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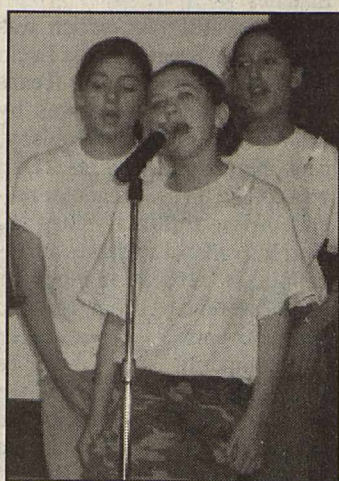
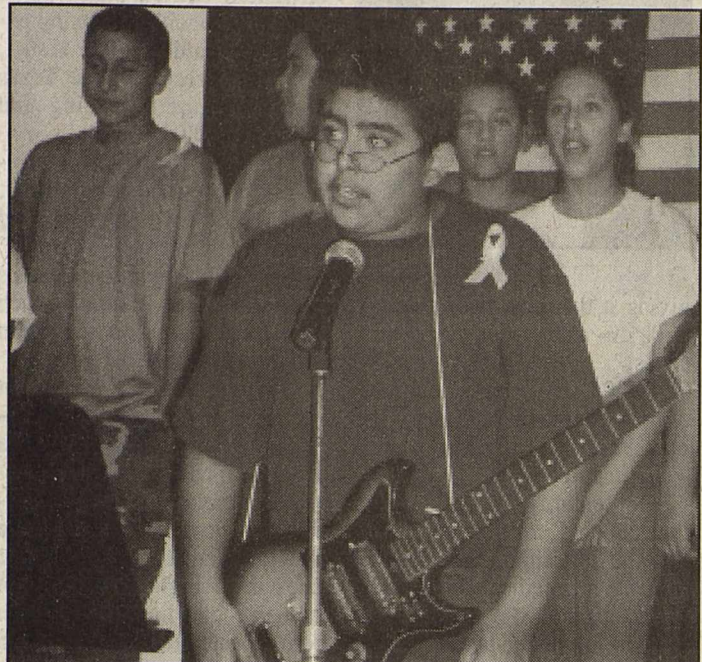
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# Tribute to U.S. soldiers Hagee amends application; asks for three times as much



Left: Rolando Rivas honoring soldiers through song. Top: Celina Calvillo, Courtney Kirkland (front) and Valeria Garza.

The 6th Grade Enrichment class, dressed in red, white and blue, presented a tribute to the U.S. Soldiers last Thursday, May 5th. The program included reading poetry and the singing of patriotic songs such as Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA". The program was organized by Sandra Davis and the master of ceremony was George Burks.

Kinney County land owner John Hagee's representatives will go before the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District this morning. The board will hear from John C. Hagee Royalty representatives asking for permits totaling 10,120 acre-feet. The trust is asking for three permits for wells at LaFonda Ranch, about 12 miles south of Brackettville, adjacent to the Pinto Creek. There are 9,600 acre-feet being requested from the Edwards Trinity Aquifer for 506 cultivated acres; 260 acre feet from the Austin Chalk Aquifer, also for 506 cultivated acres and another 260 acre-feet from the Austin Chalk Aquifer for 506 cultivated acres. The hearing is set for 9 a.m. today in the courthouse. However if House Bill 3575 passes, it could exempt Hagee's property from regulation by the district. The bill reads that there could be an exemption for certain entities that are located in a county adjacent to an international border; conducted by a Texas nonprofit corporation; conducted on a farm or ranch that is at least 3,000 acres in size and that is owned by either an institution of higher education; a Texas nonprofit corporation; a trust established under state law; or a partnership established under state law that has contracted with an institution of higher education or a Texas nonprofit corporation for the operation of the agricultural research project as of Sept. 1, 2005. The change in law made by this act applies only to a fee charged or regulation enforced by a conservation and reclamation district on or after the effective date of this act. A fee charged or regulation enforce before the effective date of the act is subject to the law in effect at the time the fee was charged or the regulation was enforced, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. According to documents, the trust originally asked for 2,600 acre-feet. After the hearing was assigned, the application was amended to 9,600 acre-feet. Hagee's representative, Buck Benson was unavailable for comment Wednesday afternoon. The LaFonda Ranch is owned by John C. Hagee Royalty Trust. John Hagee is a minister in San Antonio. Hagee, according to his website, is the founder and Senior Pastor of Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, a non-denominational evangelical church with more than 17,000 active members. His website also reads that Hagee is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Global Evangelism Television which telecasts his national radio and television ministry in America on 120 television stations, 110 radio stations, 3 networks and can be seen every week in more than 92 million homes. The Housebill 3575, as of presstime, has not yet been passed.

### BRIEFS

#### 4-H Meeting - Pizza Party

For Junior and Senior members.

Sunday, May 15, 2005 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the NCO Service Club/Fort Clark Springs

This meeting will be the time we elect our officers. It is important that everyone attend.

#### Cancer Support group meeting

Come join us for good fellowship and a great meal. Our meetings are held at the Frontier Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 5, 2005 at 6:30 pm. This group includes survivors, those who are currently receiving treatment, in remission and their caregivers and family. This is a "Pot Luck Supper" the meat will be provided. Fix your favorite side dish or dessert and join in the fellowship.

#### 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.

#### Church in need

The First Baptist Church asks the community to save 1/2 gallon round ice cream cartons, large baby wipe boxes, powered drink containers with plastic lids, small coffee cans. These items will be used for Vacation Bible School, July 18-22. You may drop them by the church Monday-Thursday from 10:00 - 3:00.

#### BISD Important school dates

The Brackett Junior High awards Ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 13, 2005 at 1 p.m. in the Auditorium and the Brackett High School Awards Ceremonies will be held on Monday, May 16, 2005 at 1 p.m. in the Auditorium. The Jr. High Athletic Hamburger Supper will be held on May 16, 4-6 p.m. at the swim park on Fort Clark Springs. Family and non-athletes will be charged \$2 per person. The High School Athletic Awards Banquet will be held on May 19, 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. Non-Athletes and family members will be charged \$5.00 per person. You may purchase tickets from David Yeager, Central Office or at the door. For more information call Tilda Sierra at 563-2491, Ext. 400.

