

# The Brackett News



## Air Amistad

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## School approves new pay scale for auxiliary employees

Liz Jasso  
Contributing Writer

The Board adopted a new pay scale guideline for auxiliary employees during Tuesday's School board meeting. In the past the initial salaries for auxiliary employees such as teacher aides, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, custodial and maintenance staff were determined by the administration leading to some disparities in salaries. With the new pay scale guidelines in place, salaries will be determined by the employees' job responsibilities, education and length of service to the district. Included in the new guideline is a raise for substitutes. Non-degreed substitutes will now receive \$45 per day while degreed substitutes will be paid \$60 per day.

approved a purchase order for more than \$50,000 in new computer software for use in the special education department.

This software is for the teaching of reading, writing and science. The funds to be spent are not tax payers' money but from federal funds that are required to be spent on special education.

Following a presentation by Michelle Frerich, changes to the Gifted and Talented Program policy were approved.

The changes were necessary in order to be in compliance with state regulations.

Superintendent Bobby Templeton addressed the Board regarding the possible implementation of an Early Childhood Education Program.

With new state testing policies, it has been necessary to accelerate the objectives of the Pre Kindergarten and Kindergarten curriculums.

Lisa Conolly explained to the Board that instruction for testing success was leaving little time for teachers to work with students on many basic skills, such as gross and fine motor development.

An Early Childhood Program would allow students to be better prepared to meet instruction goals at the Kindergarten level.

In other business the Board approved the sale of surplus equipment, set the date of May 16 for canvassing of election results, and heard budget and finance reports.

After a brief executive session, the Board reconvened to accept the resignations of Michelle Frerich and Tiffany Blore and approved the hiring of Aileen Allen as a Special Education Teacher.

## Tigers take golf title

Greg Nowlin  
Contributing Writer

The Brackett Tigers won the District 30 A Golf Championship on Monday, April 4.

The Brackett Tigers entered two teams in the tournament. Team 1 consisting of Junior Martin Flores, who shot a 77, Senior Whitney Massingill 78, Junior Travis Nowlin and Sophomore Seth Frerich both with 82 and Junior Justin Calk with a 90 for a winning score of 319.

On Team 2 were Lane Nowlin with a score of 77, Mason McWilliams with 86, Miles Braesicke with 91 and Tres Rueda with 94 for a score of 348.

Both teams qualified for Regionals finishing first and second respectively.

Flores and L. Nowlin tied for First Medalist and had a one hole playoff. L. Nowlin won District Medalist Honors with a 20 foot birdie putt in hole No.10.

At the first tournament in Sonora, the team finished in 5th place with a score of 339. Frerich shot 80, Massingill an 82, T. Nowlin an 84, Flores a 93 and Calk a 98. Playing individually was L. Nowlin with an 88, McWilliams with a 98 and Rueda with 108.

The next tournament for the Tigers was the Brackett Invitational.

The Tigers finished in First place with a score of 306. On that team was T. Nowlin and Flores with identical scores of 76 for Tournament Medalist Honors. Martin won a one hole playoff with a tap in bogey putt on hole No.1. L. Nowlin and Massingill tied for third place with score of 77. L. Nowlin won a two hole playoff with a bogey tap in on hole No.2. Frerich had an 84 to round out the scoring on the team. Individually, Calk



Courtesy Photo by Liz Frerich

From left: Seth Frerich, Lane Nowlin, Justin Calk, Mason McWilliams, Whitney Massingill, Martin Flores, Travis Nowlin, Miles Braesicke and Tres Rueda.

had an 81. Rueda had a 95, Braesicke a 99, and McWilliams an 82.

The Tigers then won the Harper Invitational with a score of 361 on a very tough course. T. Nowlin shot an 87, Flores shot an 89, Calk a 92, N. Nowlin an 89 and Frerich a 97. Individually, Massingill shot an 89, McWilliams a 90, Braesicke a 110 and Rueda a 113.

Next up for the Tigers was a very challenging course, The Golf Club of Texas in San Antonio. The Tigers finished in 5th place against a lot of much larger schools.

They shot a team score of 350. On that team was Calk with a score of 85, Flores with an 86, Massingill with an 87. T. Nowlin and Frerich with 92. Playing individual was L. Nowlin with a score of 89.

The Tigers then traveled to Uvalde and finished in 2nd place with a team score of 350. On that team was Massingill with an 83, Flores with an 84, T. Nowlin with an 89 and McWilliams with a 94. On team 2, which finished in 3rd place was L. Nowlin and Calk with identical scores of 86, Frerich with a 92 and Braesicke with 110.

The Tigers have averaged a team score of 337.5 for the Tournament year.

Individual averages are: Whitney Massingill with a 82.6, Martin Flores with an 84.1, Travis Nowlin with an 85 and Lane Nowlin also with an 85 average score.

Seth Frerich with an 87.8 Justin Calk with 88.6, Mason McWilliams with 90, Miles Braesicke with a 102.5 and Tres Rueda with a 105.3.

The Tigers Golf Team will travel to Brenham on April 25th and 26th to compete in the Regional Golf Tournament.

I would like to apologize if there are any errors in the scores. We waited all season long for the school officials to put all the Golf Tournament results in the paper, but it never happened.

I relied solely on my son Travis, with some assistance from his brother Lane for their memory of all the scores in all the Tournaments.

With only one Senior on the Tiger Golf Team, the future looks very promising.

These kids have put a tremendous amount of time and effort into their game of golf and it is paying off.

## Tiger baseball still undefeated

The Brackett baseball team has now completed the first half of District play and sits alone atop the District 27-A standings at 4-0.

With the second half still to play that baseball team is hoping for it's first district title and first baseball playoff appearance since 1996.

It has been a total team effort with good pitching, good hitting and good defense that has led to this first half undefeated district record.

Their overall record is now 7-4-1 and have three district games coming up all at home.

The Tigers will go up against Rocksprings on April 22 and LaPryor on April 26. All games will be starting at 7 p.m.

### Waiting on a pitch

Right: Catcher Travis Bonner is part of the undefeated Tiger baseball team. The Tigers will go up against the Angoras on April 22 at the Tiger home field.

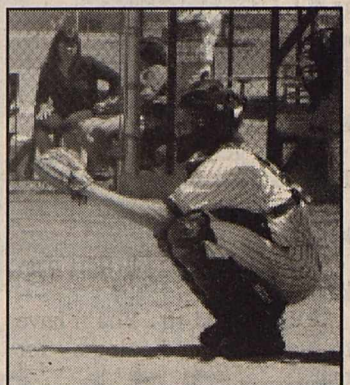


Photo by Pam Hale

## Tigers take District Champ title in track

The boys Varsity track team won the District title.

The Tigers had a total of 103 points with Falls City taking second place with 90.5 points and Medina had 86 points for third place.

There were a total of 11 schools competing in LaPryor Friday for the title.

In the field events, Rolando Ortiz placed third in the shot put with a 42' 5 1/2" throw.

He also placed sixth in the discus (114' 10").

John Moore threw 127' 9" in the discus for third place.

Tillman Davis took sixth place in the long jump (18' 11") and second place in the triple jump (38' 9").

Also, Cody Edwards took fourth place in the triple jump (38' 4 1/4").

In the high jump Travis Bonner placed fourth with a 5' 8" jump. Brand Wylie also placed fourth in the pole vault event with a height of 11' 6".

In the running events, Justin Calk took sixth place in the 3200 m run with a time of 11:55.50.

