belly.

He likes to wake up early and demands attention.

He wants everything to go his way. He'll pout until others give in to his wishes.

I know what you're thinking so I'll say it before you.

He's a lot like me. Maybe he'll outgrow it. Why should he? I never did.

But I could be wrong.

The birds chirp merrily, gliding through the flower scented air, as the sun lights every leaf and blade of grass.

A giggling freckle faced girl, grabs the nervous hand of her taller, awkward beau. The Love Bug has done his duty. The river beside the couple, gurgles with glee as it flows past.

The world seems like the most beautiful place at that moment, when the two turn, look each other in the eye, slowly moving in for a..... Wait stop! Is this love or a scene from a cheesy teen movie?

For everyone who was just eating, I give my apologies, but to answer this question I would definitely pick the latter option.

It seems that when ever I turn on the tube, in hopes to immerse myself in an educational program (Ok maybe it's more like "Sponge Bob"), I flip through some sappy story like the one described above.

There's always this awkward, insecure girl, who meets this awkward, insecure boy, and they fall in "love". Love this magical, amazing concoction made up by multi-millionaire movie producers, who are already on their fourth wife by the age of 40 something. This type of love brings about crazy behavior like, cuddles and kisses, total infatuation (i.e. girls writing Mrs. John Doe on everything), and giving up everything for that special him/her, including family, friends, and maybe even dreams.

Well if that is "love", then Mister Love Bug, keep it away from me.

What those movie makers for-

get to show you is the ridiculousness of the average high school romance. The constant fights, the tears, the breakups, the lost friendships, and the plain out dumbness of it all. I will share a few examples. In the last two weeks, there have been nine couples or better yet 18 people who have broken up at school.

Last week alone, I saw four people crying in the hallways in one afternoon, all from different love triangles (talk about a day's worth of teen angst).

Don't worry, because more than half of them got back together that same day, only a few hours after having been "split up" and having thrown tantrums in the bathrooms and classrooms (try learning anything in that environment). It really makes one wonder how such tragic, at the same time dense, relationships began. Luckily enough for all those adults, who forgot about how moronic they were as teens, I am here to tell you. It all starts with little Bobby Lee and Suzie Jo (I think the hickish quality gives it more ump).

Bobby Lee sees Suzie Jo in class and they become smitten with one another. Bobby asks Suzie if she will go out with him, and she says yes.

So, Bobby and Suzie are now "going out", an oddity, who's meaning does not match its name. In today's terms, "going out" is the same as yesteryears' "going steady", and you really don't have to be going anywhere to be "going out". Therefore you could stay "in" and still be "going out" (ridiculous right?). It's true, there is no courting involved, usually no real dating,



Yo Shanae

Shanae Simmons

and you're already boyfriend and girlfriend.

Along with this newfound relationship you get certain things, like cute little names (babe or boo), the job of wearing one another's jackets, or even the long hated baby talk (as if the pet names weren't annoying enough!). You also start giving up things like friendships, once you have a boyfriend you don't have time for the gals anymore (sorry Tina Ray, Suzie's moved on).

You give up family time, even though those rents were never really cool before, they have been downgraded even further. You may even give up things you love (like that collection of Billy Ray Cyrus buttons), because it's getting in the way of your and Bobby Lee's life as a couple.

But the most favorite and entertaining of all the gifts, is the gift of petty, stupid and ridiculous fights.

If Bobby Lee were to see Jimmy Dean, walk past Suzie Jo and spot him pat her on the shoulder, that's a fight ready to happen.

If Bobby Lee lends Elma May a pencil, then oh boy, is there going to be a fight later. It seems that as the relationship progresses, so does the level of envy. Which makes sense (in a doesn't make sense sort of way),

because each teen has already given up everything for the other, and they're trapped in this belief that their significant other is all they have. In the end, they threaten to break up with one another, do so for an hour, then go back out again to continue the depressing and innocent pedestrian victimizing cycle. Some may wonder how I am involved in this, or even care enough to write about it at all. Others may wonder why I am such a cynical Suzie, or even, a cynical Shanae, always looking at the negative. Even others may, angry that I made them feel stupid for being in stupid relationships, say something like "well, you don't know what it's like, you've never been in that situation." To those questioning readers out there I will give my reply.

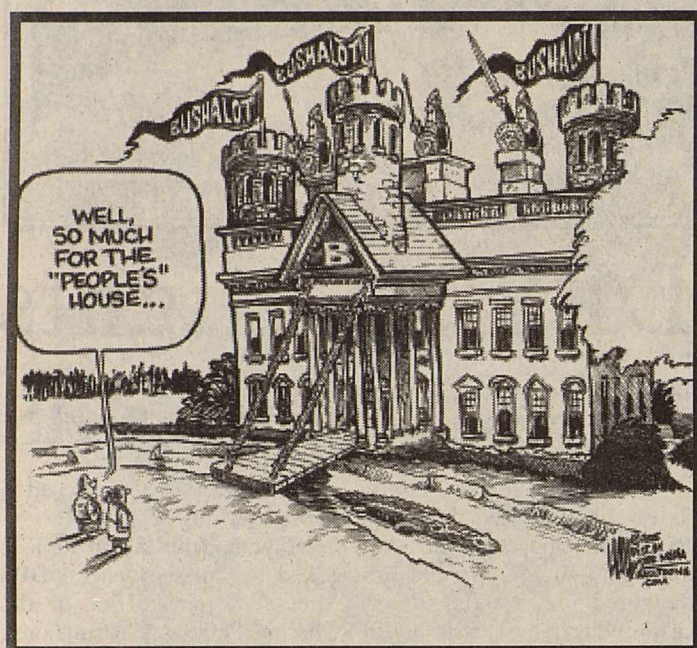
Yes I am cynical (along with every other victim you baby talk in front of on the bus), and yes I have never been in that situation (I pray nightly that I never do), but I write this as a fair warning to those who feel tempted to fall into puppy love.

