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Annual Easter Sunrise Service Sunday morning
The Ministerial Alliance will present the Annual Easter Sunrise Service in the Am-
phitheater at Fort Clark phitheater at Fort Clark
Springs on Sunday morning at 7 .
Rev. Gil Ash, pastor of the Rev. Gil Ash, pastor of the
First Baptist Church, will First Baptist Church, wil Other pastors participating Other pastors participating
are Ray Melton, minister of are Ray Melton, minister of
The Church of Christ; Jim Cashin, priest of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Sharee Harris pastor of the First United Methodist Church; Rev. Bill Adams pastor of St. John Baptist Church; and Joe Townsend pastor of t
Church.
"This is always a grea time of worship and inspir
tion," Townsend said.
vice, and it is a good oppor vice, and
tunity for people of all religious persuasions to worship together to share the victory of the resurrection of Christ." The Voices of Fort Clark Springs will perform at th
Annual Easter Sunrise Ser Annual Easter Sunrise Ser

## Ballew takes Reserve Champion at Houston

 Laura Lee was third in finewool
and fifth in crossbred and fifth in crossbred, J. Wayne J. Wayne Ballew took Reserve Grand Champion Fine Wool Cross took 13th in crossbred, and Beth Lamb at the 1997 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
The Ballews also competed
the Sand Hills Stock Show in breed in five different weight fourth places; Laura Lee finished the Sand Hills Stock Show in classes.
Odessa, which features finewool J. Wayne took first, third and 13th and 15th th; and Beth won

Rodriguez pitches perfect game in win over Center Point
Jorge Rodriguez pitched the first perfect game in Brackett's school history Tuesday night as the Tigers shut out the Center Point Pirates
teams.
"It's great to start district with a big win," Tigers coach Gary Grubbs said. "I thought the boys played well. We didn't hit the ball as well as we have been, but we had a good pitching performance from Jorge.
Rodriguez ( $5-0$ ) pitched five perfect innings against the Pirates. He struck out 11 of the 15 batters he retired.
"He threw lots of strikes and moved the ball in and Gut oubs said and moved the ball in and out. He did great job.
With th
Center Point falls to $0-4$ overall. In other conference games on Tuesday, Natalia routed Comfort $9-1$ and Charlotte topped Dilley $9-2$.
Brackett will face Charlotte on the road today at 4 , and will Brackett will face Charlotte on the road today at 4 , and will
host Comfort on Tuesday at 7 host Comfort on Tuesday at 7 .
The Tigers collected eight hits against the Pirates and took advantage of six Center Point errors in Tuesday's contest. J. Wayne Ballew paced Brackett's offensive attack. He turned a run. Rodriguez, Michael Meyer, Ramon De Leon, Moses
Hernandez, Beau Smallwood and Michael Aguirre each added a hit. Smallwood scored two runs and stole four bases, while De Leon scored once and had three stolen bases. Meyer, Aguirre, Rene Luna, Zack Davis, Jose Gonzalez and
Demitrous Williams all crossed Demitrous Williams all crossed home plate once.
The Brackettville City Council refused
The Bracketville City Council refused News Managing Editor Wes Robinson concerning the city's official newspaper at this month's regular meeting.
Robinson was questioning the council's decision to name the Del Rio Newsald as the city's official newspaper.
Approximately six months ago, the chose the Del Rio News-Herald as the official newspaper of Brackettville," Robinson said during the meeting. "That was because the majority of the council was not satisfied with The Brackett News. Is that correct?"
Mayor Carmen Berlanga said, "In some aspects, yes."
Robinson said
Robinson said, "Could you tell me again
what exactly you were dissatisfied with?" what exactly you were dissatisfied with?" had a discussion with this gentleman (Robinson) and (there were) indications that

