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TPWD hearing

The Texas Parks and Wildlife announce recommendations of changes in the hunting and fishing rules and regulations. There will be a public hearing to discuss the changes in the District Courtroom at the Kinney County Courthouse on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.

Knee Replacement Seminar

Val Verde Regional Medical Center will be hosting a free seminar on new knee replacement technology. Dr. William Fontenot, Orthopedic Surgeon will be discussing CI Technology, a computer assisted knee surgery procedure. The seminar will be held on Feb. 25 at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. For more information, please call 888-315-4152.

School board candidate workshop

Area school board candidates and interested citizens are invited to a candidate workshop, Monday, Feb. 27, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 20 Education Service Center (1314 Hines Ave., Conference Center, Frio/Kendall, San Antonio). The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Tanya Barnett at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6248, or check the TASB Web Site at www.lts.tasb.org/candidates for other dates and locations.

Pancake Supper

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 from 5-7:00 p.m. at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. Tickets available at the door for \$5.00 adults, \$2.50 children.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, Feb. 28th 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on curb between high schools. Photo I.D. required. Must be 17 years old or older. All donors will receive a duffle bag and cookies.

Green Thumb

Peas should be planted in early spring, well before the last frost. For an extended harvest, try different varieties in successive plantings. Successive plantings of the same varieties tend to catch up with each other, resulting in one big harvest. Peas will germinate more quickly if soaked in water overnight before planting.

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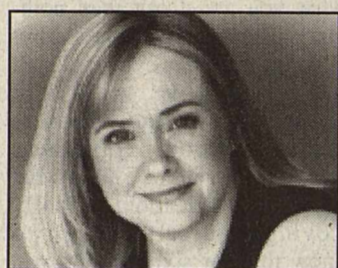
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Davis wins Reserve Champion
Robert Davis, son of Zack and Kayla Davis, won Reserve Champion Simbrah Steer in the Junior Market Steer Show at the 2006 San Antonio Livestock show and Rodeo. Davis is a member of the Kinney County 4-H.

Courtesy Photo

KC Arts Council features Colleen Mallette



First rate entertainment is in store for the Kinney County area residents. The Kinney County Arts Council and the Texas Commission on the Arts are sponsoring singer, actress, comedienne Colleen Mallette in a recital spoof, The Lamaze School of Singing presents: How to birth a song.

Tickets are \$6.00 and may be obtained from KCAC members or FCSA's Adult Center. Most recently, Ms. Mallette was the featured vocal soloist with Van Cliburn and the Fort Worth Symphony, where it was noted that... Colleen Mallette caressed the song "Somewhere" and romped the impish "I can cook too." Other concerts have taken her to Winchester, England; Edinburgh, Scotland; Grand Rapids Symphony; Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest and many others throughout the U.S.A. Besides being on the voice faculty for Texas Christian University, she is currently developing a new children's television series, an educational program teaching children through whimsy and mirth.

Saturday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at FCSA's Post Theater is the scheduled performance.



Annual Chili Cookoff
From left: Event coordinator Darlene Sandwick, Norman Butler 1st Place winner, 4th place winner Marilyn Gall, 3rd place Rick Card, 2nd place Shirley White and the Peoples Choice Award winner Wylie Simmons.

Courtesy Photo

Wellness program addresses student obesity

Brackett Independent School District (BISD) board of trustees adopted a wellness program in their regular meeting on Feb. 13. School Nurse Francine Collins presented information that the board was required to enact in order to be in compliance with the federal Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004. An outline of the policy was originally presented to Collins last year by the Texas Association of School Board (TASB). Collins then formed a local School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) that reviewed the suggested policy and made necessary revisions that would reflect the individual needs of BISD. The committee included Superintendent Paula Renken, Principal Alma Gutierrez, Principal Stoney Burks, Principal Frank Taylor, Parent Kathy Calk, Librarian Sony Cruz, Parent Jill Duncan, Food Services

Manager Honey Bee Gomez, Teacher Steven Hutcherson, Social Worker Nathan Lafrenz, Counselor Lorenzo Ortiz and Teacher Ricky Creel. The TASB outline suggests that, "The District shall follow nutrition guidelines that advance student health and reduce childhood obesity and shall promote the general wellness of all students through nutrition education, physical activity and other school based activities." The local SHAC suggested teachers be provided education and guidelines on the use of food as a reward in the classroom. Recommendations for nutrition education included:

- Students being educated on adopting and maintaining healthy eating behaviors.
 - Food service staff and teachers promote nutrition messages in and out of the classroom
 - Nutritional information should be shared with family members and the community.
- "I want to commend the school district because many of the things that we're supposed to have in place by the fall of 2006-2007 are already happening in this school. A lot of the cafeteria food that Honey Bee is working on and the physical activity is already written into our curriculum so this school has a big head start. Honey Bee has stopped ordering some good-



Area Band Participants
Front row from left: Laura Swinson and Ashley Stephenson. Back row from left: Cassandra Gomez and Emily Calk. all qualified for the Area Band Competition held in San Antonio