The 400 relay team (Wylie, Edwards, Noe Talamantes and Cesar Ortiz) took a photo finish

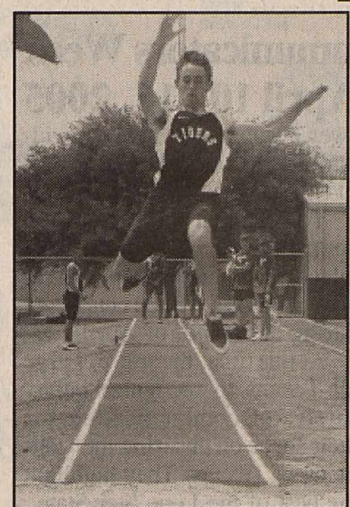


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### Leaps and Bounds

Tillman Davis on his first attempt of the finals in the triple jump. Davis took 2nd place with 38' 9".

second place with a time of 44.77.

Tres Rueda started out on an excellent note finishing first in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 15.71.

Also in the 110 high hurdles, Robert Davis took fourth place (16.41) and Bonner placed fifth (16.75).

In the 110 m dash, Talamantes

finished fifth (11.58) and Mark Kesteloot sixth place (11.75).

The 800 relay team (Fermin Villanueva, Bonner, Valentin Barutieta and R. Davis) took the fifth place spot with a time of 1:38.57.

Wylie had a time of 53.93 in the 400 m dash taking fourth place.

Another photo finish moment was when Rueda took first place in the 300 m hurdles with a time of 42.90 with second place going to LaPryor with a time of 42.92.

Edwards pulled out another fourth place in the 200 m dash with a time of 23.70.

Calk stepped up a place in the 1600 m run taking fifth with a time of 5:17.27.

The 1600 m relay team (Wylie, Edwards, T. Davis and Talamantes) still placed sixth with a time of 3:50.55 after a heart breaking baton drop during a hand off.

The Tigers that placed fourth or better will continue on to Area competition.

The Area meet is today in Harper. Look for results in next week's edition.

## Commissioners approve resolution; approve free use of civic center and help with little league field

All but one Kinney County Commissioner's Court voted to approve a resolution that showed support for the authorization of the Val Verde County Underground Water Conservation District; the Maintenance of full regulatory authority of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District and the sustained prohibition against the export of Edwards Aquifer waters from Medina and/or Uvalde Counties via pipelines.

The resolution was approved by County Judge Herb Senne and commissioners Marvin Davis, Joe Montalvo and Pat Melancon.

Voting against it was Pct. 3 Commissioner Nat Terrazas.

Terrazas noted that he was not against a water conservation district that has local powers, but that it is "Hard for me to support this one right now," Terrazas said.

"It's hard for me to support the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District right now as it is," he added.

"You vote how you have to," Senne told Terrazas. "We need to talk more one-on-one about this."

Davis noted that he was not particularly fond of a water dis-

trict that would run up enormous legal bills for the county. "There is a lot of concern on how they are using their authority," Davis said.

Senne noted that "Personally, I don't feel this is the case."

Davis chimed in saying he doesn't want the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District to be the "poster child of bad management."

With that, Senne asked for the vote. "We have a 4-1 vote in favor of the resolution," Senne said and told Terrazas to note on the resolution how he voted.

The court also approved to ratify the free use of the Kinney County Civic Center or other County facility for an informational public meeting/hearing concerning a proposed bill to dissolve the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District.

Senne noted that the City of Brackettville Mayor Joe N. Garza approached him and asked for the use of the civic center for an informational meeting.

"I told him that as far as I am concerned to go ahead and book it the event," Senne said. That's why the court had to ratify the free use of the Civic Center.

"I took it upon myself, since this is in the public's interest to allow them to use it. I would need a motion from the court," Senne said. "To ratify the use," Montalvo made the motion while Terrazas second it.

The motion passed unanimously.

The court also approved to pay half the cost of installing two disconnects to the lights at the Kinney County Little League.

Mike Wade with Rio Grande Electric Cooperative noted that the company has poured in many hours of volunteer time to replace the lighting at the little league ballpark.

Wade also said the RGECE helped with the installation of the new scoreboard and made mention there are new seats and a new fence.

Currently, there are two disconnects that light the ballpark at night. It is done manually, "I don't think those disconnects were made for this," Wade said. He noted that an approximate cost of \$2,44.66 is needed for two disconnects and asked the court to approve paying half that amount.

The court agreed and will use money from the building maintenance fund.

## Air Amistad Saturday at LAFB

### Air Show causes Highway 90 closures

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Air Amistad 2005 organizers expect 20,000 to 30,000 visitors to the air show and open house on April 16.

Gates at the base will be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

More than three hours of aircraft performances start at 10:30 a.m. and will culminate with the exciting precision aerobatics of the U.S.

Air Force Thunderbirds. Other performances include current and vintage military aircraft. Among them are all Laughlin-based training aircraft, the T-6 aerial demonstration team, an F-15 aerial demonstration team, an F-117 flyover and performances by World War II and Korean War era aircraft.

Also expected to perform is

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Highway 90 will temporarily shut down in front of the Laughlin Air Force Base's runways from approximately 2-3 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday (April 14-16).

The temporary closures ensure public safety during the ar-

rival of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team on Thursday, their practice show on Friday and their performance at Air Amistad 2005 on Saturday.

The Union Pacific rail line also will be closed in front of the base runways at these times.

Admission is free and open to everyone.

Parking also will be free. Because of the anticipated traffic volume and security, visitors should plan additional travel time to the base.

Additional security might cause delays since everyone must pass through checkpoints separating the parking area from the air show displays.

### Floyd to speak at First Baptist Church

Lynn Floyd, a Brackettville native, will be speaking Sunday April 17 at the First Baptist Church during the 11 a.m. service. Everyone is welcome. Nursery provided.

### LEPC hosting raffle

The Local Emergency Planning Committee is raffling a Bud Breen original oil painting as a fund raiser.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are available from Jewel Robinson or by calling the EMS office at 563-9090.

### RGECE essay contest deadline is April 15

Students: Hurry! The deadline for entering Rio Grande Electric Cooperative's Government-In-Action Youth Tour Essay Contest is April 15!

The contest provides students, ages 14-18, whose parents or legal guardians are members

of the Cooperative, the chance to vie for a trip to Washington, D.C. in the Government-In-Action Youth Tour Contest this summer.

To enter, eligible students are asked to complete the required entry forms and submit a 500-700 word essay on the topic "Developing Leaders For Rural America".

The deadline for submitting entries is April 15, 2005.

Entry Forms and rules packets have been distributed to school districts in the area, and are available at any Rio Grande Electric Co-op office and on the website www.riogrande.coop.

### Support group meets tonight at 6:30 p.m.

There is some interest in the Brackettville area for an Alzheimer's and related dementia support group. The first meeting is tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Slaton Hall, 210 James St. For more information contact Jewel Robinson at 563-2852.

### INSIDE

#### Vada

For the past few years, I've been limited to indoor grills or the oven which do a pretty good job for the two of us. But today's recipe will work for a small brisket, or large, and is divine in all respects, cooked in the oven.

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# I want shrimp for breakfast Lady Bears' NCAA Championship win demonstrates the value of women's sports

Three grandkids came to visit not too long ago. We had many adventures. When I took them home, after passing Uvalde, Tillman said he wanted some shrimp. I thought I could buy some at the Dairy Queen in Sabinal. The door was locked. It was around 10:00 o'clock in the morning. I drove on to Hondo. I saw people entering and leaving, so I stopped at the DQ.

"Good morning sir. Can I help you?"

I love good manners. "Yes. Do you have shrimp?"

"Yes sir, we have shrimp baskets."

"I'll have two shrimp baskets."

"Very good sir. You'll have to wait about 15 minutes for that."

"Why?"