Don't do it! Stay close to your friends and family while they still call themselves your friends and family.

Stay interested in your interests, and don't give everything up for the next pretty face that walks into the room.

Most importantly, take your time you're young, leave all the fighting and love battles for the adults.

Some people tell me to just wait until you fall in love. To that I say, with a full can of Raid in hand, step any closer and I'll shoot.



Big Mama Sez!



It takes a long time to grow an old friend.

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LaMascus: There is no difference between you and me and a skunk

You are all animals. There is no difference between you and me and a skunk.

We have no rights that should not be extended to non-human mammals as well.

The fact that we are self-aware, use tools, have a common language, build cities, use machines we built to fly, have been to the moon and back in a rocket, and all the other things we could name; not to mention the fact that God himself gave us a soul and dominion over all the beasts of the earth, birds of the air, and fish of the sea, we are still just more highly evolved animals that came from the same putrid pool of prebiotic slime as the other beasts.

This is what the animal rights activists believe — and they are constantly slithering around trying to insert their idiotic ideology into mainstream thought.

They have succeeded in having some incredibly stupid animal cruelty laws passed and now are targeting hunting and fishing.

What's next, farming and ranching? You bet!

Here is the latest, from Don Zaidle, Editor of Texas Fish and Game magazine:

"The current law contains language that exempts from prosecution acts otherwise illegal under the animal cruelty statute that are normal in hunting and fishing.

It reads: 'It is an exception to

the application of this section that the conduct engaged in by the actor is a generally accepted and otherwise lawful use of an animal if that use occurs solely for the purpose of fishing, hunting, or trapping...'

"Two bills recently introduced in the legislature, SB172 and HB326, would change "it is an exception to the application" to "it is a defense to prosecution."

As the law currently stands, a hunter or fisherman cannot be charged or prosecuted for, well, hunting or fishing.

Under these bills, they could be charged and have to defend themselves in court."

This means that if you are hunting, shoot a deer, and it runs off wounded.

You can be arrested for animal cruelty.

All it takes is one warden or peace officer without any common sense and with a need to demonstrate his authority and you are in jail and facing a jury to decide if you were in fact cruel to Bambi.

A defense to prosecution is not an exemption.

It does not make the act legal, it just allows you to use the fact that you were engaged in a legal sporting activity as a part of your court defense.

Also included in HB326 is wording "which seeks to change the definition of 'animal' to include the phrase "nonhuman mammal."

Zaidle also said: "One of the priorities of animal rights terrorists is to rid our language of



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

'speciesist' phrases and blur the distinction between people and animals.

A review of *Animal Equality: Language and Liberation* states: "[this book] explores many of the ways in which American language practices concerning nonhuman animals contribute to the perpetuation of the abuse of nonhuman animals. [The] book is both descriptive and prescriptive.

In chapters concerning hunting, sportfishing, zoos and aquariums, vivisection, and the animal-based food industries, [the author] provides a plethora of examples of deceptive language practices which obscure, minimize, or deny the abuse of animals...While changes in linguistic practices will not in themselves bring about animal liberation, such changes certainly must be an element of the animal liberation movement.

"Animal rights literature is shot through with the term 'non-human animal,' the purpose rote instillation of the notion that all life is animal life, and hence due equal consideration in all matters of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

To change language is to change ideas."

I understand that SB172 and

HB326, the bills changing the exemption to a defense to prosecution have been rewritten to remove that change.

That doesn't mean, however, that it will not be reintroduced at a later date. The animal rights nuts are tireless in their quest to elevate animals to the same level as humans.

You see this all around you, but it is so insidious that we don't recognize it.

The cute TV shows that have the little animals wandering around talking to each other and acting like humans are just another way to convince our children that "animals are human too."

It is propaganda disguised as child entertainment.

We allow this to continue because we don't want to be branded curmudgeons and fear mongers, and the animal rights morons keep pushing the envelope, gaining a nugget here and a grain of sand there, until we are, legally, just another animal.

Think about it, then call your representative and give him an earful of human animal wisdom!

God created animals just as he created humans, but only into humans did he breathe the breath of life — a soul and the right to free will.

Genesis 1:26, "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'" NKJV

American Heart Month - Get in on the action

Heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases remain the number one killer in the United States. On an average day in Texas, 150 Texans die due to cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

Heart disease has affected my family and, chances are, it may affect many of yours too. Every year since 1963, February has been designated American Heart Month. This month is the time to learn more about cardiovascular disease detection, prevention and treatment.

The American Heart Association has designated this year's educational message as "Get in on the Action!," urging Americans to make physical activity a part of their daily lives.

There are a few simple things we can all do to reduce the risk of heart disease. Exercising regularly is an important step. We all enjoy some form of exercise.

So, whether it's horseback riding, jogging, walking or bike



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

riding, help keep your heart healthy and "just do it!" Other easy approaches to control heart disease include eating a diet low in fat and high in fiber, and controlling stress.

One of the myths surrounding heart attack and stroke is that it is a "male disease." Wrong.

Heart attack and stroke do not discriminate. In fact, heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases remain the number one killer of American females.

Research and education are key to battling and preventing heart disease. Today, the chances of saving a life and reducing disability from heart disease and stroke are better than

ever because of research done in our lifetime.

Important discoveries such as life-extending drugs, bypass surgery and pacemakers, have improved the lives of many heart patients. But the fight against heart disease is far from over.

Hopefully, with more heart disease research and better education, fewer Texans will fall victim to the disease this year.

As with any other health problem, please consult a physician immediately if you, or someone you know, shows any sign of a heart problem.

