

# The Brackett News

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## KCGCD to review first water transport application; Grass Valley hopes divining rods will shake all the way to Laredo

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD) established a timeline to process the applications filed by Grass Valley Water, L.P. at a preliminary hearing on June 5.

The applications filed by Grass Valley are requesting 9,998 acre feet of water, per year to be sold, pumped and transported to the City of Laredo for public supply use.

The KCGCD has never held a hearing for the transportation of water out of Kinney County before and is under tremendous public scrutiny.

The water Grass Valley hopes to transport is to be drawn from wells located north of town on land owned by Uvalde Ranch Partners at Ranch Road 334 and Farm To Market Road 3199.

KCGCD records indicate Grass Valley originally submitted their applications on June 3, 2005 and the applications were declared administratively complete on March 7, 2006.

The motion submitted to the District by General Manager, Darlene Shahan read:

1) Designation of the General Manager and Applicant as parties; and 2) Rulings on procedures and schedules for the hearing as follows:

June 5, 2006: Preliminary hearing to name parties (conditionally) and set schedule. Ruling that all direct evidence must be prefiled as affidavits or sworn written testimony and with the witness required to be present for cross examination at the hearing as a prerequisite to the acceptance of the testimony

into the record. Ruling that public comments may be submitted until June 30, 2006.

June 9, 2006: deadline for Applicant to provide the general Manager and all parties and to post on Applicant's website the full application and all studies or reports that Applicant may offer as part of its direct case or that Applicant's witnesses may rely upon in their testimony on the direct case. Deadline for General manager to mail to all parties the proposed permit.

June 16, 2006: Deadline to file all motions to challenge standing of parties and to challenge the jurisdiction of the District to proceed with the hearing.

June 23, 2006: Deadline to file responses to motions.

June 30, 2006: Rulings by

the Presiding Officer on challenges to standing.

July 7, 2006: Deadline for filing all affidavits, sworn written testimony and other documents or evidence that any party intends to offer for consideration by the Board.

July 17, 2006: Deadlines to take depositions, and to file objections to affidavits, prefiled testimony and documents filed to be evidence.

Aug. 1-3, 2006: Ruling on motions and consideration of any challenges to the rulings of the Presiding Officer, objections to parties. Brief oral public comments by non-parties (2 minutes each maximum) and deadline on submission of any written public comments. Start of hearing on the permits.

The timeline was adopted by

a unanimous decision. Directors Duke Meek and Christopher Ring did not attend the meeting.

Twenty people completed hearing registration forms, but only nine gave testimony during the public comment portion of the meeting.

The majority of the public testimony was not in favor of the district approving the Grass Valley applications and many stated their concerns for the welfare of the people in Kinney County.

"I own property adjacent to the Postell Ranch. I have a big question, the district has only allocated a little over 8,000 acre feet for the Edwards in Kinney County and I know they've asked you to up that to 25,000 acre feet, but if you permit them what they're asking for - which

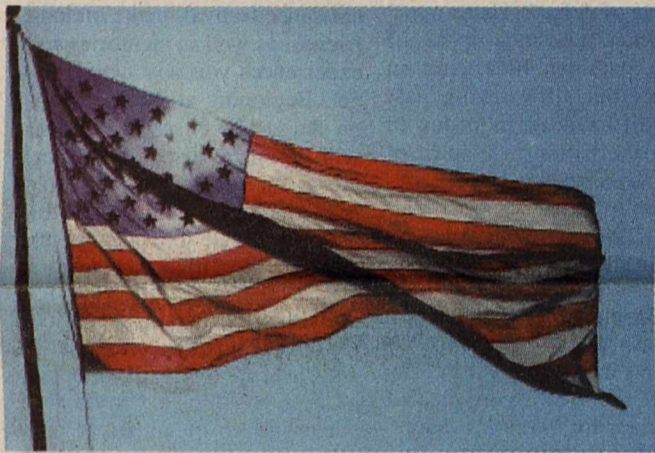
is over 11,000 acre feet - then obviously you've got the process all backwards. And if you up it to 25,000 acre feet, then you're allocating almost half of that amount to one property owner and that's unfair," said Lloyd Lee Davis, Jr.

In the face of a tough battle against public opinion, Grass Valley's attorney was very positive in an interview with *The Brackett News*.

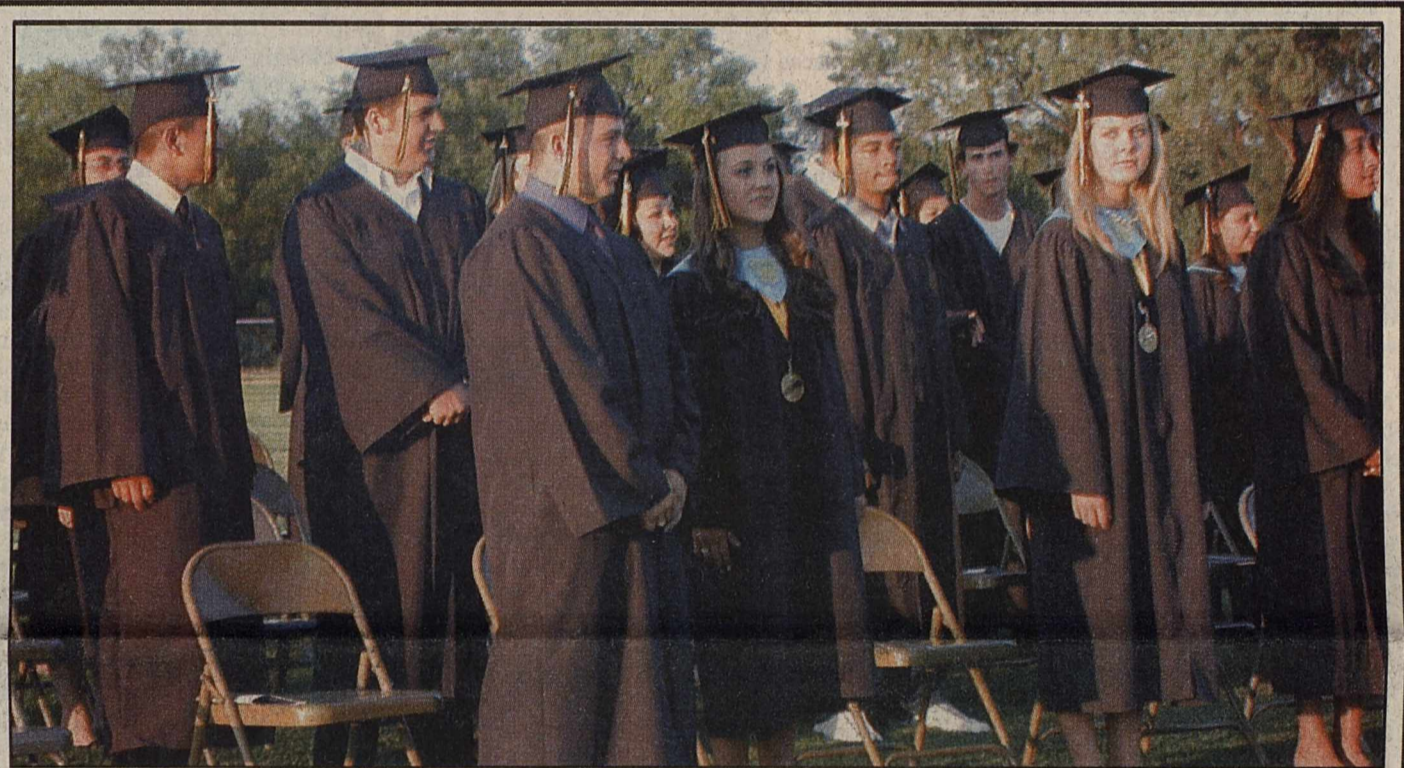
"We thought it was a good meeting and we appreciated the comments from the public. We look forward to presenting our case next week as we have the science to develop well fields and put protections in place for the natural springs and for the off-site landowners," said Michael Booth of Booth, Ahrens & Werkenthin.

### News BRIEFS

## Show your colors Flag Day



June 14



### And So They Go Forth...

Members of the Class of 2006 wait patiently to receive their diplomas from School Board President Henry Lutz on June 2. Brackett ISD Superintendent Paula Renken was the guest speaker.

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

### July 4th Salute

On June 29, TBN will be publishing photos of our military servicemen and women, past and present. To Submit a photo: Photo must include Name, Rank & Service, Date of Service and relation to Brackettville (i.e.: lives in town, grandmother resident of FCS, graduated from BHS, etc.) Photos can be scanned while you wait at TBN office, 507 S. Ann Street or emailed to [tbnews@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tbnews@sbcglobal.net). Photos left at the office must have return address on the back. Deadline for submission is June 20 at 5pm.

### Heart of the West Wildlife Trail

The newest sign near the entrance of Historic Fort Clark is a designation from the State of Texas Parks and Wildlife for the Heart of the West - Roadrunner. This indicates to visitors that this Parks and Wildlife Preserve Offering rare opportunity to catch something worth while on the recognized Wildlife Trail. Brochures and maps are available on [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

### Baseball Tournament

Brackett 14U Select Baseball will be hosting a tournament on Sat. June 10 with games starting at 8am. The tourney will run all day with a full concession stand of breakfast tacos and burgers. A brisket dinner plate will be sold at 5pm. Teams competing: Del Rio, Sonora and Brackett. Admission is free so come out and support the boys!

