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Brackett catcher Chica Garza, left, and coach Gregg Nowlin watch the competition at the Natalia tournament last weekend. Garza was 5 for 5 in two games on Saturday. See related story, Page 5 .

## School Board incumbents file for the May 3 election

Bonilla calls for greater action to fight war against drug trafficking at the border WASHINGTON - Testifying before fences and pass right outside their lems along the U.S./Mexico border and "Law enforcement officials, not poli- ternational Affairs and Criminal Justice.
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Bonilla today called for greater action in tration has not been much help for these drugs. Recently, there have been in- drugs at the border;" Bonilla said. "We the committee about the concerns of farmbone war against drug trafficking across folks," Bonilla said. "Less than 100 of creased incidents of drug trafficking and need to insure that all our federal law ers and ranchers and citizens of Eagle
the war against drug trafficking across $\begin{aligned} & \text { folks," Bonilla said. "Less than } 100 \text { of creased incidents of drug trafficking and } \\ & \text { the Southwest Border. }\end{aligned}$ the 1,000 new agents joining the Border shootouts with law enforcement officials "The people in my district in Texas Patrol have been assigned to this region
ale on the front lines of our battle against covering a huge portion of our border are on the front lines of our battle against covering a huge portion of our border drugs," said Bonilla, R-Texas. "Drug with Mexico. The people of Texas can't trafficking is threatening their lives. fight this battle alone." "Actions speak louder than words," Farmers and ranchers in Texas live in Committee members heard testimony all parts of the border get the resources ear as armed smugglers cut down their about the increased drug trafficking prob- they need."
need to insure that all our federal law
enforcement efforts are closely coordinated with the local law enforcement. Also, we must make sure that all parts of the border get the resources they need." Bonilla testified before the House Government Reform and Oversight's
Subcommittee on National Security

The last day to file for a place on the ballot March 19. In order to run for the school board, candidates must be members of the district and have to be registered voters. Tuesday is the first day to apply for a ballot by mail. All applications must be received by April 25 .
Early voting for the school board election The board of
The board of trustees has the final authority to determine and interpret the policies that govern the school and, subject to the mandate and limits imposed by state and federal au-
thorities, has complete and full control of the thorities, has complete and full control of the
district."

## Incumbents Rose Mary Subar and Tim Ward have filed for reelection in the May 3

 school board race.Slubar's first term as a school board trustee expires this May.
There are a lot of reasons why I want to number one reason," Slubar said on Wednes-
${ }^{\text {day }}$ "I can't think of any other place I would rather donate my time than for the children of our community because they are our future. "I have held other positions in the community, but this is the one I have enjoyed the nity, but this is the ost
most," Slubar added.
"There are a lot of reasons why/ want to run for reelection, but the children are the number one reason.

Rose Mary Slubar
Ward was appointed to the board to fill the unexpired term of Stan Conoly, who resigned Ward could not be reached for comme as of late Wednesday

Pass, Texas. Also testifying before the
panel were Drug Enforcement Adminisration Administrator Thomas Constantine, deputy assistant attorney general Mary Lee Warren and U.S. Dorder Patrol assistant commissioner Douglas Kruhm.

Stephenson supports Bush's plan to reduce school property taxes Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said
he supports Gov. Goorge Bush's plan to reduce school property taxes by approximately $\$ 2.8$ bil-- lion per year. state funding of school's needs and I I support by reducing local property taxes," Stephenson said.
II share the governor's thinking in that I be-
lieve in local control of schools that are state fieve in
"I don't personally believe that we could ever have equal educational opportunities where we're
basing most of our money on local property taxes."
However, Stephenson added, "I don't know how the tax plan would affect our district at this
time." time."
Under the governor's plan, property tax relief would be provided in three ways:

- The state mandated homestead exemptions for school purposese
$\$ 5,000$ to $\$ 25,000$.
- Business inventories would be exempted
"I like local property tax relief, so I support state funding of school's needs and a reduction by reducing local property taxes:"

Taylor Stephenson
school maintenance and operations (M\&O) at a rate of one and a quarter percent.