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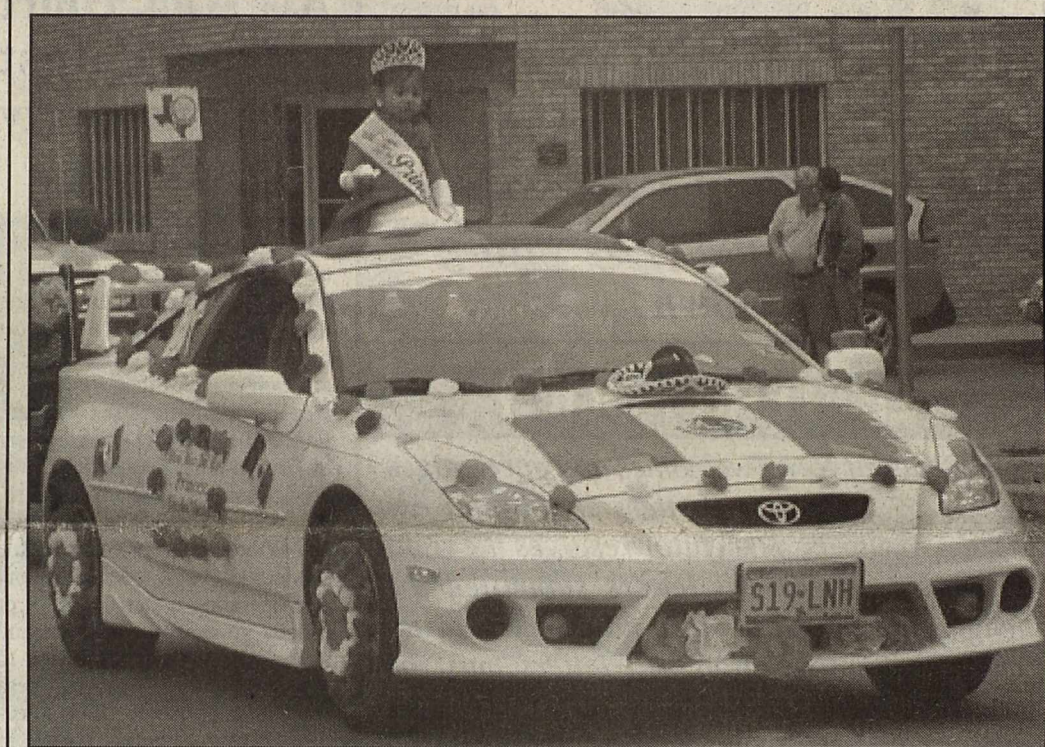
#### Alzheimer's Seminar tonight

South Texas Alzheimer's Association will present a seminar today, May 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Uvalde Healthcare Rehabilitation Center, 535 Park, in Uvalde. Pot Luck Dinner to be served. The public is invited to attend.

#### Students Present Recital Sunday

The piano and voice students of Lynn McNew will be presented in Recital, Sunday, May 15, 4 p.m., in the Member Services Building at Fort Clark Springs.

Piano students participating include Hannah Johnson, Ryan Clark, Laura Swinson, Abigail Gutierrez, Wyatt Blake, Lauren Duncan and Heather Baggett. Voice students are Shelby Schuster, Sarah Davis and Heather Baggett. The public is invited to attend.



ROYALTY Brackettville's own Mini Miss Del Rio Princess Nicole Mestas royally waved to the crowd during Saturday's Cinco de Mayo parade. For more photos, see page 4.

# Tigers head into baseball playoffs as District Champs

According to Brackett High School's Athletic Director David Yeager, the Tigers are now the district's Class A champions.

The Brackett Tigers baseball team now advances in the play-

offs as first place instead of second.

The former leaders, the LaPryor Bulldogs, were stripped from the title after it was discovered of an ineligible player on

the team participated earlier in the season. ULL officials notified Brackett. Now the Brackett Tigers are District 29 A Champions.

The Tigers played Charlotte Trojans in Hondo Wednesday night. As of press time no information was available.

# Flores, Welch elected to council

## Four votes decide Flores' win

By Gus Garcia Editor

A former city council member claimed victory Saturday night with four votes in her favor.

In the City of Brackettville election, Mary V. Flores defeated Anita M. Ertle 155 to 151, a margin of four votes. At press time, there were no indi-

cation Ertle will ask for a recount. Both were campaigning for Place 3 post being vacated by council member Tomas Gomez.

In a three-way race for Place 1, incumbent Tully Welch fended off contenders Camilo Cruz and Charles Bushart.

Welch garnered 155 votes while Cruz received 118 and Bushart brought in 41 votes.

In the only contested race for the Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees, Jeffrey Duncan will remain. Duncan received 201 votes while challenger Pam Hale received 56 votes for the two-year term.

Unchallenged incumbents Ronnie Hobbs garnered 162 votes for his three-year term and Henry Lutz tallied 177 votes for his three-year term as well.

### INSIDE

#### Smith

The bell sounded far away and in another world. Rick roused himself from sleep. He shook his head and put his feet on the floor.

"Yo had a bad night Rick boy!" Joe said reaching his hand to help Rick off the bunk.

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#### Man sought

The Texas Department of Public Safety Special Crimes Service is seeking Gregorio Denova, a 31-year-old man wanted for a murder in August 2004 in Laredo. Denova also is wanted for engaging in organized criminal activity in Laredo.

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#### SafeKids

The National safety tour visits Kinney County to distribute free cable-style gunlocks and accompanying educational materials as part of the Project ChildSafe program on Sunday, May 15, 2005 at the Kinney County Sheriff's Department.

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#### Bill Amendment

Representative Tracy O. King (D-Batesville), was successful in amending HJR 54 and HB 1546. Representative King's amendment adds a valuable tool for (TxDOT) and the cities to build overpasses or underpasses for rail traffic within city limits.

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# BHS Golf fares well at Regional Playoffs

The Boys golf teams fared well in the region IV golf tournament that was held in Brenham on recently.

The Brackett Black team consisting of Martin Flores, Travis Nowlin, Woody Massingill, Seth Frerich, and Lane Nowlin, finished third in the region and all received bronze medals.