### Summer Lunch Program

The Brackett Independent School district announces the sponsorship of the summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided at the school cafeteria, located at 400 N. Ann St.. Beginning June, 6, through June 29. Breakfast will be served beginning a 8:30 am until 9:30 am and lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 am until 1pm. In accordance with Federal law and US Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call 800-795-3272 or 202-720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

### Pastor Ordination

Roger Baker, former pastor of the First United Methodist Church will be ordained in Corpus Cristi on June 10. Representatives from Brackettville will be traveling to Corpus to show their support. Supporters will be dining with the Bakers at the Waterstreet Seafood Restaurant in Corpus on June 9 at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in sending a message to Rev. Roger and Sue Baker, please mail cards and letters to: Rev. Roger Baker c/o FUMC, PO Box 93, Brackettville, TX 78832 or email: [fumcbr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fumcbr@sbcglobal.net). For more information, please call 830-563-2823.

## Winners announced in Rio Grande Electric Co-op essay contest

Submitted By Rio Grande Electric Co-op

Billy J. Steelman, Jr. and Brandy Smith, both of Brackettville High School, are the winners in Rio Grande Electric Cooperative's 2006 "The Cooperative Advantage" Essay Contest. The two local students topped the field of fifteen entries, representing an area from Carrizo Springs to Carlsbad, NM, and west to the Big Bend Region.

Both winners say the Dell Inspiron 6000 WIFI laptops and peripherals they received will serve them well on their respective career paths. Steelman, who was a senior this year, plans to join the Air Force and become a computer programmer. Smith, who was also a senior, plans to attend UTSA this fall. This is the third time Ms. Smith's writing skills have earned honors in RGECE's essay contest.

To compete, entrants were instructed to write a 500-700 word essay on "The Cooperative Advantage". The Board of Directors reviewed all entries without knowledge of name or address of entrants. Judging was conducted at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors, which was held May 17, in Fort Stockton.

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc., headquartered in Brackettville, TX, is a member-owned, non-profit electric cooperative, serving rural residents in eighteen counties in Texas, and two counties in New Mexico. With offices in Brackettville, Carrizo Springs, El Paso, Fort Stockton, Dell City, and Alpine, RGECE employs approximately 100 rural residents. RGECE has a strong history of community service and promotion of sustainable rural development throughout its 27,000 square mile service territory. RGECE also maintains the electrical distribution system for Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX, the nation's largest Army Air Artillery Base.



### Brandy Smith

Photo on Right: Network Administrator Conrad Dalton and Brandy Smith.

### Joe Steelman

Photo on Left: Director of Human Resources/Administrative Services Patricia Taylor, Billy J. Steelman, Jr., and Network Administrator Conrad Dalton.



### Weekend Weather

#### Friday

Sunny  
High: 100  
Low: 72

#### Saturday

Sunny  
High: 101  
Low: 73

#### Sunday

Sunny  
High: 100  
Low: 73

### Summer fun at Smiley's

Local favorite, Sterling Smiley Goodloe, will be hosting activities for the youth June 22 - 24.

June 22: A free puppet show will be held at 7:30 p.m. for ages headstart - fourth grade.

June 23: Free movie night for fifth and sixth graders.

June 24: Free movie night for seventh - twelfth graders.

All activities will be held at 405 N. Fort Street and moms and dads are very welcome.

Goodloe, a Brackett graduate (Class of 1976), recently returned to Brackettville and is currently employed by Brackett ISD.

### Planning for Independence Day underway

Submitted By Independence Day Planning Committee

World War II Veterans are cordially invited to attend, as a special guests, the annual Kinney County, Brackettville, Ft. Clark Springs and Spofford American Independence Day Celebration on July 1.

Planning committee members have invited Veterans Band of Corpus Christi play rousing military songs and other great music of the nineteen forties.

The band will be under the direction of Ram Chaves.

Each year the planning committee recognizes a special group of veterans and names them as honoray Parade Grand Marshals.

The Grand Marshal Float will be in front of Brackett High School (across from Super S) at 8:30 a.m. and the parade is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

The parade will proceed South on Ann St., turn east on Hwy.90, then turn right into Ft. Clark Springs and end at the Swim Park.

Excerpts from the Declaration will be read by retired Sr. Master Sgt. Bob Nelson, followed by our speaker, State Representative Tracy King.

Certificates will be given to the WW II Veterans. Lt.

Col. Star Smith will be the Master of Ceremonies.

A light lunch will follow. Certificate holders will receive a free lunch.

**Editors Weekly PLOG**

This week I am celebrating my wedding anniversary. Last weekend, as part of our pre-celebration, we ate at one of my favorite places in Del Rio: Memo's on LaSoya Street. Some people in the far corner were celebrating 50 years of marriage and I got a little choked up. I admire couples with staying power, but at my age, I don't know if I'll see my 50th anniversary. I love to see people succeed and fifty years of marriage is a success. If I happen to make it to fifty, I'm going to celebrate in grand style! I'd like to go to Vegas and get remarried (to the same guy I have now!). I want to dress like Priscilla Presley and Jim dress like Elvis and all the children can dress like back-up singers and I'd have a big cake and I'd want the preacher to dress like Jimi Hendrix. Start Smiling Right Now! Leigh V.

**Letter To Editor POLICY**

The Brackett News welcomes and encourages letters to the editor. Letters should not exceed 350 words and be on subjects of interest. The editor reserves the right to refuse or edit all letters submitted for length, potentially libelous statements and accuracy of information. All letters must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification purposes. All writers must provide proof of identity. The Brackett News will not publish letters sent via e-mail. Letters published and viewpoints of columnists do not necessarily reflect the editorial beliefs of this newspaper.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

A recent issue (May 4, 2006) of The Brackett News featured a front page article concerning the procurement of land for a new water tower for the city of Brackettville. There were a few statements in the article which need some clarification.

To quote from the article, "City officials were forced to discuss relocating their pending water tower project or forfeit grant money (sp) totaling over \$500,000, after St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church and C.C. Veltman, of Kerrville, made claims of ownership on the land. The contested land is across the street from the Catholic Cemetery on the northeast side of town."

The land in question where the water tower was to be placed is directly in front of the gate to the Catholic Cemetery.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Deacon Joseph Goebel was contacted on Thursday evening, March 30, 2006, by Mr. Robert Haley, a court-appointed lawyer from Del Rio, who had been retained to represent the Veltman/Zuehl interest in a case which was to appear before District Judge Thomas Lee on Monday, April 2, 2006. On advice of Church lawyers, a letter was written to Judge Lee asking that this case be postponed, so that the church could clarify our position as a party to the case.

Deacon Jim Bader and Mr. Lloyd Lee Davis, president of St. Mary Magdalene finance committee, met on Sunday, April 2, 2006, with Mayor Joe N. Garza, Jr., at the cemetery to discuss various possibilities of sharing the land and solving the conflict. The church asked to retain the property directly west (in front of the cemetery gates) and south of the cemetery, which also provides access to the county cemetery. There is a large triangular piece of land to the north of the Masonic cemetery, which would be ideal for the water tower, as it is the highest part of the land in question. Mayor Garza was apparently unaware of the proposal placement of the water tower and agreed that the northern triangular section was the better place.

On Monday, April 3, 2006, Judge Lee "suspended" the case. Later, the Brackettville City Council tabled a proposal concerning this project, stating they didn't believe they had enough information. Meanwhile, BISD Board of Directors had been approached about the purchase of land beside the track field. This purchase has since been agreed upon, according to The Brackett News of May 18, 2006.

The citizens of Brackettville need to know that the triangular portion of this land could have been obtained for the water tower. The city bought the original case, with a claim that they were unable to locate any members of the Veltman/Zuehl family. St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church only asked for a fair share of the land where the cemetery has been located for many years.

**If it was then like it is now...**



General Washington has been opening intercepted British dispatches! Will the colonies tolerate this kind of misconduct??

**Howard Dean backs democrat**

By Nathan Tabor  
Contributing Writer

A political party chief is a lot like a football coach. He has to recruit quality players...try to mold them into champions...and produce a winning record.

Otherwise, he's likely to be benched from the political game forever.

So, you would think that a national political party chairman would do everything possible to re-elect proven winners from his party. After all, control of both houses of Congress could hinge on the outcome of races in some key states.

But, let's face it—Howard Dean, the chairman of the Democratic National Party—is not your typical party chairman.

Dean's quixotic quest for the Presidency led to the founding of an organization known as Democracy for America. (As if democracy in America is some sort of new concept). Well, Democracy for America isn't about to back a proven vote-getter—even if he is a stalwart Democrat. Instead, the organization is endorsing "upstart challenger" Ned Lamont.

Democracy for America is blasting incumbent Democratic Senator Joe Lieberman for doing the unthinkable—supporting the President. The organization goes so far as to call Lieberman "George Bush's favorite Democrat." The group claims good old Joe has supported the President on "issue after issue." These is-

ues include things like supporting the nominations of Justices Roberts and Alito to the U.S. Supreme Court—a move that—shockingly!—most Americans also supported.

Lieberman also had the audacity to support the President's war on terror. And he once issued this statement which—horrors!—borders on the patriotic: "It is time for Democrats who distrust President Bush to acknowledge that he will be Commander-in-Chief for three more critical years, and that in matters of war we undermine Presidential credibility at our nation's peril."

In a time of war—when our nation's security is at stake—Lieberman dared to suggest that Democrats shouldn't say anything that might jeopardize our efforts to win a war against an amoral enemy. And for this, Democracy for America wants him punished?

And what were Lieberman's other unforgivable transgressions? The Vice President called him "a fine U.S. Senator." If Dick Cheney had called him a national disgrace, would that have been a good reason to back Lieberman?

There are rumors that the President considered Lieberman for a post in his Cabinet. Now, we don't know if Lieberman would have accepted such a position, but the fact that George W. Bush might have even considered him for one of the most important posts in Washington

is apparently reason enough to throw Lieberman out of office.

