

# The Brackett News

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## Easter Sunday Services

### First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church choir will be presenting a special Easter Musical this Sunday evening, April 16 at 7 p.m. For more information call 563-2245.

### Easter Sunrise Service

The Kinney County Church Alliance will again be sponsoring an Easter Sunrise Service at the Old Quarry Theater on Fort Clark at 7 AM on Easter morning, April 16th. In case of rain, the alternate site will be First United Methodist Church, located next to the clinic on James Street.

### Lutheran and Episcopal Joint Service

Holy Thursday 7 p.m. (foot washing, last supper), Good Friday 7 p.m., Easter candlelight Vigil Saturday 8 p.m. Lutheran Easter Sunday 9 a.m., Episcopal Easter Sunday 11 a.m.

### First United Methodist

Brunch will be served at 9:45 a.m. at Slaton Hall. An Easter egg hunt will be hosted on the side lawn at 10:15 a.m. At 10:45 a.m. Worship, Celebration of the Resurrection and Confirmation will take place. At noon a brief reception for the confirmands will be followed by the first annual "Lonely Rabbits Easter Luncheon". This is a light meal for those who do not have a family Easter celebration planned.

### Frontier Baptist Church

The Frontier Baptist Church will host its Easter Service at 11 a.m.

### St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

Sat., Apr. 15, Service of Light at 8:30 p.m. Easter Mass will be at 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

## News BRIEFS

### Brackettville Bash 2006

The USBP Brackettville Welfare and Recreation Association cordially invite you to the Brackettville Bash 2006 on May 13 at Rendezvous park on Fort Clark Springs. The bash is a family affair so bring everyone. There will be golf, softball and volleyball tournaments. For questions or more information contact any Brackettville Welfare and Recreation officer at (830) 563-6000.

### City Closed for Good Friday

City Hall will be closed on Apr. 14, 2006 in observance of Good Friday. The City Landfill will be closed Friday and Saturday, Apr. 14 and 15.

### Post Office Hours

Service counter hours will be from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.

## Weekend Weather

<b>Friday</b>	Sunny	High: 90	Low: 63
<b>Saturday</b>	Partly Cloudy	High: 95	Low: 64
<b>Sunday</b>	Partly Cloudy	High: 97	Low: 64

# Villarreal wins run-off election

Narce Villarreal defeated Chuck Hall in the Democratic Primary Run-Off election for Kinney County Justice of the Peace Apr. 11.

Villarreal will run unopposed on the November 7, general election ballot.

The unofficial results issued by the County Clerk's Office Tues. night report Villarreal received 716 votes and Chuck Hall received 307 votes.

Villarreal was one of the seven original candidates running for the JP position in the March primary, but fell 79 votes short of obtaining a majority, setting the stage for the run-off election against Chuck Hall.

Hall is a retired BISD teacher and the acting justice of the

Democratic Primary Run-Off											
April 11, 2006											
Unofficial County Returns											
	Early Voting					Election Day					Grand Total
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Narce Villarreal	81	101	91	62	335	103	104	91	83	381	716
Charles W. "Chuck" Hall	42	48	27	53	170	30	32	22	53	137	307

peace. Hall was appointed to the JP's position by the county commissioners after former Judge John Ford was removed from office after being indicted for one count of theft by a public servant and one count of fabricating physical evidence in late 2005.

According to County Judge Herb Senne, Hall will serve out Ford's tenure unless he chooses to resign or Ford is acquitted of the charges alleged against him and reclaims the position.

Villarreal will be sworn in on the first business day closest to Jan. 1, 2007.

## Board of Trustees ok's purchase of land to the City

BISD Board of Trustees voted to sell land to the City of Brackettville for their pending water project on Apr. 10.

Brackettville's attorney, Catrina Longoria presented the board members with a proposition to purchase an 80 x 80 parcel of land at fair market value as a back up for the city's water tower. Longoria suggested two potential sites: one being at the trackfield and the other at the baseball field. The matter is pending further legal review on

both sides.

Jones Elementary School Principal Alma Gutierrez discussed the proposed pre-kindergarten program for the 2006-2007.

The board approved the half day program. The new program will be free and open to all pre-kindergarten students regardless of income.

Gutierrez, reported a total of 241 students enrolled and a total of six discipline referrals. TPRI testing for Kinder will

be on Apr. 19. TAKS testing will be on Apr. 18-19.

Intermediate and Junior High principal Stoney Burks, reported a total of 215 students enrolled and a total of 27 discipline referrals. Fifth graders will take the TAKS second reading exam on Apr. 19.

High School Principal Frank Taylor the UIL team won first place for the third year in a row and the golf teams won first and second in District and advanced to regional competition.



**Girl Power**  
Narce Villarreal will be one of only a handful of women JPs in the history of Kinney County when she takes office in Jan. 2007.

# Water tower project in jeopardy

## City Secretary fears city will lose grant money

By: Allison Taylor  
Managing Editor

City Council discussed the issues regarding the building site for its proposed water tower project in executive session on Apr. 11.

Council came out of its closed session and tabled the agenda item without discussion.

According to City Secretary Bonnie Mayes, the city will actively pursue alternative sites in an effort to prevent the loss of two grants totaling \$500,000 that expire next month.

City Council also tabled discussion and possible action for the Council to discuss and if necessary, declare a vacancy for Alderman Tully Welch's (Place #1) seat due to absences from regular city council meetings.

"Mayor and members of

council, at this time we are here to make a recommendation that the Council take no action on this item based on the illness.

Mr. Welch is excused under both the statute and the City Ordinance from that meeting and the statute requires three consecutive regular meetings, he has an excuse for one so therefore we recommend that the council take no action at this time," said City Attorney, Catrina Longoria.

Mayor Pro Tem Matt Bland then explained that the minutes from the Mar. 14 meeting clearly stated Welch had a doctor's appointment.

Bland also explained that Mayor Joe Garza's repeated phone calls to the city attorney were costing the taxpayers money.

On Mar. 15, Garza asked for

information about the vacant seat at a cost of \$140.

On Mar. 16, the more research was done over that same issue for \$325.

Later, a review letter on Mar. 17, regarding absences by council members cost another \$112.

"A total of \$77.50, which all could have been avoided just by asking Ms. Mayes, asking Mr. Welch if he had an excuse for this meeting as a doctor's appointment," said Bland.

"I would like to state that on (Mar.) 21, a special meeting was called where you announced at that meeting that Mr. Welch had missed three regular meetings.

On (Mar.) 22, Ms. (Beverly) Garcia posts on the internet that Mr. Welch had vacated his seat and that was also on the 24th," continued Bland.

In the discussion regarding

the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department, Lydia Tipps asked Mayor Garza about the proceeds from the recent fund-raisers held at the bar he owns on El Paso Street.

"On Mar. 17, for St. Patrick's was there a fee charged to them for having it there?" Tipps asked Garza.

"No I didn't charge them," replied Garza.

"What about the alcohol that was sold there, did they take the money from that or you made money?" asked Tipps.

"No, they didn't make any money from that," said Garza.

"So who made the money from that?" Tipps said.

"I did," said Garza.

Later in the discussion, Beverly Garcia, candidate for City Council Place 2, reported that no money was made from the dances held at Garza's bar.

"My husband and I covered all of the expenses out of our own pocket for both dances and at the end of the two dances combined, we suffered a loss of \$100.40. So, that was their fund-raisers. It was a deficit balance

of \$100.40. Which my husband paid for out of pocket," stated Garcia.