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## Meek named district's Most Valuable Player Bruns named MVP for men <br> Amanda Meek has been named ors are Charlotte junior Sarah Jo 4 district record. the District 30-2A Most Valuable Garcia, Dilley freshman Wendy Seniors Moses Hernandez, Player for the second-straight Carrasco, Natalia sophomore Beau Smallwood and Ramon De Meek led Brackett to a perfect Becky Hunter and Brooke Beagle, $10-0$ conference record and to the and Center Point senior Nichole state high school basketball playoffs this season. Seven other Tigerettes earned honors on the all-district honors on the all-district team, the district's coaches. the district's coaches. first team are seniors Lindy La Mascus and Courtney Harrison. Comfort, who was second in the district, also had two players make the first team - senior Ashley Land and junior Tiffany Talbert. Rounding out the first team are Dilley junior Misty Minton, Char- lotte senior Christina Guerrero and Center Point senior Samantha Spradling. <br> Chica Garza, the Tigerettes' senior point guard, was chosen to senior point guard, was chosen to the second team. Also earning second team honChica Garza, the Tigerettes and Adrian Santos, and junior J.J. senior point guard, was chosen to $\begin{aligned} & \text { Neves. } \\ & \text { Beackett was third in the con- } \\ & \text { Also earning second team hon- ference race. The Tigers had a } 6\end{aligned}$. <br> The 30.24 all distric basketball team which was released by the <br> En Most valuable Mayer Anen's Division <br> = First Tanabte Player: Amanda Meek, Brackelt, senior. hiscus Brat Courmey Hartison, Brackett, senior, Lindy La Mascus, Brackett, senior: Tiffany Tabibert, Comfort, Munior, Ashley Land,  E Second Team: Chica: Garza, Brackett: senior: Sarah Jo Garcta, Chartolte, senior, Wendy Catrasco, Dilley, frestiman, Leona lonas, Comfort, Juniof: Nichole Garza, Center Point, seniort <br> Unt Most Voluaht Men's Division <br> \#. Most Valuable Player: Iminy Brins, Comfort, senior <br> Dilley, uniort P II Sanchez, Natalia, sophomethe: Renior: J. J. Neves, poift, lunior: Ruben Campos, Charlote, Juniof, Beat Smallwood. Brackett, seniort. Steven Rodriguez, Dilley, senior: Phillip Randall. Comitort. Sophomiore: Adrian Santos, Dilley, senior: Ramion De leon, Bracketh senior: <br> . Ruple, Chatlote, Sophomore: Jeremy, Barty, Comfort, funior: Hean Drimmett, Certet Point, lunior, Eddie Tijerina, Natalia, sophomore: Manuet Doninguez, Charlotee, senior, Freddie De la Fuente, Dilley, senior: Nandy Rodriguez. Dilley, serior: Luis Guaiardo. Brackett, junt.

Barbara's Table opens Tuesday


Barbara Simmons will open a new restaurant, Barbara's Table
Brackettville on Tuesday.

Barbara Simmons announced that her new restaurant, Barbara's
Table, will open next Tuesday. Table, whil open next Iuesday.
"I we a part of the community and I want to offer something different," Simmons said Wednesday. "We won't have a big menu, but we will serve good
food."
Barbara's Table will serve lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays. The lunch meal will consist of an entree or soup, salad and a sand-
wich, made on homemade bread. The new restaurant will also be open on Friday and Saturday evenings for supper, which will consist of an appetizer and a choice of two entrees.
Homemade desserts will also be available
Barbara's Table will truly be a family restaurant. Barbara's oldest son, Caric, has moved from
Austin with his wife, Jina, to help Austin with his wife, Jina, to help
out with the business. Barbara's husband, Neal, and youngest son, harkley, will also be involved:

## Allas <br> Making a difference

## ETVIT

BISD hosts annual Open House and Pancake Supper next week Next week, we have an impor- 100 took writing tests on Tues ant event. On Tuesday, it's time day. The exit level reading and House and Pancake Supper. day and Thursday
The pancake supper will be This is a major effort on the held in our school cafeteria and part of students and faculty. It's will cost $\$ 3$ for adults and $\$ 2$ for students.

A student cannot graduate with
The proceeds from the meal out passing the writing, reading will be used for senior scholar- and math sections of the test. A
ships. The meal will include hot school's accreditation is based on

There will be lots of friends of
our school there, so come out be ween 5:30 and 7 p.m. and help
The help our kids.
The open house will be a little different this year. It is scheduled from 7 to 8 p.m.
I have asked the high school principal, Don Sims, to meet with parents and staff in a central locaand to introduce the staff.
The middle school principal, Stoney Burks, will meet with parents in a room in the middle schoo and will introduce the staff. After these brief meetings, par ents may visit with individua eachers.
The elementary school will be ber of parents are just too great to get you all into the same room. So, come out and visit your schools from 7 to 8 on Tuesday night.
We are so proud of our schools at BISD. Each day, we believe tha we are getting better at what we
Our staff is a good one, and to our school and visit. We have a need for parents to come and find out what opportuiity there is to find out more about BISD's school system.

This week, we are busy with
he TAAS tests, Grades 4,8 and chool's accreditation is based on how ou
TAAS.

Is it importan
It's important to our governor commissioner of education, and to our state legislature. It's also important to us at BISD. We are doing our best.
There are a
There are a lot of folks tha san Harrison is our TAAS coor-
dinator. Reney Finkenbinder as sists in coordination at the elemen
tary level.
This week, a special tip of the hat goes to fourth grade, eighth grade and 10 th grade teachers of math, reading and writing. These teachers work hard to insure that
our kids are ready for the tests Thanks to all who help with this project!

Appreciation Day
We will have a special appre-
aation day at the ballpark soon ciation day at the ballpark soon Watch for the announcement. Ou magnificent.