And what will Lamont do that Lieberman won't? Apparently, he'll provide a knee-jerk negative reaction to every Bush policy that comes down the pike.

Democracy for America suggests he'll be criticizing Bush for threatening our moral and economic future, our civil liberties, and our nation's security. He'll also advocate "a new direction in Iraq." Would that be in the direction of defeat? There was a time when statesmen spoke of ending partisan bickering in Washington...of working past party differences in order to govern the nation in a spirit of unity and teamwork. But Democracy for America wants no part of that. The organization's leaders want all discord—all the time. If the President says "yes," they want Democratic members of Congress to say "no"—apparently, no matter what the issue.

And the irony here is that Democracy for America is adopting policy stands which, if put up for a democratic vote of the people, would probably lose hands-down. This organization is clearly misnamed. It should be referred to as Liberals for America. Or make that Liberals against the American President. Democrats who veer from the radical liberal line and dare to say a kind word for a Republican President need not apply for any political post—even if they do have a winning record.

**News BRIEFS**

**National home-ownership month**

Owning a home helps to give families security and a sense of pride and it is an important part of the American way of life. Nearly 70 percent of all Americans now enjoy the satisfaction of owning their own homes. USDA Rural Development is proud to have had the opportunity to assist almost 250,000 Americans achieve their homeownership dream since the start of the Bush Administration. USDA Rural Development faces the challenge of finding innovative ways to place families in the housing they need with payment they can afford. We are achieving this goal with programs that make guaranteed loans through approved financial institution, require no down payment and provide mortgage interest rates for as little as one percent, depending on income levels. If you would like to find out more about one of our Housing programs, contact the Uvalde Local Office at 830-278-9503, ext 4 or visit <http://rurdev.usda.gov.tx>

**2006 Job Fair**

June 1, 2006 - Plantersville, Texas - King Henry VIII and the Texas Renaissance Festival has decreed Saturday, Aug. 12, as the 2006 Job Fair. Over 5,000 jobs each season are filled to make up the 8 weekends of the Texas Renaissance Festival. All positions are paid and all interviews are held at the Festival Site. The Texas Renaissance Festival offers the chance to participate in the world's largest renaissance festival, make lifelong friends, as well as memories and experiences you will never forget. Beginning at 9 a.m. Sharp on Aug. 12, Festival Vendors will be onsite to conduct interviews for positions that hired immediately, as they seek to fill 300 additional job opening for the upcoming season. Hawkers, Salespeoples, Food Vendors, and other exciting opportunities make up only a few of the available job openings. Experience in these positions is helpful, but not required for consideration. This upcoming season runs for 8 consecutive weekends, Sept. 30 - Nov. 19 and all positions available at the Job Fair are paid. For detailed information about Job Fair, Registration, Directions and Location, please visit [www.TexRenFest.com](http://www.TexRenFest.com) or call 1-800-458-3435.

**The Upstagers present Night Watch**

A psychological thriller by Lucille Fletcher involving a neurotic heiress named Elaine Wheeler who tells her husband and the police that she has seen a dead man in the building across the way. The police are skeptical. Even her husband has doubts. Is Elaine imagining things, or is there a murdered man? The plot thickens as Elaine's agitation increases and the suspense builds to a chilling climax. Curtain opens at the Paul Poag Theatre at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 16, Saturday, June 17, Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24. Tickets are available at The Veranda, The Emporium, Del Tex RV, Simply Beautiful, The Firehouse and the LAFB Outdoor recreation center. Adults: \$9.00 in advance or \$12.00 at the door. Students: \$6.00 in advance or \$9.00 at the door.

**Del Rio Rotary Club hosts annual Independence Day Celebration**

The Del Rio Rotary Club is hosting their third annual Independence Day Celebration on June 30th and July 1st. There will be a Rotary Rodeo with thrills, spills and chills for the whole family! Events will include: Bull riding, steer wrestling, bare-back bronco busting, girl's breakaway roping, calf roping, team roping, ladies barrel racing and lots more. There will also be food, beverages, arts and crafts. Advanced ticket sales: Ramada. Sponsorships are available, contact Tony Hernandez at Amistad Bank - 830-775-0295. Rodeo Queen Candidates contact: Pat Bowers at 830-774-1833.

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**Blessed are the persecuted**

By Gina Parker  
Contributing Writer

Christian conservatives and their religious expressions are often under assault by ACLU liberals and their friends in the Federal judiciary. Although this is not a new battle, it is a fight that has continued for 17 years in this one instance.

Outside San Diego, California, a cross has graced the hill-top of Mount Soledad since 1913. In 1954, the Mount Soledad Memorial Association replaced the first simple red-wood cross erected by local residents.

The Association upgraded the cross as part of a war memorial honoring veterans of World War I, World War II, and the Korean Conflict.

For thirty-five years, the Association maintained the memorial and added exhibits, walls, and plaques commemorating our fallen soldiers.

The anti-religious liberal zealots of the ACLU, however, will simply not tolerate public expressions of faith, patriotism, and respect for our fallen heroes. In 1989, the ACLU along with atheist Philip Paulson filed a federal lawsuit demanding removal of the cross. Citing the fictitious wall of separation between church and state, Federal Judge

Gordon Thompson of the Southern District of California sided with the ACLU and ordered the city of San Diego to remove the Mount Soledad Cross.

The citizens of San Diego were understandably outraged. While the liberal Ninth Circuit Court rejected the city's appeals, San Diego voters in 1992 approved Proposition F, which transferred ownership of the land from the public to a private non-profit corporation. Judge Thompson again intervened on the pretext of invalidating the transfer because of alleged defects in the bidding process.

The public countered by attempting again to sell the property in 1998.

This time five potential buyers submitted bids, and the Mount Soledad Memorial Association made the highest bid. Again, the ACLU and its cohorts protested and alleged the sale was made just to keep the cross in place.

Amazingly, the judicial tyrants of the Ninth Circuit agreed again!

The sale was blocked, and the court again ordered the city to remove the Soledad Cross.

To their credit, the San Diegans refused to allow the will of the people to be suppressed easily. Last summer 76% of the population voted to donate the

land to the Federal government for a national war memorial. Not so fast, said Judge Thompson, who ruled the ballot measure to be an "unconstitutional aid to religion." Today, city activists and politicians have resorted to pleading with President Bush to designate the land and the cross as a national war memorial.

Never in our nation's history have the opponents of the free exercise of religion worked so hard to deny the will and faith of the people. Matthew 3:10 says, "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Regardless of the fate of the Soledad Cross, the faithful of San Diego and those who support them have earned their blessings.

Gina Parker is the CEO of Dental Creations, a dental manufacturing company, and is also a successful attorney. Ms. Parker serves as a Perry appointee to the Texas Commission on Licensing and Regulation. She serves on the American Family Radio Advisory Board, and she was both the former Republican Party of Texas Treasurer and Associate General Counsel. Ms. Parker was a former candidate for Chairman of the Republican Party, and she now speaks on issues of national importance, including the need for judicial