## Officials refuse to answer questions concerning city's official newspaper

there might be legal action taken.
"I would advise the council to respond in limited fashion for the purposes of dealing with potential litigation, and dealing with that in executive session.
"The purposes for which that action was taken probably should not be commented on at this point," Dodson said. "What was
done was done. The record reflects that done was done. The record reflects that
and the record should be gone to, to see and the record should be gone to, to see ments on what's already done." Robinson said, "Perhaps, this wouldn't be a restatement. How does it best serve the citizens of Brackettville to have the Del Rio News-Herald as the official newspaer of the city of Brackettville?
Berlanga and Alderman Ralph Gonzalez Rothinson then asked
is an elected official's job to serve the citizens of the city of Brackettville?"
The mayor said, "Yes, we do."
"There are more important issues than the best interests of the community."
Alderman Ralph Gonzalez Robinson said, "But yet, you don't have o give
hat?"
"I $\qquad$
"I refuse to elaborate," Berlanga said.
Martha Pena Hooten, who was in the audience, then asked, "Nobody has any comments?
Alderman Felix Gonzales said, "This was passed six months ago, so I don't understand why he (Robinson) is here asking
all of these things. There is the attorney, if all of these things. There is the attorney, if you have anything to ask, ask the attorRobinson replied, "I can tell him now will not sue the city of Brackettville. I think Brackettville because they would be pay

## g to defend the individuals that made that

"But, in my opinion, you also weren' serving them, and it actually looks like you're trying to hide something from Gm."
Gonzalez said, "No sir, we have nothing to hide here. The bottom line is this, he past six years and I am very proud of it he past six years and I am very proud of
oo. You're only attacking one issue. "On the advice that the attorney gav s, I'm not going to answer any of your questions. But, don't stand here and tell me I don't serve this community, just beRobinson replied "No aper." Robinson replied, "No, I did not tell
you that. I just told you that you didn't you that. I just told you that you didn Gerve their best interests by doing that." ant issues than the best interests of the community." ${ }^{\text {I }}$ See ROBINSON'S/Page 3

## Briefs ... <br> Little League resumes registration next week The Kinney County Little League will register players Tues day at 6 p.m.at the high school

 baseball field.Players can also register on ednesday, April 3, at 4 p.m. at April 4, at $5 \cdot 30$ at the high school softball field.
Tryouts for players will be at
he Little League field on Saturday, April 5.
Applications for managers and oaches must be turned in by Wednesday. Anyone wishing to team can get an application from board member. The directors April 3 and April 10 workdays Little League field ready for the season, which begins with Opening Day Ceremonies and a barbe-
Drawing for places on ballot held on Monday The drawing for places on the ballot for the May 3 city counc elections was held Monday.
The names of candidates drawn out of a hat to determine the order in which the names would appear on the ballot.
The order of the candidates will be, for alderman, Place 1: Marsha Harrell, Gregorio Juarez and J.J. Guidry; and for Place 3: Wes Robinson and Ralph Gonzalez. Place 3 which is incumbent for get and finance
Felix Gonzales, alderman Place 1, fire and police, is not The polling place 3 election will be City Hall located at 119 West Spring Street. The poll will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted on weekdays at City Hall from 8 a.m.
to 5 p.m. The early voting period to 5 p.m. The early voting period
begins April 14 and ends April 29 begins April 14 and ends April 29.
In the Brackett School Board election, also on May 3, two trustees will be elected to three-year terms.
Incumbents Rose Mary Slubar
and Tim Ward have filed for reelection in the school board raceEarly voting for the school
board election is April 14-29

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## Spring Break is a staple of

 American education systemSpring Break is here!
It has become a staple of the BISD, Spring Break has finally arrived.
I don't know when schools an to take an entire week off fo he break, but for me it began in the late 1980s.
In the olden days, we would rush as hard as we could to get he required number of days in and that was that. Schools, teach rs, kids and parents have figured out that og our case ends May 23.