The Brackett Gold team consisting of Justin Calk, Mason McWilliams, Tres Rueda, and Miles Braesicke finished sixth in the sixteen team field. "Having 2 of the top 6 teams from the same school is an amazing accomplishment," stated Tiger

coach Ken Wallace, "The Black team came up 12 strokes short of advancing to state." "All in all it was a very successful year and we will be losing only 1 senior - Woody Massingill so the expectations will be much higher next year," said Wallace. Whitney Gum advanced as a medalist for the girls and played well in the tournament finishing in 32nd place out of 89 competitors. "It was a fantastic showing by Whitney to do so well in her first trip to regionals," said Wallace, "She is just a freshman and I can see her getting even better next year."

# Kindergarten Round-up

The Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for Monday, May 23rd from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Children must be 5 years of age before September 1, 2005 to attend. All registered students and those thinking about registering for the 2005-2006 school year are welcome.

Information will be provided concerning:

- Kindergarten readiness
- Immunizations required
- School procedures

Come join us on the playground for cake, ice cream and fun!



Courtesy photo

### SENIOR RECITAL

On Mother's Day, May 8, 2005, Jaclyn Duncan, right, and Whitney Hobbs, left, performed at a Senior Recital at the Member Services Building of Fort Clark Springs. Jaclyn and Whitney are students of Lynn McNew, center. Jaclyn has taken voice lessons for 8 years and Whitney has taken piano lessons for 9 years. The young ladies performed various pieces for their audience and concluded with Jaclyn singing and Whitney performing "God Bless the U.S.A." by Lee Greenwood.



# Bonilla presides over energy legislation Governor signs bill to make Texas more attractive for boxing

## Bill promises energy security for future Bill to outlaw Toughman Competitions

WASHINGTON, D.C. - At the request of Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, Rep. Henry Bonilla presided today over congressional debate on significant energy legislation in the House of Representatives.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 will play an essential role in meeting the energy needs of our nation.

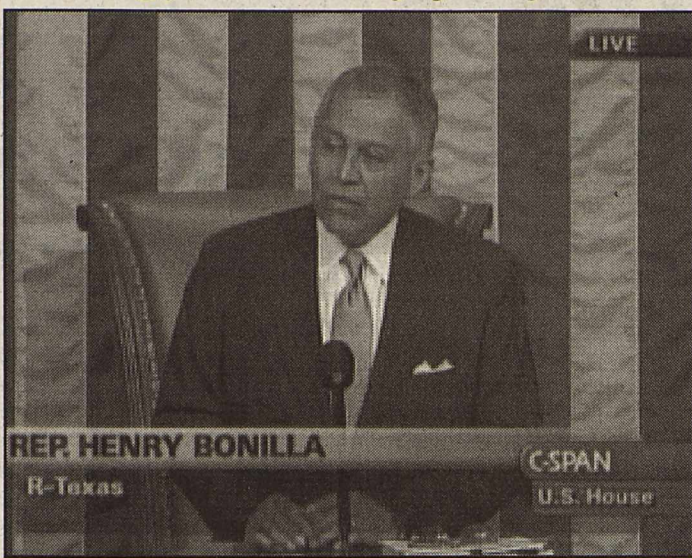
"Solving our energy problems will be a long journey, but the future will be a lot brighter if we get started now."

"Today's legislation is a step in the right direction. It is a clear and comprehensive plan, but most importantly it is achievable," said Bonilla.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 focuses on energy security, stewardship, and independence. It relies on advancing initiatives that speed the development and marketing of renewable and energy efficient technologies, infrastructure, and products.

Today's legislation includes: improving our nation's electricity transmission capacity and reliability; promoting a cleaner environment; promoting clean coal technologies; and providing incentives for renewable energies.

The bill will also decrease American's dangerous dependence on foreign oil by increasing domestic exploration and development on non-park federal



Bonilla presides over Energy committee

lands and by authorizing expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to 1 billion barrels. More than 30-years ago OPEC's oil embargo rattled our economy and triggered mile-long lines at gas pumps.

Back then, America was 30 percent dependent on foreign oil. Today, we are nearly 60-percent dependent.

"The fact is: America has become way too dependent upon a handful of foreign countries for our energy needs," said Bonilla. "This bill will put us on track toward developing a national energy policy that will not only

reduce our dependence on other countries for our fuel, but help lower and stabilize the prices we're paying at home."

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 was overwhelmingly approved by the House of Representatives. The legislation will now advance to the Senate for approval. Bonilla has represented the 23rd Congressional District of Texas since his first election in 1992.

He currently serves as chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee and is a senior member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

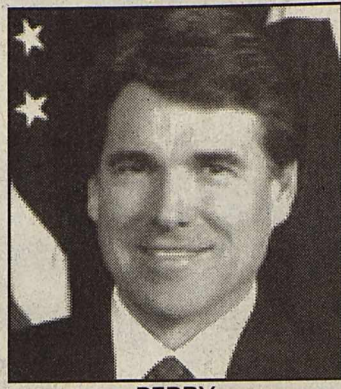
Governor Rick Perry Monday signed into law a bill that will make Texas more competitive in attracting top flight boxing matches.

Senate Bill 796, which was authored by Senator Eddie Lucio Jr. and sponsored in the Texas House of Representatives by Representative Tony Goolsby, caps the amount of taxes Texas will collect on the broadcast revenue from fights at \$30,000. Currently, Texas assesses an uncapped 3 percent tax on the broadcast revenue from televised boxing events.

Competing states, such as California and Nevada, also tax broadcast revenue, but cap the amount of total broadcast tax that is collected.

"Texas already is a top location for boxing and this law will make it even more attractive," said Leo Vasquez, chairman of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, which regulates combative sports in Texas.

"This will make Texas more competitive for top tier fights by



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giving it the most favorable tax structure among our competitor states."

SB796 also outlaws elimination tournaments in Texas, the best known of which are Toughman contests.

Contestants in elimination tournaments are amateurs with little or no training who receive insufficient medical or physical check-ups and who are recruited to fight in winner-take-all fighting tournaments.

In the past few years, several combatants have died as the

result of injuries they sustained in Toughman events.

"These tournaments are unsafe and unfair because they often match skilled participants against those without boxing experience," said William Kuntz, executive director of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).

"There also are fewer safeguards to protect the fighters. These fights are dangerous and people die in them."

Two years ago, two Texans died within five months of each other from injuries sustained in Toughman contests.

In June 2003, a mother of two in Florida died from injuries she received in the ring in a Toughman contest.