"We don't serve noon meals before 10:30."

"Did you see that Michael



But I Could Be Wrong  
**Chuck Hall**

Douglas movie?"

"Excuse me?"

"Never mind. Just explain to me why you won't serve me shrimp."

"We're in our breakfast mode."

"Breakfast mode? Look, it's not like you're really going to cook anything. You're just going to take it out of the freezer, nuke it and serve it. Right?"

"It doesn't make much sense does it?"

Tillman got his shrimp. We all shared the other order. All's well that ends well.

But I could be wrong.

During the NCAA women's basketball championship, I was cheering for Baylor University's Lady Bears. They defeated the tough Michigan State University Spartan team by 84-62 to win their first NCAA national basketball title with the second-highest margin of victory in a woman's NCAA title game ever. In five years, Coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson took a team with a 7-20 record and took it to the pinnacle of women's collegiate competition. Both she and her team have made Baylor, Waco and all of Texas very proud.

Baylor's success was built on hard work, commitment and sacrifice. They were able to take setbacks, such as last year's loss to Tennessee in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA tournament, to galvanize their play. Coach Mulkey-Robertson and her players rebounded from that disappointment to win this year's national championship.

The Lady Bears are part of a trend toward more female participation in organized sports.

In 1971, there were only 325,000 women in high school varsity sports throughout the United States. Today there are 2.5 million.

Before 1971, 32,000 women participated in college sports; today that number exceeds 150,000. Women's high school,

college and professional sports are drawing increasing numbers of fans. Women professional athletes are celebrities whose achievements are enjoyed by all Americans.

Texas has long been fertile ground for talented female athletes. Beaumont's Babe Didrikson Zaharias was the premier female athlete of her era, dominating the Olympics in track and field and later in professional golf. She stunned the athletic world on July 16, 1932, with her performance at the national amateur track meet for women in Evanston, Illinois. Mrs. Zaharias entered the meet as the sole member of her team and by herself won the national women's team championship by scoring 30 points.

Recent Texas female athletes include gymnast Carly Patterson of Allen, who won the coveted gold medal for the all-around competition at the 2004 Olympics. She is only the second female gymnast from the USA to do this; Mary Lou Retton, of Houston, was the first, 20 years ago.

Texas women compete in professional sports ranging from golf and tennis to the bruising world of professional rodeo.

Three Texas women are at the top of the National Cutting Horse Association's pyramid in terms of titles and earnings.



Capitol Comment  
**Kay Bailey Hutchison**

The new athletic opportunities for young women are welcomed by many leaders including Lynne Cheney, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities from 1986 to 1993, and wife of Vice President Dick Cheney. "Sports are good for women because it teaches you how to play hurt," she said. "Women sometimes think if you get knocked down, either literally or figuratively, you go into your room and cry. But what you learn in sports is that if you get knocked down, you get back up and try to get that ball in the net the next time."

When I was writing my book, *American Heroines: The Spirited Women Who Shaped Our Country*, Mrs. Cheney confided that her teen sports options were limited, so she took up baton twirling.

The competition and drill required for baton twirling provided many of the same lessons you learn in sports, she said.

The importance of organized sports was proven in a study which found:

Girls who participate in sports have higher levels of confidence, stronger self-images and lower levels of depression;

Girls who participate in athletics are more likely to graduate from high school and get better grades;

Sports prepare girls to be successful in the workplace by giving them the opportunity to learn about teamwork, goal-setting and the pursuit of excellence in performance. It is no accident that 80 percent of the female executives at Fortune 500 companies identified themselves as having played sports;

Women who continue to exercise lower their risk of breast cancer and osteoporosis.

While all of us may not be natural athletes, and have other talents and abilities we should cultivate, we can benefit from increasing our level of physical activity. Research shows we benefit at all ages from even moderate exercise such as walking.

We can also benefit from the lessons taught by Coach Mulkey-Robertson and the Lady Bears when they won the NCAA basketball championship.

They demonstrated that we can all bounce back from defeat and achieve our goals through perseverance, tenacity and determination.

Hats off to Baylor's Lady Bears!

## Public Safety Telecommunicators Week set by Governor for April 10 - 16, 2005

Though we hope that we are never in an emergency situation, when Texans are in need they can rely on public safety telecommunicators to answer 9-1-1 phone calls.

According to the Commission on State Emergency Communications, more than 4,000 telecommunicators from almost 600 Public Safety Answering Points respond to emergency phone calls throughout the Lone Star State. These dedicated professionals save countless lives by quickly and accurately responding to emergency calls 24 hours a day, every day of the year. They are often the first to an-

swer our cries for help, providing instruction and comfort until emergency responders arrive.

To highlight the outstanding contributions of public safety telecommunicators, an awareness campaign will be conducted during the month of April.

At this time, therefore, I urge all Texans to recognize public safety telecommunicators for their focus on ensuring the well-being of Texans. They highlight the best of the Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2005, Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

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The week is finally upon us. By the time you read this column, you will have finished filing your taxes or filing for an extension.

As we dove into the pamphlets, filled out the forms and contacted our accountants, many of us were wondering, "how much worse can it get?" The answer: much, much worse.

Would you believe that some members of Congress would like to do away with the tax relief that is putting money back in the hands of the American people and growing the economy. It's hard to believe, but it's true.

Under the previous administration, taxes reached an unprecedented high. The average family in America paid more in taxes than on food, clothing and shelter combined. But the tide has turned under President Bush. With his leadership, conservative members of Congress enacted the largest tax relief package in twenty years.



Weekly Report  
**Henry Bonilla**

Spring should be the time of year when we take stock and focus our attention on the year ahead. But for most of us, Spring is the season of headaches and frustration as we crunch and re-crunch numbers while filling out those dreaded IRS forms before the April 15th deadline.

Instead of spending time with our families, we are stuck trying to figure out the federal tax code.

Here are some facts to help put in perspective the amount of time and money that is taken from us each year to pay our taxes.

\* Americans pay more in taxes than for food, clothing and

shelter combined.

\* The IRS sends out 8 billion pages of forms and instructions every year. Laid end to end, they would circle the globe 28 times.

\* Taxes eat up over 38 percent of the average family's income.

\* The average American worked until May 7 last year just to pay his or her share of federal, state and local taxes. That's the first 128 days of your year.

\* This year nearly 60 percent of Americans will be forced to pay a tax professional to help them with their taxes.

\* Almost the entire second income of a two-income family goes to pay taxes.

## Ag secretary responds to Bonilla's call on ag cuts

WASHINGTON, D.C. — After prolonged discussions with Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Henry Bonilla and other Members of Congress, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has changed its position on agriculture budget cuts that negatively affect Texas farmers.

"I'm pleased the Administration has heard the concerns of farm state members such as myself. This is an important first step in working with the Administration to ensure a viable future for agriculture," said Chairman Bonilla.

The original USDA budget proposed sharp cuts in agriculture programs throughout Texas and the nation.

The budget proposal would have lowered the payment limit cap for individuals, eliminated the three-entity rule and changed a farmer's eligibility for marketing loans.

In a study published by Texas A&M University for the USDA's Payment Limits Commission in 2002, researchers at the Agriculture and Food Policy Center found that payment limits would force many family farmers out of business.

Chairman Bonilla joined fel-

low Members of Congress and lobbied the USDA to reconsider the damaging cuts.

This morning, Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns made the following statement: "We believe the President has presented a budget that has some reasonable suggestions for reducing the costs of our farm programs."

However, we acknowledge that many of these policy proposals, such as the reduction in the payment limit, are quite sensitive.

We recognize Congress may have other proposals to achieve these savings, and we are willing to work with Congress on other cost savings recommendations." This concession by the Administration allows Congress the flexibility to find savings, which will least affect farmers and ranchers.