During Citizen's Communications, Garcia stated she had filed criminal charges on City Secretary Bonnie Mayes on Jan. 13, for two counts of aggravated perjury with Sheriff Burgess and it was moved over to the District Attorney's office in Del Rio on Feb. 13.

"So, there are two counts of aggravated perjury pending against Ms. Mayes which carry a penalty of 2 to 10 years imprisonment and a \$2,000 fine on each count. I also at the same time filed charges against former City Secretary, Bonnie Wardlaw for tampering with government records," said Garcia.

"To the best of my knowledge there are no charges on file with the District or County Court at this time," said District Attorney Fred Hernandez during an interview with *The Brackett News* on Apr. 12.

One clear action taken at this meeting declared April as "Fair Housing Month" after Mayes read a prepared declaration.

## Gose and Sitgreaves study geology

AUSTIN, Texas - GeoFORCE Texas, a summer program designed to inspire students to pursue the geosciences, has selected 40 outstanding Southwest Texas eighth graders for the 2006 GeoFORCE Texas summer academy.

The University of Texas at Austin's Jackson School of Geosciences, which manages the GeoFORCE Texas summer academies in partnership with Southwest Texas Junior College, received more than 100 applications from students at 15 school districts throughout Southwest Texas.

Brooklyn Gose and Jeff Sitgreaves of Brackett Junior High, along with top students from Barksdale, Carrizo Springs, Cotulla, Crystal City, Del Rio, Dilley, Eagle Pass, Hondo, Leakey, Pearsall, Sabinal, Rocksprings, Utopia and Uvalde, was named to the 2006 class.

"The response was terrific and we want to thank all of the students and teachers who took time to complete the application process," said Blaine Bennett, dean of technology and institutional advancement at Southwest Texas Junior College.

GeoFORCE Texas encourages students with high aptitude in math and science to consider careers in the geosciences. The summer academies offer week-long seminars blending college preparatory coursework with hands-on field trips to sites of geological interest around the country, at no cost to the students.

Students selected for the program are committed to attend summer academies for four years throughout high school.

Qualified applicants not selected for the summer academy class, will be invited to participate in Young Geoscientists, a two-day program scheduled July 11-12 in Uvalde on the campus of SWTJC and at various geological sites of interest across Uvalde County.

Funding is provided by industry sponsors Shell, ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil, Chevron, BP, AT&T Foundation, Dominion, Halliburton, Marathon, Schlumberger and Swift Energy Company. The financial assistance supports the program's long-term goals of



**Out on the farm**  
Kinder Student Stella Campos performs in "Old McDonalds Farm" at the High School Auditorium Apr. 12.

Photo by Cynthia Gose

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Geo Force Kids

**Editors Weekly PLOG**

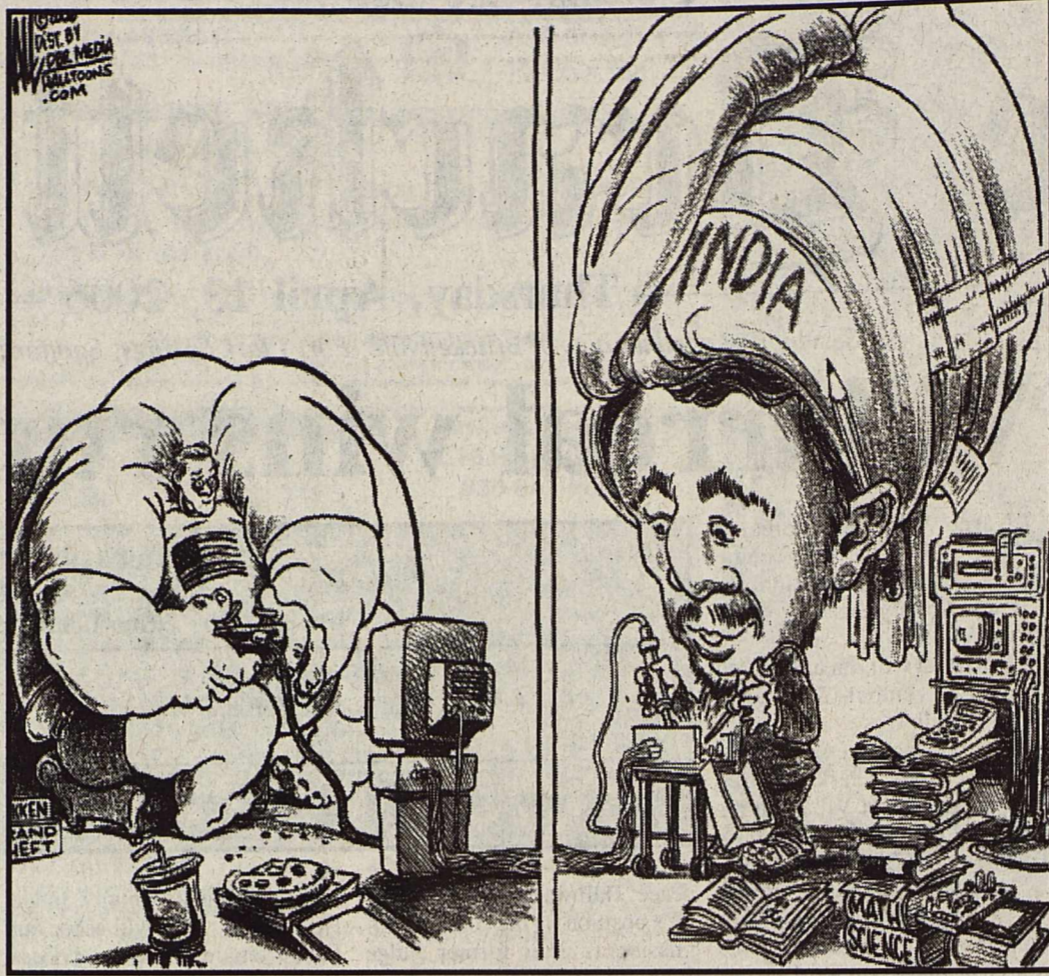
Okay so I changed it to PLOG - with a P!  
 BLOG comes from web log and if you say it fast 10 times, it comes out blog.  
 So PLOG is a paper log!  
 I am glad to hear that people are reading this plog and getting a good laugh out of it.  
 If you want another good laugh or if you are more serious-minded and like a lot of

drama - go to the next City Council Meeting!  
 You'll either laugh yourself to death or you'll cry because there is so much animosity that nothing gets done.  
 One thing is for sure - if you live in the city - you'll be dusting off your voter registration card and standing in line.  
 Let's get some big numbers out on May 13! Leigh V.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

"We will never forget Brackettville and Fort Clark, Texas. The hospitality and warmth of the people shown toward us can not be matched by any other place, I don't care what they do." This was the comment made by one of the ladies on the bicycle tour that came here on April 3rd. I was asked to convey this message on to the people of Brackett and Fort Clark recreation committee, as the ladies didn't have time to do it themselves or they wouldn't make their arrival at the Atlantic Ocean in St. Augustine, Florida on time. A special thanks to Mary Martin and the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Clark ladies who welcomed and fed them lunch, the group who fed them breakfast, and the Sheriff's Department who escorted them in and out of town. As our daughter was one of the bicyclists, we want to add our thanks to all who made the overnight stay for them memorable.