For now, as we remember American Heart Awareness Month this February, get in on the action and increase your physical activity!

For more information or questions concerning prevention or treatment of heart disease, please call the Texas chapter of the American Heart Association (AHA) at 512/433-7220 or the San Antonio division of AHA at 210/614-4121.

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Iraq's elections show hope for democracy

There is little that people living in Iraq have not seen in the 5,500 years that have elapsed since the world's first literate society, Sumeria, arose on the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

But recently, the long-suffering people of this nation experienced something new - they voted in free elections.

"Now I feel that Saddam is really gone," Fatima Ibrahim told MSNBC after casting her ballot in Irbil, in the Kurdish northern region. She was a young bride of 14 and only married three months when her husband, father and brother were rounded up by Saddam Hussein's police and have never been seen again. This woman and millions of her fellow Iraqis refused to be intimidated by terrorist threats and went to the polls.

In an election widely hailed as fair and free, over 60 percent of the Iraqi people turned out. Even Sunni Iraqis ignored calls by their religious leaders to boy-

cott the election and voted in higher than expected numbers.

The election is for 13 provincial councils and the new 275-seat National Assembly, which will draft a new constitution.

Neighboring Jordan watched the elections with great interest. King Abdullah II offered congratulations and said the successful election proved the Iraqi people are "stronger than the extremist groups trying to destabilize Iraq."

As President Bush noted in his stirring inaugural speech, "The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in the world."

Unfortunately, while the Iraqi people have begun their pursuit of democracy, they still face thugs who desperately want to deny this new nation freedom. Jihadists allied to Al Qaeda and remnants of the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein are trying to regain power.



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

We should not let the horror of these tactics obscure an important point: the terrorists fear what an Iraqi democracy would mean for their cause. The Jihadists and Baathists fear history will sweep them aside, and they are doing all they can to block the spread of freedom.

Abu Musab Al Zarqawi, the Jordanian who has publicly declared allegiance to Osama Bin Laden, and is considered the architect of attacks on U.S. and Iraqi forces, has said as much.

"We have declared a fierce war on this evil principle of democracy and those who follow this wrong ideology.

Anyone who tries to help set up this system is part of it."

Further, Osama Bin Laden himself, in a recent Al-Jazeera-

distributed tape, urged Iraqis not to participate in the election.

The important thing to keep in mind is that the Iraqi people demonstrated in impressive numbers that, however difficult the path may be, this election was a key step toward complete self-rule and the establishment of a democratic system of government.

We should remember our own past, when, after the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, our nation was torn by, first, Shays' Rebellion and, later, the Whiskey Rebellion.

These challenges to the new republic led some to doubt the survival of the American experiment. The path has occasionally been rocky since then. Women marched, suffered ridicule, and were sometimes jailed as they sought the right to vote in the early part of the 20th Century.

Only 40 years ago, African American leaders risked their lives to secure the same liberties others already enjoyed during the struggle for civil rights.

While our progress has been difficult at times, our democratic republic has not only survived; it has prospered.

Today we are a beacon of hope and freedom for the world, proving that democracy is not achieved overnight.

Although it sometime seems fractious and divisive, it still provides the best form of government man has yet devised.

We must bear those lessons in mind as we support the democratic process in Iraq. It may not be perfect, but it is an important step in the right direction.

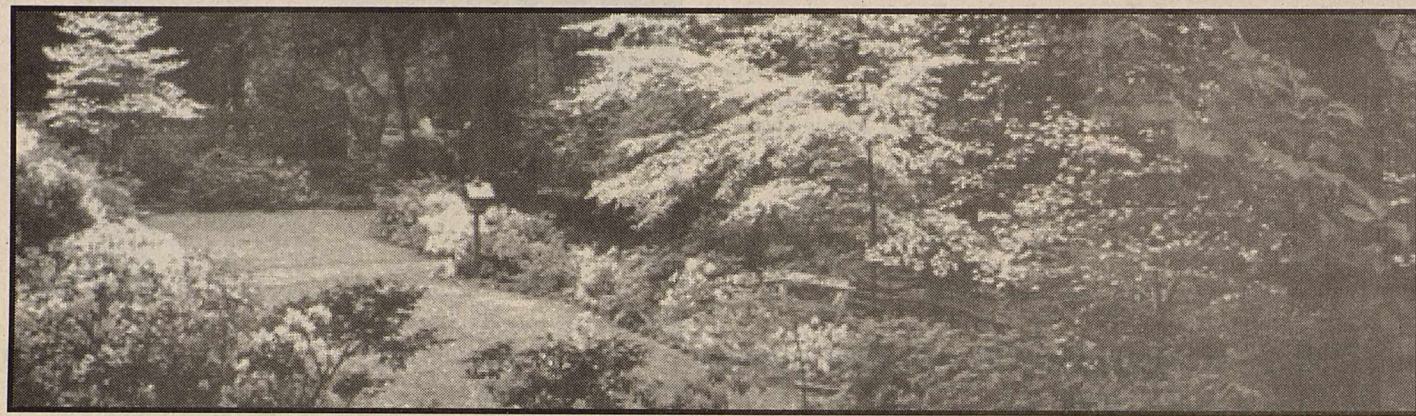
Recently, our nation saw a touching demonstration of the Iraqis' appreciation of our sac-

rifices during President George W. Bush's State of the Union Address.

Safia Taleb al-Suhail, leader of the Iraqi Women's Political Council, hugged and comforted Janet Norwood of Pflugerville, Texas, whose son was killed in Iraq while serving with the Marines.

By seeing this struggle through, we will deliver a devastating blow to the terrorists and a resounding victory for freedom. I want our friends in Iraq who value liberty to know that we Texans do not abandon our friends when things get difficult.