## Early Easter Egg Hunt

 Our elementary school children had to get the baskets out anddusted off a week early. That's OK. I watched two or three hunts and the timing had littli e fun that they had ou feel good about kids hunting you feel good about kids hunting
Easter eggs, maybe it goes back to our childhood when things were slower and maybe even more fun. We must continue to see the world through the eyes of children. They have a fresh, optimistic way of thinking it will all work.
I've talked about my mom many times in this column. She had a great influence on my life. She never lost the spark for having fun and for remembering what it was like to be a kid. So, she never let her five children lose it either.
On
On Easter morning, even when was home on break from college, I still went on Easter Egg
hunts, WITH MY BASKET, not
s an observer
I tried to get mom to schedule he hunts early because of the fear that neighbors and friends would GOD FORBID see me with my what? My mom was right.

TAAS Testing
We are pushing hard to precompare our curriculum. That's right. In each class, we have a children must learn.
Teachers know that if they are oo get the kids ready for the next level of learning (grade, class, col-
lege), the children must learn. They also know that the state wide tests, called TAAS, where the state says how well did the
children learn these elements, are hildren learn these ele
ooming in late April.

So, the break is good for the
children, as well as for the staff. Well Deserved Rest Our maintenance and custodial
staff will work for a couple of staff will work for a couple of grounds ready for the last few weeks. Then, they will get a well deserved day or two of break
$\qquad$ Athletics Continue Athletic competition seems to continue no matter what. That's because each school system is in-
dependent and wants to schedule its own break time.
I am kind of ashamed that our schools can't agree on a common and coaches a week to gather their senses. I will be mighty surprised if that happens in my lifetime

UIL One Act Play I am so proud of our UIL play. and will advance on into the area competition at Kingsville on April 5. Four of our students were placed on the All Star Cast. Director Michelle Gonsoulin and her able assistant Lynn McNew did a grand job with the
kids. The directors tell me that kids. The directors tell me that these are great
worked hard.
Congratulations cast and directors! Watch for the Dinner Theater where the students will about the first play, coming soon, March Madness
We love the college basketball playoffs. March Madness, as they call the playoffs, always comes the Spring.
The Alamo Dome was the site of some of the best basketball that our area has seen in years. know there are many folks in the area who have ties to states
and colleges that are still playing basketball. We're watching Kentucky now that Texas lost. That's about all. We have suct great children here in Brack ettville. The school continues to have a banner year as children and staff work to learn, to perform,
it.
This week, give a staff member pat on the back and tell a child, maybe your own, that they too are doing a great job.
sible. Have a good makes it all pos-

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## Voices put on great show

The Voices of Fort Clark Springs presented another of their fine concerts Sunday night. It was
a most refreshing and entertaina most refres
ing evening.
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The gro
The group is a well balanced
vocal choir. It's lenge for such a group to chalenough male voices to provide a good balance. The Voices have enough capable such male voices that the presentation was outstandThis
ing.
from the from the ordinary in a departure with a western motif. A good many longtime favorites of country and western devotees
entertainingly presented. The event was sprinkled with high lights. One was when a Barbershop Quartet made up of Lee Heron, Frank Eckenroth, Hector Jimenez and Taylor
sang "Cool Water."
One of the most outstanding features which brought the house down was a presentation by an
accordion trio composed of Cathy Conrey, Pat Strother and Frank Eckenroth. It was truly outstand-
ing. From the time I first saw the favorite songs is "Buttons and

## Between $U_{s}$ <br> By Joe Townsend

Bows." It was good to hear the Ministerial Alliance will present
Voices sing it outstandingly Voices sing it outstandingly. Most outstanding among th many fine presentations was solo when Blake Hinton sang Maria. It's always a treat to hear
Blake, but never has he touched Blake, but never has he touched
the hearts of listeners as he did the hearts

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& \text { this time. } \\
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The Voices did a superb job in the presentation of the program. Lee Heron has done an outstanding job of keeping the Voices toyears.
I confess I was somewhat disappointed when Lee didn't sing a Lynn McNew has devoted many hours and much effort in guiding and training the group. It's difficult to fathom how the Voices without her guidance.