Photo by Allison Taylor

City Council called meeting to discuss financial statements

City Council called a special meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21 to discuss the financial statements. The council reviewed the gas and water utility service financial statements and the December 2005 financial statements. The gas situation was discussed at length. Juan Lerma with Gas Incorporated out of Corpus Christi, recently surveyed some of the gas lines. Lerma stated that the leaks and the meters that were not working properly was caused by a lack of maintenance. He also stated that within seven miles of line, there were 83 leaks, some of those in the line and some in the meters. Year to date financial statements reflect, gas purchases of \$58,427 and gas sales of

\$43,679. This is a loss of \$14,748. This amount does not reflect any additional expense the city may have incurred related to the sale of natural gas. Lerma also said the leaks and meters could have caused the deficit. Mayor Joe Garza stated, "The city should not be operating in a deficit." City secretary, Bonnie Mayes explained that many of the deficits on the financials were due to unexpected rate increases in utilities. Garza suggested the secretary bring the bills to every council meeting for the council's review. The Council also approved Randy Castilla as a licensed water operator for one year.

Operation Streamline II making progress More than 100 El Salvadorans Prosecuted and Removed

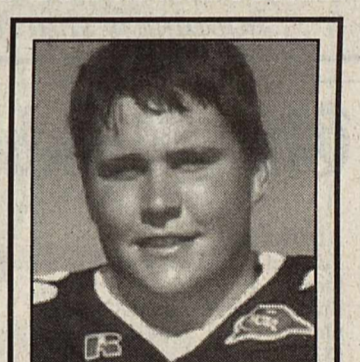
Del Rio, TX - U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Border Patrol in Del Rio, Texas reached a milestone, Monday, as more than 100 El Salvadorans were set up for deportation and returned to their home country, since the inception of Operation Streamline II. This multi-agency law enforcement initiative was launched at the beginning of December 2005 and focuses on prosecuting every illegal alien apprehended within a "target area". Participating agencies in this operation include CBP Border Patrol, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention and Removal, Federal Pre-trial Services, U.S. Attorney's Office and the U.S. Marshals Service. Operation Streamline II tar-

gets aliens who enter the country illegally through a high-traffic area within the Del Rio Border Patrol Sector's area of responsibility. Those illegal aliens who are not released due to humanitarian reasons will face prosecution for illegal entry. The maximum penalty for violation of this law is 180 days incarceration. While the illegal alien is undergoing criminal proceedings, the individual will also be processed for removal from the United States. This operation is in direct support of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Secure Border Initiative and replaces catch-and-release with catch-and return. Returning illegal aliens to their home country has proven to be an ex-

remely effective deterrent as those seeking to enter the U.S. illegally often will not have the funds or the incentive to try again. Since the inception of Operation Streamline II on December 12, 2005, more than 430 El Salvadorans have been detained for prosecution in the Del Rio Sector. U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control, and protection of our Nation's borders at and between the official ports of entry. CBP is charged with keeping terrorists and terrorist weapons out of the country while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws.

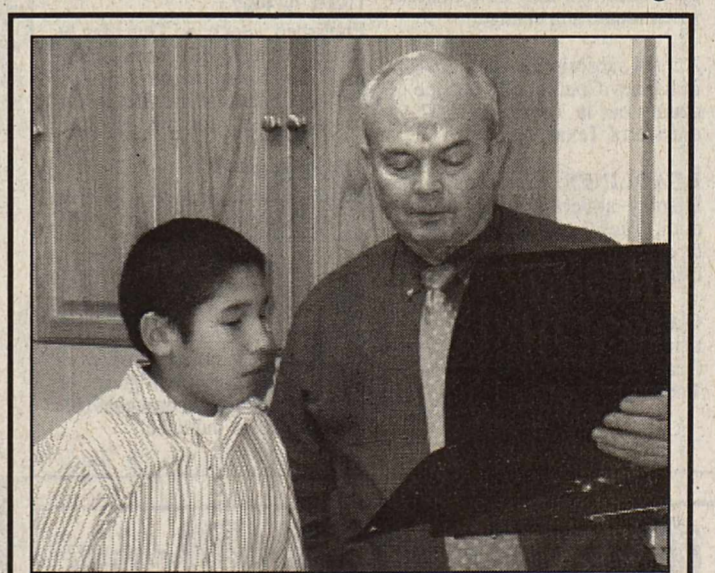
Rose makes SWC Academic All-Conference football team

Howard Payne University announced that Brackettville native Patrick Rose was named to the American Southwest Conference Academic All-Conference Team for football in the 2005 season. "My son, Patrick Rose, had the privilege of being part of the mighty Yellow Jackets Football Team this past year. He considers it to be a great honor to be under Coach Mike Redwine and his staff's leadership because he feels they are such Godly, Christian role models," said Sharon Rose, mother of Patrick. "We are very proud of Patrick's progress. He is an intelligent young man and he has combined this with a great work ethic," said Coach Mike



Patrick Rose
Rose was named to the American Southwest Conference Academic All-Conference Team.

Redwine, head football coach, Howard Payne University.



Man of Honor
Photo by Leigh Volcsko
Michael Flores, left accepts a certificate of recognition for honest behavior from Principal Stoney Burks at the School Board Meeting Feb. 13.

ies and has \$1,900 to spend on fresh fruit and vegetables," said Collins. SHAC's final recommendation suggested the district provide physical activity that includes those who do not participate in competitive sports and include family members in physical activity. BISD addresses this recommendation with an existing daily physical education program for every grade level.