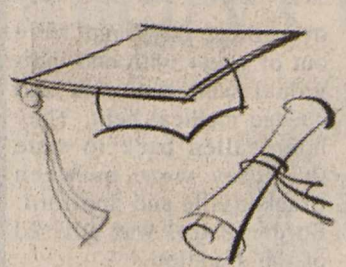
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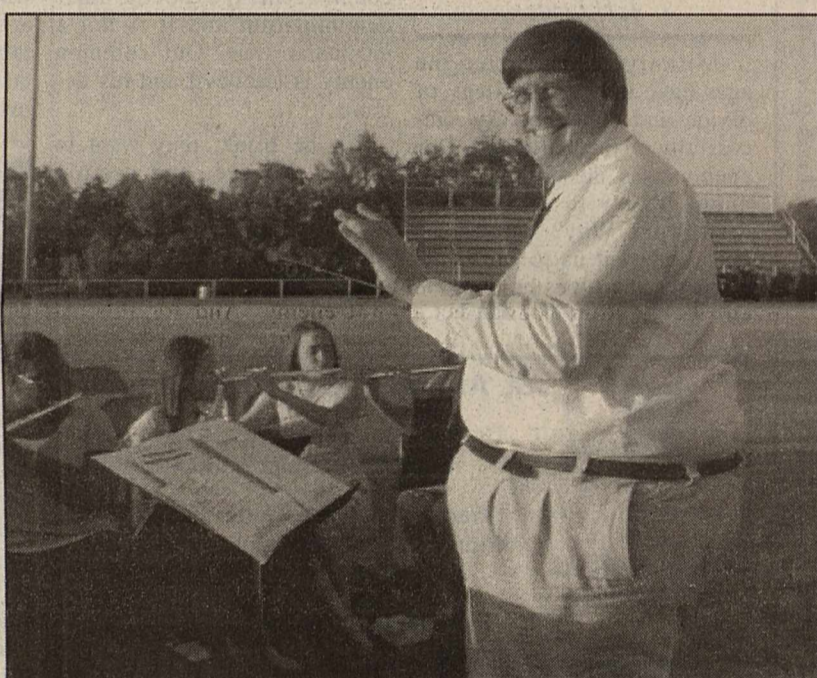
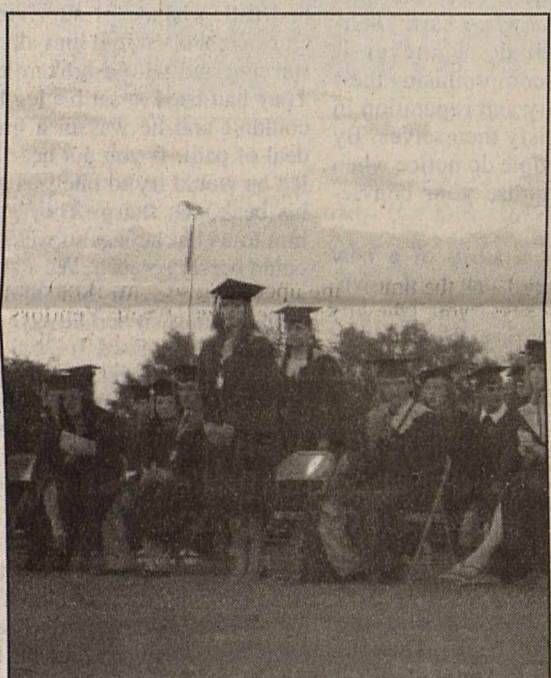
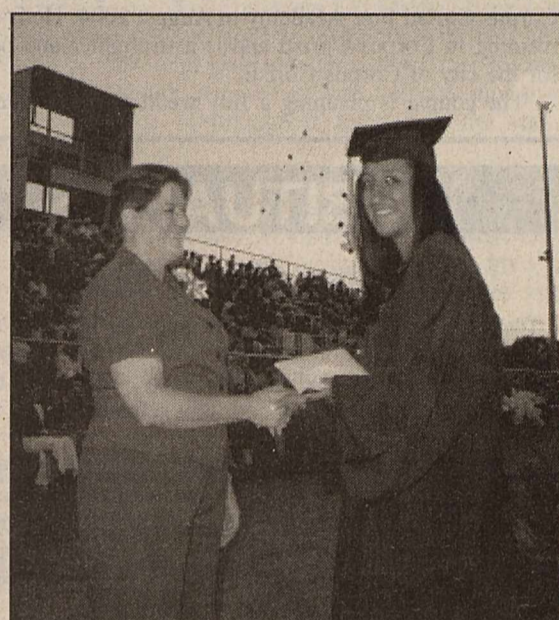
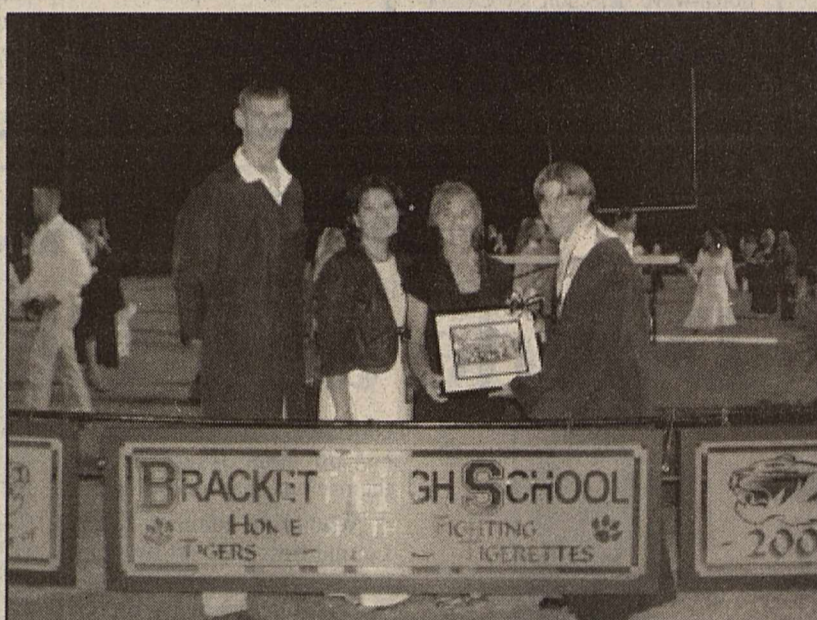
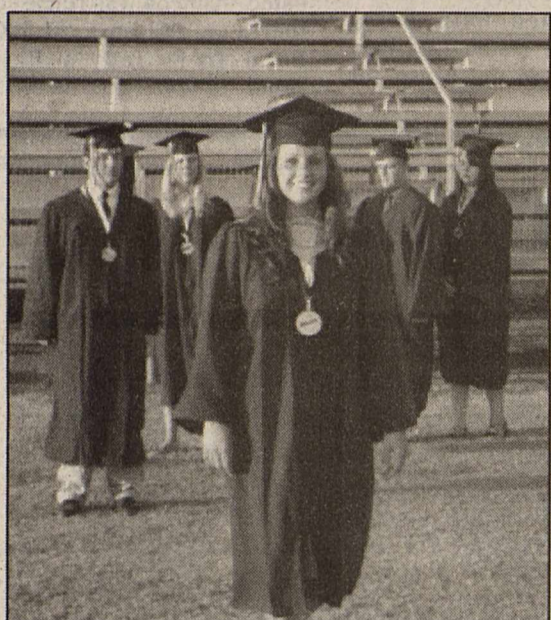
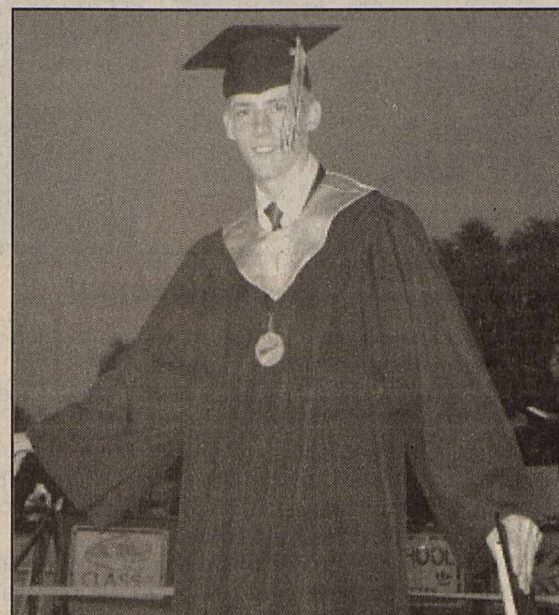
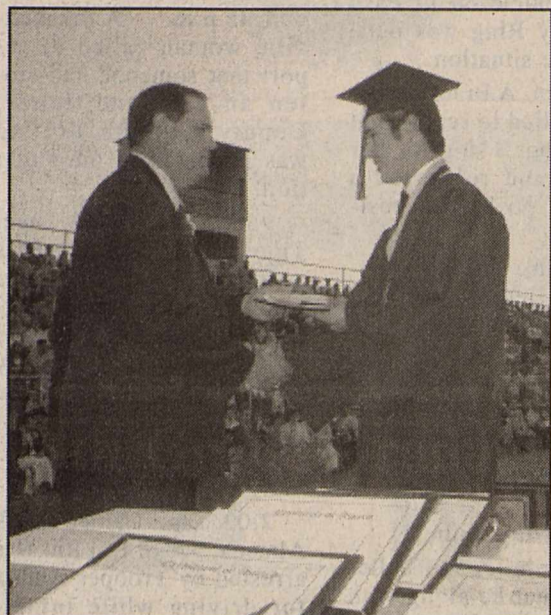
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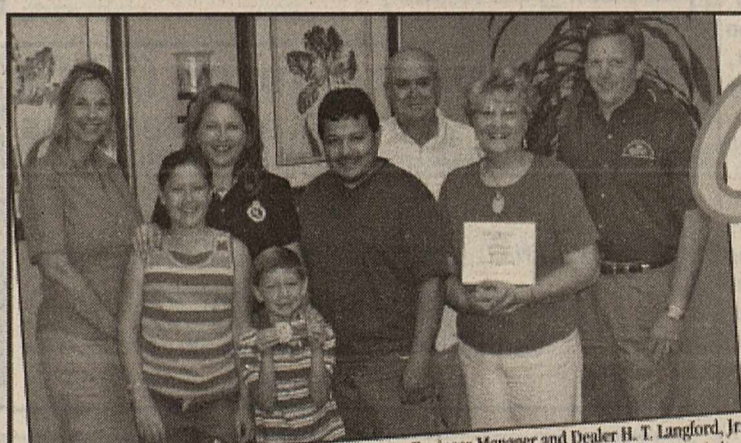
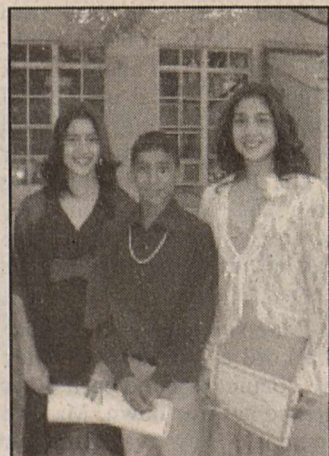
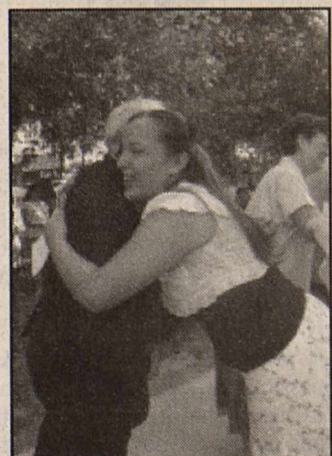
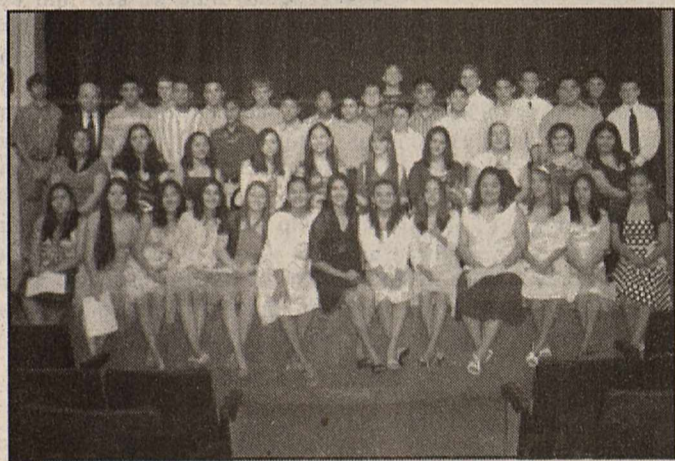
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Fax and Copy in our business center at 507 S. Ann St.