Student Parking Lot We have begun to revamp the school into a student parking lot When you drive by, take a look It will take a while to get the lot finished, but it will be a majo improvement to the school par

## Bis Mama Sea!



Ultimately, the bond of all companionship, whether in marriage or in friendship, is conversation


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## Man is responsible for his own actions

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This week, there was given
wide coverage of a woman in a
laboratory who was working with nematodes, an insect in the soil that can be seen only with a highpowered microscope.
She discovered that by adding She discovered that by adding
a certain gene, the almost dead certain gene, the almost dea

## By Henry Bonilla

U.S. Congressman, 23rd District

Over the last 25 years, we Americans have greatly reduced the amount of pollution in our air The dif ference is amazing. That, however, is not good enough for the EPA. It seems like the political appointees at the EPA won't be satisfied until every country in America can pass the white glove test. The EPA is proposing to toughen existing ozone standards, automatically tripling the number of counties that will fall out of compliance with current The EPA says th dards will decrease health problems pollution standards will decrease health problems. That sound
like a reasonable goal. But the problem is that the EPA does not have the scientific evidence to back up its claims. They just want to go full force into imposing one size fits all mandates without thinking about the consequences
In fact, the EPA's own scientific advisory panel recently concluded that the new standards will not be "significantly more protective of public health." That didn't stop the EPA from looking to strap the an estimated price tag of $\$ 6$ to 8.5 billion.
The EPA has a bad habit of setting firm standards without a clear understanding how they impact us. For example, right now it is difficult to measure the amount of fine particular matter, like dust, in the air. But in order to meet the new clean
air standards, farmers could ferser air standards, farmers could face restrictions on
when they can enter their fields for tillage, harvest-

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## The EPA's allergy to common sense

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alive and active. Now, she is go-
make human life almost endless
Anyon almost endless.
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r is. . This is simply another way of God for all that's wrong. After all, God created man in his own image. If man has all this rottenness, then God must have put it there. diless "scientists" leave God out
ing or fertilizing. That's only the direct impact o the EPA's plan. Farmers would also face indirect increases in equipment, utilities and petroleum costs.
Sure, farmers may put some dust in the air, but they put food on our tables. The allergy to common
EPA. Some of you may remember just a few years ago, the EPA spent at least $\$ 800,000$ of your tax dollars to research the impact of cow belches and flatulence on global warming. That's right, burps and, well, you know. I am totally serious. The EPA even rounded up rangeland cattle to fit them with
special devices that measure the amount of meth special devices that measure the amount of meth-
ane cows release. Those folks at the EPA are really ane cows re

When the EPA starts worrying about the belching habits of cows, it's hard to believe that they have really thought through what their schemes mean in the real world. But maybe they have, and maybe that's why they are refusing to release the details of standards.
We all want clean air and a clean environment and we're willing to work to get it. But it seems
that the folks at the EPA won't be happy ery bit of dirt is out of our air. And remember, this won't solve problems like the air pollution coming from Mexico that is clouding the beautiful vistas of Far West Texas. The air knows no boundaries. So far, the EPA's new clean air proposal is predicted to produce only marginal results. That's just not good enough when businesses, jobs and billions
of dollars are at stake, not to mention common

## Thanks

Rita Sims: Server, Bonnie Wardlaw: Cashier \& Cleanup, Geovanni
Wardlaw: Cashier, Freddie Frerich: B.B. Q Pit, Sammy \& Donna Smith:
Food Precarer. Thanks to these special friends \& family who supported the R.H. Salmon Benefit, who were not included on the list in last weeks
newspaper. Many Thanks. newspaper. Many Thanks. Tootsie Herndon

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Going to the mat for a balanced budget amendment As this is being written, the U.S. Senate is engaged in an historic debate over a Balanced Budset Amendmen tolding as one of the most suspenseful, most defining moments of our times.
Will Congress deliver a Bal-
anced Budget Amendment as the anced Budget Amendment as the American people have demanded? Will we win this struggle we have undertaken on
tions to come?
I and many of my colleagues I and many of my colleagues have been fighting for than ane congress. This time, we are deter- -8
mined to og to the political mat to make balancing the federal budget a reality.
Meanche, we continue to spend, to live beyond our means, to accumulate debt at a 50 years, ing rate. For more tongress has been aflicted with a near fatal case of "other peoples a near fatal case of "other peoples
money" syndrome, its always money syndrome, its always
easier to spend other people's money than your own. Unfortunately, "other people" is us. Because I have seen how hard it has been for Congress and the President to agree on how to achieve this balanced budget, I from ever mortgaging the future of our children. A Constitutional amendment is the only way to force the federal government to balance the budget each and every year. That there is such serious, organized opposition to the amendment is a sure indicator we are debating a tus quo.
Some argue that the Balanced Some argue that the Balanced government's hands (which many Americans have come to believe wouldn't be a bad idea at all). Other opponents of the B anced Budget Amendment wonder, "What if there's a war or an mergency?"
Here is the short answer to such amendment incorporates a safety valve to be triggered in times of national danger or dire emergency. Congress can enact an unbalanced budget with a threefifths vote. In times of war, only majority is required.
Nor does the Balanced Budget
Amendment threaten the Amendment threaten the nation's retirement security. The real all Americans is our mounting all Ame
debt.
If we
If we continue on this course wash in red ink, we risk not being able to meet our obligations in the future or taxing our people at an 80 percent rate in the fu-
ture. ture.