"As long as I serve as chairman of the subcommittee, I'll do everything within my power to protect Texas farmers and ranchers. It's never easy to lobby against the Administration, but in this case it was for the good of our farmers and provided a positive effect for all involved," said chairman Bonilla. "Secretary Johanns and the USDA recognize that our federal government should not punish certain states based on the crops they produce."

As Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, Bonilla oversees all agriculture funding. He was the first freshman Member of Congress in 25 years to be given a seat on the powerful Appropriations Committee.

In addition to serving as chair of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, Bonilla is also a senior member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Given his role on the Committee, Bonilla is now regarded as one of the two most influential lawmakers in Texas.

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# Tigerettes take runner-up spot in district meet

The Varisty girls came up short for the win last Friday at the District meet in LaPryor.

Out of 11 teams, the Tigerettes racked up 118 points to take second place.

In the field events, Courtney Frerich won the high jump with an even 5' jump.

Bailee Allen placed 4th in the discus (84'6") and 6th in the shot put (28'5.5").

In the running events, the 400 relay team (Anolda Watkins, Rachel Swinson, Brandy Smith and Vanessa Williams) placed 3rd with a time of 52.5 seconds.

The 800 relay team (Watkins, Daphne Hunt, Williams and Bianca Stewart) placed 4th with a time of 1:53.7.

The 1600 relay team (Frerich, Hunt, Juliann Ashabrunner and Swinson) took 2nd with a time of 4:17.8.

In the 3200m run, Ashabrunner placed 2nd (12:51.5) and Gabby Schroeder placed 3rd

(13:07.0). Ashabrunner also placed 3rd (5:50.5) in the 1600 m. run, while Schroeder came in 4th with a time of 5:56.5.

Allen placed 2nd in the 100 hurdles with a time of 17.69, while Smith was not far behind placing 4th with a time of 17.89.

Hunt ran the 800 m. in 2:35.1 taking 2nd place.

In the 400 m. dash, Swinson placed 2nd (60.4), Elva Garcia placed 5th (66.8) and Stewart placed 6th (69.3).

Frerich easily won the intermediate hurdles with a time of 49.37 while Allen placed 6th with a time of 53.1.

Watkins ran a 29.04 second 200 m. dash taking 6th place.

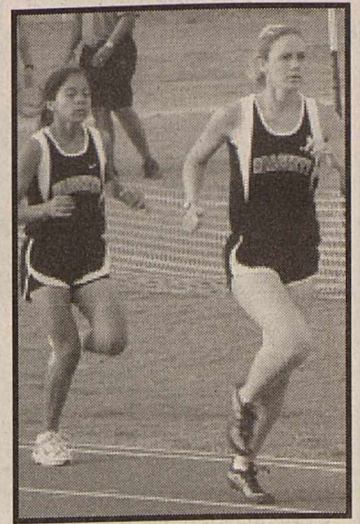
In the JV division, Lauren Cornelius placed 3rd (71.0) in the 400 m. dash and 2nd in the 200 m. dash (31.1).

Vickie Resendez took 4th (71.8) in the 400 m. dash and 5th in the 200 m. dash with a time of 32.0.



Area Bound

The Tigerettes representing Brackett High at the Area meet today in Harper are Juliann Ashabrunner, Courtney Frerich, Vanessa Williams, Rachel Swinson, Brandy Smith, Bailee Allen, Anolda Watkins, Daphne Hunt, Gabby Schroeder and Bianca Stewart.



Distant runners

Above: Senior Juliann Ashabrunner and Freshman Gabby Schroeder ran the 1600 meter run in the District meet in LaPryor. Ashabrunner finished 3rd and Schroeder finished 4th. Both advanced on to Area.

# Junior High takes District Track title

The Junior High girls track team sealed the 30 A District title with a total of 246 points at LaPryor on April 4th.

In the field events, Ivy Garcia

had 26' 9 3/4" shot put throw taking 1st place with Bianca Martinez taking 23'8 3/4" for 4th place. Martinez came in with a 67'6" throw in discus for 1st place while Garcia placed 3rd with a 65'3" throw.

Harmony Pettett triple jumped 27'10 1/2" for 2nd place and Brook Gose placed 4th with 26'8". In the long jump, Samantha Moore placed 2nd (12'11"), Gose placed 3rd (12'8 1/4") and Lela Molinar placed 4th with 12'7 1/4"). In the high jump, Moore placed 2nd (4'4"), Cheyenne Billings placed 3rd (3'10") and Jessi Jones placed 4th (3'10").

The 400 relay team (Ashley Resendez, Katie Braesicke, Becca Mann and Gose) placed 2nd with a time of 58.5. The 800 relay team (Gose, Braesicke, Pettett and Moore) won the race with a time of 2:02.4. The 1600 relay team (Resendez, Braesicke, Gose and Moore) placed 1st with a time of 4:53.7.

In the 2400 m. run, Pettett took 1st and Briana Escamilla took 2nd. Times were not given. In the 1600 m. run, Pettett placed 1st with a time of 6:41.8, Escamilla placed 2nd (6:53.5) and Jessica Garza placed 3rd (7:02.2).

In the 100 hurdles, Nena Molinar took 2nd (19.6) and Mann took 3rd (20.1). Mann placed 1st in the intermediate hurdles with a time of 59.5 while N. Molinar took 5th (64.2).

Moore placed 2nd in the 200 m. dash with a time of 29.5 leaving Summer Allen placing 6th with a time of 32.3.

Resendez took 3rd place in the 400 m. dash with a time of 72.6, following was Billings with a time of 73.8 taking 4th and L. Molinar placing 6th (76.2).

In the 800 m. run, L. Molinar finished 1st with a time of 2:58.5, Garza placed 2nd (3:02.8) and Miranda Salmon placed 4th (3:15).

The 7th grade girls division did well with Katie Yeager placing 1st in the Intermediate hurdles with a time of 61.1 and in the triple jump with a 24'8" jump. Yeager also placed 2nd in the 100 hurdles with a time of 21.2. Lauren Hernandez placed 2nd in the 100 m. dash with a time of 15.5 and she also placed 3rd in the 200 m. dash with a time of 34.5.

# Tennis team aces District meet

The Brackett Tennis team competed in the District meet on April 6 and 7 in Sabinal.

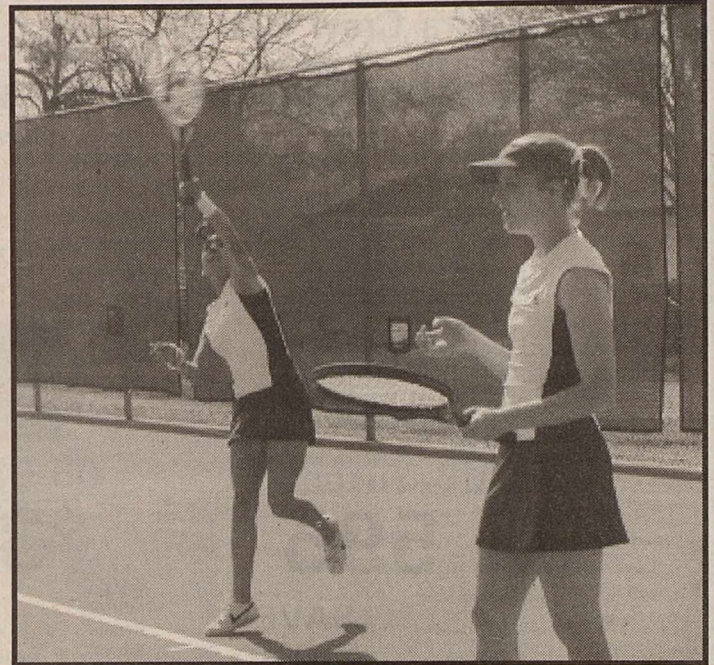
In the Varsity division Jackie Duncan took third place in girls singles, Leon Woolsey placed fourth in boys singles and Whitney Hobbs and Kristen Meyer placed fourth in girls doubles.