# Graduation 2006



## 8th Grade Graduation



**The Winners Are...** Jo Anne Flores, Regency Business Manager and Dealer H. T. Langford, Jr. (right) congratulate the winners in our recent Test Drive Giveaway. Tracy Hopper, center, won the 32 children Jeffery and Brittany won a \$2000 Wal-Mart Shopping Card; Johnny Arreola, right, received a \$500 Gift Certificate for a 19-inch LCD Flat Panel TV and Raymond and Gloria Schwartzlose, left, received a \$500 Gift Certificate to Regency's Service Department.

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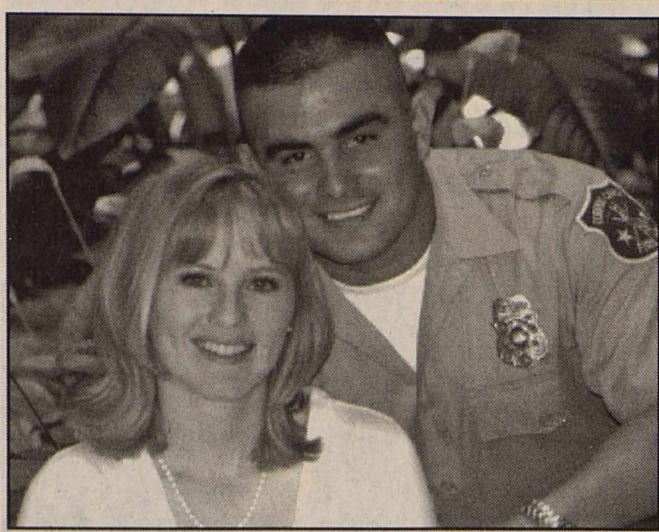
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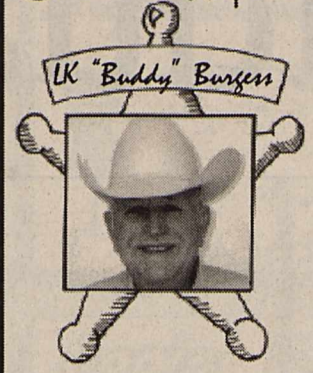
**Rendon - Baxter Engagement**

Jennifer Lynn Baxter and Robert Aranda Rendon announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter of Kerry and Cindy Baxter of Uvalde and DeWayne and Bonnie Mayes of Brackettville. She is a 1999 graduate of Uvalde High School and attended Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi. She is currently residing in Corpus Christi and is branch office administrator for Bankers Life and Casualty. The prospective groom is the son of Roberto and Sonia Rendon of Uvalde. He is a 1998 graduate of Uvalde High School. He attended Del Mar College and graduated from the Corpus Christi Fire Academy in August 2004. He is currently residing in Corpus Christi and is a firefighter and paramedic for the city of Corpus Christi. The couple is planning a July wedding in Uvalde.

**Garrelts - Cramer Wedding announcement**

Alyssa Cramer, Louisville, Kentucky and Rick Garrelts, Odessa, Nebraska are planning a July 1 wedding at Mt. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Louisville. Parents of the bride are Leo Walsh and Lisabeth Dunman, Louisville and Michael and Darlene Crame, Sykesville, Maryland. Parents of the groom are Richard and Mary Marrelts, Odessa. The bride is a 2002 graduate of Seneca High school in Louisville. She will graduate in May from the University of Louisville with a dual Bachelor of Science degree in physics and mathematics. Her fiance is a 2001 graduate of Amherst High School. He will graduate in May from the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics. Upon graduation, both will pursue doctoral degrees in physics at Purdue University where they will be employed as graduate instructors. The couple met in 2004 while conducting research on gravitational-wave detection for California Institute of Technology. Rick is the grandson of Elise and the late Emert Huntsman of Brackettville.

**Kinney County Sheriff's Report**



**Wednesday, May 31**  
4:35 p.m. A 911 caller requested that he needed a deputy due to a possible fight. A Deputy was dispatched.

**Thursday, June 1**  
3:02 p.m. A 911 caller reported a head on collision on HWY 277. Maverick County SO requested units to respond just in case.

10:22 p.m. A Brackettville woman went by the SO stating that there were some kids trespassing

at her grandmother's house. Deputy Ron Ring was notified of the situation.

**Friday, June 2**

12:25 a.m. An anonymous caller reported a suspicious vehicle on El Paso St. Deputy Ring was notified of the situation.

5:40 p.m. A Brackettville woman called to report that her neighbor's dog bit her daughter and requested a deputy to go by her residence.

9:51 p.m. A Pico's employee called stating that there was going to be a possible argument at the Pico's parking lot over a truck being sold to an individual. Deputy Ring was advised of the situation.

**Saturday, June 3**

12:35 a.m. A 911 caller reported that he along with three other people were lost and needed help being found. He stated that they were lost in the brush for

over three days and were out of water with one individual who was sick and needed medical help. They later called back to state that they were between Brackettville and Spofford. Border Patrol was advised of the situation.

1:45 p.m. A Brackettville woman called to report that someone had stolen an air conditioner. Deputy Kenneth Freitag was informed of the situation.

9:41 p.m. Miguel Angel Tijerina, 29, of Eagle Pass was arrested by Trooper Alaniz for driving while license suspended. Tijerina was released the next day on a \$1,500 bond from Judy's Bail Bond.

**Sunday, June 4**

2:02 a.m. Daniel Clark Almeda, 32, of Del Rio was arrested by Trooper Alaniz for driving while intoxicated. Almeda was released the same day on a \$1,500 bond from Judy's Bail Bond.

**OBITUARIES**

**Patsy Gayle York**

There will be a celebration of Patsy's life June 15, 2006 at the Ft. Clark Administration Building Rose Garden at 7 p.m. with a plaque and rose bush dedicated to Patsy. Following the dedication there will be fellowship and light refreshments at the service club. Patsy Gayle Earwood York departed this world on May 17, 2006. After the passing of her husband Leo "Bodie" York in Dallas, Texas, Patsy moved to Ft. Clark Springs, and to the hearts of all who met and knew her. She was an active volunteer in many ways on the Fort, and endeared herself to so many. She loved life, always laughing and cheerful. Patsy's son, Bobby Mack York, wife Andra and their two children, Leon and Katelyn and Patsy's daughter, Lisa Gayle Randall, her husband Timothy and their daughter Laura, Diane, are all of Dallas. Patsy had many kin in the Brackettville and Del Rio area, being descendent of the Beckett's, Carta's, Brook's and Cox's.

**Hilton "Mickom" Belton Roach**

February 18, 1950  
May 26, 2006

Hilton B. Roach was called home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, May 26, 2006. He was at home surrounded by love with his loving sister. He was a very loving father, brother, cousin, nephew, friend, and the greatest uncle one could ask for. He was loved and respected by all who had the privilege of knowing him. He was a proud San Felipe Ex Mustang. He graduated in 1969 after playing football, basketball, and baseball. He wore the purple and gold in his heart all of his life. Hilton was born February 18, 1950 to Howard Roach, Sr. and Dorothy K. Roach in Brackettville, Texas. Both parents have preceded him in death. He is survived by one son, Nathaniel Roach of Del Rio, TX, and one daughter, Portia Roach of Dallas, TX. Also surviving him is his granddaughter Desiree Roach. His sisters Charlesetta Flowers (Moses) of Del Rio, TX, Jeannette Ross (Jed) of Bartow, Florida, Mary Reddman (Courtney) of Houston, TX, and Sharon Roach of Santa Monica, California. Brothers Howard Roach, Jr. and Barry Roach of Santa Monica, California. Uncles Tony Phillips of Topeka, Kansas and Harold Jackson of San Antonio, TX. Aunts Jo Veda Jennings of Del Rio, TX, Savannah Gordon of Portland, Oregon and Bessie Wilson of Tacoma, Washington. Nieces Diane Flowers of Del Rio, TX, Faranza Burandt of Plano, TX, and Sheena Roach of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Nephews Marvin Flowers and Clarence Flowers of Del Rio, TX along with several other nieces, nephews, and cousins. Visitation was Friday, June 2, 2006 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home. Homegoing services were Saturday, June 3, 2006 at 1:00 PM in Brackettville, TX at St. John Baptist Church with burial at the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, Del Rio, Texas (830) 778-2020

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**Divide and Conquer**



Jeff Janca

Military leaders over the ages have used the strategy of divide and conquer very successfully on the battlefield. Our enemy uses these same techniques to try to distract and destroy us. Why? Because he does not want us to fulfill the purposes and plans of God. He knows that if he can distract a

Christian and get them to focus on other issues or even themselves that he had won.

Who is our common enemy? Let me first start off by saying it is not your neighbor or even the rival political party. Our common enemy is not the other denomination and it is not a particular race. Our common enemy is the devil and his demons.

To be frank, they want to divide, deceive, and destroy you and I. And unfortunately they have been very successful here in America and in our community.

Vance Hayner says that

what causes divorce is selfishness in one form or another. I believe that selfishness causes divisions. It divides couples, communities, and yes even churches.

Selfishness says, I want my way no matter what the cost and no matter who I hurt." Selfishness will do whatever it takes, even compromising their own integrity and reputation in order to satisfy themselves. By the way, people do notice when you compromise your conviction.