What have we to offer instead? Lower interest rates that en absence of federal budget deficits eal, nonresidential investment ould jump by 4 percent or more. 2005, inflation-adjusted Gros Domestic Product adjusted Gross by $\$ 170$ billion. This translates to about $\$ 1,000$ additio income per household disposable prices!
In plain terms, a balanced bud get would mean lower interest rates, cheaper mortgages for home buyers and lower car payments. Wing Americans will have an work ime sending their kids to school or buying their first home.
A balanced budget doesn't just it also will p future for our kids pockets of work A day. This is what is at stake

## Sheriff's Report

Two council members to be elected
No one has filed for a position on the ballot for the May 3 City
Council election, Brackettville City Manager David G. Luna said Wednesday.
Two council members will be elected to two-year terms at the Rackh Gonzalez's ections, whe Gonzales' terms will expire The last day for candidates file an application for a place on the ballot is March 19, at 5 p.m. The drawing for placement on the ballot to determine the order in which the names are to b printed will be on March 24. The polling place for the elec tion will be City Hall, located at
119 West Spring Street. The 119 West Spring Street. The poll
will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early voting by personal apearance will be conducted on weekdays at City Hall from 8 a.m. o 5 p.m., beginn
ending April 29 .

Gamblers Annoymous group meets on Friday evenings in Del Rio Beginning this Friday, Gamblers Anonymous meetings will be held on Friday Evening at 7:30.
The meetings will be held a he Central Church of Christ, lo cated at 402 Cantu Road. G.A. is a non profit fellowship with no dues and charges no fees. G.A. is the desire to stop gam bling. $\quad$ For more information, $774-2679$ or (213) 386-8789

## Setting it straight

 Betty Mathison wasmisidentified as Barbara Miller as
Beta Epsilon Omicron's Sweet-
heart in last week's edition of The
Brackett News.


Cub Master Drue Dur ettville presents the group's official charter to Rose Mary Slabar resident of the Kinney County Volunteer Ambulance Service which sponsors the local cub scouts. This is the third year that the ambulance service has sponsored the group.

## Liability law called impossible to enforce

AUSTIN - A state law requir- That would give DPS officers up ing Texas drivers to carry at least to-date information, Bomer said. liability insurance is not enforce- Nearly 25 percent of Texas regulator said Monday insurance motorist don't carry the minimum to the Associated Press. Texas Insurance Commissioner month or three month policies Elton Bomer said insurance con-- meet requireménts that they hav panies don't want to sell liability the insurance when registering insurance and Texans driving their vehicles. without it don't want to buy it. They then cancel the policies
He said the law could. be He said the law could be but continue to show the insurance changed to require insurance com- cards as existing insurance, he panies to notify the Texas Depart-
ment of Public Safety each time an insurance policy is opened and time ", been in effect for a long each time policies are cancelled. unenforceable."

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## Balanced Budget Amendment one vote shy

WASHINGTON - The balanced budget amend-
ment to the Constitution ment to the Constitution teetered on the brink on Tuesday as a pivotal Democratic freshman endorsed
the measure and one final weighed a make or break decision the Associated Press reported.
"It's the right thing to do," Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., said in announcing she will vote for the Republican crafted measure despite reservations. Barring any last minute switches, Landrieu's decision appeared to leave the fate of the amendment in the hands of Sen. Bob Torricelli D-N.J. in the House, but has the measure two years ago election to the Senate in November and has been lobbied by the White House and Democratic leaders to oppose the measure.
He pledged to disclose his position today. With a final vote expected by early-next week the party's leaders seemed locked in a war of nerves. Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, leading the opposition, conceded, "our momentum has lost a couple of wheels" with Landrieu's announcement. could win this."
Majority Leader Trent Lott told reporters he could count "about 66" votes for the measure, one shy of the two-thirds needed to prevail, but suggested there
"There's idering how to vote on final passage," he said with an air of mystery The measure, a cornerstone of the Republican egislative agenda, would require a balanced budget by 2002 and require a three-fifths vote of Congress to run a deficit any year thereafter.
The drama surrounding Landrieu and Torricelli vershad drama surrounding Landrieu and Corre floor where Democrats dressed a proposal to exempt Soial Security from pressed a propos of the amendment. Failure fom the provisions of the amendrd Failure to do so, cautioned Sen. Edward M. pays for Social Security into a "piggy bank" for pays for Social
Off the floor, Daschle and other Democrats were presented what they said were more than 800,000 signatures to a petition urging Congress to reject the proposed constitutional amendment in its present form because it "could mean huge tax increases and major reductions in Social Security benefits." The petition drive was the work of a seniors ad-
vcacy group, the National Committee to Preserve vocacy group, the National Co
Social Security and Medicare.
Republicans argued that the
ect Social Security, but countered that the only way

## Mary Higginbotham Hunt Library acknowledges recent memorials

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Great Redwall Feast" in memory in memory of Dorthy Payne. of Bess Fritter and "Satchory in memory of Dorthy Payne. "Mrs. Dan E. Davis donated Blues" in memory of Allen "Arthur And The True Francine" With. Famous Tike To Ride in memory of Dorthy Payne. memory of Dan E. Davis

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# Appropriate discipline is key to developing psychological strength 