Four months ago, a 27-year-old Ohio man allowed by the contest organizers to fight three times in a single night died of extensive bleeding in his brain from repeated blows he received in the ring.

The law takes effect on September 1, 2005.

# Texas History always provides new surprises

No matter how often I visit Texas historical sites, I am struck by the fact that I never fail to come away with a new piece of information or insight.

We have such a rich past that there is always something else to learn. This was reaffirmed when I recently traveled the length of El Camino Real to celebrate its designation as a National Historic Trail from Milam to Eagle Pass.

El Camino Real de Los Tejas was the "royal road" established by Spain on the paths established by native Americans centuries earlier.

The trail runs over 1,600 miles, from the Louisiana border through Nacogdoches, San Augustine, the Caddo Mounds, Crockett, Madison, Bryan, Caldwell, Lee County, Bastrop, San Marcos, New Braunfels, San Antonio, the San Jose Mission, Atascosa, Pearsall, Carrizo Springs, Eagle Pass, and, finally, to Mexico. 550 miles of the trail run through Texas.

Because so much of our history took place on this trail and I did not want this heritage to be lost, I worked long and hard to secure its National Historic Trail designation.

When I returned to the trail to celebrate its historic designation, I learned again that every visit to one of these historic sites yields something new.

In Nacogdoches and San Augustine where I have often visited, I learned new facts about my great-great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Taylor and Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sharp as well as those charming towns.

In Bryan, we had breakfast at the Lucky B Bison Ranch, founded by former Texas Agriculture Commissioner Reagan Brown.

By raising Bison and Bison hybrids, called "beefalo," the ranch keeps alive an animal which has been an integral part of America's history.



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

At San Marcos' Aquarena Springs, I learned new details of this beautiful location.

These springs, which have provided fresh water for weary travelers from the dawn of history, lie on an intersection of not one, but two famous trails - El Camino Real and the Chisholm Trail on which cowboys drove herds of Texas longhorn north to Kansas.

Information centers at the springs provide a lot of information on Texas wildlife and vegetation.

New Braunfels is on the trail. I was always aware of the town's German heritage. It was founded on March 21, 1845, when Nicolaus Zink led a German immigrant wagon train up the Guadalupe River to the ford of the San Antonio-Nacogdoches road, as that part of El Camino Real was called at the time.

What I did not know was that, with over 5,000 German immigrants, New Braunfels was Texas' fourth-largest town in 1850.

New Braunfels' 127-year-old Gruene historic district has played a role in preserving Texas' distinctive music.

The Gruene Music Hall holds the distinction of being the oldest continually operating dance hall in Texas.

This 6,000-square-foot structure and its high-pitched tin roof was revitalized in the mid-1970s and has attracted musical acts including George Strait, Garth Brooks, Willie Nelson, Bo Diddley and Lyle Lovett.

Returning to the Alamo was like visiting an old friend.

Almost 290 years ago, the viceroy of Mexico authorized construction of a mission on El Camino Real.

The structure was designed to be both a spiritual and physical refuge in the wilderness north of the Rio Grande and, over time, its strong walls took on the character of a fort.

On February 23, 1836, Col. William B. Travis entered the Alamo with a force that later totaled approximately 187 men. General Antonio López de Santa Anna brought 5,000 men up against the old mission and laid siege.

Their heroic last stand has fired the imaginations of men and women ever since.

It was thanks to the dedication of two far-sighted women, Adina de Zavala and Clara Driscoll, that the Alamo was saved for future generations.

The Mission San Jose with its operating water-powered grist mill is another wonderful historic place; it has been there since the 1700s.

In Eagle Pass, where El Camino Real crosses into Mexico, we had an opportunity to meet with Mexican officials and celebrate Texas and Mexico's shared heritage.

This crossing of the Rio Grande took its name from the flights of eagles that made their aeries in the ancient pecan trees along the Escondido Creek.

The three-day trip allowed me to meet old friends and make new ones. It was a vivid reminder that Texans who want to explore history can have an enriching and relaxing vacation without leaving the state.

It is very rewarding to reacquaint ourselves with our heritage and the historic sites which played a role in the creation of Texas.

I urge everyone to take your families on Texas' royal road and rediscover our colorful past.

Big Mama Sez!



Footprints in the sand of time were not made by sitting down.

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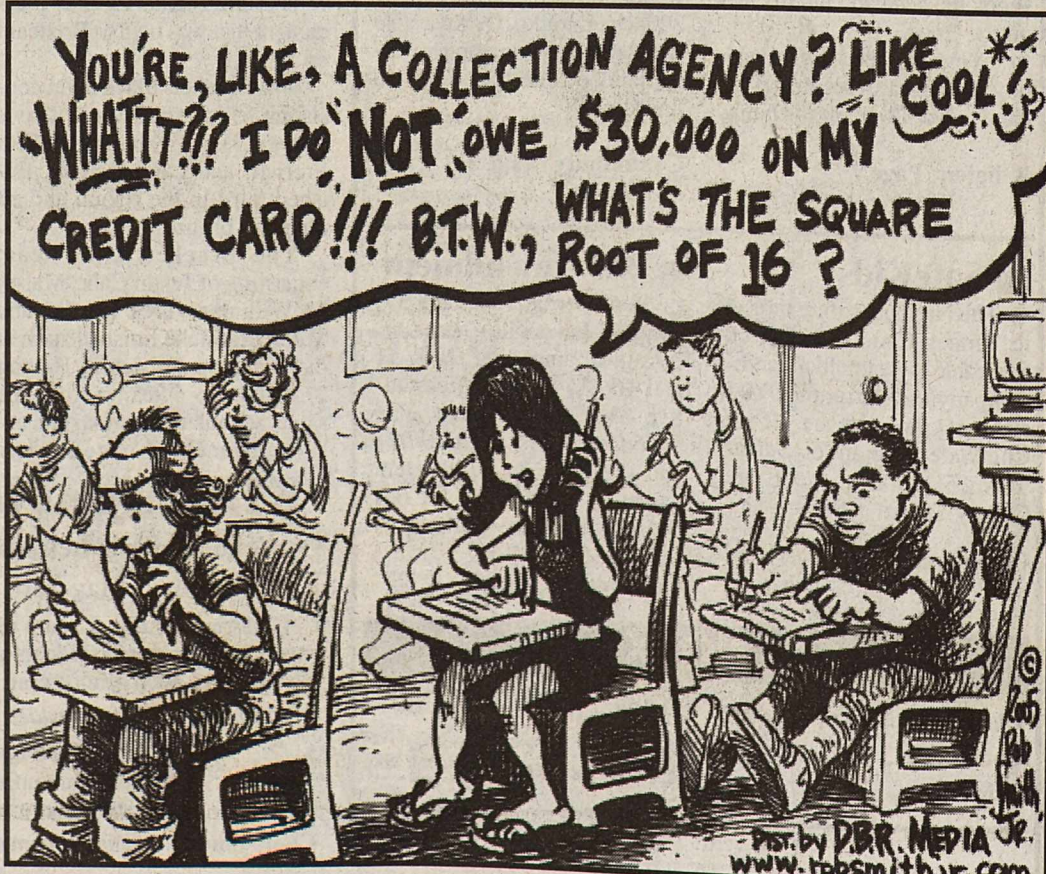
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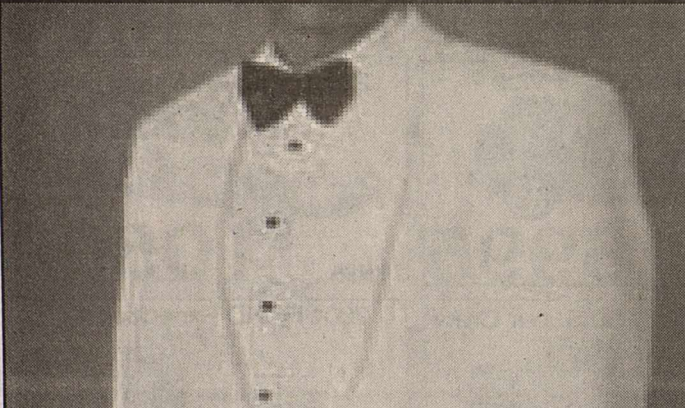
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**Heard, Dodson united in holy matrimony**