Cecil and Rosa Smith



**News BRIEFS**

**Kinney County Relay for Life**

Support our Tigers and Tigrettes. April 22 there will be a concession stand for baseball at 1 p.m. by Relay for Life Team. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

**Silent Auction to benefit Relay for Life**

Local artist Jean Hood has generously donated a beautiful floral still life to benefit the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Brackettville Relay For Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

The painting is on display at The Gift Box in Brackettville, 302 E. Spring Street, where bids for the silent auction will be recorded. Gift Box owner Paige Weatherby invites the public to stop by and record a bid on this beautiful work of art.

**Performers Wanted**

The Relay For Life will be held May 6-7, at Tiger Stadium. Entertainment will run throughout the night/morning, from 8:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m., to keep Relay participants energized!

Musicians and other performers of all ages, who are willing to donate their time for this very worthwhile cause, please call Cindy Edwards at 830-513-1390, after 5:00 p.m.

**Drawing for handmade quilt benefits Relay for Life**

A beautiful handmade quilt has been donated by cancer survivor Olive Barber, to benefit the Relay For Life. The quilt measures 65" x 65", and is crafted in beautiful hues of purple.

It is on display in the lobby of Rio Grande Electric Co-op, where you can make your donation of \$5.00 for one chance, or \$20 for five chances. Chances for the drawing are also available from any member of the Co-op's Pink Lightnin' Relay Team.



**Capitol Comment**

Kay Bailey Hutchison

Spring in Texas offers a wonderful opportunity to take in the natural beauty of the Lone Star State. An afternoon drive down a highway or a backcountry road is made more enjoyable by the sight of flowers blooming along the roadside. And each year, around this time, we are graced by the return of our state flower - the bluebonnet.

There are over 5,000 species of wildflowers in Texas, but there is something special about bluebonnets. *Texas Monthly* recently listed "75 Things We Love About Texas," and bluebonnets topped the magazine's rankings at number one. Texas offers so much to appreciate, and I commend the magazine's edi-

tors for their choice. As spring arrives, small patches of bluebonnets form. Soon these patches grow into plentiful fields of blue that rival any body of water. The vivid color of bluebonnets makes a wonderful backdrop for a photo. Fields of bluebonnets in bloom are picturesque settings that entice countless families each year to pull off on the side of the road and photograph children, loved ones, and even pets among these wonderful flowers.

This time-honored tradition is an experience that is almost obligatory to be considered a true Texan. Most people who have lived in Texas for any period of time have their own story about taking photos in a field of bluebonnets. When I lived in Austin during my time as State Treasurer, my house had a small patch of bluebonnets in the yard, where I often found parents taking pictures of their children - a welcome sight.

The original bluebonnet,

*Lupinus Subcarneus* (or buffalo clover), was adopted in 1901 by the Texas Legislature as the official state flower. However, *Lupinus Texensis*, the bold, blue flower most popular today, was such a favorite of Texans that the Legislature in 1971 formally recognized *Lupinus Texensis* and any other varieties of bluebonnet as equally the official state flower.

The Texas Department of Transportation does its part to support Texas wildflowers. Each year, the department spreads more than 33,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along the 79,000 miles of the Texas highway system and Texas roadways. Each pound has 170,000 seeds from over 30 varieties of wildflowers.

The department also provides information on the best spots to find wildflowers through a wildflower hotline at (800) 452-9292 that is updated each week as well as an online database (<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/wflwr/>

main.htm) featuring current information from district offices.

Texans also owe a debt of gratitude to Lady Bird Johnson for her contribution to wildflowers in our state. As First Lady in the 1960s, Lady Bird worked to beautify our nation's roadways. She planted bulbs and trees on roadsides and parkways, and was instrumental in the passage of the 1965 Highway Beautification Act, known as "Lady Bird's Bill." In 1982, Lady Bird founded the National Wildflower Research Center in Austin, and it was renamed in her honor in 1998.

The center is full of wonderful programs and exhibits on Texas' natural assets.

Across the state, festivals celebrate bluebonnet season. One of the biggest is in Ennis, "The Bluebonnet City of Texas," where preparations are underway for the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Ennis Bluebonnet Trails Festival. An estimated 100,000 visitors come to Ennis each April to explore

over 40 miles of Bluebonnet Trails sponsored by the Ennis Garden Club. In 1997, the state legislature designated these trails as the official Bluebonnet Trails of Texas.

Of course, there are factors beyond our control that dictate to what extent the bluebonnets bloom. Texas has not received much rain over the past few months, which has led to projections of a low bloom this season. There will always be bluebonnets in Texas; there just may not be as many as in years past, or their color may not be as bold.

For this reason, it especially important this year not to pick the bluebonnets. In fact, it is "against the law" to do so. While this offense does not carry any criminal charges, Texans have a particularly strong sense of right and wrong.

This has been proven by generations of Texans over the years, which is why this state treasure is abundant year after year.

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**Protecting our Ports, Preserving our Past**



**Weekly Report**

Henry Bonilla

Spanning 370 miles of the Gulf Coast, Texas' 29 ports play an important role in the economic viability and add to our state's rich history.

Seaports along the Gulf Coast were built to provide transportation and trade for early settlers.

In the early days, settlers traded Texas' products such as cotton, animal hides, pecans, and sugar, for a variety of manufactured items such as clothing, guns, gunpowder, and books. The Port of Galveston, the old-

est port in Texas, served as the main port for the Texas navy during the Texas Revolution.

In 1922, President Warren G. Harding authorized construction of the ship channel in Corpus Christi leading to the urbanization of South Texas. Today, Texas' ports ship more than 335,000,000 tons of goods per year and the Lone Star State boasts five of the nation's top twenty-five busiest ports.

Up until recently, the most ominous threat to our ports has been hurricanes. The Galveston Hurricane of 1900 killed more than 6,000 residents and decimated the port. Since this tragedy, the Port of Galveston has built a fortifying sea wall, raised the grade of the shore lands, and constructed all-weather bridges to the mainland.

Just north of Galveston, the

Port of Houston benefits from the natural protection being an inland port. While not foolproof, the Houston Ship Channel provides both protection and access for 150-plus private industrial companies. In 2003, approximately 190 million tons of cargo moved through the Port of Houston. All of Texas' ports play a significant role in our state and national economy.

Today, another threat looms. Terrorism and political unrest in the world have made our ports susceptible to dangers not conceived by Mother Nature.

Our ports must be protected. Businesses and employees depend on the safe dependable delivery of products to and from overseas industries. Recently in Congress my committee presented a company owned by a foreign government to manage

American ports.

I strongly believe that it is far too enormous a risk for the security of our nation's ports to be placed in the hands of a foreign government owned corporation. As national leaders, we must consider the enormity of this responsibility.

We cannot risk compromising our economic reliance on sea trade as well as jeopardizing the safety and well being of the American people. It is the responsibility of the leaders of this great nation to protect our citizens and our economic viability. I take this responsibility very seriously.

I strive to increase security at all our nation's borders, whether they be on land or sea. I will continue to monitor this situation and make decisions that will keep our ports safe.

**Saving CBS News: are they telling the whole truth about America?**

By Nathan Tabor  
 Contributing Writer

To hear the mainstream media tell it, Katie Couric will be the savior of CBS News. She's perky, blonde—and getting blonder by the day. She is widely portrayed as a tough interviewer who manages to exude the sweetness of an Iowa poultry queen.