Our country must remain a reliable friend of freedom.



Expect gorgeous blooms in the state's largest azalea garden set for spring blooms

State's largest azalea garden set for spring blooms

NACOGDOCHES — The Oldest Town in Texas will be in full bloom for several weeks this spring, as its nationally recognized azalea gardens take center stage for the 2005 Nacogdoches Azalea Trail.

More than 22 miles of self-guided driving routes showcasing the flowering shrubs at their colorful peak will highlight the sixth annual Azalea Trail.

A gardening symposium, floral design exhibit and plant sale are also planned.

"The trails are the main focus, but we also have different special events all four weekends so that whenever visitors decide to come there will be something to further peak their interest," said Melissa Sanford, meeting and event coordinator for the Nacogdoches Convention & Visitors Bureau.

This year's Nacogdoches Azalea Trail will be held March 19 through April 9.

The plant sale, gardening symposium and floral exhibit are scheduled for March 19, April 2 and April 9, respectively.

The best way to enjoy the city's abundant azaleas is to drive or ride along three designated trails.

Each begins at the Visitor's Center, and color-coded signs

mark the routes. Maps are also available at the Visitor's Center, located at 200 E. Main St.

The meandering trails will lead visitors through a kaleidoscope of color from the college campus to public gardens to manicured private lawns.

Recently, Nacogdoches became the first city in the United States to earn the distinction of "Azalea City of America" by the Azalea Society of America. The East Texas city has been selected to host the international organization's annual convention in 2007.

Nacogdoches is also home to Texas' largest azalea garden, located on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University.

The 8-acre Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden features more than 6,500 evergreen and native azaleas of every color, including fragrant yellow and white varieties.

The garden is the crown jewel of the city's azalea trails. Barbara Stump, one of the garden's designers, said it's only natural that azaleas put on a dazzling show in Nacogdoches every spring. "Azaleas prefer acid soil, so here in the piney woods they are easy to grow," she said.

"And, if you take some care with your planting beds and

preparations, they do very well."

Master gardeners and novices alike are invited to attend the symposium entitled "Growing Healthy Azaleas" on April 9.

Horticulturists will share their tips on selecting, growing, tending and propagating azaleas. Tickets to the symposium are \$25 and include lunch and a guided tour of the Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden.

Dozens of varieties of azaleas will be available for purchase along with many other plants at the sale March 19 on Nacogdoches' historic downtown square. Hard-to-find native deciduous azaleas will be among the offerings by local nurseries and garden clubs.

The horticultural and artistic talents of local gardening enthusiasts will be on display at the floral exhibit April 9 downtown. Up to a dozen unique floral arrangements featuring azaleas and other native plants will be included in the exhibit entitled "The Art of Floral Design: Color and Textures from the Gardens."

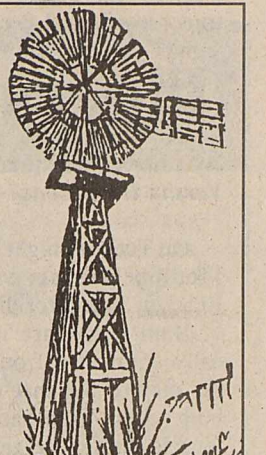
"Each year I am just stunned at the beauty and creativity of the arrangements our designers bring in," said exhibit organizer Sherry Ward.

"We truly have the prettiest spot anywhere for springtime right here in East Texas."

For information about

Nacogdoches Azalea Trail events, including group tours, call the Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-888-OLDEST-TOWN or log on to www.visitnacogdoches.org.

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Tigers come up short for playoffs

By Charlie Marquardt
Varsity Head Coach

The Brackett Tigers traveled to Center Point on Friday, Jan. 28th and lost to the leader of the district by a score of 49-40.

The game started out slow for the Tigers who trailed at the end of the first quarter with a score of 19-3. The second quarter saw the Tigers fight their way back into the game by out scoring Center Point 15-3 and looking at a half time deficit of four points. The third quarter was much like the first for the Tigers who saw their opponent control the quarter and out scored them 15-8. The final quarter was an even battle with the Tigers winning the quarter 14-12 but losing the game by the score of 49-40. The loss left the Tigers with a district record of 2-2 and overall

at 6-6.

Leading scorers for the Tigers were Travis Nowlin with 23, followed by Leon Woolsey with 9, Charlie Slaughter with 4 and rounding out the scoring were Noe Talamantes and Tillman Davis with 2 points. Woolsey led all rebounders with 12.

The next game took place in Brackettville on Wednesday instead of Tuesday due to bad weather postponing the game to the next night.

This game matched the second place Harper team in a must win situation for the Tigers.

A loss would mean that the Tigers would be mathematically eliminated from the playoff picture.

The games saw the Tigers come out on fire and take a 23-18 lead with some excellent shooting. The second quarter



turned out to be a defensive battle with both teams scoring just 11 points and missing numerous shots inside. The half-time saw the Tigers holding a slim five point lead.

The third quarter turned out to be one to forget. The Tigers were out scored 25-7 and it ended with the Harper team in control on the contest with a 13 point lead.

The Tigers fought back and cut the lead to five late in the contest, but to only see opportunities come up short. The fi-

nal score ended up 69-59 and put hopes for a playoff run to rest. The leading scorer for the game was Travis Nowlin with 20 points followed by Charlie Slaughter with 14.

They were the only two Tigers in the double figures. Rounding out the scoring was Leon Woolsey with 8, Tillman Davis with 6, Noe Talamantes with 5, Brand Wylie and Oscar Sierra each had 3 points.

"We couldn't get the big defensive stop when we needed it late in the ball game. Our rebounding was weak and they took advantage of us inside. We gave a great effort, they were just better than we were and our hats are off to them. We will finish this season with the class and character that this community has become accustomed to out of the athletic teams."