In the JV division, Whitney Gum won the girls singles while Robin Pevehouse took third place.

Amber Castilla and Elva Garcia won the girls doubles. Alex Gonzales placed second in the boys singles while Valentin Barrutieta took 3rd place.

Israel Muniz and Clint Conrad took 2nd place in the boys doubles.

In Jr. High action, Maribel Rivas and Bianca Martinez placed second in girls doubles at the district meet in Sabinal on April 5th.



Kristen Meyer serving while Whitney Hobbs awaits a return. The two-some placed fourth in the girls doubles at the District meet in Sabinal held April 6th and 7th.

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# Time running out to register for Schlitterbahn Kid's Triathlon benefitting Habitat for Humanity

NEW BRAUNFELS - The deadline is fast approaching to register for the second Schlitterbahn Kids' Triathlon taking place during the park's opening weekend on Sunday, April 24. All children must be registered by 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, in order to participate in the event.

Adults can register children during the course orientation which will be held at the waterpark from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 16. During the orientation, athletes can try out the swim and run courses and walk or drive the bike course. They should bring swim suits, helmets and bikes.

"We have already exceeded the number of participants we had in last year's Kids' Triathlon," said Terri G. Adams, chief operating officer of Schlitterbahn Waterparks. She said more than 175 kids ages 7 to 16 have signed up to swim, bike and run in and around the

waterpark to raise money for Habitat for Humanity of Comal County.

"We hear so much about today's couch potato kids that it is gratifying to see that we're attracting so many kids who clearly are motivated to move," said Adams. "In addition to the self-esteem the athletes earn from completing a real triathlon and raising money for charity, every athlete also receives a custom pewter finishing medal and a Schlitterbahn Waterpark ticket. And the first 200 to register also get a t-shirt," Adams added.

During the Schlitterbahn Kids' Triathlon, sponsored by Academy Sports & Outdoors, athletes 7 to 10 years old swim 100 meters, bike 3.25 kilometers, and run 1 kilometer. Athletes 11 to 14 race twice these distances, and 15 to 16 year-olds race three times these distances.

They can compete individually or in three-person relay

teams. Adult volunteers are also needed for the event. Up to 100 volunteers receive a t-shirt and waterpark ticket.

Volunteers can register through the schlitterbahn.com website or by calling 830.608.8548.

Athletes can also register for the Schlitterbahn Kids' Triathlon at schlitterbahn.com. They can also pick up a registration flyer at Academy Sports & Outdoors locations in San Antonio and Austin, or at the McKenna Club in New Braunfels. Registration flyers are also available by calling or stopping by Schlitterbahn Waterparks corporate office at 381 East Austin Street in New Braunfels, 830.608.8548.

Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort in New Braunfels and Schlitterbahn Beach Waterpark on South Padre Island are open weekends beginning Saturday, April 23 and daily beginning mid-May.

# Cornyn named co-chair of U.S.-Mexico interparliamentary group

To lead delegation to discuss issues of mutual concern with Mexico

WASHINGTON—U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), Chairman of the Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship Subcommittee, has been named Co-Chairman of the United States-Mexico Interparliamentary Group by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.). The United States-Mexico Interparliamentary Group is comprised of members of the U.S. and Mexican Congresses and meets annually to jointly discuss shared concerns in the interest of maintaining positive relations.

"Our relationship with our neighbor to the south is one of growing importance and I believe this conference will pave the way for further advancement and understanding of the bilateral issues confronting our two countries," said Cornyn, who meets regularly with senior Mexican officials both in Mexico and Washington. "I appreciate the majority leader providing this opportunity to ensure that Texas will literally have a seat at the table for this important conference." The Interparliamentary Group will attend the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Conferences,

which have been held on a regular basis since 1961 for the purpose of providing a forum for the progression of understanding between the representatives of Mexico and the United States. The 44th U.S.-Mexico Interparliamentary Conference will be held in Newport, RI from June 9-12, 2005, and co-chaired by Cornyn and U.S. Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.). The conference will bring together legislators from Mexico and the United States to discuss issues of mutual interest, including trade, terrorism, drug trafficking, immigration, and other issues affecting both nations.

"I am convinced that the challenges of cross-border human smuggling, narcotics traffic, and terrorism are inextricably linked, and must be addressed," said Cornyn. "But we must also focus on the benefits of cross-border trade, transportation and commerce, issues of critical importance on both sides of the border." Sen. Cornyn was recently named Border Texan of the Year. He has played a key role on various border issues since joining the Senate, and has been one of the leaders in re-starting the dialogue to bring

about serious immigration reform that had stalled after the terrorist attacks on September 11. And he has led the effort to ensure that the US VISIT program achieves the right balance: enhancing border security while allowing legitimate travel and trade to thrive, growing the economy.

Among Sen. Cornyn's other accomplishments for the border region in 2004 were continuing to urge Mexico to repay their water debt owed to South Texas, working with Department of Homeland Security officials to suspend lateral repatriation and ensuring greater communication with local officials. He also traveled to Central America to discuss various issues, including the Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA). Cornyn is a member of the Armed Services, Judiciary, Small Business, Budget and Joint Economic Committees. In addition to his legislative committees, Sen. Cornyn is a member of the President's Export Council and the Congressional Oversight Group on Trade. He also serves as the vice chairman of the Senate Republican Conference Task Force on Hispanic Affairs.



## Save a life: Join the marrow donor registry

Each year, more than 35,000 children and adults are diagnosed with leukemia and other diseases for which a blood stem cell or bone marrow transplant may be the only chance for a cure.

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Only 30 percent of patients searching for a donor match will find one within their families.

The remaining patients will turn to the National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP), an organization that works to connect patients with matching bone marrow or blood cell donors.

The NMDP facilitates an average of more than 2,500 life-saving bone marrow and blood cell transplants each year.

"Over the last decade, the NMDP Registry has grown significantly, which means more patients than ever before receive transplants for life-threatening diseases," explains Auayporn Nademane, M.D., associate director, Division of Hematology and Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation at

City of Hope Cancer Center. "But it is important to recognize that there is still a great need for additional donors, especially ethnic minorities."

Matching donors are usually found within the same ethnic group.

Of the 5.5 million potential volunteer donors listed on the Registry, less than half are ethnic minorities.

There is a particular need for African American, Latino, American Indian and Pacific Islander donors.

Joining the Registry is easy: Find a local donor center or recruitment group by calling 1-800-MARROW-2 or visiting [www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org).

Complete a brief health questionnaire

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For more information on registering, call 1-800-MARROW-2 or visit [www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org).

## Oven baked barbequed Brisket

Most of us, "In these here parts", Love to cook outdoors on the grill. Haven't met anyone who doesn't enjoy the flavor of the delicious foods produced by skill or sometimes, sheer luck.

For the past few years, I've been limited to indoor grills or the oven which do a pretty good job for the two of us. But today's recipe will work for a small brisket, or large, and is divine in all respects, cooked in the oven.

**Oven-Barbequed Brisket**  
\*1 (5 lb.) brisket (Do not trim fat), 5 tbsp. liquid smoke, 2 tbsp. kosher salt, 2 tbsp. sugar, 6 tbsp. pure ground chili powder (divided), oil for pan, 1/2 cup beef broth, plus more if needed, 1 cup ketchup, 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar, 1/3 cup packed brown sugar, 4 tbsp. worcestershire sauce.