The CBS Evening News—which is consistently dead-last

in the ratings, welcomes her as a breath of fresh air—the type of lady who can attract the under 35 crowd—even though she herself is pushing 50. But it will take more than a Colgate smile and a cheerleader personality to rescue network news, which seems to specialize in bashing anyone considered patriotic, pro-military, or anywhere to the right of Ted Kennedy. It's no accident that, during that dark period of American history between the two Presidents Bush, many ordinary Americans referred to CBS as the Clinton Broadcasting System. It wasn't so long ago that robotic anchorman Dan Rather had to step aside amid the shame of circulating phony documents attacking the credibility of the leader of the Free World. I have never heard a single person complaining about missing Rather and his routine attacks on Republicans. Broadcast journalists such as Katie Couric feign concern for the poor and downtrodden, even as they line their personal bank accounts with millions. As a viewer, you wonder sometimes if they care at all about slandering an honorable American such as Congressman Tom DeLay

since, at the end of the day, they can simply return to their penthouse apartments and gated communities and not have to deal with the hardships in life faced by average Americans. Long ago, viewers tuned out and turned off the nightly news. I don't believe that these former viewers abandoned their interest in civic affairs. I simply know too many baseball dads and soccer moms who are heavily involved in their communities and care deeply about what happens to America. And certainly in the wake of 9/11, people are aware of the fact that the troubled people in a distant land can wreak havoc on the American way of life. People abandoned network news because network news abandoned them. Sure, the networks can try gimmicks to lure viewers back—such as solo female anchors, letting viewers vote for the stories they want to see, and hiring heartthrobs as national correspondents. But that's all just window-dressing.

That the nightly news really needs is a dose of reality. It should be produced by people who live in the real world—the world of ten-year-old cars, monstrous medical bills, and coupon-clipping.

The newscast needs to reflect the world that we actually live in—not the conservative hellhole envisioned by Barbra Streisand and the rest of the liberal crowd. Network news should employ people of real diversity—and that would include people with conservative viewpoints. After all, conservatives lead many of our state legislatures, our businesses, and our athletic teams. Wouldn't it make sense for conservatives to be present in newsrooms as well? The advent of cable and the ascension of Fox News have permitted viewers to see current events from a different perspective—one not colored by left-wing propaganda. After seeing a bit of fair and balanced coverage, many viewers probably decide they simply don't want to go back to network-style nonsense.

It will take more than a pretty face for an effective makeover at CBS News.

It will also take a dedication to the pursuit of the truth, and a willingness to accept the fact that—believe it or not—most Americans love America and don't want to see their President, Generals, and religious leaders routinely mocked on the small screen.

**Host a Foreign Exchange Student**

World Heritage, a public benefit organization, is seeking local families to host high school students from France, Germany, Thailand, Japan, Russia, China, Switzerland, Denmark and Italy. Students are already awaiting word on their host family for the 2006-2007 academic school year.

Host families provide room, board, and guidance for a teenager living thousands of miles from home.

Students are well screened and are selected based on academic performance, English proficiency, teacher recommendations, and personal interviews. Couples, single parents, and families with or without children at home, who are adventurous, fun loving, responsible and most of all caring, are all encouraged to apply.

The exchange students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins in fall. Each student is fully insured, brings their own personal spending money and expects to bear their share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyles.

For more information, call Lisa Roark at 1-800-888-9040 or visit our website at [www.worldheritage.org](http://www.worldheritage.org)

**The Green Thumb**

Most tomato cultivars are either determinate or indeterminate. Determinate varieties grow to a certain height and then stop.

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**Flying Tiger**

Brand Wylie polevaults to win first place and advance to Area with a height of 13'6".

Photo by Katie Braesicke

## Girls varsity track places second

The girls varsity track team placed second at the District track meet on April 6.

The 400 meter relay, including, Anolda Watkins, Daphne Hunt, Bianca Stewart and Samantha Moore placed second with a time of 52.69.

The 800 meter relay, including, Stewart, Hunt, Moore and Watkins placed third with a time of 1:52.3.

The 1600 meter relay team, including, Stewart, Hunt, Bailee Allen and Rachel Swinson placed second with a time of 4:20.2.

In the 3200 meter run, Harmony Pettett placed second with a time of 13:10.1 and Gabby Schroeder placed third with a time of 13:14.5.

In the 800 meter run, Lauren Cornelius placed fourth with a time of 2:39.9 and Katie Braesicke placed fifth with a time of 2:41.9.

In the high hurdles, B. Allen placed third with a time of 16.8.

In the 100 meter dash, Moore placed fifth with a time of 13.7. In the 400 meter run, Swinson placed first with a time of 63.7, Braesicke placed third with a time of 66.7 and Bianca Terrazas placed fifth with a time of 66.8.

In the intermediate hurdles, B. Allen placed third with a time of 51.6 and Becca Mann placed fourth with a time of 52.2.

In the 200 meter dash, Watkins placed third with a time of 27.7.

In the 1600 meter run, Pettett placed third with a time of 6:06.07 and Schroeder placed sixth with a time of 6:12.61.

In the discus throw, Bianca Martinez placed second with 94'5", B. Allen placed third with 94'1" and Allison Del Bosque placed fifth with 83'10".

In the triple jump, Hunt placed fifth with 30'9".

In the high jump, Stewart placed third with 4'8" and Moore placed fifth with 4'6".

For the JV girls, Summer Allen placed fourth in the high hurdles with a time of

20.3. In the 800 meter run, Brenda Tate placed third with a time of 3'09".

In the intermediate hurdles, S. Allen placed fourth with a time of 60.0.

In the 400 meter relay B. Tate placed sixth with a time of 76.8.

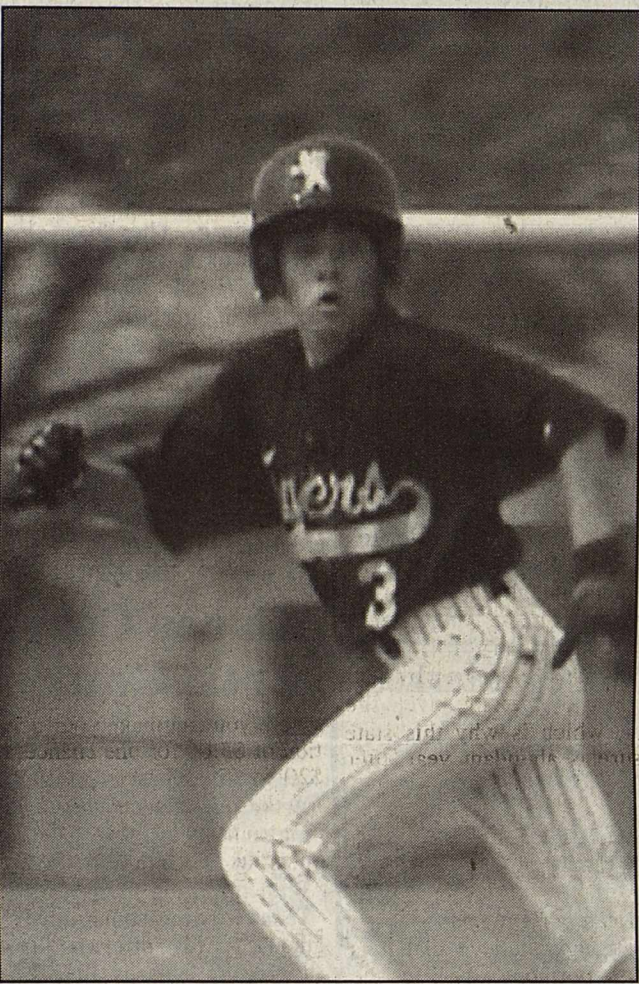
The following Varsity girls qualified for the Area track meet in Flatonia, Rachel Swinson, Anolda Watkins, Daphne Hunt, Bianca Stewart, Samantha Moore, Bailee Allen, Harmony Pettett, Gabby Schroeder, Lauren Cornelius, Katie Braesicke, Becca Mann and Bianca Martinez.