The elementary program led by Coach Ricky Creel includes an open invitation to family members to join students on a walk to promote family fitness. This program was started at the beginning of the current school year. In the campus report given by Jones Elementary Principal Alma Gutierrez, third, fourth and fifth grade teachers and students were preparing for the

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CORRECTION

The Brackett News incorrectly reported, in last week's edition, City of Brackettville gas deficits of \$19,805 for the month of December. \$19,805 is the year to date (YTD) variance on the gas purchases line item for the City of Brackettville's current budget.

In addition, the amount was not for the month of December but for the fiscal YTD.

The difference between the city's YTD natural gas purchases of \$58,427 and YTD natural gas sales of \$43,679 is \$14,748.

This amount does not reflect

any additional expense the city may have incurred related to the sale of natural gas.

The story also incorrectly identified City Attorney Katrina Longoria as Eddie Morales.

Both attorneys work for the same firm and represent the city. However, Longoria was in attendance during the meeting, Morales was not.

The Brackett News apologizes for the discrepancies.

The Brackett News has and will always correct mistakes when they are brought to our attention.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Once again I find myself thanking those of you, both on and off Fort Clark Springs, for the support shown over the past two months. I am referring to our joint endeavors to save our "greenbelt", and preserving the word of "integrity".

A year and a half ago we purchased our home on Fort Clark Springs, and were promised by not only Fort Clark Springs office but also the builder and the realtor that the area directly behind our house would remain untouched. I am amazed that the word of people now days seems to mean very little, as we will soon find ourselves overlooking a housing development. All in the name of a Dollar!

Promises were made to Pioneer Concepts by the current Board of Directors with no regard for promises that were made by another group of Board of Directors to those of us who

currently own property that is directly impacted by this decision. The Board of Directors stated on Saturday that they had to honor the Letter of Agreement that they had with Pioneer Concepts...but what about the verbal agreements already in place?

Where I grew up I was taught by my parents that a person or persons are only as good as their word. Throughout this two month process I have tried to maintain the standards that not only my parents instilled in me, but more importantly those to which God has set out for each of us. It is my hope that those of you who have known me, and those of you whom I have just gotten to know, can see that I entered this endeavor with one purpose in mind...to hopefully right a breach of promise.

Thanks for your support
B. Schroeder



Procrastination; the thief of time

By Marla Cilley
Contributing Writer

Have you gotten in a rut? Not a bad rut; but let's say a comfortable rut. You know the same ole same ole! You go through your day without any thought about your passion. Passion: What is that anyway?

We have all heard that procrastination is the thief of time. I don't think that is entirely the case. Time is constant; we all have the same hours in every

single day, it is how we choose to use those hours that steals the time. We all seem to think that things will take longer than they really will, so we talk ourselves out of doing them. What have you been procrastinating about lately: Laundry, getting the car washed or is it something much deeper than household chores?

When procrastination gets in the way of your passion; it becomes an excuse to not follow your dreams. We have all said it in some form or fashion, "I

don't have time to go back to school and finish my degree". This "I don't have time" attitude gives us the excuse to not be or do what we were put on Earth to do with our lives. You are robbing yourself of you! Not to mention what you are robbing the world of: YOU!

When your heart is not in what you are doing then nothing will ever make you happy! It doesn't matter if you make all the money in the world, if it doesn't make you happy it means nothing. Happiness comes from within. This is what FLYing is all about. Finally Loving Yourself enough to know that for some reason you are not happy. You thought getting the house clean was all it would take to make you happy.

As you learn the FlyLady way of breaking things down into baby steps; you will find the right path that is going to lead you to true happiness. This happiness starts by letting go of procrastination and perfectionism.

Ruts keep you in a path that is not your choosing. Because it is so hard to get out of the rut, it is just easier to continue on this sidetracked journey. I can hear you now, "but I did choose my path!" Did you really or did circumstances just put you in this position.

Some people never get out of their ruts of procrastination. Procrastination is a thief, but not the thief of time! It is a thief of self-esteem. Sometimes we cannot see what it is we are missing until we get rid of the things we have been procrastinating about.

Later is a lie that never happens.

Thank you

If you called, came by, sent flowers, brought food, made donations, attended the service, or in any way touched our lives during our recent loss. We are very grateful for your love and support. And a special thanks to Brother Ray Melton. We love all of you.

The Family of Roy Max Hensley Sr.

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happiness shared is the flower

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Pancake Supper

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

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Gate to Texas Supreme Court

By Gina Parker
Contributing Writer

One of the most important political battles in Texas this year is beginning to emerge in Central Texas. The four seats up for election to the Texas Third Court of Appeals are lining up to be the most important judiciary battles in the state for 2006. Texas Liberal Democrats are plotting their comeback in judicial elections with this court's elections. Conservatives must rise to the challenge.

The Third Court hears all legislative and administrative appeals originating from state government. It is literally the "front gate" to the Texas Supreme Court; it is where many of these types of cases are heard before reaching the Texas Supreme Court. Republicans hold a 4-2 majority on the Third Court; three of the four Republican seats stand for election this year along with an open Democrat seat.