8th Grade girls beat Rocksprings

After the Monday night's game, the 8th Grade girls record stands 6-7. Bianca Terrazas was the leading scorer with 14 points. She also had 2 rebounds, 2 steals and 1 assist. Samantha Moore contributed with 7 points, 2 rebounds, 10 steals and 2 assists. Harmony Pettett came in with 5 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals and 1 assist. Bianca Martinez scored 4 points and had 4 rebounds. Summer Allen scored 2 points, had 5 rebounds, and 1 steal. Rebecca Mann had 4



Bianca Terrazas led the Cubettes with 24 points rebounds, Jessi Jones had 2 rebounds and 1 steal. Esna Herrerra and Marianna Salmon contributed with 1 rebound each.

Tigers, Medina face off in district game

By Charlie Marquardt
Varsity Head Coach

On Tuesday night Feb. 8, the Medina Bobcats visited the Brackett Tigers for district play.

Both teams are mathematically eliminated from the playoff picture but that didn't stop both teams from showing their muscle during the game. It was a game that didn't include very much defense and a whole lot of offense. The teams traded baskets for much of the game, with no one taking advantage of the

others mistakes.

At the end of the first quarter the Tigers held a slim six point advantage. The score ended up at the end of the quarter 19-13.

The second quarter was much the same with the Tigers holding a lead of seven points at half. The third quarter saw the Tigers once again as it has the whole year struggle to put points on the board. They were outscored 13-6 for the period which put the score tied at the end of the period. The fourth quarter saw both teams match

each other point for point and by the end of the game the score remained tied at 55 apiece. The overtime period of four minutes saw the Tigers take control behind the scoring of Travis Nowlin and Charlie Slaughter. Both players ended the game with a team high 22 points each.

Also scoring for the Tigers were Tillman Davis with 7, Noe Talamantes with 6 followed by three players who each had two points. They were Brandon Kluzek, Brand Wylie and Leon Woolsey respectively. Leon also

had a team high 9 rebounds for the game.

We showed that there is not going to be the hanging of heads due to the fact that we are out of the playoff hunt. We played hard but at times not extremely smart.

We made up for our mental breakdowns by playing hard for the entire game. Medina was not going to get a gift from us, we were just a little bit better than they were tonight. Both teams played with character and class that should make both communities proud.

Abbott sues to stop operations from unauthorized services

AUSTIN - Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today announced lawsuits against two El Paso-based immigration consulting operations that allegedly defrauded hundreds of consumers by providing unauthorized legal advice, document preparation and other services. One lawsuit alleges Jesus Sandoval gave the impression in advertisements that his Immigration Legal Clinic could help clients navigate a "new immigration reform policy" between the United States and Mexico, when in fact there was no such policy. Sandoval also represented himself as a licensed attorney, but failed to reveal that the New Mexico Supreme Court had suspended his license in 1999 after

he stole \$82,000 in clients' funds.

The other lawsuit accuses brothers Roberto and Francisco Ramirez of providing unauthorized legal advice to hundreds of clients for at least five years, despite the fact that neither man was licensed to practice law in Texas. "I continue to be shocked at the brazenness of scam artists who exploit those simply wanting to call Texas home," said Attorney General Abbott. "I am committed to stamping out immigration consulting fraud across this state. Texas law is quite clear about who is authorized to provide immigration consulting services, and those who disregard that law will be brought to justice."

Both lawsuits allege violations of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

In Texas, only licensed attorneys and nonprofit groups specifically accredited by the U.S. Department of Justice's Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) can charge fees to advise and represent clients in immigration matters.

The Ramirez lawsuit also alleges the brothers, both notaries public, violated the Texas notary public statute by advertising they were "notarios publicos." In Texas a notary public is an official witness during the signing of certain documents, but in Mexico the term "notario publico" is used to designate certain highly experi-

enced attorneys.

Scam artists in Texas have long exploited this mistranslation to give Spanish-speaking clients the impression they are dealing with an attorney.

Former or current clients of Sandoval or the Ramirezes who want to obtain their files can contact the Office of the Attorney General at 1-800-252-8011. Complaints can also be filed at that number against any other suspected unauthorized operation.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, January 31

3:53 a.m., An employee of a local business requested a deputy in regards to loud noises in the building. Deputy Donald Page was dispatched.

11:58 a.m., A man reported a driver of a yellow Lincoln car driving on his mother's property and harrasing her. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was notified.

12:25 p.m., A man reported a white RV with Florida license plates passed him in front of the school. Chief Deputy Fritter was notified.

12:28 p.m., A woman reported a woman harrasing her and asked to speak with a deputy.

1:28 p.m., An anonymous caller reported two illegals on Highway 90 west of Brackettville. The U.S. Border Patrol was informed.

Tuesday, February 1

6:59 p.m., Roadside Assistance reported a stranded motorist on Highway 277 and 693. Deputy Page was dispatched to the location.

9:50 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a reckless driver on Highway 90 East. Deputy Page was notified.

Wednesday, February 2

12:00 p.m., Aurora Ayma Ramos, 47, of Del Rio was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess for driving while license suspended and failure to appear. Ramos was transported to Geo in Del Rio.

3:55 p.m., Numerous calls concerning a train blocking Highway 131. It had been there for over an hour. The railroad officials were notified. Later the train had been moved but a woman reported the guard rail missed her vehicle by inches when it was coming down. The woman stated she would sign a complaint if she had to. Deputy Ron Ring was informed of the situation.

6:45 p.m., A woman requested a deputy in regards to her window had been pulled out

and she was afraid to go inside her home. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was advised.