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**Tiger Baseball**

KJ Bonner steals second at home against La Pryor.

Photo by Francii Wylie

## Geo Force Kids

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increasing the number of students - specifically minorities and females - who enter into the geosciences and increasing awareness of the importance of Earth science in everyday life.

From July 15-22, members of the 2006 summer academy class will visit The University of Texas at Austin campus, stay in dorms and attend professor-led classes before flying to Washington, D.C., to meet professionals at the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, VA.

While in Washington, students will tour the Natural History Museum, the U.S. Capitol, and the Lincoln and Vietnam Memorials.

*Silhouettes*  
by Joyce Wade

A treasured family heirloom \$15 per sitting All proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society

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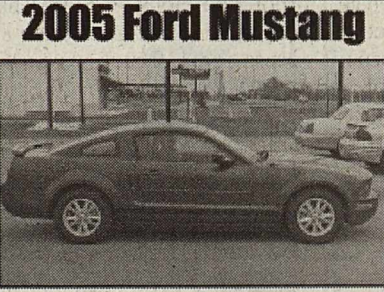
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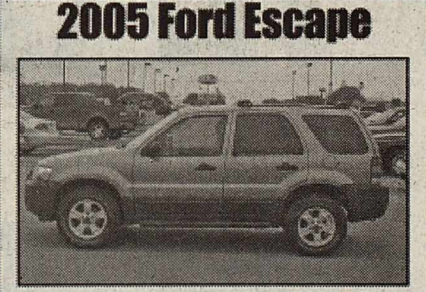
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## Brackett Boys Golf send two teams to Regionals

The Brackett Boys Golf Team will be sending two teams to the Region IV Golf Tournament in Brenham.

The Boys first team recently won the District 30A Golf Tournament in Castroville by shooting 321. Seth Frerich won the District tournament by shooting 79.

Justin Calk finished second with an 80. Martin Flores 3rd place, 81. Travis Nowlin 4th,

with an 81. Lane Nowlin 5th, with 83. The boys second team finished second with a total of 362. Miles Braesicke got 6th shooting 88.

Other second team members include Mason McWilliams, Sam Childress, and Tres Rueda. Ashley Stephenson finished second by winning a playoff, and also advances to the Regional Tournament on April 24-25 in Brenham.

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**Happy 50th!**

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Charlie and Billie Foust, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 26, 2006 at the Frontier Baptist Church in Brackettville. Brad and Lark Whitaker hosted the celebration. Mr. and Mrs. Foust were married on March 29, 1956 at the First Baptist Church in Prairie Lea, Texas.

## Notice about Chickenpox

Submitted by:  
BISD School Nurse, Francine Collins.

BISD has confirmed a case of chickenpox in school. Chickenpox is a very contagious disease caused by a virus. It is easily spread through the air by sneezing and coughing or through contact with someone's chickenpox sores.

**What you need to know:**  
If you or your child have not been vaccinated for chickenpox or have not had the disease, you or your child may develop chickenpox if exposed to an unprotected person. Any person with chickenpox if exposed can spread the disease to other unprotected persons. Even if your child received the chickenpox vaccine, he/she can still get chickenpox (but more mild illness) and spread it to other persons. If your child should develop a rash, Do Not send your child to school. Keep them home until all of the blisters have crusted over. This usually takes about 7 days from the beginning of rash in unvaccinated children and 3-5 days in vaccinated children. If your child or anyone else living in your house has never had chickenpox and has not been vaccinated against chickenpox (varicella), contact your doctor and ask about vaccination. It is especially important for pregnant women who have never had chickenpox or the vaccine to notify their health care provider to let them know that chickenpox has occurred at your child's school.

Although chickenpox is not usually a serious illness, it sometimes leads to severe complications such as pneumonia, encephalitis, or bacterial infection. This is why preventing the disease with varicella vaccination and keeping ill persons away from unprotected healthy persons is important. (Varicella vaccine is recommended for everyone older than 12 months of age who has never had chickenpox.)

Signs and symptoms of an unvaccinated person: Typically consists of 250-500 chickenpox sores and other body symptoms. Can have skin infections and other more severe complication, mild fever, rash will last 5-7 days, small fluid filled blisters on the skin, a red base which break open and crust. Signs and symptoms of a vaccinated person: Milder disease with fewer than 50 chickenpox sores, few body symptoms, no severe complications, low grade fever or no fever at all, rash will last only three days or less, resemble insect bites (may not be fluid-filled.)

Warning! Never give aspirin to a child who had fever. It has been lined to a rare disease called Reye Syndrome. Do not use aspirin or any remedies which contain Salicylates for fever or symptoms that accompany chickenpox. Many drugs contain salicylates; therefore, you should read all labels carefully. (Academy of Pediatrics, 6/82).

## Second Graders perform at Rotary

A group of second graders presented part of a program on Character Education to the Rotary Club on Thursday, April 6. The students sang a song entitled "To Tell the Truth" that emphasizes the importance of being truthful and taking responsibility for your actions. Mrs. Plunk and Mrs. Conoly presented a power point program based on training received by Gene Bedley in January. He is the chief executive officer of the National Character Education Center and has developed the "Character Classics School Program" that is presently being used in over 7,000 school districts across the U.S. Bedley has received recognition for his work in character training. He was awarded the National Outstanding Educator of the Year by the National PTA in 1986 and he is also a Paul Harris Fellow (Rotary Recognition of Outstanding Achievement.) Bedley's focus is on children learning the importance of making better choices. The character values program will be included in the Pre-K through 4 curriculum next year. Leisha Ashley who was present at the program to watch her son, Walt perform was so impressed with the program that she donated half of the money needed to begin the program next year.

## KCGCD approves permit

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District approves a permit for John Boerschig. The District approved to let the General Manager, Darlene Shahan, issue a permit of three acre feet per acre with certain stipulations or conditions that require a progress report and lack of a report requires the permit to be reviewed. All members of the board were present including, Duke Meek, Beth Ann Smith, Cecil Smith, Chris Ring, Tootsie Herndon, Chuck Hall and Don Hood.

## Kinney County Arts Council

Fun activities for area school children are "in the works" and will be the focus of the Kinney Arts Council's scheduled meeting on Monday, April 17 at 5:30 p.m. at FCS's "Adult Center." With matching funds from the Texas Commission on the Arts, the KCAC will offer and finance enriching classes in art and dance. These projects are separate from the school's summer programs, however, they are designed to offer an opportunity for local students to develop their interest and talents in these areas.