Some consider the 2006 Third Court of Appeals races similar to the battle for the Texas Supreme Court in the early 1990s when Democrats spent millions of dollars before the collapse of the Democrat Party in statewide elections. Now the Democrats have targeted a project called "Four for the Third" to attempt to capture a majority on this very important court.

Place 2 is held by appointed Republican Justice Alan Waldrop. Waldrop was a respected civil defense lawyer prior to his appointment to the court by Governor Perry. Liberal Democrat Jim Coronado, an Austin Criminal District Court magistrate, is challenging him.

Republican Justice David Puryear holds Place 5. Puryear became a Republican when being a Republican was not cool, switching parties as a matter of principle. Having authored over 700 opinions, he has become the most productive Justice on this court; Puryear is the engine that drives this court. He will be challenged this year by Liberal Democrat Mina A. Brees.

Place 6 is held by Republican Justice Bob Pemberton, a former legal counsel in the Governor's office. He won a narrow victory over Diane Henson in 2004 for an unexpired term. His Democrat opponent this year is Austin attorney Bree Buchanan as he fights for a full six-year term on the Court.

Democrat Henson is now running for the Place 3 seat vacated by Democrat Justice Bea Ann Smith. Henson, an early favorite of liberals, has been endorsed by the Austin Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. The Republican candidate will be the winner of a four-person race. The early standout is former State District Judge Will Wilson, Jr., a Clements appointee and the son of former Attorney General Will Wilson, Sr. Wilson has captured the endorsement of the Texas Alliance for Life and the Texas Medical Association with a reputation as a strict constructionist who supports the election of judges.

Democrats will be beating the anti-Tom Delay drum in an effort to whip Travis County liberals into frenzy to win these seats. The remainder of this district - San Angelo to LaGrange and Temple to New Braunfels - is conservative, and the Democrats will be trying to mask their true ideology.

The voters residing outside of Austin will not look kindly on a Democrat ticket composed of "a bunch of Austin liberals." However, We the People must battle with our time, our money, and our enthusiasm the hundreds of thousands of liberal dollars that Democrats plan to pump into these races.

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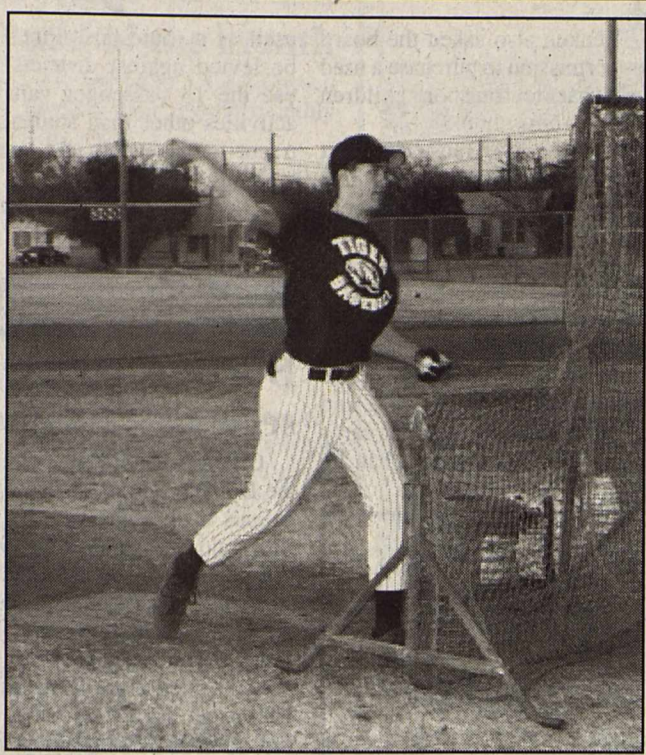
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Baseball starts off with a pitch Photo by Leigh Volcsko
Travis Bonner pitches to the plate in practice at the start of the 2006 season for the Tigers.

Tigers lose 58-78

The Varsity Tiger basketball team lost to the Medina Bobcats 58-78 on Tuesday Feb. 7.

Travis Nowlin was the high scorer with 18 points, one rebound, four assists, and 2 steals.

Leon Woolsey scored 13 points, had seven rebounds, three assists, two blocked shots and one steal.

Travis Bonner had ten points, ten rebounds, two assists, one blocked shot and five steals.

Robert Davis had nine points, two rebounds and two steals.

Lane Nowlin scored five points, had two rebounds, one assist and two steals.

Ricky Ortega scored two points and had four rebounds.

Chuy Balderas had one point and two rebounds.

Ivan Pinales had two rebounds and two assists.

Tigers beat Angoras 44-41

Friday, Feb. 10 the Varsity Tigers beat the Angoras at home 44-41.

The leading scorer was Travis Nowlin with 19 points, one rebound, three assists and three steals.

Leon Woolsey scored 10 points, had ten rebounds, seven blocked shots and one steal.