Ergonomics could cost billions of dollars

## By Henry Bonilla

U.S. Congressman, 23rd District

Ergonomics. Ergo-what? You may not have heard it yet, but it is a word you may learn because it of dollars American business and workers billions Ergono
Ergonomics is the "study of fitting the workplace to the worker." The Occupational Safety and Health
Administration (OSHA) has already spent millions of taxpayer dollars on ergonomics research, and they aren't done yet. Once again, federal bureaucrats are working overtime to spend money.
Recent reports have highlighted a workplace con-
cern called repetitive stress injuries. cern called repetitive stress injuries. These can oc-
cur when a worker types cur when a worker types on a computer keyboard
for an extended amount of time or uses a repeated motion to operate a machine. Although repetitive stress is a concern, it is not the epidemic problem that OSHA claims.
Instead of trying to find a way to help businesses make the workplace safe, OSHA is spending your tax money to develop more regulations. Their proposed "ergonomic standard" is a rule which would
force every American business to change virtually force every American business to change virtually everything in
with humans.
To comply with OSHA's regulation, businesses would immediately be forced to fork over billions of this without any scientific basis to justify their actions.
No one questions that repetitive stress injuries occur, they do. The problem is finding out why and


For example, these injuries could be caused by
excessive typing but also by crocheting, gardenin excessive typ
How can the federal government expect to design a workplace that would protect every single worker in every single industry in America? Everybody is different, two people can perform the exact same work activity and one gets sore shoul
ders while the other does not. Medical experts do not agree on what causes re petitive stress injuries, how to prevent them or even
how to treat them. Still, that hasn't stopped some folks out there from trying to impose one-size-fits all regulations as a way to prevent and treat all injuries. They want to dive in head first without any There is no scientific fou
There is no scientific foundation to support a
ergonomic standard. This is not a tionable science being used to a matter of quesclaims. This is a matter of American businesses being forced to fork over billions of dollars when it won' Ben solve the problems.
Bureaucrats at OSHA want to define any new problem so it can produce new rules. That way they workplace. Why not sudy real onble America science and then work with employers to help em ployees?
need to do it right. There is nothing in the propose regulations which ensures that even one workplac injury or illness will be prevented. The only sure result is a huge cost which American taxpayers and businesses will be forced to pay. Stay tuned, this



Taking a bite out of crime Just when you think you've
heard every last method of scamming Uncle Sam, along comes news of another way that leaves you breathless. Item: Last week the General Accounting Office reported that thousands of convicted criminal nationwe in the federal food stamp
ticipate in ticipate in the federal food stamp In its study of four food stamp programs across the country, the mates or their families fraudulently received $\$ 3.5$ million in food stamps during fiscal year 1995; that year, 1.5 million in granted to 5,690 inmates in Texas prin Prisoners who alre free room and board are, in effect, dining twice at public expense. This is an especially pernicio This is an especially pernicious practice, given that it has been so hard to enact entitlement reform need help can receive it
The food stamp program provides a badly needed safety net for millions of desperate people. We must not allow fraud to undermine the entire program.
As outrageous as prisoners receiving food stamps may be, I am proud to report that Texas has eliminating this abuse

## Since January, our state has Since January, our state has been cross checking the names of

 individuals receiving food stamps with the names of convicts in Texas prisons.ow require foras authorities now require food stamp recipients families to verify the number of people in their households every three months rather than every six
months, as was the case in the Earlier this month, I introduced legislation to encourage all states to follow Texas' lead and initiate procedures to end this fraudulent practice across the board. Currently, we reward states stamp overpayments thoup food a result of fraud or error, such as payments to prisoners. My bill would reduce this reward system for states that do not cross check ood stamp rolls with prison I am happy that Texas is doing. nitiative hapy that Texas took the the way for other atter, pointing same, without waiting for the fed ral government to act.
Cross-checking prison records with food stamp eligibility lists is methexpensive, non-intrusive families receiving fining whether accurately stating the size of their households.
Ating the bill payers, who are

## Sheriff's Report <br> Friday, March 21

 and Eulalio Martinez, 48, both of Del Rio, were arrested by Kinney County Deputy Sheriff Karl ney County booked into the Kin rested for public intoxication. He was released on Sunday, March 23, for time served. Martinez was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense. He wasmagistrated by Judge Alvin Hall magistrated by Judge Alvin Hall and released the ne
posting $\$ 300$ bond.