9:07 p.m., Homero Flores, Jr., 41, of Del Rio was arrested by Trooper Tully Welch for Driving while intoxicated, first offense. Flores was later released after posting \$1,500 bond.

Thursday, February 3

2:30 a.m., A Fort Clark security officer reported a lady driving all over the fort but was not breaking any laws. Deputy Gutierrez was informed and stated that if she were to break any laws to inform him.

Friday, February 4

12:17 a.m., An anonymous caller reported a fight. Deputy Gutierrez was notified. Deputy Gutierrez reported the situation had been taken care of and the individuals went home.

Saturday, February 5

2:15 p.m., Toma Elesio

Osorio, 24, of Mexico was arrested by Deputy Manuel Pena for criminal trespassing, Class 2. Osorio was still being held when the report was made.

3:43 p.m., The Val Verde police department stated an evangelist's vehicle had broken down and needed a ride. Deputy Pena needed a Uvalde deputy to pick him up at the check point.

Sunday, February 6

5:30 p.m., A woman stated that her daughter needed a deputy's assistance at her residence. Deputy Page was informed.

8:30 p.m., Jose Luis Flores, 37, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Page for terroristic threat, evading arrest, public intoxication, disorderly conduct and warrant out of Val Verde County. Flores was still being held at the time the report was made.

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How smart is my child? Find out!

Submitted by
Deborah L. Ruf, Ph.D.
Many parents wonder how their children compare to other children.

They may have very good reasons to suspect their children are gifted (for example, their five-year-old is adding pupils and eyelashes to their drawings of people or their three-year-old can read an "Exit" sign), but they're not sure how to prove or disprove it.

Proof about giftedness can be critical, because it helps parents to provide more opportunities for their kids' increased growth, enjoyment, and success in areas of interest.

There are certain childhood behaviors — milestones — that can tell us when children are ahead of or behind others their age.

Most of the charts on childhood development show the typical range of behaviors for each age group.

If your child is ahead of those tables, that doesn't necessarily mean he or she is on the fast track or slated to become the next Doogie Howser, M.D. Levels of Giftedness range from those who are simply bright to those who are intellectually astonishing.

Here's an overview of the various levels of giftedness and milestones that are common—but not necessary—to each Level.

Here, also, are the numbers at each Level of Giftedness that you are likely to find in an average elementary classroom of 28 children.

It is the overall "feel" of where the child fits that tells you the Level.

1. Level One
• These children show interest in many things before they are even two years old — like colors, saying the numbers in order, and playing simple puzzles.
• Most of them are good talkers by age three, and by four, many print letters and numbers, recognize simple signs, their name, and know most of alphabet.
• By the time they are six years old, many read beginner books and type at the computer, and most read chapter books by age seven.

• It is not unusual to find six to eight Level One children in an average classroom, children who are nearly always a few steps ahead of what the teacher is teaching the whole class.

2. Level Two
• These bright children love looking at books and being read to, even turning pages without ripping them, by 15 months. Some shout out the name of familiar stores as you drive past.

• Many of these children know lots of letters by 18 months and colors by 20 months, and between ages three and four, they count small groups of objects, print some letters and numbers, and they very likely drive their parents crazy with all their questions.



Dr. Deborah L. Ruf, Ph.D.

• They'll sit for what seems like hours as you read advanced level books, especially fiction and fantasy, to them, but they require a bit less of your time by age six, because most of them read for pleasure and information on their own by then.

• Level Two children can find only one or two others in their classroom who are as advanced as they are, which starts to make it hard to find good friends.

3. Level Three
• They're born wide-eyed and alert, looking around the room, reacting to noises, voices, faces.

• They know what adults are telling or asking them by six months. You say a toy, pet, or another person, and they will look for it.

• Everything Level Two children do by 15 months, these kids do by 10 to 12 months, and they can get family members to do what they want before they are actually talking.

• By two years, many like 35+ piece puzzles, memorize favorite books, and know the entire alphabet — in or out of order!

• By three years old, they talk constantly, and skip count, count backwards, and do simple adding and subtracting because they like to. They love to print

letters and numbers, too.
• They ask you to start easy readers before five years, and many figure out how to multiply. Divide, and do some fractions by six years.

• Most of these children are a full two to five years beyond grade level by age six and find school too slow.

• There are one or two Level Three children in every 100 in the average school. They are rarely in the same elementary class and can feel very, very lonely.

4. Level Four
• Level Four babies love books, someone to read them, and pay attention within a few months of their birth.

• They are ahead of Level Three children by another 2 to 5 months while less than two years old.

• They have extensive, complex speaking by two years, and their vocabularies are huge!

• Most of them read easy readers by 3½ to 4½ years, and then read for information and pleasure by age five, with comprehension for youth and adult level books at about 6 - 6½ years.

• There are about one per 200 children in the average school. Without special arrangements, they can feel very different from their typical classmates.

5. Level Five
• Level Fives have talents in every possible area. Everything is sooner and more intense than others Levels.

• They have favorite TV shows before 6 - 8 months, pick out letters and numbers by 10-14 months, and enjoy shape sorters before 11 months.

• They print letters, numbers, words, and their names between 16 - 24 months, and often use anything that is available to form these shapes and figures.

• They show ability with 35+ piece puzzles by less than 15 months and interest in complex mazes before they are three.

• Musical, dramatic, and artistic aptitudes usually start showing by 18 months.

• Most speak with adult-level complexity by age two.

• At two and three-years-old they ask about how things work, and science — particularly biological and life and death questions — emerge.

• They understand math concepts and basic math functions before age four.

• They can play card and board games ages 12 and up by age 3½ to 4.

• They have high interest in pure facts, almanacs, and dictionaries by age 3½.

• Most read any level of book by 4½ to five years.