There is a story of a new minister that came to a town. He got on the local bus and paid his bus fare. He received his change and went to sit down. The minister noticed that he had been given too much change back by the bus driver. He wrestled in his mind as to whether he should give the extra change back.

As he was leaving the bus, the minister told the bus driver that he had given him too much change back. The bus driver said, "I know, I did it on purpose to test your honesty. I know that you are the new minister in town and wanted to see if you were honest and had integrity."

Our community has so much potential. Though I have been here a short time, I see so much promise here. We have been blessed so much by the Lord. But in the midst of all this potential and promise there are numerous problems dividing us. Instead of us asking ourselves "what is in it for me?", we should be asking the Lord to cleanse us, to forgive us, and to use us for His honor and glory.

You see, you get into trouble when you begin thinking that life is all about you. It is not about you, it is all about the Lord. Loving Him and serving Him with all your heart. It is also about loving your neighbor. Our community is what you and I make it. We can either grow together or grow apart.

May you and I seek to love the Lord and each other. May we commit to build each other up and not tear down. May we commit to stay away from our enemy, the devil, and to stay alert about his devices of deception and division. May we commit to work together to make our community an oasis of hope and love in this troubled world.



Brother J.

**Where is Chester?**

When he arrived last year he had little chance of surviving. Our neighbors found him alone, starving and with a broken leg. They had tried to set his leg but couldn't and he was in a great deal of pain. If you got near his leg he would try to bite you and his beak was sharp. They gave him to us but he was so weak he could barely screech. We started catching food for him and he began eating. When he saw you bringing his food he gave a funny little screech and then gobbled it down. We also waited till he got stronger and we reset his leg.

One day we saw him sitting in a nearby tree and shortly thereafter he began to take short flights. He finally recovered and would spend most of the day flying around but he would always come back around mealtime. He even found another hawk for a girlfriend and they would spend hours flying around together. The last time we saw him was last fall and he was with his girlfriend and they were flying south together. Many times we are like Chester in our relationship to God. When we are in deep need or trouble, we cry out to God, (Psalm 57:2, 61:1,2) for help but as soon as we get help, we forget God, (Psalm 78:11&106:13) and never return to Him. See you in church next Sunday. Brother J



Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

**Confess your faults**

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passion as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. James 5:16-18  
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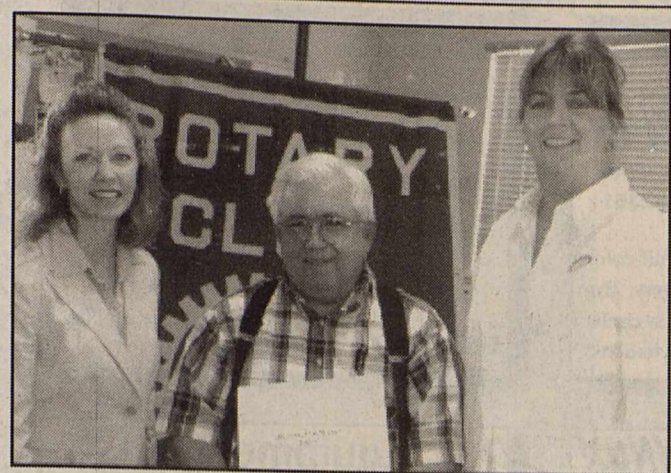
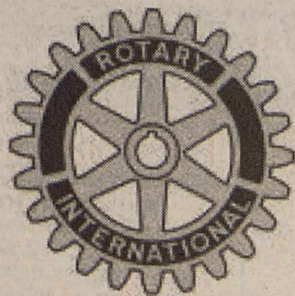
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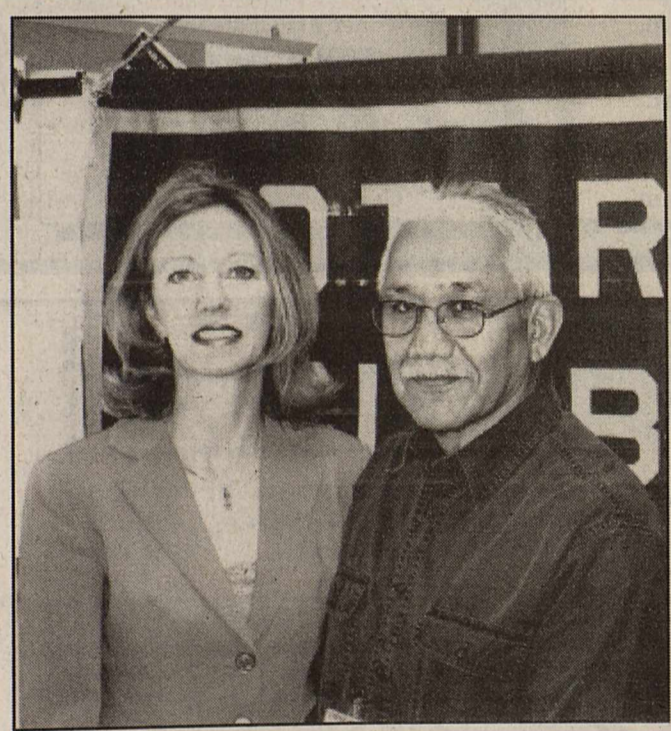
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Author Russell Smith, (center) with Lynn McC Carson (left) and Paula Renken (right), presented a program to the Brackettville Rotary Club on March 30, 2006 on his soon to be published book "The Gun that wasn't there." The book is about the criminal activities of Alfredo Hernandez during the early 1960's around Uvalde, Kinney and Terrell Counties.



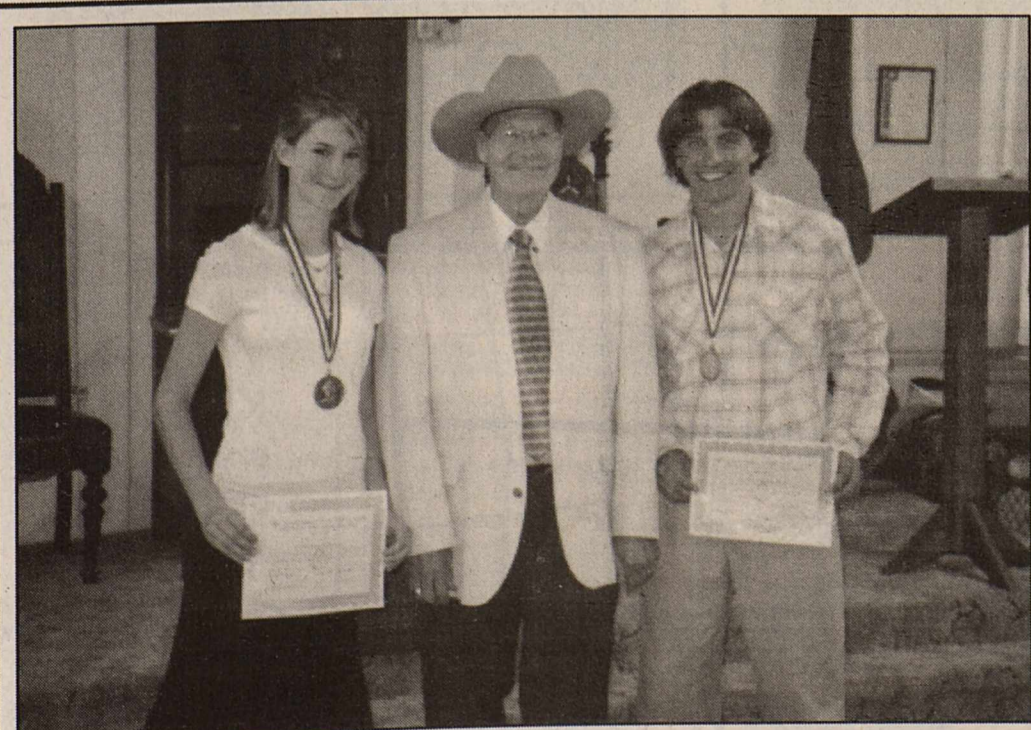
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The Brackett 14 And Under Select baseball team gave the May 11, 2006 program to the Brackettville Rotary Club. Pictured (left to right) back row: Coach Bryan Blake, Jaime Rodriguez, Coach Charles De La Rosa, Jeff Sitgreaves, Chris Blake, Marc Rodriguez, Coach Andy Sitgreaves and Cody Clark. Front row: Mike Flores, Isaac Talamantes, Ramon Gutierrez, Kaleb Bowers, Adam Pinales and Vince Garcia.



Courtesy Photo

Lorenzo Ortiz (right), BISD School Counselor, gave a presentation at a regular Thursday luncheon for the Brackettville Rotary Club.



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Swinson and Wylie receive Masonic award  
Bob Burkpile (center), Master of the Las Moras Masonic Lodge presented Rachel Swinson (left) and Brand Wylie (right) with the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award. The award is called "The Lamar Awards of Excellence for Personal Achievement," it has been in existence since 1988. The award allows deserving students to be honored for their outstanding achievement, including academic work and any other outstanding personal accomplishment.

## Notice of Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

The Texas Department of State Health Services-Health Service Region 8 and local officials and health care providers are involved with an ongoing investigation of Pertussis (whooping cough) cases in the community of Brackettville.

Pertussis Facts: Pertussis is a vaccine preventable illness. It is a bacterial illness spread when a person who has pertussis coughs or sneezes onto another person.

Symptoms begin with a low-grade fever, runny nose, sneezing and a mild cough for one to two weeks. The symptoms may get worse and include severe coughing attacks (15-25 times per day). Sometimes, the severe cough is followed by vomiting or gagging with shortness of breath, or a temporary loss of breath. However, pertussis can be treated with antibiotics prescribed by a doctor.