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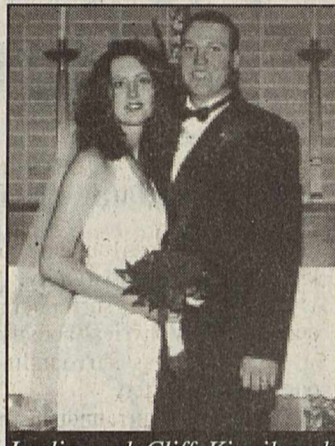
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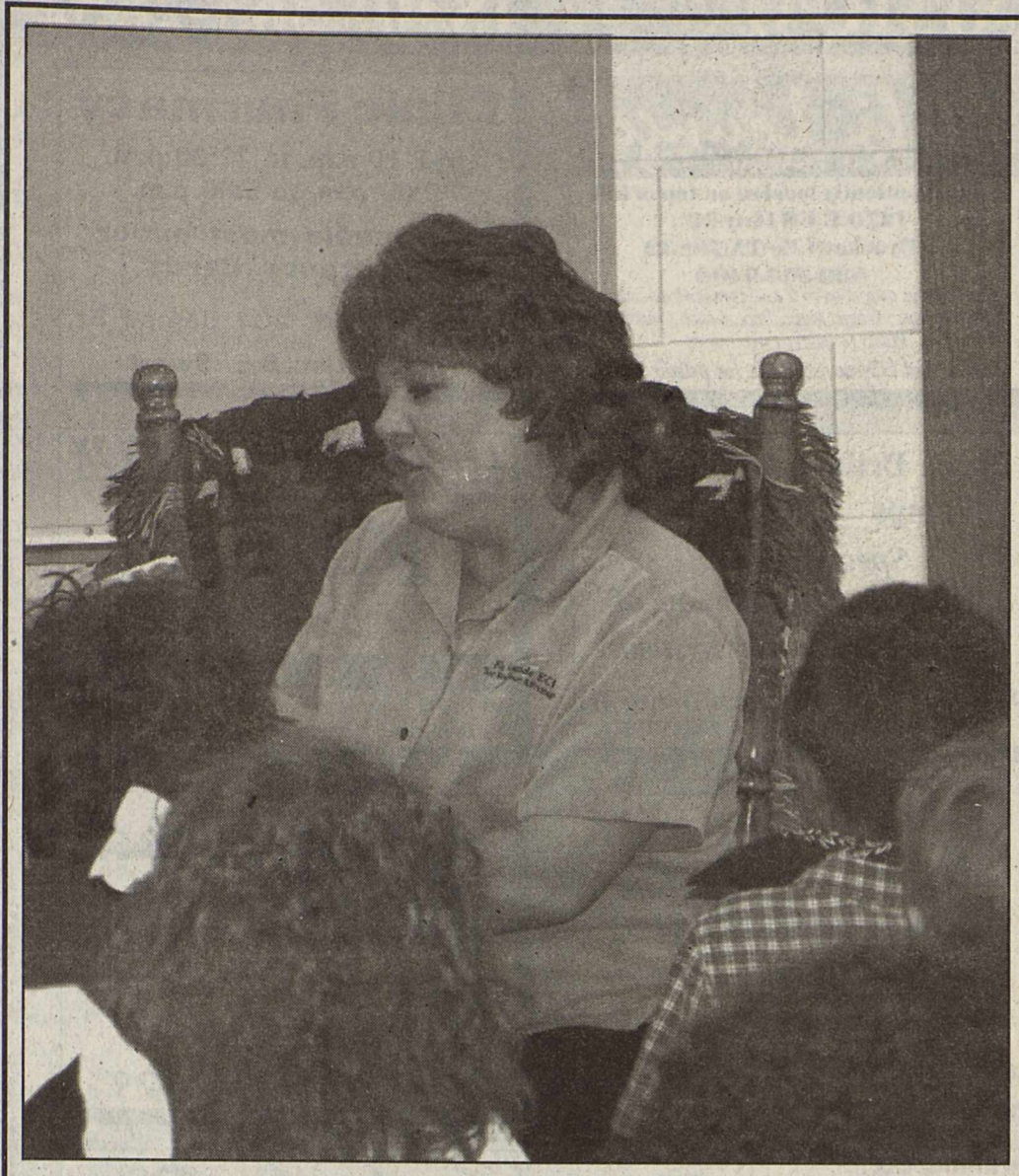
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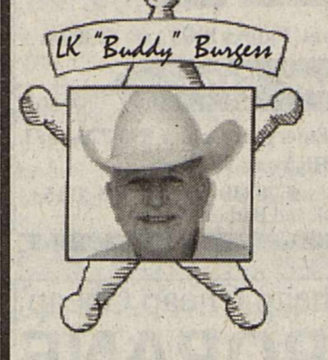
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**Library Week at Bisd** Courtesy Photo  
Cindy Edwards of Rio Grande Electric Co-op Inc. reads to elementary school children during National Library Week.

**Kinney County Sheriff's Report**



**Wednesday, April 5**  
11:55 Ismael Mireless Ibarra, 46, was arrested for public intoxication by Deputy Kenneth Frietag. Ibarra was released with time served on April 7.

**Thursday, April 6**  
3:06 p.m. A radio transmission was received in reference to a one vehicle rollover on Hwy. 277. Maverick County EMS was advised and enroute to the location and requested assistance from Kinney County Sheriff's Office.

3:35 p.m. A woman called to report an individual had hit a deer on the Fort and needed a deputy to write an accident report. An officer was in-

formed of the situation.  
3:45 p.m. Michael Tunnar, 28, of Kansas, was arrested for possession and theft by Deputy Frietag.

4:04 p.m. Fort Clark Security called to report that someone had hit a deer and that it was still alive but injured and requested that a deputy shoot the injured deer. An officer was dispatched.

4:26 p.m. A 911 caller reported a vehicle driving reckless. An officer was dispatched to the location.

**Friday, April 7**  
6:00 p.m. A person came into the office to report that he was not allowed to pick up his children on his weekend.

6:00 p.m. Uvalde County Sheriff's office called to request help from our fire department on three fires at Montel. Assistance was enroute.

**Saturday, April 8**  
2:10 a.m. A 911 caller reported an individual that was intoxicated at her residence. An officer was dispatched.

10:20 a.m. Fort Clark Security called to request a Deputy on Fort Clark to assist with two cars racing. Deputy Donald Paige and Deputy Frietag were advised of the situation.

5:54 p.m. A 911 caller reported an unusual individual outside of her house. Deputy Paige was dispatched to the location.

6:00 p.m. A Border Patrol agent reported loose goats on HWY 693. Owner was notified.

7:29 p.m. A woman called in to report a fight at her house. Deputy Paige, Deputy Frietag, Deputy Manny Pena, Deputy James Blankenship and Deputy Ron Ring were dispatched and reported that everything was okay.

9:14 p.m. A 911 caller reported that his car had been stolen. Deputy Frietag and Deputy Paige were advised.

**Sunday, April 9**  
11:42 a.m. A man called to report a loud car. Deputy Paige and Deputy Frietag were dispatched.

8:17 p.m. A 911 caller reported two individuals who had their vehicle stuck under a bridge outside of Uvalde. Uvalde Sheriff's office was advised.

8:57 p.m. A man called to request a deputy check on the welfare of his children. An officer was dispatched.

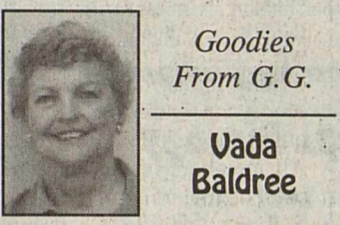
12:05 p.m. Damon Dale Bean, 33, was arrested for driving with an invalid license by Trooper Noe Fernandez. He was released the same day on a \$1,000 bond.