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer
Michael Schooler，principal
of Jones Elementary School，ad－
dressed the Rotary Club last
Thursday．He has only recently
taken this post，but is very
pleased to have done it．
Schooler＇s wife is also a
teacher and an attorney．They
have a daughter who is one and
a half years old．
Before becoming a principal，
Schoole worked with severely
disturbed children．These chil－
dren had serious problems，and
those charged with caring for
them were，and always are，par－
ticularly challenged．
He has come to believe that
appropriate discipline adminis－
tered in a thoughtful way is the
key to developing psychologi－
cal strength．
After working with disturbed
children，Jones Elementary
School is quite a change．
Schooler describes his staff as
very dedicated to academics
and discipline． The students are respectful
and enlightened．He says he has no serious discipline problems． He hopes teachers will continue to work to develop their rel
tionships with their students． tionships with their students．
Schooler＇s job entails many different aspects．One of these is being involved with Commu－ nity Resource Coordination Groups，or CRCGs．Represen－ tatives from many different ser－ vices agencies come together to
develop individual service plans develop individual service plans
for children and adolescents for children and adolescent
who，in the past，have not fit th who，in the past，have not fit the
criteria for the help he or she needs．They have fallen＂in the cracks＂because they can qualify for any one service． This has long been a problem with agencies，but previously his was regarded as inevitable rganizations now come to gether and implement the CRGG system under the Texas Family Code 264．003．
Among these agencies are The Texas Commission for the Blind，Texas Department of

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Jones Elementary School Principal Michael Sch ERIC McMASTE welcomed to the Rotary Club meeting by Frank Cheaney，left， acting program chairman，and John Ford，vice president．
Health，Texas Department of able to read at grade level by the Mental Health and Mental Re－second grade．The earlier the ardation．Many more agencies student becomes proficient in are involved，and instead of rig－reading，the better．
acus＂sticking to the rules，＂they Experience has shown that he vidual requesting help．$\quad$ school more successfully with The group identifies service good reading skills
gaps and barriers and cooper－Under Title I，schools focu ate to resolve the impediments on reading and math．Slow
in order to serve human beings．readers will be identified and Turning to efforts to improve targeted．During the following ur school system，Schooler school year，new possibilities mentioned that Governor Bush will be offered to improve their wants to be seen as the＂educa－skills．
tion governor．＂He has ad－The end result should be dressed the issue of reading and better learning situation and
has a tax plan to provide the more students taking advantage has a tax plan to provide the more students taking advantage of their chance at an education，
Bush wants all children to be therefore，enhancing their life

## Fort Clark Golf News

## Men＇s Club meets shooting a high score of 45 ．

The newly reorganized Fort Tom Beatty and Stan Sterling
Clark Springs Men＇s Club met took first and second in the first Clark Springs Men＇s Club met took first and second in the first
last Wednesday and saw 60 men flight，Howard Peck and Ray last Wednesday and saw 60 men flight，Howard Peck and Ray
out on the course，braving an－Darling were the top two finish－ other windy day． They played a modified Stafford won the third flight and

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 Readers，I will talk about ea $\substack{\begin{subarray}{c}{\text { s．9．98 } \\ \text { s．t．} \\ \text { s．9．}} }} \\{\hline} \end{subarray}$
some of the ceremonies that are ily some of the ceremonies＂Our New
done in what we call Year＂or the＂New Birth of Mother Earth．＂
Every tribe is different，espe－ cially when performing ceremo nies．
Around the middle of Febru－ ary we wait for the first clap or rumble of thunder to start the
ceremony．Prayers are started ceremony．Prayers are
and a lot of chanting is done，af－ and a lot of chanting is done，af－
ter many months or weeks of fasting and purifying．
Tobacco is cut，ground and
put in the sacred pipe to
put in the sacred pipe to send the
prayer to Gradfater
A fire is built of cedar，sage and sweet grass and is burned as an incense to cleanse the area
to get rid of all the negative things and thoughts that sur－ round the ceremonial ground．
The blessing of the The blessing of the Three
Sisters，which consist of corn beans and squash，starts with the first rain．The sisters will start to grow and get ready to
be harvested in the be harvested in the spring．
Corn，among all Native
Americans is the most sacred of Americans is the most sacred of
all foods．It is the focus of count－ less rituals and legends．The corn represents life．It is called fertile or corn grandmother when very ripe and has gathered


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## Pete＇s Sake

 escape to the school cafeteria
where the cooks keep a pot of coffee brewing for him．
happy．They have plenty to eat．joins him，and a fifth grade girl They have a roof over their is given charge of the office with In fact，some very healthy，and not divulge that the princi－ cessful people pal is having a coffee break． aren＇t happy．
This puzzles me It sounds more professional This puzzles me．I really to say，＇The principal is in an－ happiness． I have a friend who is always That worked well until the quoting those beer commercials．head of the School Board called that ended with the line＂It just principal be brought to the tele－ doesn＇t get any better than phone．
＂Oh，no！＂the gir replied remembering her instructions． When the principal and his sec－ retary go to another part of the As much as 1 hate to popu－
It just doesn＇t get any better right： this！！doesn t get any better than Life is great．Look around
you．Smell the roses．Breathe the
you．Smell the roses．Breathe the
fresh air． Thank God that you live in But，I could be wron

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As much as I hate to popu－ ant corn．were During the corn ceremonies prayers are sent out for the food winter months．
Prayers are sent out to the louds for delivering the rains impregnate Mother Earth． Praydfather are sent out to thank grandrather Chier for the bless Babies are given a name and young girls are prepared for oman hood．
Mothers exchange a com－ tor because he gave us life and trength to keep going on．
The babies cradle boards are lessed．An ear corn i placed on the board to protect le child from all evir and all he cradle and harm the child The corn was also put child radle so the child would neve ffer hunger Corn wa planted during the later part of he icy months so by the time it matured，it would be spring and every thing would come to life
and be in harmony with Grand father chief and mother earth． Hug a child today With sound mind