Rub both sides of the brisket with liquid smoke. Combine salt, sugar and 2 tbsp. chili powder in small bowl and spread half over fatter side of meat, patting it into meat.

Lay brisket in a large glass baking dish, seasoned side down and spread remaining salt mixture (about 1 cup) over top side. Cover and refrigerate 24 hours.

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Brush bottom of roasting pan with oil (I used cooking spray



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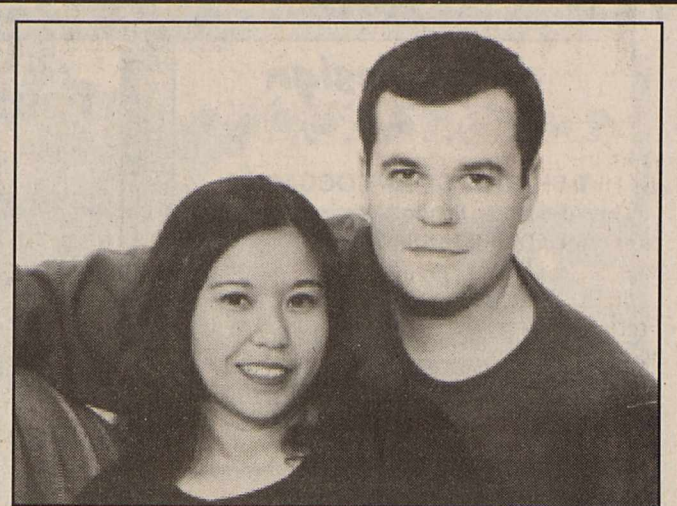
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on bottom and sides) and pour in beef broth. Place meat in roasting pan fat side up. Pour left-over liquid on brisket. Cover tightly with foil. Roast 3 1/2 to 4 hours all together, checking at 2 hours to make sure liquid covers bottom of pan. If necessary, add more beef broth. Continue to roast, checking every 30 minutes, add broth as needed. Cook until meat is falling apart tender.

While meat is cooking, make sauce (if desired) by combining ketchup, vinegar, sugar, worcestershire sauce and remaining 4 tbsp. chili powder in large, deep sauce pan with 1/2 cup water.

Bring to a boil, stirring often, then reduce heat to simmer and cook 30 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent scorching. Remove brisket from oven and drain off fatty liquid. Serves 6 to 8 people.

\*For larger brisket, increase ingredients accordingly to insure desired seasoning.



## Rodriguez, Crumley to wed in June ceremonies

Jesus and Ene Rodriguez of Canadian announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Leonor Rodriguez of Lubbock, to Caleb Luke Crumley of Victoria. The groom-elect is the son of Karen and James Crumley of Brackettville, Texas.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Canadian High School and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She is a Histocompatibility Technologist for TTUHSC.

Her fiance graduated from Brackettville High School and Texas Tech University. He is a chemical engineer for Dow.

Wedding vows will be exchanged in Lubbock on June 25, 2005, after which the couple will make their home in Victoria.

## Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Los Lonely Boys in their hometown of San Angelo

SAN ANGELO — Grammy Award winning Los Lonely Boys take their Brotherhood Tour with Ozomatli and Calexico to their hometown of San Angelo, Texas for a Cinco de Mayo celebration at the San Angelo River Stage on May 5.

All tickets, designated general admission, are on sale at the San Angelo Convention Center for \$26 for an outdoor, all ages show at San Angelo's River Stage, a scenic venue on the banks of the Concho River. Fresh off their win for Best Pop Vocal Duo or Group in the 47th Annual Grammy Awards, Los Lonely Boys kick off the Brotherhood Tour with fellow Grammy winners Ozomatli and

Calexico on May 3 and land in San Angelo on May 5 to celebrate Cinco de Mayo with their hometown fans.

Los Lonely Boys are a family tradition.

Hailing from San Angelo, Texas, the three Garza brothers, Henry, Jojo and Ringo, have been making music together since they were small children and have more than a decade of professional experience under their belts.

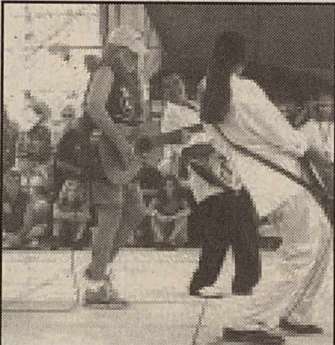
Los Lonely Boys write, sing and play music drawn from diverse sources, blending them into a seamless style that pays homage to influences that include Tex-Mex, country, blues and rock pioneers.

Los Lonely Boys has developed a reputation as one of the most exciting live acts in Texas.

"The people of San Angelo are excited to welcome Los Lonely Boys home for this special Cinco de Mayo engagement," said Pamela Miller, vice president of the San Angelo Convention & Visitors Bureau. "The San Angelo River Stage is the perfect outdoor venue for enjoying the sights and sounds of Los Lonely Boys, Ozomatli and Calexico.

We encourage fans to make the road trip to San Angelo to enjoy the concert and take in all that the city has to offer while here."

Tickets can be purchased at



Los Lonely Boys perform with Willie Nelson at Nelson's 4th of July event last year

the San Angelo Convention Center, Elite Physique or Blair's Western Wear or by calling 325.653.9577.

## KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

### Monday, April 4

2:10 a.m., Deputy Ron Ring was dispatched to a fire involving two trailer houses on East 2nd Street. Upon arrival the volunteer fire department was trying to control the fire. Deputy Ring was approached by a man and woman stating the fire was a result of arson because the two structures did not have electricity connected to them. Deputy Ring informed Fire Chief Escamilla and he stated he would ask the sheriff to request an arson investigation. The fire was brought under control at 3:30 a.m. but both structures were total losses.

7:50 p.m., An anonymous caller stated an elderly woman was almost bitten by two dogs on East 2nd Street. A city employee was informed of the situation.

### Tuesday, April 5

4:38 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a suspicious man in Unit 1. The caller also stated the man lives on the Fort and there had been several complaints on him for stalking and harrasing and he also hangs around little kids. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched.

6:39 p.m., A DPS employee reported a reckless driver on

Highway 90 east. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched.

9:08 p.m., A woman reported a possible break in on Coffin Street and the person may still be in the house. Deputy Kenneth Freitag was dispatched.

9:58 p.m., A woman reported a student riding a bike on Highway 131. Deputy Freitag was informed.

10:23 p.m., A Uvalde dispatcher stated that a Dodge pickup was involved in an accident and did not stop and was heading towards Brackettville on Highway 90. The license plate number was given and the vehicle belonged to a man who lived in Brackettville. Deputy Freitag was informed.

**Wednesday, April 6**  
12:08 a.m., A man stated that his neighbor's dogs were barking. Deputy Freitag was notified.

12:15 a.m., Erbey Martinez, 35, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for delivery of cocaine. Martinez was later released after posting a \$10,000 bond.

4:00 p.m., A man reported his 3/4 ton car jack had been stolen. Constable Bobby Guidry and Deputy Gutierrez was informed.

8:55 p.m., A woman stated

the trailer house that just burnt down on East 2nd Street was starting to flame up again. Fire Department was dispatched.

**Thursday, April 7**  
12:31 a.m., A Border Patrol agent reported a stranded motorist that needed assistance on Highway 277. Deputy Freitag was notified and reported the vehicle was out of the highway and no one was around.

1:36 a.m., A woman stated her ex-husband kept bothering her and wanted a deputy to talk with him. Deputy Freitag was informed.