Colin J. Heard and Lacey L. Dodson were united in marriage on April 9, 2005 on the Reagan Wells Ranch formerly known as Reagan Wells Health Resort.

Rev. James Ham united the couple in an outdoor ceremony with local mountains as a back drop.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Donna Dodson of Brackettville.

The groom is the son of Wyatt and Annell Heard of Uvalde. He is the grandson of the late Sid Heard of Reagan Wells.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a floor length corset satin dress with white beads and sequins made by Edwards with matching gloves. The veil was shoulder length outlined with white beads, with beads and small white flowers on the gown.

The bride carried a bouquet of spring flowers.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Christie Dodson of Brackettville who wore floor-length spaghetti strap multi-pink dress.

The best man was the groom's brother Sidney Heard of Bryan, Texas.

The ushers were Christina Bloodworth of Concan who wore a spaghetti strap pink dress and Ashley Morbli of Mansfield, Texas who wore a strapless sage dress.

The flower girl was Emiley Thompson of Houston who wore a floor length white dress with white beads and white roses.

The ring bearer was Wyatt Thomas Heard of Bryan, Texas, nephew of the groom.

Ginger Dodson of Brackettville Texas the bride's grandmother and Maggie Gibbens of Kerrville, Texas the groom's great aunt were honored guest.

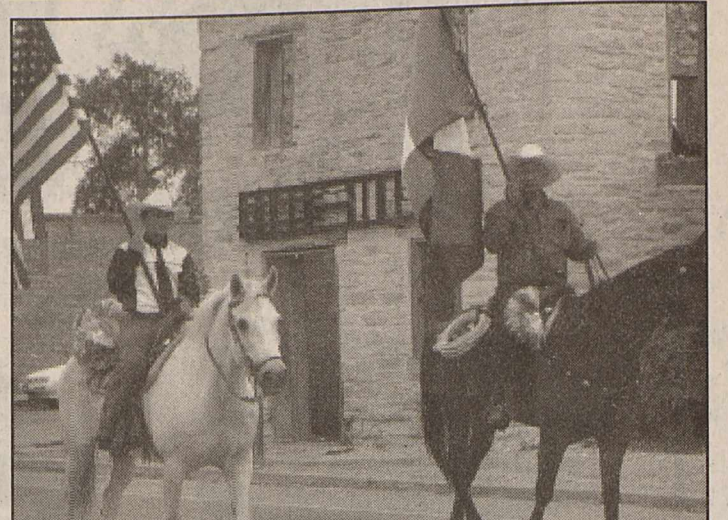
A three layer cake with ladders going to a two layer with a fountain with spring flowers was made by Cathy Alvarez of Uvalde.

A reception followed and special thanks to Kenneth Thompson of Houston who cooked the barbecue.

Following the dinner reception a dance was held in honor of the bride and groom. Music was provided by D.J. Extreme from San Antonio.

The couple are residing in Sabinal, Texas.

**CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION**



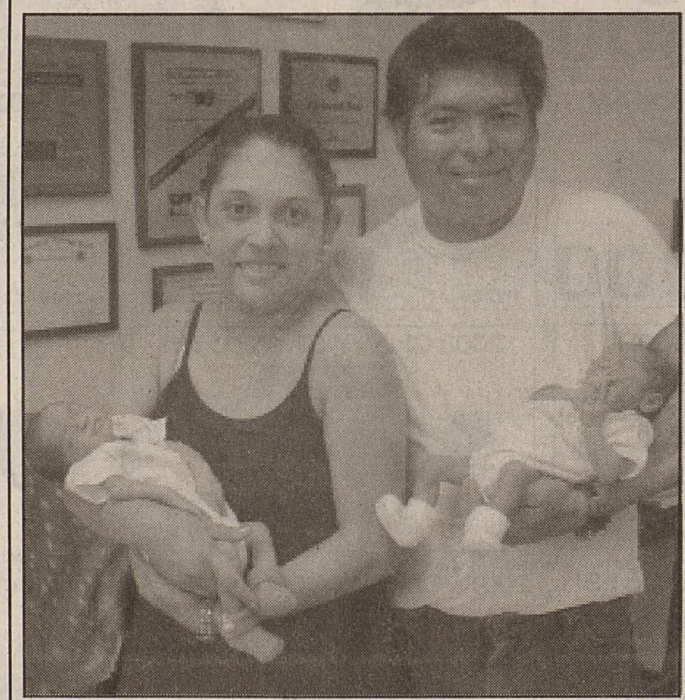
Leading the annual Cinco de Mayo Parade were the two colors of two nations, Mexico and the USA



The Super S Foods entry was a delight to everyone with their gritos and bright colors.