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## Tigerettes take third at Natalia tourney

NATALIA - The Tigerettes racked up 16 D'Hanis. The
hits and committed no errors Saturday as and two RBI.
hits and committed no errors Saturday as and two RBI. place final of the Natalia Invitational softhall Hilda Aguirre and Stephanie Terrazas both tournament. With the win, Brackett improves to 3-1 on RBI, while Terrazas scored once. the season. The Tigerettes resume action to- in two more. Also scoring runs were drove day as they face Bandera in a 6:30 road game. Jones, La Toya Wright and Liz Aguirre. Tommorow, Brackett travels to Uvalde for a In the semifinals, Brackett fell to the Devine double-header with Uvalde and Hondo, be-
ginning at 6 p.m. ginning at 6 p.m.
Courtney Harrison (2-0) picked up the Lopez (1-1) was credited with the loss. She went all five innings for Brackett sarday. She pitched three innings, before being relieved our earned runs on six hits with four walks by Harrison in the fourth and three strikeouts.
Harrison helped her own cause with a 3-for-3 plate performance. She scored four runs. and drove in four more.

The Tigerettes out-hit the Arabians 7-4, but ne.
Lopez and Garza were both 2 for 2 at the
plate. Lopez had four RBI while plate. Lopez had four RBI, while Garza scored
one run and drove in another.

Hilda Aguirre went 2 for 3 and scored tw uns. Terrazas had Brackett's other hit.
Terrazas, Wright, Liz Aguirre and Negrete also crossed home plate Zandra Devine. $4-3$ win over St. Gerard.
Lopez started on the mound for Brackett She went one inning, allowing three earned runs on four hits with five walks and one Harriso
Harrison picked up the victory. In four innings of work, she gave up no runs on three
hits while fanning four batters and walking

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Offensively, Harrison went 2 for 2 and
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Lopez and Terrazas each had a hit scored a run. Hilda Aguirre also crossed home plate

Tigerettes take sixth at Dilley
DILLEY - Brackett brought home four gold medfinished sixth overall with 58 points in their first track meet of the year at the Wolves Relays. Orange Grove claimed top honors with 98 points, edg-
ing out Dilley and Carrizo ing out Dilley and Carrizo
Springs, who finished with 97 and 96 points, respectively. Reccia Jobe won two gold medals. She was first in the high jump with a leap of 4-8 and won the 300 -meter hurdles with a time of 51.65 . Samantha Perez took top
honors in the 3,200-meter run after being clocked at $13: 27$ ${ }^{\text {after being Finkenbinder was }}$ first in the 800 -meter run with a time of 2:47.21, while Darla Campos placed sixth. Becky Payne took fourth in the shot put and Windy Goodloe was fifth in the triple jump.
Jamie Bader finished sixth
in the 400 -meter run with in the 400 -meter run with Juarez was eighth.
Connie Castro ran a 15.5
in the 100 -meter dash and in the $100-\mathrm{me}$
The mile relay team of Perez, Jobe, Samantha Payne and Finkenbinder
fourth. Brackett's sprint team
made up of Tiffany Eckenrod Juarez, Sonya Correa and Bader, was sixth in the 400meter relay.
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## Tigers sweep doubleheader

baseball season with a pair of wins Saturday as they swept a doubleheader with the Coyotes' junior var-
sity.

The Tigers (2-0) will compete in the Ia Pryo Invitational on Friday and Saturday. Brackett will host Asherton in its season opener Tuesday night at The Tigers rallied for 19 hits in their first game of Saturday's doubleheader as they defeated the Coyotes 18-6.
Ramon De Leon (1-0) picked up the mound win In three innings of work, he gave up four runs, none earned, on four hits with three walks and one strikeout.
De Leon was relieved by Jorge Rodriguez, who picked up the save (1). In two innings of work, Rodriguez allowed two runs, one earned, on two hits while fanning one batter and walking another. Moses Hernaridez led the Tigers offensive attack with a perfect 4 -for-4 plate performance. He scored three runs and drove in three more.
De Leon and the 3 for 4 Smallwood scored one run and drove in two

Tigers finish seventh at Wolves Relays
DILLEY - Demitrous Williams ors with 118 points, Cuero was The junior took the silver in the
won two medals Saturday, help- second with 78 , and Dilley took long jump with a leap of $20-7.1 /$ won the Brackett Tigers to a sev-
ing third with 77.
enth
Wolves Relays.
Michael Aguirre Luna all had two hits apiece. Aguirre scored three runs, Ballew had two runs and a RBI, and Luna
scored two runs and drove in two more Rodriguez, Michael Meyer and Pore Rodriguez, Michael Meyer and Patrick Munoz RBI, Meyer crossed home plate three times, and Munoz added a RBI.
The Tigers ran away with the second game as Meyer $(1-0)$ was the winning pitcher. He pitched three scoreless innings, giving up one hit, fanning
four and walking one. Hernandez relieved Meyer. In two innings of work, he allowed two runs, both earned inn hits, and walked one. Hernandez and De

## three runs and two RBI.

Rodriguez was 3 for 4, including a
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Meyer was 2 for 2 . He scored thre
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Munoz, Luna,
Munoz, Luna, Wes Baker and Jose Gonzalez had one hit apiece. Luna crossed home plate twice while Munoz and Gonzalez both scored once. triple jum

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The Brackett Tigerettes warm up before a game at the Natalia nvitational tournament last weekend. Brackett took third place.