Ways to protect your family from pertussis include:

- Ensure that all children are up-to-date with their vaccina-

tions.

- Everyone should wash his or her hands with soap and warm water often.
- Encourage children and adults to cover their mouths with arm or tissue (not hands) when coughing.
- Keep infants and children away from persons who are ill or coughing.
- If you or your child develops a cough that lasts for 2 weeks or longer, you should seek medical attention and ask the physician to consider pertussis.
- Anyone who is told by a public health official or physician that he or she may have been exposed to pertussis should take any medication prescribed, even if there are no symptoms.

Questions regarding Pertussis, can be directed to your public health team, Nurse Barbara Hogan, (830) 591-4387 or DSHS Disease Investigator, Trudi Nekomoto, (210) 949-2074. More information is available online at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/>

## Doers and Dreamers

Submitted by Dave Crowe

I dream, you dream and so does everyone else. It's one of the things that we all have in common, but how many of us have the determination it takes to realize our dreams?

I would like to tell you about one such person, a former resident that had what it took to make her dream become a reality, leaving all of us with a beautiful legacy.

Her name is Maria "Mary" Curcio, originally from Tuicumbia, Alabama. Mary and her husband Luigi, discovered for themselves, what others have been discovering for over 150 years, an "Oasis in the wilderness", Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs.

They came to us in the late 1970's and the love affair began. First let me tell you about what kind of a person Mary was and then I'll tell you about her dream.

Mary has been described many times as a beautiful lady filled with imagination, vision, courage, action and love. Mary was both a dreamer and a doer, one of the few, who possessed the innate ability to inspire, motivate and encourage everyone that she came in contact with to soar to heights far above their own capabilities and potential. In short, she was contagious and her presence would both infest and inflame all who came in contact with her. Mary's dream quickly became the dream of many others.

From the moment that Mary first saw the old limestone rock quarry behind the officers quarters on Fort Clark, she did not see a huge hole in the ground, she envisioned an amphitheater. Within days she had formed a volunteer committee dedicated to the development and building of this amphitheater.

Mary visited with Nat Mendlesohn, the president of North American Townhomes, which owned Fort Clark at that time and secured a \$5,000 grant and his blessings to build away. Long-time resident and one of those on the original committee, Don Parks told me that, "Mary could talk anyone into doing

just about anything she needed done."

One of those people was a Canadian from Montreal, wintering at Fort Clark by the name of Bruce Stoecker. Bruce was a landscape designer that knew how to speak the language of backhoes and bulldozers. With borrowed equipment from Fort Clark Springs, the City of Brackettville and builder Bill Bizzell work got underway.

Dozens of volunteers like, John Davidson who ran the jackhammer and people like Al Quick and Bob Lavell who built the wooden benches out of Cypress wood found by fellow member Elsie Sauer. Al DaCosta put together a homemade lighting system. Working men and women never ran out of hot coffee and goodies of all sorts to cheer them on.

Mary talked several contractors into making money-losing deals; such as Al Pagel whose crew poured the huge concrete stage and Alvin Stock who installed pipelines and John Held who built the dressing rooms.

Once that hole in the ground actually began to look like a theatre, Mary knew that he job was just beginning, to keep her baby alive, there would have to be productions and audiences.

There is a whole lot more to this story, so keep tuned in for the second episode.

## April Yard of the Month



The Yard of the Month has been chosen and it is worth a trip to see.

You may need extra time to take it all in as it's more than a drive-by experience. It's visible from many vantage points but, be careful, you may find it a captivating experience: we did.

In order to credit the people responsible for this area, we interviewed Ray and Cubie Kurtz - who were responsible, along with Walter and Dorothy Fithian, Emery Wiersman, and Henry Westphal, for the development and repair of the footbridge and the clearing of the roads on both sides of the creek starting in 1974.

Yes, we have chosen our priceless Las Moras Creek as the Yard of the Month. If you are one of the few who has never experienced a walk or a golf cart ride along this beautiful treasure of ours, then do yourself a favor, and take time to see it for yourself. The footbridge is located at the end of McClernand St.

You may also want to visit with Ray and Cubie Kurtz to learn about how they moved those heavy timbers for the walking bridge and how a handful of volunteers accomplished amazing things with sheer determination and a "never give up" attitude. They may even tell you of their experiences in restoring the commissary building and much more.

Thank you Ray, Cubie, Walter, Dorothy, Emery, and Henry; from all of Fort Clark, future and present. We love you and appreciate all you efforts.

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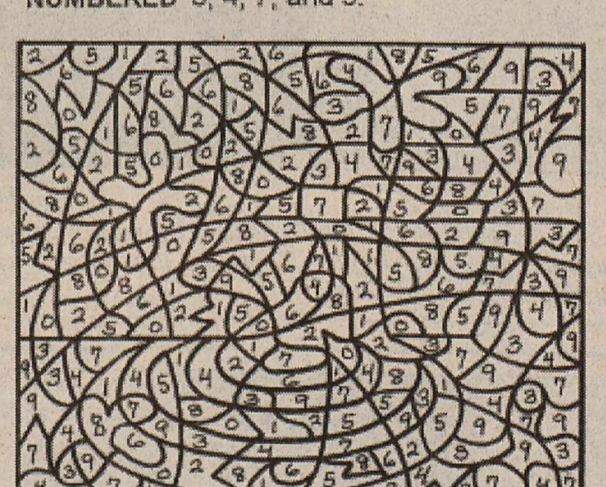
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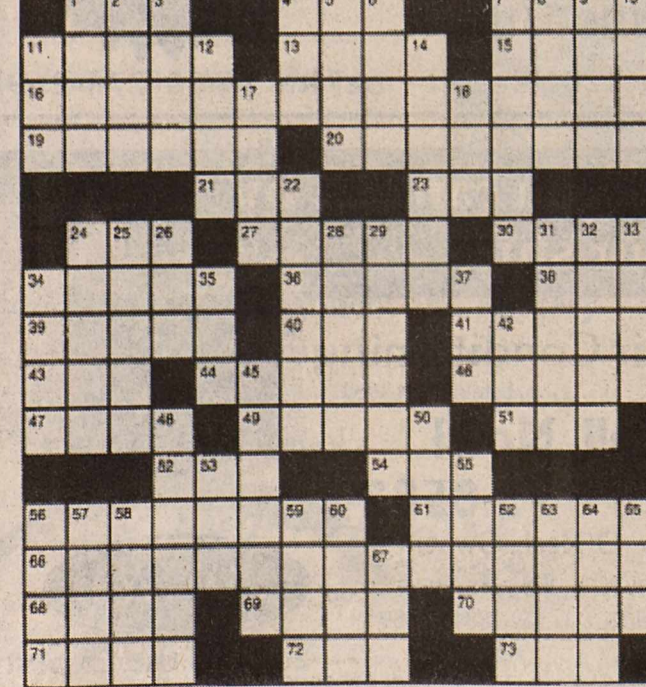
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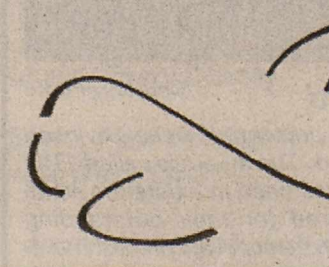
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# Operation game thief adds technology to the battle against wildlife crime

AUSTIN, Texas — Typical Crimestoppers programs assist law enforcement officers only by offering rewards to the public for information leading to the arrest and conviction of targeted law breakers. But with broadened authority from the Texas Legislature last year, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's privately funded Operation Game Thief (OGT) program is now going a step further.

OGT, Texas' Wildlife Crimestoppers program, is now working to provide game wardens with the latest in technologically advanced tools to assist in both the curtailment and prosecution of wildlife resource crimes.

The recently concluded Operation Pescador, targeting illegal commercial fishing on Falcon Reservoir and the Rio Grande River, is a good example of the immediate benefit of the implementation of this technology: 28 individuals were arrested, and 20 boats and motors and more than 18 miles of gill net and were confiscated.

The tremendous success of this operation relied, in great part, on the ability of game wardens, coming from around the state, to effectively navigate in unfamiliar territory and especially on unknown, international boundary waters.

This navigation was possible through utilization of Global Positioning referenced maps, printed on-site with sophisticated equipment provided through a grant from OGT.

In other parts of the state, cases that previously would have been rejected by prosecutors because of unclear county boundaries are now being ac-

cepted, and successfully prosecuted, because of utilization of this same technology.

In light of recent legislation requiring accreditation of any lab submitting DNA evidentiary analysis for court proceedings, OGT has provided a partial-funding grant for specialized equipment necessary to achieve accreditation for TPWD's forensics lab. When that accreditation is achieved, the lab will be the only accredited state wildlife forensics lab in the U.S., a major achievement.

Other OGT grant-provided technological inroads for game wardens include the use of side-scan sonar devices to locate and recover drowning victims, lost or abandoned equipment, and even crucial evidence hidden beneath the water's surface.

"Drownings are tragic, and sometimes days, or even weeks of searching are required before the lost loved one can be returned to the family," said Col. Pete Flores, director of law enforcement for TPWD. "This technology has the potential of helping our officers recover the victim much sooner, easing the family's burden, as well as freeing the officers to handle other duties."

Thermal imagery is the next tool coming to the warden's arsenal in the battle against violations such as night hunting, the use of illegal nets and traps in public waters and the over-harvest of aquatic resources for commercial purposes, especially in Texas coastal waters.

"In other arenas, this 'see in the dark' technology has proven invaluable both in aiding apprehensions and as an evidentiary record in court proceedings," said Flores. "It also provides the

added dimension of enhanced officer safety. It is the modern-day technology necessary to keep up with the bad guys, and we're glad to have it."