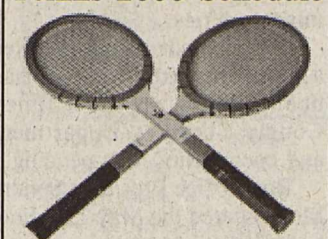
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Ricky Ortega scored four points and three rebounds.

Chuy Balderas scored four points and four assists.

Robert Davis had two rebounds, four assists and one blocked shot. Ivan Pinales had two rebounds and two steals.

Brackett Jr. High Tennis 2006 Schedule



Feb. 27 Leakey @Knippa
Mar. 6 N.Canyon @ N.C.
Mar. 20 Sabinal @Sabinal
Mar. 27 D'Hanis @D'Hanis
Apr. 4 District @Sabinal

Brackett Varsity Tennis 2006

Feb. 24-25	Uvalde	TBA
Mar. 3-4	Team Tennis	Uvalde
Mar. 9-10	Brackett	Brackett
Mar. 23-24	Sabinal	Uvalde
Mar. 31	Knippa	Uvalde
Apr. 7-8	District	Sabinal
Apr. 26-27	Regional	Brenham
May 8-9	State	Austin

Brackett Baseball 2006 Schedule

Feb. 23-25	Sonora Tournament	Sonora	TBA
Feb. 28	Cotulla	Brackettville	6:00
March 2-4	Pearsall Tournament	Pearsall	TBA
March 7	Carrizo Springs	Carrizo Springs	7:00
March 9-11	Natalia Tournament	Natalia	TBA
March 14	*Sabinal	Sabinal	4:00
March 17	Cotulla	Cotulla	6:00
March 21	Medina	Medina	4:30
March 24	*Rocksprings	Rocksprings	4:00
March 27	*LaPryor	Brackettville	7:00
March 31	*Comstock	Brackettville	4:00
April 4	*Sabinal	Brackettville	7:00
April 13	Poth	Poth	7:00
April 22	*Rocksprings	Brackettville	1:00
April 25	*LaPryor	LaPryor	7:00
May 2	*Comstock	Brackettville	7:00
May 11	State Playoffs Begin	TBA	TBA

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Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test.

Junior High Principal Stoney Burks recognized seventh grader Michael Flores for an act of honest behavior. Flores was presented with a certificate and a round of applause from the audience.

Flores was sorting through a box of props that had been loaned to the theatre arts class for a production in Dec. 2005 when he found six Christmas ornaments containing \$50 each.

The ornaments were gifts for the owners family members and the young Flores made sure the ornaments, valued at \$300, were returned promptly.

Michael is the son of Mike and Glenda Flores.

Burks also advised the board that a fight involving six female students had occurred and that all were disciplined. Five received in school suspension and one was suspended and sent to the Academy. Two teachers responded to the fight. One teacher was carried to the floor

while attempting to separate the girls. The other teacher received minor injuries.

Superintendent Paula Renken advised the board charges had been filed with the Kinney County Sheriff's Department and court action was pending.

Board Vice President Sandra Meil ordered the May 13 school board election.

Meil and Mark Frerich are the only board members up for reelection this year.

The deadline for filing for a position is Mar. 13. Applications

can be picked up at the BISD Central Office on Ann Street.

Renken presented the board a revised pay scale for auxiliary employees. The board unanimously adopted the pay scale.

Auxiliary employee positions include bus drivers, custodial staff, clerical employees and other like positions. Pay scale adjustments will be made during the 06-07 school year.

A copy of the revised pay scale and information can be obtained at the BISD Central Office.

Renken also asked the board for permission to purchase a used Suburban to transport children to and from school.

Brackett ISD must transport a handful of students to their homes in Spofford and to several ranches outside of town and the use of a school bus is not always practical. The use of a smaller vehicle is ideal according to Renken.

According to the Texas Education Code Section 34.002 and 34.003, only vehicles that carry 10 or fewer passengers can be

used as a route bus. Fines can be levied against districts that use the 15 passenger vans for activities other than student extracurricular events and teacher training.

The next school board meeting will be March 20.

BRIEFS

Border Patrol seize \$15.2 million

CBP Border Patrol agents of the Del Rio Sector seized 4,211 pounds of marijuana during the first two weeks of February. Enforcement efforts throughout the Sector resulted in 15 separate seizures in unrelated incidents. Agents detained 15 suspects in relation to the seizures. The suspects and marijuana, valued at \$3,368,800 were turned over to appropriate agencies for prosecution. Recent seizures ranged from two ounces to 900 pounds. Marijuana seizures within the Del Rio Sector for fiscal year 2006 (beginning Oct. 1, 2005), to date, have totaled 19,054 pounds, valued at \$15.2 million.

Youth Study at Baptist Church

All youth are invited to study "The Prayer of Jabez". This little book is full of life changing information. Leave your old routine behind and begin a new routine for each day. See you Sunday evenings, 5:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church Brackettville.

Fort Clark Springs 4th Annual festival

The 5K Run/walk and children's fun run is Saturday March 11, 2006. Awards will be given to the overall male and female winners in the 5K and children's fun run, as well as the top 3 males and females in each age division.