8:30 p.m., A caller reported a loose cow on Highway 90, 2 miles west of the Cline check point. Were unable to contact the owners. Informed Deputy Freitag of the situation and he stated he would see what he could do.

9:00 p.m., Asa York, 21, of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Barkley for possession of cocaine. York was later released after posting a \$10,000 bond.

**Saturday, April 9**  
8:15 p.m., A woman reported hearing gun shots near Spring Street. Deputy Donald Page and Gutierrez were advised.

**Sunday, April 10**



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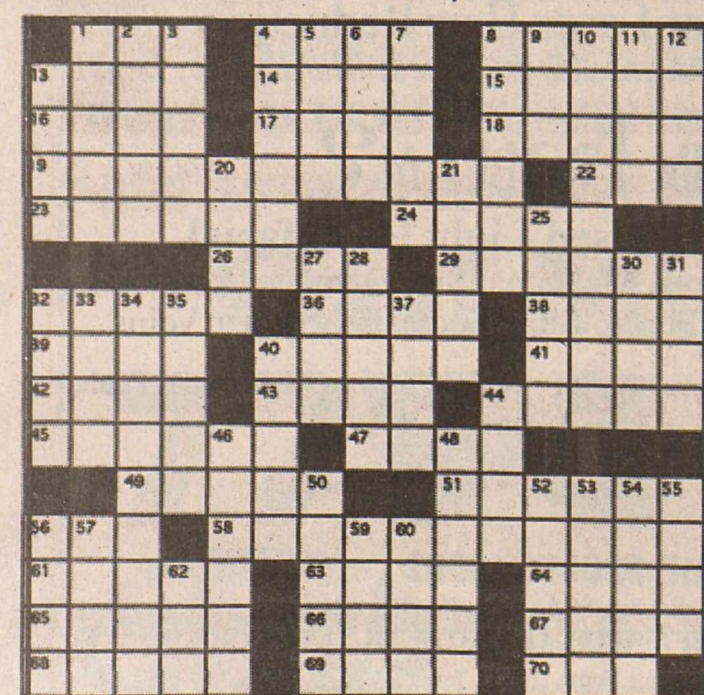
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|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ACROSS                           | 43 Beliefs                 | 2 Finnish bath                | 33 Mysterious sightings               |
| 1 Shade tree                     | 44 Criminal offense        | 3 Forest animals              | 34 Aid to putting on footwear         |
| 4 Requests permission            | 45 High regard             | 4 Just about nobleman         | 35 Mexican Indian                     |
| 8 Riches                         | 47 British                 | 5 "The King and I" setting    | 37 Handle 40 Clouds                   |
| 13 Jai                           | 49 diving                  | 6 Las Vegas pastime           | 44 "When I was ..."                   |
| 14 Place                         | 51 Philadelphia            | 7 Dawn                        | 46 Formal speech                      |
| 15 Brilliant display             | 58 Rembrandt's field       | 8 Foam                        | 48 Revalue                            |
| 16 Shock                         | 59 decision; critical      | 9 Ending for advent or depart | 50 Word with noon or math             |
| 17 Educator                      | 61 Feminine name           | 10 Lack of refinement         | 52 Eye color determiners              |
| Horace                           | 63 Brain tissue            | 11 Tabula saves               | 53 Dens                               |
| 18 Rib                           | 64 "...in time             | 12 Watched                    | 54 Lab items                          |
| 19 Like a pool one's existence   | 65 Hairy animal, for short | 13 Athletic Arthur            | 55 Women                              |
| 22 Tearful                       | 66 He was: Lat.            | 20 Hardy heroine              | 56 Half of a radio duo of yester-year |
| 23 Helps the teacher after class | 67 See 27                  | 21 Eye sec- retions           | 57 avis                               |
| 24 Looks hard                    | Down                       | 25 to; quote                  | 59 Architect Saarinen                 |
| 26 Horned animal                 | 68 Foolish: slang          | 27 Periods                    | 60 Norwegian king                     |
| 29 Sporting locales              | 69 Travel aimlessly        | 28 Creature of folklore       | 62 Nail, output                       |
| 32 Musical instruments           | 70 Snake's greeting        | 30 Certain choirboy           |                                       |
| 36 Growl                         | DOWN                       | 31 British gun                |                                       |
| 38 Soft fabric                   | 1 Church feature           | 32 Encyclo-                   |                                       |
| 39 "The Wonderful Wizard ..."    |                            |                               |                                       |
| 40 Bright signs                  |                            |                               |                                       |
| 41 This: Sp.                     |                            |                               |                                       |
| 42 Debatable                     |                            |                               |                                       |



**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—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

1. Bunny	11. Hetter
2. Calf	12. Joey
3. Colt	13. Kid
4. Cub	14. Kit
5. Duckling	15. Kitten
6. Eaglet	16. Lamb
7. Fawn	17. Owllet
8. Filly	18. Piglet
9. Foal	19. Puppy
10. Gosling	20. Yearling

**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) It's best to keep everything in moderation this week. Whether this involves your diet or your finances, it's a successful strategy. This weekend, take advantage of your creativity.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You receive inspiration from some surprising sources this week. Someone you'd underestimated particularly impresses you. Later, behind-the-scenes maneuvering at work is in your favor.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) You don't make as much progress as you'd like on the work front. You're blessed, though, with a spate of new ideas. Once you begin to implement them, you're unstoppable.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Try not to take your work problems home with you. Family members won't appreciate this. Later in the week, social life is favored.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) You feel a need for some private time this week. However, this won't be easy to attain. Be patient, and you'll find all the time you need by week's end.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to Jun 20) Tune in to your own instincts. Sometimes, it's best to trust intuition. Over the weekend, a friend contacts you out of the blue.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A new moneymaking venture captures your attention. Investigate this thoroughly. It could work out quite well for you in the long run.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) Curb a tendency to be impatient this week. While you want to get things done, it's not wise to do so too quickly. If you do, you could end up making sloppy mistakes.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) If you're not pleased with the way your home looks, make plans to do some decorating. Be sure, though, to get the input of family members. Together, you come up with a mutually acceptable new look.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You're quite spontaneous this week. This is especially true on the social scene. However, it's not a good idea to use the same approach at work.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You're full of new ideas and plans. However, don't let your enthusiasm cause you to proceed too quickly. Work out the details first.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You're captivated at the novel idea proposed by a friend. It's important, though, that everyone understands what's required. If not, a minor disagreement could occur.



**Bread of life**



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Praise God! Glory!

**It's too bad that we have not learned to listen**



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Observation No. 1 — I have been advised by some members of the Catholic Parish I serve not to become embroiled in, as these people perceive it, the "Political Issue" of the "Water Question" facing Kinney County. This issue is uppermost in the minds and hearts of some inhabitants of this County of Kinney — as well as some "Absentee-Landowners" — living somewhere in Texas and, perhaps, in other environs away from this part of Texas.

By the way, the word "politics" indicates either "taking sides" or creating "Spin" to throw people off their line of direction. This most definitely is not my intention.

Hopefully I listened to them (i.e. the parishioners I serve). But, at the same time — given my profession as Pastor, and committed to disseminating Gospel values, I shall continue to pursue this issue, using the Bible: Observation No. 2 — Am I on safe grounds when I propose this: I have yet to see a Muslim, or a Buddhist, or an Etc. (members of Non-Christian communities) assembling here in this county.

That would seem to indicate that the majority of the folks profess some personal allegiance to/with Christianity — which adheres to Hebrew/Christian Bible: Old Testament and New Testament.