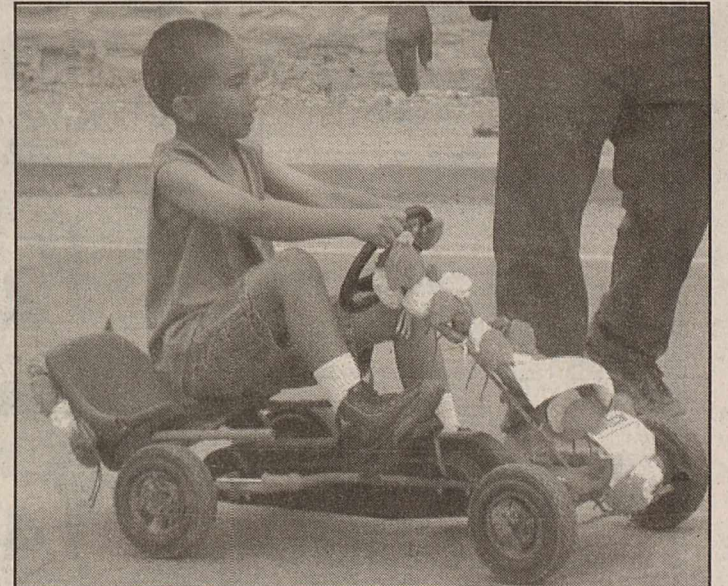
'La Flor de Texas' (The flower of Texas) Miss Teen Texas Latina Ana-Alicia Anguiano joined in the festivities to the delight of hundreds.



Brackett News photo by Gus Garcia

**TWINS!**

Beatrice C. Benites and Jose M. Benites proudly announce the birth of their twin sons, Mark Anthony and Blake Alexander, born April 19, 2005. Mark weighed in at 4 lbs, 10.5 oz and measured 18.5 inches long. Blake was 5 pounds and 19 inches long. Both were born at Val Verde Regional Medical Center.




Even Xavier Buantello helped in the celebration with his own entry in the Cinco de Mayo parade.



Showing off some skills were the members of the Super S team. They performed trick roping and led the crowd in some gritos.

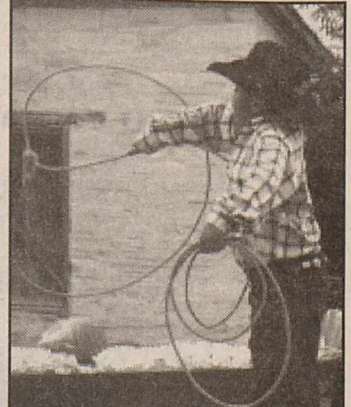
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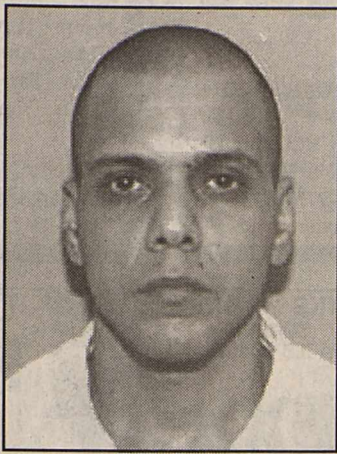
# DPS seeking man Project ChildSafe to visit Brackettville, May 15 wanted for murder

The Texas Department of Public Safety Special Crimes Service is seeking Gregorio Denova, a 31-year-old man wanted for a murder in August 2004 in Laredo.

Denova also is wanted for engaging in organized criminal activity in Laredo. Denova, who is affiliated with the Hermanos de Pistolereros Latino (HPL) prison gang was last seen in San Marcos. He is considered armed and extremely dangerous.

Denova is 5 feet, eight inches tall and has brown eyes and brown hair. He weighs 155 pounds.

Anyone with information about Denova's whereabouts should call Texas Crime Stoppers at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477). You do not have to give your name



DENOVA

when calling. Texas Crime Stoppers will give a \$1,000 cash reward to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of Denova.

The National safety tour visits Kinney County to distribute free cable-style gunlocks and accompanying educational materials as part of the Project ChildSafe program on Sunday, May 15, 2005 at the Kinney County Sheriff's Department.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation has partnered with the local law enforcement community to distribute 865,000 additional free gun locks in Texas as part of the national Project ChildSafe (PCS) initiative.

PCS reminds gun owners to take steps to prevent a loaded gun from falling into the hands of a child, thereby preventing tragic accidents.

Project ChildSafe is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice and will support the program from September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005. Phase one of Project ChildSafe was

funded by a \$50 million U.S. Department of Justice grant. Texas received 1,192,200 free gunlocks in 2004.

The current campaign will distribute over 12 million free firearm safety kits and follows the successful Phase One distribution of 20 million firearm safety kits over the past year to all 50 states.

"There continues to be a significant demand for firearm safety education across America and we are pleased that Project ChildSafe is able to meet that demand with millions of additional free firearm safety kits," said Doug Painter, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

"We are continuing to remind gun owners that their most important responsibility is to know how to safely handle and properly store their firearms in the

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For further information, please visit the web site at [www.projectchildsafe.org](http://www.projectchildsafe.org).

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## Strayhorn still waiting for vital drug data

(AUSTIN) - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said she is disturbed vital prescription drug use data still has not been released by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

"On November 12, 2004, as Chairman of the Medicaid Fraud Oversight Task Force, I asked Governor Perry's agency to provide one year of data to determine whether drugs are being prescribed to make our foster children more submissive or simply to line the pockets of the un-

scrupulous and the uncaring," Strayhorn said.

"Last November, in my office, I was personally promised by Gov. Perry's agency that the data would be available within a week," she said. "Five months, two weeks and six days later - despite repeated letters, emails and visits by me and my staff - I still have not received the data on foster children. That's outrageous."

"This crisis grows minute-by-minute, child by child," she said. Just over a year ago,

Strayhorn called for a massive overhaul of the state's foster care system in a special report, *Forgotten Children*.

The report - which examined only one month of drug data - uncovered the fact that large numbers of psychotropic drugs are being prescribed to foster children.