The 11-member Operation Game Thief committee, which administers the OGT Fund, has authorized rewards of more than \$200,000 for information about game and fish law violations since its inception in 1981.

"Clearly the public has been proven to be the vital link in the on-going battle against the exploitation of our wildlife resources," said Buddy Turner, assistant chief of wildlife enforcement for TPWD. "This is evidenced by the thousands of calls to the 800 792-GAME Reward Hotline, and the private contributions that make it possible to finally put this technology in the hands of the wardens, albeit on a limited scale."

The application of proven advanced technology to help combat the poaching problem is only a matter of money, Turner said, and the non-profit OGT continues to seek those dollars through both individual and corporate commitments.

"The Committee is pleased to be an integral part of the effort to field new technology," said OGT Committee Chairman Ray Bailey, a Houston businessman. "Our hope is that the corporate sector will become more involved with us, either through direct donation or through participation in our fundraisers like the Bandana Ball at the Hilton Post Oak Hotel on June 10, or the Claytappers Sporting Clays event next April in Austin."

Information on both events is available by calling April Mendez, (512) 389-4381.

# Children Can Ride Texas State Railroad This Summer for Free

RUSK, Texas — For the third year in a row, the Texas State Railroad State Park will offer children 12 and under a free train ride through the East Texas Piney Woods from June 1 through Sept. 30. The railroad offers the experience of riding behind an antique steam or diesel engine.

What began as a way to boost ridership during the hotter summer months when park attendance historically dipped, the "Kids Ride Free" promotion has proved a blessing both to the park and grandparents looking for a way to entertain visiting grandkids.

"The summer promotion has been a grandparent magnet," said Mark Price, TSRR's assistant superintendent. "A repetitive phone conversation that I have with grandparents who are expecting a visit from their grandchildren in a few weeks and are thinking about bringing them out to the railroad this summer."

Last year, thanks in large part to the "Kids Ride Free" program, railroad ridership hit 53,000 for the season. Thanks to this unique summer event that ridership is almost double that of 2005 before the special promotion began.

Price says one grandfather last year brought three separate sets of grandchildren. Such zeal to introduce youngsters to what was a memorable part of most senior citizens' lives not only has filled passenger car seats, but also kept the TSRR Gift Shop cash register ringing.

Last year, Price said, the gift shop took in more than \$330,000 from visitors buying wooden whistles, key chains, caps, t-shirts and myriad Texas State Railroad souvenirs.

The "Kids Ride Free" promotion allows each paying adult to treat up to five children 12-years-old and younger to a free ride on the 125-year-old railroad operated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Round-trip tickets for children normally cost \$11.

Persons 13 and older pay a \$17 round-trip fare for regular seating and \$24 for a climate-controlled railcar. This season's number of air-conditioned seats has increased to 226. Reservations are strongly encouraged.

Passengers board the train at Victorian-style depots in Rusk and Palestine state parks at 11 a.m. for a 50-mile round trip through hardwood creek bottoms and rolling hills. The trip takes 90 minutes to reach the opposite station, where visitors disembark to eat, peruse depot gift shops full of train-related souvenirs and enjoy the outdoors before re-boarding. A

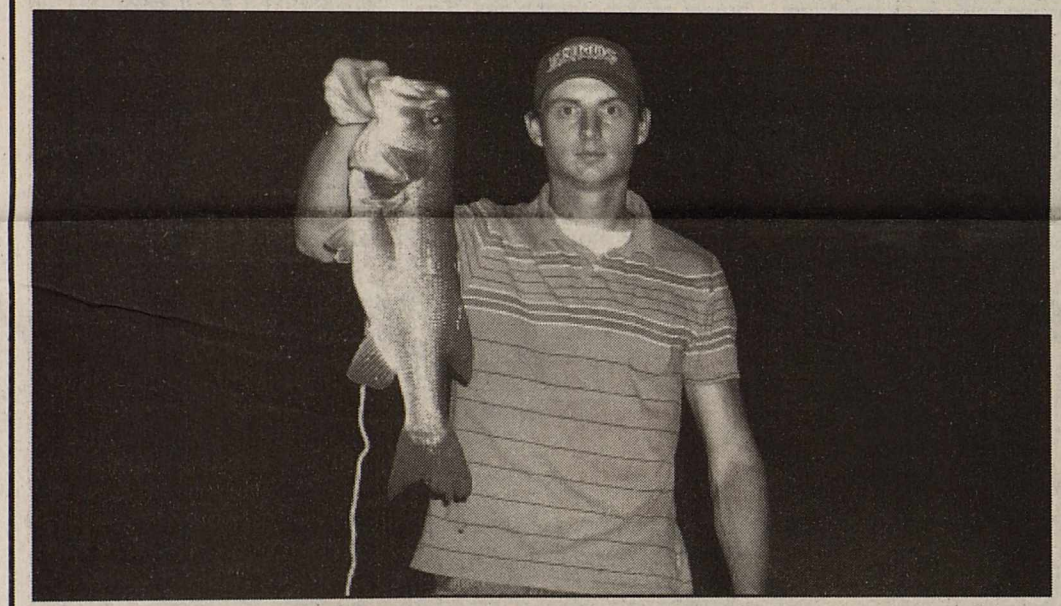
round-trip, including a 90-minute layover, lasts four hours.

Regular train excursions take place Thursdays through Sundays in June and July and Saturdays and Sundays only beginning in August. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling (800) 442-8951 (Texas only) or (903) 683-2561.

State parks adjacent to the Rusk and Palestine depots offer camping and picnicking facilities. Rusk State Park has full-hookup camping and group picnic pavilions; Palestine State Park offers water-only camping sites and a shaded picnic area. Nearby Mission Tejas State Park in Grapeland offers camping as well. For Texas state park information, call (800) 792-1112.

The Texas State Railroad stages special events periodically throughout the year. On July 8, the TSRR will host a Murder Mystery that combines a performance with dinner aboard the vintage steam train. Call (903) 391-0086 for more information.

Convict labor built the original railroad in 1881 to serve the state-owned East Texas Penitentiary smelters in Rusk that manufactured cast iron for the state's 19th-century needs and today helps maintain the 32 miles of track right of way. TPWD acquired the railroad in 1972 and reinstated passenger service in 1976.



**It takes a pro!**  
Wacy Taylor caught this large Bass on the Nueces River near Brackettville. *Courtesy Photo*

# Instream Flow Workshops Set for San Antonio, Dallas

AUSTIN, Texas — Three state agencies are seeking public input in connection with workshops on June 15 in San Antonio and July 12 in Dallas to help finalize the Texas Instream Flow Program Technical Overview, a document to guide research concerning how much water should be flowing in Texas rivers to support a sound ecological environment.

The draft overview document describes scientific methodologies recommended for conducting research studies as part of the Texas Instream Flow Program. It reflects responses to a comprehensive scientific review completed by the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences in 2005, plus changes the agencies believe are important. Anyone can view or download the draft Technical Overview (look for the version revised 05/22/06) on the Texas Instream Flow Program website.

The Texas Water Development Board, Texas Commission

on Environmental Quality and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are jointly hosting the workshops. The agencies have retained the Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution at The University of Texas School of Law to help plan and facilitate the workshops.

Both workshops run 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The agenda starts with a summary presentation and question and answer session about the Texas Instream Flow Program, then moves to opportunities for stakeholder participation in studies. Two concurrent breakout sessions will be held mid-morning: one on hydrology and hydraulics and one on biology. After lunch, concurrent breakout sessions will cover physical processes and water quality. Following these, a plenary session on integration will discuss how information gathered during each technical element is used to make a flow determination. The workshops will conclude with a Next Steps section covering how stakeholder

input will be used, how to make additional comments, and how the state agencies will finalize the technical overview.

The San Antonio workshop will take place June 15 at the University of Texas at San Antonio, Retama Auditorium (Room 2.02.02) at 6900 N. Loop 1604 West.

The Dallas workshop will take place July 12 at Green Auditorium, Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla Street.

Additional information about the workshops, including an agenda and driving and parking directions, are on the Texas Instream Flow Program website. Further questions may also be directed to the following staff members with the three agencies:

• Mark Wentzel, TWDB: mark.wentzel@twdb.state.tx.us, (512) 936-0823

• Kevin Mayes, TPWD: kevin.mayes@tpwd.state.tx.us, (512) 754-6844, ext. 25

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**BIG ESTATE SALE.** Fri. June 6 at 9am 501 E. 3rd Auctioneer #15242. Sword, battle axe, knives, tools, Louie L'Amour Westerns, handicap equipment (large seat rascal scooter tow, large seat, wheelchairs, 4-wheel walker w/ seat, R&M Richards dresses, dishes, desks, 4-poster babybed, jewelry, antiques (floor lamp, magazine rack, lawn fixtures, jewelry) etc.

**THREE FAMILY GARAGE** sale. Sat June 10th 8am Furniture clothes etc 2504 Oak Lane FCS

**YARD SALE 724 Fairway Circle** FCS Furniture Clothes etc. Sat 8-3.

**HELP WANTED**

**RANCH OWNER NEEDS** English speaking lady to cook and clean call 713-412-7559. References required.

**NOW ACCEPTING FOR** utility clerk. Deadline by 5 pm. June 12, 2006. Also accepting applications for meter reader/collection attendant. Deadline by 5 pm on June 16. Applications for both positions may be picked up @ City Hall.

**ALAMO SADDLERY IS SEEKING** telemarketing experienced personnel. Must have excellent telephone and personable communication skills. Some computer knowledge required. Hourly pay plus sales incentives. 830-563-3255.

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