• They read six or more years beyond grade level with comprehension by six years and usually hit 12th grade level by age 7 or 8.

• We know they occur more often than once in a million and regular grade school does not work for them. Levels Three through Five score similarly on ability tests—very high.

Once you have a sense of your children's abilities, you can provide them with more activities and experiences that build on these strengths and take advantage of their talents.

Parents who have more than one child may notice that each child seems to have different interests and talents even when we encourage them equally.

This is because we don't cause our children's abilities; we can only recognize and nurture them. To do less is truly depriving them of chances to do what they are good at and what they enjoy.

To do less for our children probably chips away at their potential, too, for how can we get good at the things we don't get to practice?

There are more potential geniuses — children who are remarkably intellectually different from their same-age classmates — than most people believe, and your child may well be one of them.

Editor's Note: By Deborah L. Ruf, Ph.D., author of *Losing Our Minds: Gifted Children Left Behind* (Great Potential Press). For more information, visit <http://www.educationoptions.com/>.

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 17 Sing
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 20 Okay
 21 Family
 23 Unwelcome ones
 24 Ring
 25 Went down a chute
 27 ___-eyed; unrealistic
 30 Woman in Arthurian legend
 31 Numbers expert: abbr.
 34 Projecting piece
 35 Cubic meter
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 37 Final practices
 41 Eur. language
 42 Solitary figure
 43 South African
 44 Suffix for calm or cold
 45 Skunk's weapon
 46 Bacon serving
 48 Impressionist
 49 Diner
 50 Embarrassment
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 57 NASA employee's field
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 2 Bad guy
 3 Old cars
 4 Mexican year
 5 Cavalry soldier
 6 Deadly fox
 7 Forsaken, to a poet
 8 Stop ___ dime
 9 Skin tumor
 10 Recorded
 11 Whitney & Wallach
 12 Organize
 13 Golf shop purchases
 19 Frightener of a nursery
 22 Reclined rhyme girl
 24 Elected official: abbr.
 25 Contemptuous look
 26 Foreign currency
 27 Bog plant
 28 Weight deductions
 29 Turn aside
 30 1 oxygen atom + 2 carbon atoms
 31 Freeway
 32 Sign of life
 33 Goose's response?
 35 Masculine title
 38 Skiers' milieus
 39 Was a passenger
 40 Cumberbund
 46 Horned animal
 47 Liabilities' opposites
 48 Love, in Livorno
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 50 Quench
 51 Will designee
 52 Zeus and Hera's son
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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 spaces 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: **GIRLS' NAMES**

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| Feb. 11.....Ethel Griffin | Feb. 14.....Jack Schram |
| Feb. 11.....Sarah Meyer | Feb. 14.....Shirley Stephenson |
| Feb. 11.....Michael Montalvo | Feb. 14.....Frances Testman |
| Feb. 12.....Versie Burnes | Feb. 15.....Stephen Brinker |
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| Feb. 12.....Regina Pena | Feb. 15.....Virginia Shahan |
| Feb. 13.....Alfred Pena, Jr. | Feb. 16.....Roxie Brown |

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- Claudia
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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're tempted to give into grouchiness this week. However, ask yourself if things are really so bad. Once you have that answer, your mood improves.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're brimming with enthusiasm over a new work project. It suits your skills quite well. By week's end, you're exhausted but satisfied with your progress.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A social obligation should be fulfilled. Although you're tempted to bow out, don't. You just may meet someone quite interesting.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You don't like to take no for an answer. Pressing so hard, though, only has the opposite outcome. Lighten up, and you eventually get what you want.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) A close friend has some disheartening news. If you talk this through, you can both come to a mutually satisfactory conclusion. This weekend, putting around the house clears your mind.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Distractions abound this week. Despite this, you have the ability to focus well. Later in the week, a financial matter takes precedence.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You're itching to get away from it all. While it would be nice, it's not the best time. You'll just have to wait until things settle down.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're hopping mad when a co-worker questions your veracity on a certain matter. You don't have to prove yourself. Let the person making the accusation come up with the goods.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're back on track this week, both at home and at work. As a result, you accomplish much. Feel free to just kick back over the weekend.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You need to exercise patience this week. Flying about willy-nilly won't get things done. Use a more measured approach.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This week, you allow an upcoming social event to get in the way of your concentration. Get a grip on this. If not, you could find yourself putting in some extra hours at work.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A minor setback is just that - minor. Where a friend is concerned, let bygones be bygones. This person didn't intentionally offend you.

God's wonderful plan fulfilled

Alfredo stood next to his daughter.

Her elegance served to amplify his manly dignity. The Patriarch looked every bit the man of strength and spiritual power that he was.

Steve stood by his mother on the opposite side from Alfredo. Three generations.

Rolando stood in front of the church looking very handsome. The pastor stood in front of the altar with a deacon who was to assist in the ceremony.

Attendants stood on either side.

There was a hush as the music began.

Josie walked slowly down the aisle.

A few feet in front of Rolando she turned to the

Alfredo the Patriarch.

He turned to her, made the sign of the cross on her forehead and whispered a blessing.

Then she turned to her son. Steve, following the example of his grandfather made the sign of the cross on his mother's forehead and whispered a blessing.

Rolando stepped to the center of the aisle.

He turned to Alfredo. The two men held out their right hands to each other then embraced. Rolando then turned to Steve who in a few minutes would become his stepson.

The two men held out their right hands to each other then embraced.

Rolando turned to Josie. Both Alfredo and Steve gave Josie's hand into Rolando's



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Dr. Donald Smith

hand then stepped back and returned to their places beside Lola.

Rolando and Josie turned to face the pastor and deacon and to present themselves to God.

The words and music of the remainder of the service seemed to become a blur of time until the final words.