RGEC Poster Contest

Rio Grande Electric Co-op Inc. hosts a poster contest for grades 1-3 and 4-6. Posters will be judged on creativity and electrical safety principals represented. The winner of each division will have his/her poster incorporated into the design of the book covers RGEC supplies to schools next school year and will receive a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card. Certificates will be awarded for the best posters in each participating school. The contest is open to all students, grades 1-6 in any school district in the following counties: Webb, Uvalde, Val Verde, Reeves, Hudspeth, Dimmit, Kinney, Terrell, Presidio, El Paso, Maverick, Edwards, Pecos, Jeff Davis, Zavala, Crockett, Brewster, Culberson, Otero (NM) and Eddy(NM).

Youth Essay Contest

Eligible students ages 14-18 could win a new computer system if selected as the winning entrant in the 2006 Rio Grande Electric Co-op's essay contest. The essay, between 500 and 700 words, should describe how and why the cooperative business model is preferable. A completed entry form must be attached to the front of the essay entitled "The Cooperative Advantage." Forms and additional information are available at every RGEC area office, on the Co-op's web site, www.riogrande.coop, or by calling 1-800-749-1509. Entries must be received by April 28, 2006.

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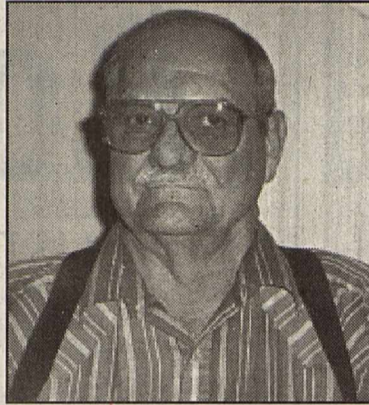


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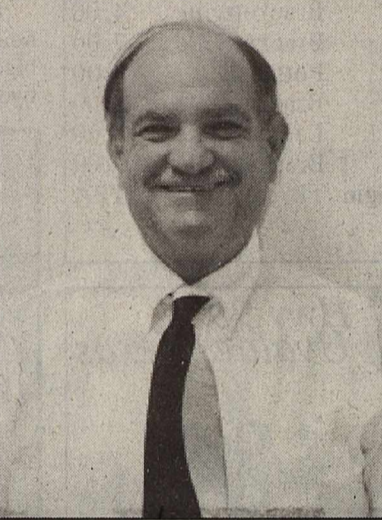
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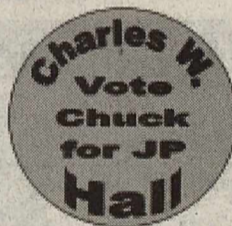
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Bickles awarded yard of the month

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club held their regular monthly meeting Feb. 9.

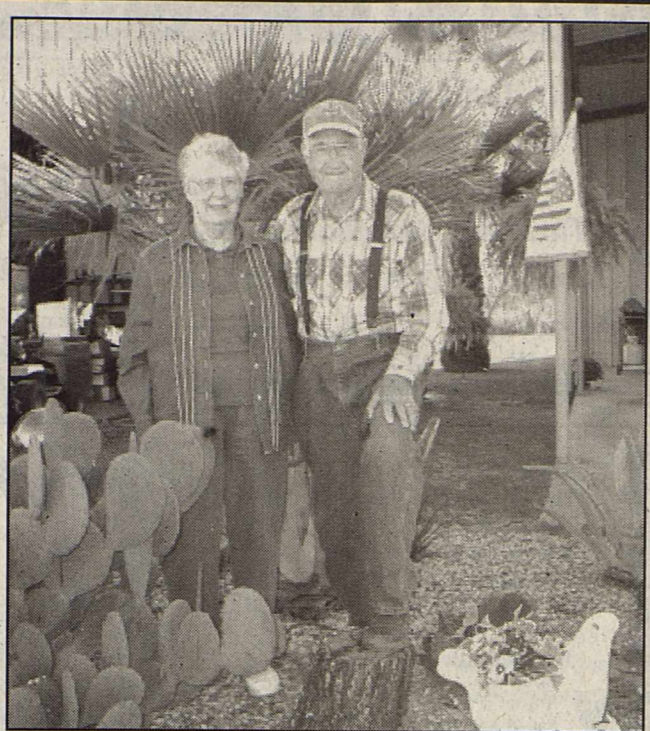
Nineteen members and three guests gave audience to Carol Parks of Ground Zero, a water conservation group.

Club President Mary Jane Olsen proclaimed Keith and Betty Bickle of Fort Clark Springs as February's Yard of the Month winners.

The roadside garden features several cactus plants and a large palm tree with ceramic decorations breaking up the rock ground covering.

The Bickles winter on the Fort from Corydon, Ind. and keep a garden that can maintain itself part of the year.

The Garden Club meets again on March 9.



Yard of the Month Photo by Leigh Volcsko
Betty and Keith Bickle of Fort Clark Springs are February's Mt. Laurel Garden Club winners.