**Important April Health News**

**Submitted by:** Barbara Hogan, Region 8 Public Health Nurse

community design) and the health and safety of our children. Actions by family, city and county policy can improve the health and safety of our children. For example, are there safe routes for children to walk to school? Families and schools are encouraged to increase childrens daily exercise. For more information contact your health department.

**New tricks for those burned pans**



**Goodies From G.G.**  
**Vada Baldree**

I must share a most important tip learned this past week that really saved a treasured pyrex pan. It may someday help another.

While preparing a milk based soup, I neglected to watch very carefully not to let the tempera-

ture get too high. To my horror the milk had severely burned to the bottom of the pan. Despite soaking, gently scouring with special products or boiling with vinegar made the slightest change.

After much searching method was found that worked like magic. Here's what to do. Cover the entire burned area generously with baking soda. Gently add enough water to moisten, making a very thick paste. Do not stir! Let set approximately 3 hours. Using a plastic scraper or credit card, you can scrape the entire mess off.

**Egg Custard Pie**  
5 whole eggs  
1/2 stick butter or margarine  
1 rounded Tbsp. flour  
1 cup sugar  
2 cups milk  
1.2 tsp. vanilla and nutmeg  
Cream butter, sugar and flour. Beat eggs in one at a time. Add milk and beat well. Put in unbaked pie crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 - 35 minutes. Chill at least 3 hours.

**CORRECTIONS:**

On April 6, 2006, The Brackett News accidentally omitted the Fort Clark Recreation Committee as a sponsor of the luncheon for the Woman Tours: Page 1, "Women ride for awareness." 23, 2006.

Also on April 6, 2006, Page 1, Simmons crowned Miss Kinney County, The Brackett News erroneously stated the Miss Kinney pageant had not been held in more than 30 years and the first Miss Kinney County was 1971. The information was taken from a pageant production company press release dated April 4, 2006.

If you know the names of any past pageant winners or have any historical information, please contact the editor at 830-563-2852 or tnews@sbcglobal.net.

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CAN YOU FIND  
WRONG WITH  
THIS PICTURE?

CAN YOU DECODE  
THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE?

great-gt+dng of+10  
os ask-sk sm+  
think-k+g 2

ANSWER-READING OFTEN  
IS A SMART THING TO DO.

AMY IS GOING TO  
A BIRTHDAY PARTY.  
CAN YOU DRAW  
WHAT YOU THINK  
SHE SHOULD WEAR?

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Stewardship week; Water Wise

Submitted by: West Nueces-Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District

The West Nueces-Las Moras Soil & Water Conservation District Urges People To Be Water Wise

The West Nueces-Las Moras SWCD wants to urge everyone to be "water wise", during its annual Soil and Water Stewardship Week celebration. The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) has proclaimed April 30 to May 7, 2006 as Stewardship Week, with the theme Water Wise.

Many of us may take our water supplies for granted. But a large network of private and government agencies help protect, treat, and deliver our water. In the United States, over 53,000 community water treatment systems deliver drinking water to millions of people. Over 13,000,000 private wells provide water to families and businesses. Agriculture, electric power generation, industry, and transportation all depend on water resources.

We want to help people in Kinney County realize how important it is to help conserve water.

Water is one of the most pressing resource issues facing our country, especially in times of drought such as the one we

are experiencing now. Every person can help conserve water. It's easy, it helps the environment, and it usually saves money.

During Stewardship Week, the West Nueces-Las Moras SWCD has promoted this year's water wise theme through our annual poster and essay contests for the children. We had 69 entries this year from the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

Water wise activity sheets will be handed out to the younger children and prizes are awarded to the winners.

The West Nueces-Las Moras SWCD is a member of the National Association of Conservation Districts (www.nacd.net.org), which oversees the Stewardship Week program. Stewardship Week is one of the largest national annual programs to promote conservation.

NACD represents the nations 3,000 conservation districts, which were established to encourage resource conservation across the country.

For more information about Stewardship Week and conservation, contact West Nueces-Las Moras SWCD at 830-563-2414 or visit the Stewardship Week website at www.stewardshipweek.com.

You don't have to be a wise old owl to find out how to be water wise.

It was a victorious hunt – for the turkeys

I just returned from my annual outdoor writers hunt for spring turkeys. This hunt was sponsored by Thompson Center and Hunters Specialties. This year it was on a ranch near Seymour, Texas.

I grew up in that part of the country. I lived in Seymour for a couple of years and my grandmother LaMascus taught school there. I actually grew up at Benjamin, about 30 miles west of Seymour. Back in those days, the '60s, there were no turkeys there. Nor were there any hogs or deer. I remember when Joe Doby the County Agent in Knox Country, shot a deer out on the Brazos River, in a patch of timber on the old League Ranch called the Big Timbers. It was the first deer I had ever seen and may have been the first deer shot in Knox Country since the depression. I remember people driving over from Munday and Knox City just to see it. Now there are deer everywhere, turkeys are thick along the creeks and rivers, and hogs are a bloody nuisance. The ranch we were

hunting on has to kill or trap over 3000 hogs a year to keep them in check and there are still far too many.

My hunt started off with a bang. Before sunrise on the first morning I had shot a nice hog. Then, shortly thereafter I called up a really mangy looking coyote. He came in on the side of the guide and didn't give me a shot. The guide, trying to be a nice guy, kept hissing and pointing, trying to show me the coyote. I guess he didn't realize I'd been watching it for a couple hundred yards. I finally got up and ran to the top of the little knoll we were sitting on. By that time the coyote decided there were safer places to be and was in high gear. I flung a shot at it at about 200 yards, but it only spurred him to greater effort. Still, it was fun to see him coming to the call.

After this we got down to the business of trying to shoot a turkey. I walked and called until I was worn out. All the other hunters were having to beat the turkeys off with sticks and I couldn't



Brush Trails  
Steven R. LaMascus

even get one to talk to me. Each day a different guide would tell me, "Don't worry, I've got a honey hole. We'll have one on the ground before it gets full light." And every evening he would come in with his head hung low, not having called in a single bird. It got so that I was feeling sorry for the guides. I was destroying their self confidence. It got to be a joke around the lodge that I was on a mission from God to teach humility to swell-headed turkey guides.

The last morning I got my only chance. The wind was blowing nearly 40 miles an hour and the forecast was for a real, old-fashioned, dust bowl-type dust storm. The calling was hopeless, but we were determined to make one last valiant

effort. My guide was putting and purring and making every other kind of turkey talk he knew. Just at first light a gobbler flew down to eat corn from a feeder a couple of hundred yards away. The guide called and cajoled, but the gobbler wouldn't even look up. I finally decided to take a shot. I was shooting a Thompson Center Encore Pro Hunter in the hot .204 Ruger. I got into a comfortable sitting position, found the turkey in the crosshairs, and squeezed the trigger. At the shot the turkey jumped but didn't run. I thought I had my turkey, but it didn't fall over. Instead it nonchalantly walked off. We went to check but there was no turkey and no blood. I had missed – hunt over.

Still, I had a great time. I was hunting with some good folks in some great country. Everyone else in the party managed to tag at least one gobbler, and most bagged two. For me, well, there is always next year. Maybe next season it will be some else's turn to teach humility to overconfident turkey guides.

New Edition of Texas State Park Guide Available

AUSTIN, Texas — With the publication of the 3rd edition of the *Texas State Park Guide*, Texans and others now have one less excuse not to get outside to enjoy spring weather and breathtaking scenery and learn about the state's colorful history.