"We discovered cases where young children were on multiple prescriptions - in one case, a child had been prescribed 14 different drugs," she said.

"And children as young as

three years old are receiving powerful mind-altering drugs like Risperdal and Zyprexa.

"If the one-month's data we have is typical, the estimated cost for these drugs for children in the foster care system would be more than \$2 million a year," she said.

"May is National Foster Care Month," Strayhorn said.

"It shouldn't take a national awareness month to force the agency charged with protecting our children to do the right thing and immediately turn over this data."

## Representative Tracy O. King amends railroad legislation

Representative Tracy O. King (D-Batesville), was successful in amending HJR 54 and HB 1546. These pieces of legislation relate to the relocation of railroads.

Representative King's amendment adds a valuable tool for the

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the cities to build overpasses or underpasses for rail traffic within city limits.

"I saw an opportunity to help the cities I represent in District 80 provide their citizens with

safer rail crossings. This amendment could provide additional resources for cities to use to manage traffic congestion," said Representative King. This legislation has made it half-way through the legislative process. If it gets

through the Senate and to the Governor's desk for signature, then cities will have an additional avenue of assistance for rail traffic congestion. For more information contact King's office at (512) 463-0194.

### KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

**Tuesday, May 4**  
 3:00 p.m., John Keith Kaiser, 20, of Campwood was arrested by Constable Bobby Guidry for possession of a controlled substance. Kaiser was still being held when the report was made.

**Wednesday, May 4**  
 1:20 a.m., A woman stated that someone was in her back yard. Deputy Ron Ring was informed and found no one.

9:34 a.m., A local business employee reported a woman in a Chevy Blazer had driven off without paying for the gas. U.S. Border Patrol Cline checkpoint was advised. A Border Patrol agent stated they had stopped the vehicle, Constable Bobby Guidry was dispatched.

6:25 p.m., A woman requested to speak with a deputy in regards to a man calling and threatening her. She also stated the message was still on her machine. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was advised and he stated he would call her. Later the woman called stating that the individual had broken into her apartment and needed a deputy assistance. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched.

8:18 p.m., A woman reported a door open on a vacant trailer house on West El Paso Street. Deputy Gutierrez was notified and he found everything to be fine.

**Thursday, May 5**  
 11:20 a.m., A woman reported an accident on Highway 90 west but was unsure how far out it was. Another call was received from a man stating the accident was about 10 miles west. Trooper Tony Ashley was dispatched and the owner to the ranch was notified of the damage to their property.

4:00 p.m., Leonardo Mata, 43, of New Braunfels, was arrested by Trooper Ashley for driving while license invalid. Mata was later released after posting \$1,000 bond.

6:34 p.m., A woman reported a child in the middle of the street at the corner of Gove and Veltman Streets. Deputy Ring was notified and found the child was already home with his father.

11:52 p.m., A woman stated that someone was knocking on her windows and ringing her door bell. Deputy Ring was informed.

**Saturday, May 7**  
 12:05 p.m., Ricky Flores, 31, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Kenneth Frietag for assault causing bodily injury. Flores was later released after

posting \$1,500 bond.

2:00 p.m., Jose Humberto Sanchez, Jr., 24, of San Antonio was arrested by Deputy Manuel Pena for driving while license invalid. Sanchez was later released after posting \$1,000 bond.

9:27 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a silver dodge with a picture of a cowboy hat on the back window driving recklessly on North Ann Street. The license plate number was given and it came back to a Brackettville resident on West

Veltman Street. Deputy Ring was advised.

**Sunday, May 8**  
 1:53 a.m., A woman requested a deputy's assistant concerning domestic problems with her husband because he had been out with another woman. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the scene.

2:24 a.m., An anonymous caller reported a fight on the corner of Brown and Fulton Streets. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched and found no one.

6:55 p.m., Joseph Raymond

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**ROARING TWENTIES**

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

Today's Category: Words That Rhyme With MOLE

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**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

1. Bowl	11. Roll
2. Coal	12. Scroll
3. Dole	13. Shoal
4. Droll	14. Soul
5. Foal	15. Sool
6. Goal	16. Stole
7. Hole	17. Stroll
8. Pole	18. Toll
9. Poll	19. Troll
10. Role	20. Whole

**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You're quite the silver-tongued orator this week. This enables you to get your points across easily to others. By the time the weekend arrives, everyone's gotten into the spirit of cooperation.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) An elderly member of the family tries your patience this week. However, you are being less than kind. Make an effort to be more understanding.

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You're tempted to give in to some doubts you have about the way your romantic life is going. However, these insecurities are baseless. By week's end, you realize this.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It seems you have one thing in mind, and friends have another. If you talk this out, you can all reach an acceptable compromise. Spend time this weekend concentrating on domestic chores.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You'll find yourself guarding your privacy this week. That's because people insist on inserting themselves into your life. Take a firm stand on this.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You have an unfortunate tendency to be less than punctual this week. This doesn't bode well for that important appointment you have. Push yourself to make sure you're on time.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A certain matter at work has you frustrated. In the long run, though, you're up to the task. Just roll up your sleeves and dig in!

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Being stubborn isn't going to get your viewpoint across to a certain family member. Instead, logic and common sense are your best weapons. Ultimately, this person sees the light.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) It's a good week to let your hair down and relax with friends. Work isn't everything. If you take some time for a breather, you'll be more productive.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A window of opportunity opens this week. However, it can close just as quickly. Be sure to jump on this as soon as it presents itself.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You're set to cement those vacation plans you've had in mind. Not everyone in the family is willing to go along with them yet. Use charm to persuade them.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You're at your innovative best this week. This will help with a certain project that requires ingenuity. This weekend, a confusing financial matter is settled to your satisfaction.



# Feeding the Tiger The Messiah

The bell sounded far away and in another world. Rick roused himself from sleep. He shook his head and put his feet on the floor. "Yo had a bad night Rick boy!" Joe said reaching his hand to help Rick off the bunk.

Rick pushed the hand away and stood up facing Joe. He looked into Joe's eyes. He felt shame and embarrassment. His mind mulled over events of the night. He felt less the man. "Sorry I bothered you, old man," Rick said looking down at the floor.