## OPEN HOUSE \&

## PANCAKE SUPPER

Brackett Independent School District will host an open house on
Tuesday, March 4, from 7p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be a pancake supper from 5:30p.m. to 7p.m.
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## Sponsors on board for Texas bird watching competition

By Henry Lutz Kinney County Game Warden

Compaq Computer and Central South West Services lead a host of corporate sponsors that so far have pledged more than $\$ 50,000$ to support the firstever Great Texas Birding Classic to be Bird watchers from around the nation will head to the Gulf Coast in April to participate in what will be the biggest and
wildest bird competition ever wildest bird competition ever, stretching
over six days along the 624 miles of over six day
Texas coast. Wildlife Department (TPWD) Parks and
in Flight, and dozens of Texas coastal communities, the birding event will raise the Texas coast.
Texas becomes the second state in the United States to capitalize on the growing popularity of bird watching by hosting the event.
More than 50 million Americans now participate in bird watching, now the pation's fastest watching, now the pasttime.
The Texas bird watching competition is a spin-off of the recently opened $\$ 1.5$ million Great Texas Coastal Birding

Transportation that will eventually in-
clude more than 200 premier birding sites
along a marked trail of roadways from Beaumont to Brownsville Teams of three to six birders - spon- week's fun. ored by corporations, conservation groups, birding organizations, private foundations, businesses and others - will ompete to see which team can tally the most bird species in three geographic zones along the coast during three day of competition. There are more than 400
species of birds found along the Texas coast a number of them Texas "specialty" birds, such as the Green Jay.
"This promises to be a unique event
turing hundreds of species of birds and week's fun."
housands of birders," said Ted Eubanks, the coast, where scorers will encourage people in the local coastal The birding action moves to the cen The Great Texas Birding Classic offically gets underway at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on Satrday, April 19, with the opening cet monies at Cattail Marsh in Terrell Park. Team competition begins at midnig. April 21 in the Beaumont-P midnight on April 21 in the Beaumont-Port ArthurHouston area. As competition moves ke part in special toars and fans can vents and activities planned arnerelated way. Teams will turn in their counts at The birding action mol coast on April 23 with celebrity birding events and a dinner scheduled in the Port Aransas-Corpus Christi area. The bird count ends at midnight Sa rday, April 26, on the low coas here local festivities are planned in the will be-McAllen-Mission area. Winch McAllen on April 27
To receive a registration packet, write and will turn in their counts at School Rife Department, 4200 Smith 3 MONTH MINIMUM - \$6.00 PER WEEK 563-2852

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 watching the movie Schindler's The last of his freedo thing List I was struck by the choices perple Some during that horrible to preserve lives, whereas life, rs chose to destroy lifeas othschindler, although it first did not deliberately choose he save the lives of his Jewish lize the Holocaust being enacted against the Jewish people He came face to face with the choice of life or death when his o to Auschwitz were selected to ads moment At that cross hose to preserve life life, he perisonal risk and cost, thus sav ng the lives of over 1100 Jews. The Philosopher Victor E Franld, himself a Holocaust survivor wrote about his experi Ve at Auschwitz by stating ation camps can remember the men who walked through the huts comforting others, givin Why their last piece of bread hey may have been ow in num preof that everything can b$1 \pi$
Brontier Baptist Church Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

## ts of life is worrying

the staff of Mayo Clinic said to is altogether unprofitable worry me, " $85 \%$ of my patients face problems caused by or aggravated tell you not to worry. This is good dvice and there are some factors which will put an end to worry. One important factor is to pay no
attention to the worry building of he news media. Don't accept al he dire predictions of those seekng headlines. One example is the latest object of scientific studys how the earth may have warmed ess than 1 degree in the last 150 years. There are more and sensible and most important thing is to be in the family of God. This can become an eternal reality for anyone by simply trusting Jesus Christ the truth, and the life, no man cometh to the father but by me." He also said, "Whoever cometh There is no way wise cast out." ept through His Son, Jesus Christ. If we are in the family of God we must constantly remind urselves that we have a Heavenly ight.
e says, "Seek Ye First the King m of God and His righteousness nd "All things will be added unto
warding Worry never solved any problem but does exacerbate any problem but does exacerbate ize that to worry is unchristian. It is caused by lack of faith in od. If we leave our problems and cares to Him we must recognize together for good" to those who
follow Him follow Him.
To refuse to worry is to put our aith in action. A woman with asked how she was doing with them said, "I said, Here God these are your problems" and I left them with Him so I am no longer worTo avoid worry we must live ne day at a time. Most worries nly day we really have. So to live it to its fullest robs tomorrow of worry. If we put Jesus Christ the absolute first in our lives there is
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world, and I come to thee. Holy
Father, keep through thine name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name; those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themsélves. St. John Come feast with us in the And now I am no more in the Lord the table is se
Now they have known that all
things, whatever thou hast given me, are of thee. he words which thou gavest me; and they anow surely that I came out from thee, and they have
send me.
I pray for them; I pray not for hou hast given me; for they are
And all mine are thine, and thine are min
fied in them.

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fed in them.