An easy-to-use Table of Contents, centerfold Texas state park locator map and three-page grid detailing facilities and activities make planning your next outing to one of the more than 115 state parks and historic sites a breeze.

Guide users can flip right to the kind of recreational activity that appeals to them, whether it be hiking, biking, horseback riding, fishing or just chilling out in a river or lake.

Or open the booklet to page 12 and peruse the variety of overnight accommodations in state parks from lakeside cabins to mountain lodges.

A recently completed on-site survey of 11,000 state park visitors confirmed that the 112-page guide is one of the primary sources used to

find out about more than 600,000 acres of public land, with 61 percent saying it had influenced their decision to visit a Texas state park or historic site.

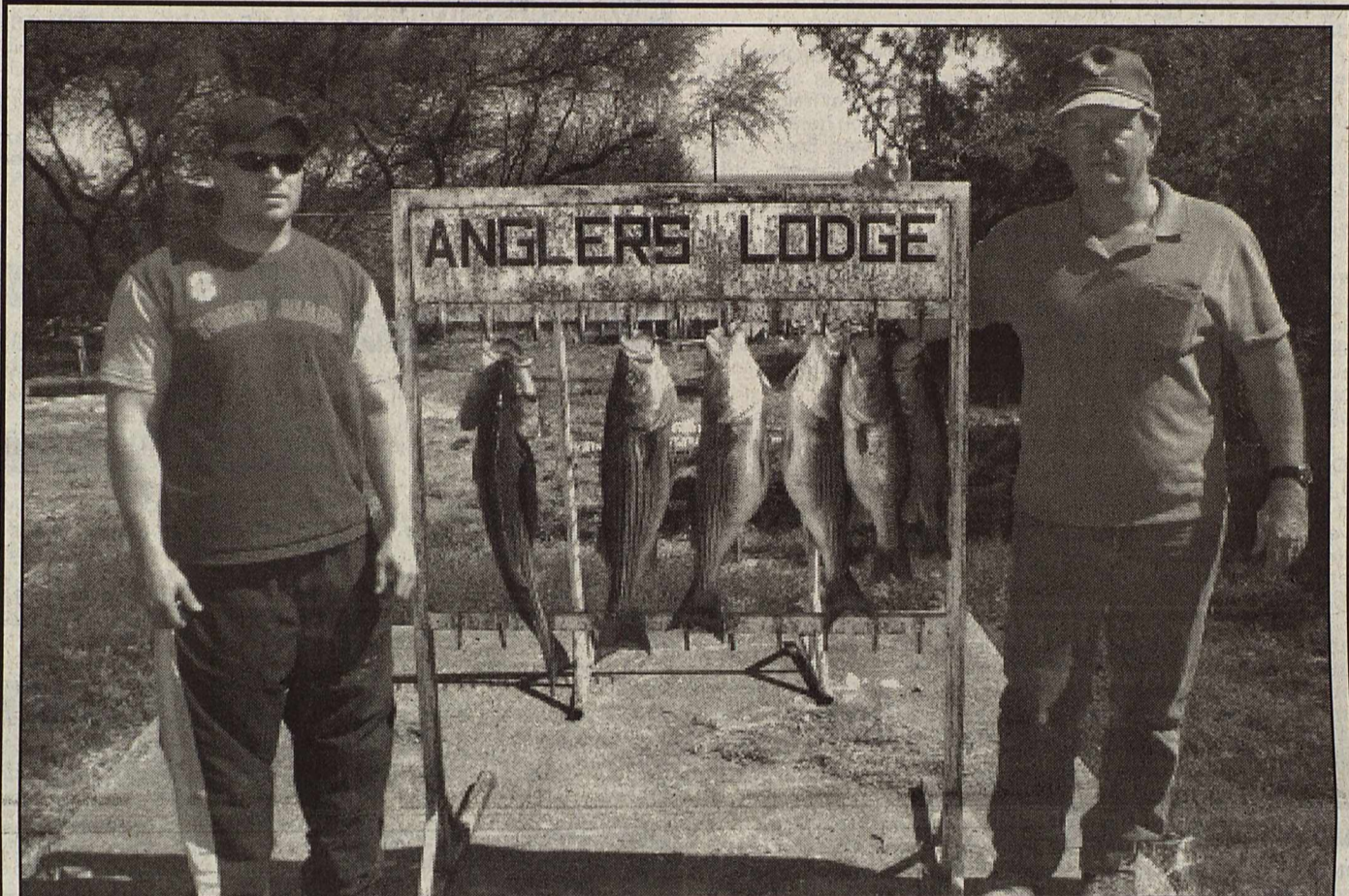
Some 43 percent of those surveyed indicated they had a *Texas State Park Guide*.

"The third edition is intended to be a ready-reference guide related to the entire state park system," said Walt Dabney, state parks director. "Texas is mostly privately owned, so if you like to go out and enjoy the outdoors, state parks are some of the primary places to do so."

Approximately 500,000 copies of the handy-sized booklet were printed by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and can be picked up free at any Texas state park, most TPWD law enforcement offices, the state's 12 Travel Information Centers and at various chambers of commerce and convention and visitor's bureaus.

The guide is available, too, as a downloadable PDF file on the TPWD Web site in English and Spanish.

A new page, "Remember



Got Fish?  
Josh Crumley (left) and James Crumley (right) caught these fish at the Amistad leak. The largest fish caught was 14 lbs.

Texas," shines a spotlight on important legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

The booklet's State Park Directory, which is organized by the state's seven tourism regions, include vignettes about each park and historic site, as well as an address and telephone number.

Symbols with each listing provide visual cues about the various facilities and activities to be found at a particular site.

The *Texas State Park Guide* also spells out the different types of state park user fees and special park passes, as well as details about how to reserve campsites, group shelters and other facilities.

SPIRITUAL LIVING

Special Team is important

Recently there was a minning accident in an area where an old friend of mine lives.

He has worked deep underground in the coalmines for years and volunteered years ago for a special team that goes into the mines and tries to rescue trapped miners. He has had success but has been trapped himself and almost killed several times.

One time as he was entering a mine to rescue trapped miners, the mine exploded and blew him out of the tunnel. He was unconscious and had broken bones but he survived.



Jerry Davenport  
Brother J.

They had to seal up the mine and never reenter. He says, "One life is worth it!". My friend reminds me of someone and a very special and yet tragic event that took place years ago about this time of year. It was when Jesus Christ, the only begot-

ten Son of God died on a cross for us, (John 3:16). His birth, His sinless life, (Romans 5:19) and finally His death was the way that God tried to reach down rescue us from being trapped in our sins, (Romans 3:23 and 6:23).

I can't imagine what a trapped miner must feel when he see a little beam of light when the rescue team finally breaks through. It was that same way on that day when Jesus shed His innocent blood for us, (1 John 5:11-13).

See you in Church next Sunday.  
Brother J

Jesus Crucified



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

And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed on his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying Hail King

of the Jews!  
And they spit upon him and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying Eli

lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Jesus when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

And he hold the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent.

Matthew 27:29-31, 45, 46, 50, 51  
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- Proposal A: Track Renovations for Brackett ISD.
- Proposal B: New Concession Building for Brackett ISD.


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:

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COMESTO	THEPOINT	
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PLANT	LIV	REVUE
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