Monday, March 24
1:35 a.m., Leopoldo Luna, 38, Deputy Steville, was arrested by intoxication and booked into the Kinney County Jail. He was re-
leased the same day and fined

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## Underwood presents informative program on Texas Lions Camp

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A former student came by to visit recently. He was one of the best by the way
the newspaper.
oK, if you really must kn yes, it was J.J. Guidry! yes, it was J.J. Guidry!
Anyway, the subject of respect came up. I have always thought respect has to be earned.
A title doesn't necessarily carry respect with it. If you are a doctor, teacher, whatever, you still
need to gain respect by showing need to gain respect by showing
you are worthy of it. you are worthy of

By Peter Pohl
Contributing Writer
Nolan Underwood was the guest speaker at the Brackettville Lions Club's first meeting in March. Underwood, a fellow Lions Club member, is in charge of public relations for the Texas Lions Camp. He gave an informative program about the Texas Lions Camp, that is run by the Lions Clubs of Texas. The camp is located in Kerrville and it gives chil-
dren with physical disabilities the opportunity to do dren with physical disabilities the opportunity to do
things only other children dream of - they can go to things only other children dream of - they can go to
summer camp. The camp offers special camping programs for children with diabetes as well.
The Texas Lions Camp will offer five sessions
this summer for children with visual, hearing or
physical disabilities, age seven through 16 .
Potential campers must have an IQ of 70 or above
and have some self-help skills in the areas of dress
ing, eating, toileting and bathing
You don't acquire my respe ries of earth shaking miracles. But you do have to win respect and admiration by your own merits. I have great respect for a lot of
people - some old people - some old, some quite and field sports can be adapted wht, arts and crafts, young.

Almost all of the students in our
school today have my respect be cause they have displayed qualities that show they deserve it. Forget what you may have
heard about our young men and women in BISD, they are a great
bunch!!
We can all rest easy knowing We can all rest easy, knowing
that our future leaders are going that our future leaders are going to be ready when their time
comes. They indeed have my recomes. They indeed have my re-
spect. On this one, I don't think I could be wrong!

Junior College hosts kite flying contest
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$$ ior College main campus in Uvalde on April 18 during the first

ever SWTIC Kite Flying Contest ever SWTJC Kite Flying Contest. 50th anniversary celebration events scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. on
April 18 . For more imformation, call

## children enjoy fun and recreation in a safe environ-

 childrenment.
One-
One- and two-week session
individual needs of campers.
The Texas Lions Camp also designed summer camping sessions for diabetic children ages nine through 15 .
Recreational activities make camp life fun, while Scott and White Hospital, joins the camp staff to help the children learn to control their diabetes. Individualized attention in health care encourages good control of diabetes, while children learn to eat properly, monitor their blood sugar, and give heir own insulin injections.
Parents also receive instructions so they can assist and encourage their children upon their return home.
The Te
The Texas Lions Camp, which allows all children to attend at no cost to the family, has provided
over 40,000 children with various physical disabilities or diabetes an opportunity to learn from and enjoy the outdoors since it began.
Further information and camper applications may Activities are superviced by a trained staff at a be obtained by calling local Lions Club member ratio of one counselor to every three campers, so
Robinson's questions go unanswered
$\square$ Continued from Page 1