They stood facing each other, bride and groom with a beaded lasso symbolizing the two becoming one.

The pastor's voice boomed.

"In as much as Josie and Rolando have consented to the estate of holy matrimony and have witnessed the same before God and His Church, I now pronounce you to be man and wife."

The reception was jovial. Adults talked.

Happy children played with each other.

Then the dance began.

As Rolando took Josie into his arms and began the slow movement to the center of the floor, he whispered, "Now God has a wonderful plan for us!"

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.

Lord of lords

I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things. And before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession.

That thou keep this commandment without spot unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Which in his times he shall show who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords. Who only hath immortality,



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dwelling in the light which no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen. Tim 6: 12-16. Praise God!

Why Wear Ashes on Wednesday?

In a few days we'll start the Lenten season, the period of forty days before Easter. Many Christian churches mark this period as a time of special repentance.

Many of us will conduct a special Ash Wednesday service. Putting on ashes is part of a tradition older than the Christian church - we read about it in the story of Job (see Job 42:6) as well as many other places.

But to tell the truth, I don't like wearing ashes - I find it uncomfortable and awkward. Maybe that's the whole idea.

Ashes are a sign of mourning and repentance. We all have sin - personal and communal faults that make us unlike God, less than holy.

Ashes are a public acknowledgement of our sinfulness. For me, explaining the wearing of ashes, especially to my friends who don't appreciate this particular Christian tradition, is an act of humility.

It is in part a brand or act of shame taken on willingly, acknowledging in public my own shortcomings.

Some people wash or wipe the ashes away almost immediately. For them the mark of mourning is internal.



First United Methodist Church

Rev. Roger Baker

And of course, the Bible tells us that any act of contrition must be genuine to be authentic.

The prophet Isaiah warned us against taking on the private and public acts of penance without having a change of heart.

In Isaiah 58, the prophet makes clear the sort of holy fast he believes is honorable. His words encouraging the freeing of captives of injustice seem to resonate with me as I see the sacrifices made by American and British troops to free people in Iraq and beyond.

Isaiah doesn't stop there - he calls us to "share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter." (Isaiah 58:7). There is much work to be done.

The apostle James reminded us that belief without works was a dead faith (James 2:14 - 20).

As we take on ashes this Wednesday, I hope that we will repent of our sins, not just personal sins, but the sins of our

world.

I also hope that we will act as Isaiah called us to act in keeping with our repentance. Feeding the hungry, clothing the naked - these too are signs of repentance.

You can wear ashes or not - or wipe them off. Just remember what they symbolize, and repent... and then "...produce fruit in keeping with repentance." (Matt 3:8)

At First United Methodist Church, we'll open our chapel

at 10 a.m. on Ash Wednesday and keep the door open for four hours.

You can come in at your leisure for a time of personal prayer, and if you wish, you may receive ashes as well.

This is your time to repent before God. I'll be there to encourage or assist.

Join us Sunday for communion and hear the good news of God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

Library Books

As I entered the small shop, I told the young clerk that I was waiting for my wife who was shopping next door. She commented that I must be very patient.

I told her that in a few months we were going to celebrate our fortieth wedding anniversary. She said, "How is it possible?" I told her that my wife and I had both accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior a few years after we were married and that really changed our lives and our marriage.

I asked her if she had ever accepted Christ as her personal Savior or read the Bible.

She said no but she was going to the library and reading different books.

I said reading books may help but there is only one book from God. It is the Bible or the Word



Jerry Davenport

Brother J.

of God, (Luke 11:28). If we will honor and obey the Bible we can have a better life, (Joshua 1:8). It is in the Bible that we find out about God. We also find out that He loves us and sent His only son to die for us, (John 3:16, 2 Timothy 3:15-17).

The world and things of the world can bring happiness but it is nothing like the joy and peace that comes from knowing Jesus Christ As Lord and Savior (John 15:10,11).

See You in Church next Sunday.

Reality TV show raises safety concerns

As reality television shows continue to grow in popularity it is important to remember that although they are "real," the outcome of some of the stunts could have much different results.

Such is the case with a stunt performed on the NBC television show, Fear Factor last Monday night, which placed contestants within the proximity of an electric substation where they received minor shocks. This sort of behavior - in real life - is extremely dangerous, even fatal.

"Substations, which handle power for thousands of households, are not designed for the public to play with," said Danny Samaniego, Rio Grande Electric Co-op's Brackettville Area Operations Manager.

"Substations are fenced and locked for a reason. Safety. Only highly trained, well-equipped professionals should ever enter a substation."

Samaniego said, "Children can be easily influenced by what they see on television. We urge all parents to remind their children to stay away from electric substations and to discuss electric power line safety with their children."

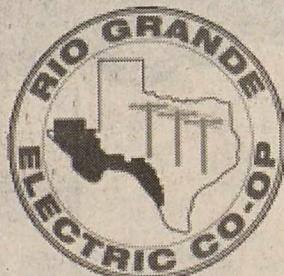
"The Co-op is very concerned about the message the television show's stunt could send to children.

We work very hard throughout the year to teach children to stay away from substations and power lines, and to be aware of the potential for danger.

We conduct special presentations for school children and the public, and routinely publish electrical safety articles in the pages of our Rio Grande Edition of *Ranch & Rural Living Magazine*, which is distributed to Co-op member-consumers.

All of our efforts are useless if children think they can not be hurt by electricity, especially the amount of power handled at a substation," said Clinton Brown, Director of Operations.

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- Acres - 80.03 Acres Tract #303 Leona Ranch.
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- 4.53 Acres off 19 Pepper Lane, Del Rio
- Unit 1 Lot 146 Ft. Clark Springs 2 bd / 2ba
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- Masters Condo #1204 - Carport, all furniture and appliances.
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