Joe turned and headed for the sink. "Da's ok, don let it bothah ya! It gotta come out. Dat angah lak a cancah. Is eatin at yo soul!" Rick walked to the sink just as Joe reached for his towel. Joe turned and looked at Rick's face. Before Rick could speak Joe continued. "Yo face says yo got a mighty lot a hurt. A'awful bad man tuk away yo innocence. Yo bin a feedin dat angah fo a long long tahn. Yo bin a gittin even evah since."

Rick's mind became a whirlwind of thoughts. He wanted to lash out at old Joe but something held him back. He sat down and stared at the floor. He opened his mouth to speak. He wanted to say something to discredit Joe's remarks. Instead, what came out



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totally surprised him. Negative feelings were suddenly pushed aside and he felt something warm come over him. "You're right," Rick said. "I've had a tiger in a cage and I've been feeding him for years. I let him out when I want to hurt somebody."

Joe put his hand on Rick's shoulder. He smiled. "Da Lawd's gonna wuk a mir'cle in yo life Rick boy. He gonna turn dat tighah inta lamb."

Rick looked at old Joe but said nothing. A loud clank signaled the cell doors open. Men began filing out and lining up for breakfast. He walked silently in a mental haze. He couldn't get the dreams and Joe's words out of his mind. From deep in the far corners of his memories Rick heard a sound. The notes of the old piano were slightly off key yet the melody was unmistakable. A voice joined the piano. "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know." Rick smiled. "Grandma," he whispered.

At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show thee, for thou are greatly beloved therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city. Finish the transgression and to make an end of sins and to make reconciliation for iniquities, and to bring in everlasting righteousness and to seal the vision and prophecy and to anoint the most Holy.

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the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem, unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and three score and two weeks, the streets shall be built again and the wall even in troublesome time.

Praise God! Daniel 9:23-25.

## Where are you?

My little grandchildren love to play this game. We usually play it in the house.

They will find a place to hide and I try to find them. They might hide behind the big chair or sofa in the living room or under the dining room table, (their most favorite).

I have to close my eyes while they hide and when I start looking for them I say, "Here I come ready or not".

Many times as I get closer and closer to where they are hiding they can't be still and they start giggling or moving around. I may walk around the table three or four times.

When I finally find or see them I will say, "I see you!" Playing that game brings to mind a problem that Christians have today.

Where is Jesus? It might even be said where is He hiding.

The Bible tells us plainly that



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**Brother J.**

He died or was crucified on the cross and after that He arose from the grave, (Acts 2:22-24).

He spent a short time on the earth and appeared to many people, (1 Corinthians 15:5-8) and then He ascended or disappeared up into the clouds, (Acts 1:9).

Today we can't visibly see Him but He is with God the father in Heaven, (Acts 2:32-36 and Hebrews 10:12-14).

He is there protecting, guarding, defending, intervening, or interceding on our behalf, (Romans 8:34). See you in Church next Sunday.

## The joining of two faiths for one cause

In the small Southwest Texas town of Brackettville, Episcopalians and Lutherans are finding their way through their second "formalized" year of their Call to Common Mission, sharing one pastor between Lutheran and Episcopal congregations.

The Rev. Nathan Lafrenz, who has served the people of Our Redeemer Lutheran for nearly 10 years in Brackettville, is into his second year as vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church as well.

Lafrenz' installation in July of 2003 was the culmination of almost three years of work on the Call to Common Mission covenant agreement between Lutherans, Episcopalians, the Diocese of West Texas and the Southwest Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

This first year of living out Call to Common Mission has been an exciting experience for all of us as we are embarking on a joint journey of discipleship and witness to our Lord Jesus Christ," says Lafrenz.

Lafrenz' installation also meant that St. Andrew's in Brackettville would have clergy-led worship services each and every Sunday for the first time since 1996.

And that has led to growth in Sunday worship attendance and in giving. Weekly Bible study has been started, as well as a mid-week healing service.

The whole thing has offered up questions and opportunities about how the two church families would share buildings, expenses, and minister together in Brackettville.

Both had been in a "sharing" posture anyway since 1996, thanks to the late Rev. Bill Koons and the people of St. Andrew's who offered the use of the church and parish hall to Lutherans because the Lutherans had no building in Brackettville.

Making it all formal was the next big step. That meant both church families had to look hard at their budgets, their habits, their faith and what could be done together.

"I think we all prayed a lot, did lots of deep breathing, and held on to one another as we moved forward.

"We needed each other, but we needed to know we would maintain what is inherently Lutheran and Episcopalian," according to Carolyn Conoly, bishop's warden of St. Andrew's. "We had to remind each other that our real call is to get outside of the church and into ministry as Christians."

The parishioners of St. Andrew's have responded with unheard of generosity in their

Call to Common Mission.

The total income for the period from July 1, 2002, to June 30, 2003, was just under \$6,000. For the period from July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004 the total income was just over \$23,000.

According to Ella Chambers, treasurer of St. Andrew's, "The church has indeed reached the point where it no longer goes from collection to collection in order to meet its obligations and is able to contribute more and more to outreach projects in the community."

In addition, average attendance at Sunday services is now in the 20's, often reaching into the upper 30's.

It's no longer a single-digit figure.

Lafrenz continues to encourage the two congregations toward sharing more frequent joint services, joint Sunday schools, and doing more outreach ministry in Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs, and across the border into Mexico.

There are plans to form a joint altar guild. On Wednesday nights in September, the church will invite the community to simple suppers, a book study, Bible study, and worship.

Work is underway to develop a contemporary bi-lingual worship service.

Lafrenz says he has high hopes for what is ahead. "Our dream is to move from that sleepy church on the hill that few know about to an active community of faith that is integrated into the neighborhood in which we live."

### OBITUARY

#### Peggy Lou Scott Rosenow April 19, 1932 - May 8, 2005

Peggy Lou Scott Rosenow, age 73, passed away Sunday, May 8, 2005, at her home on Mud Creek, Kinney County, Texas.

She was born April 19, 1932 in Uvalde, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her son Henry Rosenow. She is survived by her husband: John Henry "Pete" Rosenow, son and daughter-in-law: Paul and Alison Rosenow, daughter: Margo

Rosenow, Granddaughters: Hannah Rae, Madison and Ainsley Rosenow.

Also numerous nieces and nephews survive.

Funeral services were at the St. James Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 followed with interment at Carta Valley Cemetery.

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