## "Really?" Robinson asked.

 "Absolutely," Gonzalez anHooten added, "That's where we get all of our information, from the newspaper."Robinson the Robinson then said, "Would you be willing to answer this ques-
tion?"
" "No sir, I ain't answering any "f your questions," Gonzalez said.
"OK," Robinson responded. Berlanga then said, "Present our question, your allowed." Robinson said, "My question , what do you feel the job of the The council again refused to The council again refused to
nswer.
Dodson said "The ertainly speak for themselves, but 1 think the issue that has been


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whether or not is was better to name as the official newspaper for
the city the Del Rio paper as opthe city the Del Rio paper as op-
posed to the Brackett newspaper.
"That's a judgement call as to "That's a judgement call as to which is better. I've advised you
that we don't think it was improper to have done so. But, you're certainly entitled to make your comments as to why it would have been, perhaps if you feel so, bet-
ter to have named the local ter to have named the local pa-

## "The purpose of the action

 ply with the law and to designate an official newspaper for the purposes of publishing legal notices," Dodson added. It certainly would have beena better choice for the city of a better choice for the city of
Brackettville, in that there would have been more people notified of your public notices than are in the
"I have already told you I will The sue the city of Brackettville. The newspaper won't sue the city
of Brackettville. It will not happen because I'm not going to punish the citizens for a personal vendetta against the council, which is kind of what I feel was done to us." So make any con don't want to issue is mute," Robinson concluded.
Stop moping around! Get rid of those unwanted items. Place your ad in
The Brackett The Bracket And get results fast!!


The Knights of Columbus, Council 8223 took two of it's members to San Antonio on Saturday. Johnny Castro, left, and Joe "Boy" Williams received their second and third degrees with the Knights their council, church, family, community and youth.

## Sandoval, Gomez attend seminar

550 county and district clerks took $\begin{aligned} & \text { Delinquent Tax Suits, Bond For- } \\ & \text { feitures, Indexing and Recording }\end{aligned}$ part in the 25th Annual County Procedures and Juvenile Issues. and District Clerk's Continuing $\begin{gathered}\text { "During the seminar, new of- }\end{gathered}$ Education Seminar in College Station march 19-21.
Participating in the seminar from Kinney County were County and District Clerk, Dora E.
Sandoval and Chief Deputy Sylvia Gomez. "The continuing education seminar provides valuable infor- nit mation and current procedures of The seminar was sponsored by the office to county and district the V.G. Young Institute of clerks, said Sandoval. County Government of the Texas Icipants designed to update par- Agriculture Extension Service and ticipants on duties and responsi- the County and District Clerk's
bilities of their offices, helping Association of Texas in cooperathem become more capable and tion with the Texas Association of effective in serving the public." Counties.
The theme for this year's edu- Clerks The theme for this year's edu- Clerks who attended all of the
cational program was "Rest not sessions will receive 12 hours of cational program was "Rest not
on past accomplishments-Fear not sessions will receive 12 hours of
credit on past accomplishments -Fear not Participants took part in gen- district clerks to complete a minieral sessions and workshops that mum of 20 hours of continuing covered such topics as Probate and education relating to their duties
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## BISD Cafeteria Menu

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Thursday, April 3
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primary residence on that date) is entitled to a $\$ 5,000$ homestead exemption to lower their school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile
home. (Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also

Are other exemptions available? If you're disabled -or if you're 65 years old or older-you are
entitled to an additional $\$ 10,000$ school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemptotion, yourre
also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling"" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county o
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David Cardwell, customer service supervisor and coordinator for
CP\&L, is welcomed to last week's Rotary Club meeting by Sharon CP\&L, is welcomed to last week's Rotary Club meeting by Sharo
Tinsley, Rotary program chairperson for March.