Observation No. 3 — In the New Testament we read, in two of the Epistles of St. Paul, these teachings (from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible):

No. 1 (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians (3:1-4ff): "And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ — For as long as there is jealousy, and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations...";

No. 2 (Philippians 2:3-4): "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. "Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interest of others..."

Observation No. 4 - Question — Would listening to each other be of any help to arrive at the truth which will benefit the entire population of Kinney County? An old, very old, Latin saying states: "In Medio Stat Virtus", which means, beyond the literal, "Somewhere between the two extremes — Right and Left — Lies the truth."  
What think you about all this?

**Da Lawd put yo heah fo a reason**

After the short little ritual, Joe spoke. "Heard yo had a vizitor t'day!" Joe said. Rick looked into Joe's eyes. "So what!"

"Amy got 'erself anoddah man!" Joe smiled and looked directly at Rick.

"How'd you know?" Rick questioned, his voice reflecting the angry mood he was in.

"Yo face sayz so!" Joe said. "Did she tell yo who t'is?"

"It's best she don't say," Rick replied. "I'd have to kill him if I knew who it is!"

"Seems t'me," Joe answered. "Yo ought t'know who dis man is. Yo oughta know all 'bout 'im."

"Why would I want to know?" Rick asked angrily.

"Maybe, jus maybe," Joe said. "If yo wuz like dat man, Amy'd love yo."

Joe stood by his bunk calmly rubbing lotion on his hands. He seemed to pay no attention to Rick when he walked over and the two men faced each other.

"You're an old fool," Rick drew his hand back and swung at Joe smashing his hand into the top bunk.

"He yelled in pain. When he opened his eyes Joe was calmly sitting on the bottom bunk holding his crucifix.

Rick shook his head. "How'd you get down there?"

"Ah figgur it wuz time t'talk t'Jesus," Joe said.

"Yo bettah git someone t'look at dat hand."

It looks broke.



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Yo can tell whatevah story yo wants. Ah won't say a thing."

Rick groaned holding his broken hand.

He yelled at the guard. The electronic bolt slid out and the door opened. "How'd you get that Richardson?" The guard asked.

They walked down a long hallway and down a couple of flights of stairs.

Then out across the exercise yard to another building. Rick's pain amplified his thoughts of Amy. Now there was another man.

"Who could it be? What's he like? What's he got I don't? Why would she want him instead of me?" He couldn't get the questions out of his mind.

Back in the cell Rick got into his bunk and looked at the ceiling.

Tears formed in his eyes. "I'm sorry Joe," he said. "I don't understand you," Rick continued. "I don't even understand me. Why am I here?"

"Da Lawd put yo heah fo a reason, Rick" Joe answered.

"He continued. "Soon, yeah it'll be very soon."

"Yo'll know what dat reason is."

We take travel for granted today. We drive to Del Rio or Uvalde without remembering that only a few generations ago, these trips required substantial preparations and overnight lodging. We can fly to almost anywhere in the world in just a day's time, and soon limited space travel will be within the reach of many. Travel has become not only possible but almost passé.

I remember growing up in the Piney Woods of Nacogdoches County (East Texas) and occasionally hearing the proud proclamation at a funeral service or in an obituary that someone had spent their entire life within Nacogdoches County. Today, it seems almost laughable; back then, it was a proud boast that the deceased felt no need to succumb to the temptations of Lufkin, Waco, or even Dallas. What they had was good enough.

Today we embrace travel — a positive step, I believe. Even though Sue & I have young children and cannot suddenly decide to travel cross country, we can pretty well make a day trip to San Antonio without much forethought. We have a sound vehicle, we have maps, the road is paved and familiar, and there are many welcoming stops along the way.

Jesus said, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light." (see Matt 11:29-30) I think we turn the fairly simple tasks of a Christian into a grand and difficult journey when it really isn't such a chore. How tough is it to share our food and money when we have enough for our needs?

How complicated is it to

**Texas Livestock Health Officials resort to random herd selection to hit cattle tuberculosis testing target**

Texas livestock health officials will randomly select nearly 2,000 of the state's purebred or seed stock beef herds for cattle tuberculosis (TB) testing this summer, to fulfill disease surveillance obligations of the Texas Cattle TB plan.

The blueprint for regaining Texas' TB-free status was developed in 2002 by cattle industry representatives, with a recommendation for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) to implement a TB testing effort. The plan calls for TB testing all of the state's 811 dairies and about 2,400 purebred or seed stock beef herds.

Dairy herd testing has been completed, but only about 500 owners of purebred or seed stock beef herds have volunteered their herd for a test.

Federal funds for herd testing "expire" October 1, so the TAHC is tackling the problem with a high-tech version of drawing names from a hat.

"In early March, we reconvened the Texas TB Task Force, which included leaders from the purebred cattle industry, to determine how to get herds tested and meet the agreement made with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which has funded the plan," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the TAHC, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"Random selection of herds was seen as the most equitable way to complete a statistically valid disease surveillance of purebred and seed stock cattle herds.

By mid-April, a computer program will pick names from a database listing purebred and seed stock producers.

We then will contact the ranchers to line up the test that will be conducted by private veterinarians at no cost to the herd

owner."

"We will try to accommodate ranchers' schedules, and if an owner wants to volunteer their cattle for TB testing, we welcome their participation," he said. "No herd is too small for testing."

Dr. Hillman said more than 500 private veterinary practitioners in Texas have completed additional TB training and are on contract with the TAHC to conduct herd tests.

To volunteer herds for a test, locate a contract veterinarian, or obtain information, ranchers should contact their local TAHC area office or the TAHC headquarters in Austin at 1-800-550-8242.

Dr. Hillman explained that dairies, purebred and seed stock beef herds were targeted for testing, because, during the past 22 years, TB has been detected in 15 Texas dairies and six purebred cattle herds in nine counties, including El Paso, Karnes, Comanche, Pecos, Uvalde, Fayette, Culberson, Grayson, Zavala and Hamilton counties.

Dr. Hillman stressed that dairy and purebred beef cattle are no more susceptible to TB than commercial cattle, but they usually are maintained in more confined conditions, which are conducive to TB transmission.

He pointed out that milk from the dairies is safe, as pasteurization, or heat treatment, kills the bacteria.

Meat also is safe, as carcasses are inspected for wholesomeness at slaughter, and cooking meat also kills bacteria.

In 2000, Texas gained cattle TB-free status, with the exception of the El Paso Milk Shed, where dairies with low levels of recurring infection were still present.

In 2002, the USDA pulled Texas' "free" status, after two infected herds were detected and

depopulated, explained Dr. Hillman.

A third TB-infected herd was detected and depopulated shortly afterward.

During the statewide dairy testing, which involved more than 335,000 head, an infected herd was identified in Hamilton County and was depopulated in 2004.

"Completing the disease surveillance of the purebred and seed stock beef herds is extremely important," stressed Dr. Hillman.

"It will allow Texas to fulfill its agreement with the USDA and states that receive Texas cattle."

"We can then move forward to regain TB-free status and avoid interstate movement restrictions on Texas cattle."

"Secondly, it will provide Texas ranchers the assurance that there is no undetected infection in these valuable herds."

Dr. Hillman said other segments of the TB plan are ongoing and include:

- testing dairy and breeding cattle being moved from Texas,
- improved slaughter inspection by the USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS),
- requiring yearly TB tests on roping steers imported from Mexico,
- continuing work with Mexican states on TB control and eradication.

"Cattle TB is not a disease we can learn to 'live with,'" stressed Dr. Hillman. "The contagious TB bacteria can cause cattle to develop internal lesions, and in rare instances, can cause human illness. Regaining cattle TB-free status must be a priority."

"In Texas, 2,000 ranchers will make a profound difference by completing this disease surveillance effort."



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