## Obituaries

## John Gardner Garberick

John Gardner Garberick, age 91, passed away Monday, Februwas born May 27, 1905 in Aldora, Iowa.
He is survived by his son: William Edgar Garberick and wife Mabel K. Garberick of San Antonio. Daughter: Jacqueline J. Green ter: Myrtle Mae Zimmerman of Flint, Michigan. Step-daughter: Flint, Michigan. Step-daughter: Havasu, Arizona. He is also sur-

## James Hinds

James Hinds, age 73, passed away, Saturday, February
1997 in Del Rio, Texas James was born July 25,1923 in Brackettville, Texas. He was a life long resident of Brackettville and a life member of St. Mary Magdalene Church. James was a carpenter for
many years. He was a veteran many years. He was a veteran
of the U.S. Army where he was a Technical Sergeant. James is survived by: his wife of 51 years, Elvidia G. Hinds of Brackettville. Sisters; Mary H. Jaso and Ethel H. Avalos and her husband Ernest of Austin, Texas. Also survived by num
ous nieces and nephews ous nieces and nephews.
Visitation was held Sund February 23, 1997 at the Brackettville Funera
inBrackettville.

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went just like it always had before checked my watch. It was 11:00 p.m. The new clerk was a little on miliar with the forms for tax exempt status, but I was in no big hurry. Annie was patiently waiting in the car. We discussed going to the Denny's restaurant drink, but since there was a light the room. Everything is normal and good.
Sixty seconds later...The car is
backed into the parking space in front of room 122, our room just I unlock the room thind of the car. the trunk to hear, "Give me your wallet! Just give me your wallet!" As I turn towards the sound of the voice I see a man with a bandanna over his head and another over his
nose and mouth. Only the bridge

## Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend
Another native Brackettville man has gone on to his Heavenly Father. James Hinds was born in Brackettville more than 73 years
ago. He spent his entire life here ago. He spent his entire life here.
He married a young lady from his home town more than 53 years ago. Both of these were from the very finest of families. James for many years was one of the finest carpenters of this town. He was honest, capable and efficient. He always gave an honest days work
for a days pay James was not for a days pay. James was not an
outgoing aggressive personality outgoing aggressive personality
but was considerate and friendly. A man who has known him all his life said, "He never bothered anyone, he just did his own thing." Thinking about this, it is quite a compliment. After many months of serious illness he left his wife, family and friends to go to his home in heaven. Surely James
Hinds was an Unsung Hero.

> Thanks
> To everyone for their prayers, flowers, cards, and hospital. Caring people like you made my long stay and recuperation much easier. Also thanks for helping tak care of my family whil I was gone Kandace LaMascus.

Rosary was recited at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Mass was Mary May, February 24, at Church with Rev Catholic ficiating. Burial followed at ofMary. Magadale followed at St. Cemetery. Military Catholic conducted by the Sy honor was Rio Honor Guard under the Di Rio Honor Guard under the diArrangements were the Direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home, dba Brackettville Funeral Home, 114 North St. Brackettville Tx
Pallbearers were Norman Longoria, Flavio Talamantez Jr., Christopher Gomez, Rene
Ramirez, A J. Webdell, Robert Ramirez, A.J. Webdell, Robert Gomez, Jr. John De La Rose of his nose and eyes can be seen.
He is wearing a dark gray and white stripped shirt with long
sleeves. At the end of the right hand sleeve is a shaking hand with a gun in it. stances that same night did not fare as well as we did. Obviously we other than the loss of any harm lars and a lot of inconvenience. God in His goodness and care did calmness, peace and assurance that only He can give, exactly as
Jesus told us in the Gospel of John chapter 14 verse 27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you:
not as the world gives, do I give this to you,
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
peace as you come to know Jesus as your Savior and Lord.


Sheree Harris, left, pastor of First United Methodist Church, is shown with Betty Inman, center, choir director, and Cathi Conrey, organist, who were selected as Lay Leaders by the church's administrative council.

## Gateway Ministries Pastor Charolette Corey

Living amid evil times is im- plied to sharing your spiritual gifts
Lsible without unity with God
and talents. Each believer has been and with His body Jesus, the hod and given special gifts by God to be of the body, commands us to love used to His Glory. Each believer one another and put others first needs to be sensitive to the whis above ourselves. There is a rea- pers of the Holy Spirit to give no harmony to the function of the etc., but especially of their talent harmony to the function of the etc., but especially of their talen built in such a way as to compen- need each other. All denominasate for lack of nutrients in one tions who believe in Jesus as the area by taking it from another area only begotten son of God, born o where there is an abundance, thus Virgin Mary, died on the cross and causing the body to continue func- shed His blood for our sins, was tioning in a productive manner. resurrected on the third day and ust the same, Jesus calls on His will return again for His church, part, causing His body to be pro- of Christ, helping one another ductive unto His glory. In 2 Have unity amid evil times!! Corinthians 8:13-15 it states "Our Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk desire is not that others might be in love.
relieved while you are hard P.S. All youth are invited to equality. At the present time your Attend the Youth Rally "Living plenty will she present time your Amid Evil Times." at 1010 Ave so that in turn their wlenty will sup- 28th 7-11 ply what you need, then there will For a big Live Music festival e equality "Of course, these skits, games, food \& fun at Del verses are talking about sharing Rio New Life Christian Center money, possessions, food, physi- Many denominations partic
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