## Behind this is the interest of

 ndustrial giants who hope to bleed local utilities by gaining access to the cheapest power available in the Unites States, Mexico or CanadaThe expense of keeping ou The expense of keeping our
local utilities companies operating in a reliable manner could fall on the local areas, however.
Consumers are now wondering what lies ahead in regard to their own electrical service.
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but what does that entail? but what does that entail?
Access to local lines mus made available to companies fo away they might be. Wholesale competition will allow distributors to buy at a good price, but retail competition will play a crucial role in the price the consumer will pay.
"Wheeling" describes the abil-
ity of one electric company to deliver its electricity over another
company's power lines in order to serve retail customers. The expense of the upkeep and
use of these lines must be absorbed and could mean added local expense.
Also, those companies which sell electricity are naturally going
to look to the largest buyers first to look to the largest buyers first
rather than small businesses and residential customers.

## How will this effect availabil-

\section*{| Grgetiond Growing |
| :--- |
| By Dr. Ellen Henke John Deere Lawn \& Garden Expert |}

Fertilization is a must for lawns tor away." Or so they say. We all
know that an apple alone isn't all
know that an apple alone isn't all it takes for good health. Our nu-
tritional needs are somewhat more complex than that, and so are your lawn's.
Most of us accept that our lawns must be watered and mowed for good health, but many of us think that fertilizing our lawns is optional. It really isn't. Just as most people's bodies
demand three square meals a day demand three square meals a day, meals a year, one feeding a month after the lawn starts growing and another feeding a month before your lawn goes dormant.
Spring fertilization is necessary oreplenish your lawn's food reserves that have been used in th
first flush of spring growth. first flush of spring growth.
During the fall, your lawn
storing food in the root system to allow it to grow underground dur-

## fertiliza

What does your lawn need? Grass plants need three essentia nutrients. Nitrogen is needed for a healthy green color and grass blade growth, phosphorus pro motes healthy root development, ease and drought provides for dis ase and drought resistance. To determine how much of John Deere suggests then needs, duct a soil test by taking several random plugs of soil from around the lawn. Dig down six to eight inches
or the samples. Remove any grass blades, roots and stems. Mix ye soil and label it "Lawn." Send your soil samples to a county ex ension agent, university turf spe ialist or soil test lab.
pH of your soilt if will tell you the too alkaline, plus the major nutri ing the dormant season, so the fall ents your soil needs.
Rhames has poem published Nicole Rhames, the granddaughter of Billy Joe Walker of Fort lark springs, wrote the following poem "One of the Bunch,
which was printed in "The National Library of Poetry-The Col ors of Thought

One of the Bunch
all a bed of arrowheads gently rests in peace,
framed boldly in hunter green framed boldly in hunter green wood,
they zoom in on each other as if under attack by the enenton,
rock who speaks of destroying the galaxy, and all in it,
each of 41 arrowheads are different, in shape and personality,
some are long and big, some short but lethal,
others are sharp enough to cul
with the ease of a swan dive into a deep dark seag brick,
with the ease of a swan dive into a deep dark sea of chlorinated water
and yet some look as harmless as a newly born baby

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { et some look as harmless as a newly born chlorinated } \\
& \text { and all rough as the arctic ice, } \\
& \text { and all as important to a pompla }
\end{aligned}
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and all as important to a complete piece of a
as a pound of gold is to a poor

Bader awarded Carr Academic Scholarship Amy E. Bader from Bracket High School has been awarded Angelo State University for 1997 Angelo
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Over 300 Carr Academic年 $1997-98$, rang ing in value from $\$ 1,500$ qualified high school seniors During the current year, ap proximately 900 studens as well as numerous foreign coun ries, are attending Angelo Stat University on Carr Academi scholarships.
As a general rule, student must rank in the top 15 percent their high school class and prese ither a combined math SAT omposite score of 25 on the ACT.
Supported by a growing multi million dollar trust established by he late Robert G. and Nona K Carr of San Angelo, the under raduate scholarships may be newed annually by the universi for students who mainta
quired academic record.
During a four-year course Academic Scholarships can b worth from $\$ 6,000$ to $\$ 24,000$.
Davis honored by
Phi Theta Kappa
rackettville, was one of 30 ne nembers honored by Southwe exas Junior College Eta Bet Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa du Phi Theta Kappa is the inte national honor society for two year colleges. It was organized to promote scholarship, leadership ellowship and service among superior students
The honor society was founded n 1918 by the presidents of th Missouri junior colleges a Mo SWTJC has had Chapter