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

Creamed Spinach
2 (10 ounce) packages frozen chopped spinach
3 tbsp. melted butter or margarine
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/4 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup milk
1 tsp. worcestershire sauce salt and pepper to taste
1 cup medium cheddar cheese, shredded
1 additional tbsp. butter or margarine
Cook spinach according to directions, but remove when it has just thawed. Drain thoroughly, mashing out any excess liquid. Add melted butter, milk, soup, onion, worcestershire, salt and pepper. Simmer in sauce pan for about 5 minutes, stirring oc-

asionally to prevent sticking. Turn into a buttered 1 1/2 - 2 quart casserole; sprinkle cheese over the top, dot with remaining, (unmelted) butter. Bake approximately 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

Serves 6
5 Minute Blueberry Pie
1/2 cup sugar
2 tbsp. cornstarch
3/4 cup water
4 cups fresh or frozen blueberries, thawed
* 1 Graham cracker crust (9 inch)
Whipped topping, optional

In saucepan, combine sugar and cornstarch; stir in water until smooth. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir continuously for 2 minutes. Add blueberries. Cook for 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour into pie shell. Chill. Garnish with whipped topping if desired.

* Pre-bake pie crust according to directions for crisp texture when serving. Cool before filling.

For easier and cleaner slices of pie, always cut second slice/piece before removing the first piece.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Feb. 13

10:47 p.m. A 911 caller reported an 18 wheeler driving recklessly on HWY 277 North by Sycamore creek. Val Verde Sheriff's office was notified of the situation.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

2:04 p.m. A 911 caller reported a rollover accident on HWY 90 east of Brackettville. DPS, Deputy Ramon Gutierrez, Brackettville Fire Department and air life were dispatched to the scene. Two patients were transported to area hospitals and one was transported to San Antonio by Air Life.

2:57 p.m. A school official requested a deputy in regards to a domestic problem. Deputy Karl Chism was notified of the situation.

5:03 p.m. A 911 caller reported illegal entry. Caller was transferred to Border Patrol.

6:02 p.m. A city official requested a deputy to standby at the City Council meeting.

6:19 p.m. An alarm sounded at the Pico, Deputy Kenneth Freitag was dispatched and reported that it was a false alarm.

7:25 p.m. Erin Sylvanas Alexander, 38, of San Antonio was arrested by Trooper Tully Welch for Driving with invalid license. Alexander was released the next day on a \$1,200 bond.

8:44 p.m. A caller reported an individual dumping trash at the end of Coffin Street. Deputy Freitag was notified.

9:04 p.m. A caller reported that her daughter had been assaulted by her boyfriend. Deputy Freitag was dispatched.

10:20 p.m. A man called to report a black pick up was at his residence. He requested a deputy to drive by his residence.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

2:10 p.m. Richard Abelar, 19, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Chism for assault causing bodily injury. Abelar was released the same day on a \$1,000 PR bond.

Friday, Feb. 17

6:00 a.m. Peter Schaefer Cantu, 20, of San Antonio was arrested by Deputy Freitag on revoke of community supervision. Cantu was released the same day on a \$2,500 bond.

2:00 p.m. A 911 caller reported two illegals on HWY 90 west at the 12 mile marker. Border Patrol was informed.

Saturday, Feb. 18

12:29 a.m. A woman called to report a loud noise on War Bonnet street. Fort Clark Springs Security was notified.

5:28 p.m. Century Alarm Company reported an alarm sounding at a residence on HWY 90 East. Deputy Manny Pena was informed and enroute to that location.

Sunday, Feb. 19

2:18 a.m. A woman called to report a blue truck with a loud muffler by her house. She requested a deputy check on it. Deputy Ron Ring was notified of the situation.

2:55 p.m. Century Alarm Company called to report an alarm sounding at the school. Deputy Gutierrez was advised of the situation.

10:20 A woman requested to speak to an officer in reference to telephone harassment. Deputy Ring was dispatched.

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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?

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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You need to pay more attention to what your body's telling you. Good nutrition and proper rest should be priorities now. At work, you're still able to focus on what must be done.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Happily, you see eye-to-eye with a loved one this week. The two of you can collaborate on a home improvement project quite well. This weekend, socializing takes precedence.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Business and financial matters are favored this week. In fact, success is yours with a little ingenuity and some hard work. Travel is possible during the latter part of the week.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You spend some happy hours debating issues of the day with a friend. While the discussions are spirited, you manage to get through them without angering each other. Over the weekend, you're relaxed and refreshed.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Do your best to curb your tongue this week. A co-worker in particular has you riled up. Remember, a sharp retort made in anger can lead to nothing but trouble.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're quite energetic this week. Take the opportunity, then, to harness this and handle what must be done. This is particularly true of domestic chores.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You're surprised by a social invitation extended to you this week. You hadn't anticipated it. However, it's obvious your presence is both wanted and welcome; say yes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Try your best to avoid controversy this week. Those around you seem to be in disagreeable moods. In fact, they'll probably be negative just for the sake of it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It's a good week for you to get out and about and enjoy some great weather. Physical activities will be most satisfying. Later in the week, a financial opportunity arises.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You try too hard, this week, to be the life of the party. Make an effort to relax more. If you do, you'll be more successful on the social scene.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your romantic life takes a surprising twist this week. However, it's a pleasant one. At work, you're charismatic and creative.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You tap into some great ideas business-wise. A family member can help with this. It's this person's area of expertise, so be sure to listen.

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Monkeys, snakes and vegetables



Jerry Davenport
Brother J.

Our family visited many beautiful and elaborate temples and saw many strange happenings while living in the Orient. In some temples people prayed and worshipped snakes. If the snake touched or ate food put in front of them, the person that offered the food thought they was blessed. Monkeys, rivers, trees, vegetables and even dead ancestors were worshipped in other places. The question we should ask is, "What should I worship or bow down to or raise up and honor as a God?" When God started dealing with mankind

He informed them who, how and what they could worship. We are only to worship Him and he gets angry if we worship or pray to or bow down to any other God, (Exodus 20:5 and 23:13). We are not to make any form of anything on earth like animals or birds, (Leviticus 19:4 and 26:1). We are not to make things like we think might be in heaven, like angels or whatever, (Deuteronomy 4:15-19). We are also not to worship things in the seas or in the earth, (Exodus 20:4). If we have some of them or are worshipping them, get rid of them, (Genesis 35:2 and 1 John 5:21) and worship the only true and living God, (John 17:3). God promises to bless us if you do, (Exodus 20:6) and a curse if we don't, (Deuteronomy 27:15 and Psalm 16:4). See you in Church next Sunday.

Perceive

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the son of man be lifted up:

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into



St. John's Missionary Church
Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

St. John 3:14-18

Gil Raymer and Larry O'Keefe

are names to remember as **write-ins** for the upcoming elections to the **Fort Clark Board of Directors.**

Pol Advertisement pd. by Woodie Hornburg

Free parenting class being offered at BISD

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Empowering Families
Dr. Donald Smith

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These classes are part of a community partnership among BISD, the churches of Brack-

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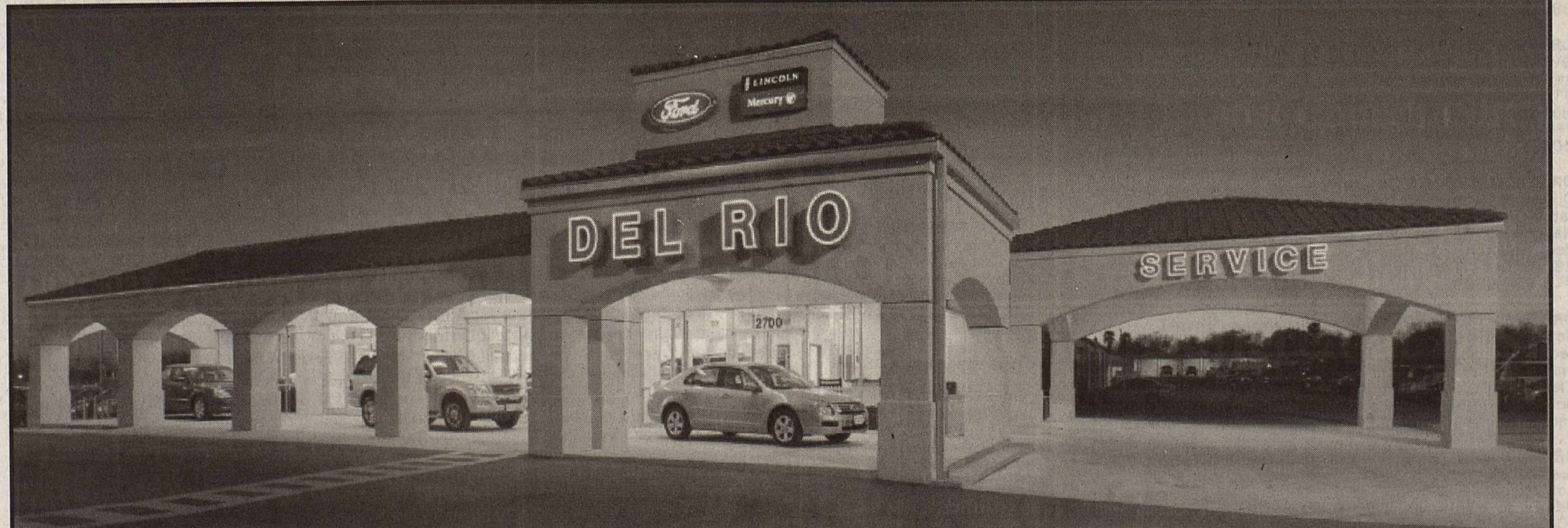
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COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS for Construction Services will be received by the Brackett Independent School District at the School Superintendent's Office, located at 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas, at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 9th, 2006 for following projects:

Proposals shall include the information requested in the Contractor's Qualification Statement Form. Proposals will be publicly opened and amounts read aloud. The District will evaluate and rank each proposal in relation to selection criteria in the proposals within 30 days. Contract Documents may be examined and obtained with deposit of \$100.00 at the following locations: Office of Paula Renken, Superintendent, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832 or John S. Graves & Associates, Inc., Architects, 202 Hornby Place, Uvalde, Texas 78801.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a RULEMAKING HEARING on Monday, March 13, 2006, at 10:00 am., in the Kinney County Courthouse located in Brackettville, Texas.

- The proposed rules address several matters, including: 1. Procedural Requirements for Rulemaking and Permitting; 2. Substantive Standards for Regular Permits; 3. Authorizations for Certain Minor Exceedances.

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