McKelvey attends DAR state conference McKelvey, a member Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter o he Daughters of the American Revolution, was recently selected oonference held March $13-15$ at the Omni Hotel.
The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revo lution was founded Oct. 11, 1890 for historic, educational and pariotic purposes.
Any woman is eligible Ambership in the NSDAR who and who 18 years of age descendency from a man oman who, with unfailing loyalty to the cause of American In ependence, served as a military patriot in one of the colonies states; provided the applicant is personally acceptable to the sociThe Texas Society was formed in 1899 and the Uvaide Chapter The Uvalde Chapter joined with the Alamo Chapter of San Antonio, Austin Colony Chapter Austin and the Captain James解 ost the Chapter Regents' Club Luncheon on Friday.

## Bridge

FORT CLARK SPRINGS . The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate The winners in the north-south direction were: Nita and Fred Clayton, first place; Arnie Trautwein and Vern Ebert, sec ond place; and Mac and Maria McCandless, third place
won first pand Choppy Ambler, won first place in the east-west direction. Joan Lindley and Ben and Carol Benfield tied for sec-
and Carol Benfield tied for sec-
ond olace.


Tigerettes battle Lady Mustangs The Brackett Tigerettes are one win away from clinching a playoff berth, and they will have two opportunities to do that in the next week. Brackett (2-1, 9-7) will travel to Natalia (3-0, 9-4-1) today and next Tuesday for a
pair of District 5-2A softball pair of
games.
The Lady Mustangs picked up a 15-2 victory on Tuesday over D'Hanis ( $0-4,2-6$ ). Trisha Hollembeak (5-4) pitched a one-hitter for atalia.
Brackett played Del Rio's junior varsity Wednesday, but results were not available at
press time press time. decision to the Qus lost a 6-5 day. La Toya Wright led Brackett's attack with a tworun homer.

Local writer featured in Texas Womens Sports Texas Women's Sports' second The article also features Natalia
issue featuring 196 pages of track, and a look at District 5-2A, along golf, tennis, softball, senior pro- with several other districts in the files and over a dozen articles on women's sports in Texas is now available
The four-color front cexas women's Sports is the adorned with El Paso Franklin's to providing positive role models sophomore tennis phenomenon, to provide statewide recognition Sara Walker, while the inside slick of women's athletics in Texas. pages contain information, articles Published by Deedy and and over 240 pictures from over Norman Grimes, Texas Women's 800 high schools and colleges Sports magazine is available hroughout Texas. The magazine features a state by Brackett News Sports Editor by Brackett The Tigerettes softball team is included in Guidry's article. He says, "Brackett has two returning all-state players. The Tigerettes
are led by senior short stop are led by senior short stop courtney Harrison and senio

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## Council discusses utility ordinance

 Facing the War on DrugsParsons addresses Brackettville Rotary Club

## Council agrees not to fill vacancy until May

## The Brackettville C City Council deccined to fill $\begin{gathered}\text { Alvin Stocks Construction Compan's low bid } \\ \text { the seat left vacant by Charles Bushart Tuesday night } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { hudpert. } 160 \text { was under the } \$ 87,200 \\ \text { alloted in the }\end{gathered}$

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Hinkleman claims ladies title after a sudden death playoff FORT CLARK SPRINGS - After several post-
ponements, the 1997 Fort Clark Springs Ladies Club ponements, the 1997 Fort Clark Springs Ladies Club
Championship was held March 3-4 with a field of Championship was held March 3-4 with a field of
26 ladies competing.
Joy Hinkelman and defending Champion Betty Joy Hinkelman and defending Champion Betty
Lee tied for the Club Championship as both shot Lee tied for the Club Championship as both shot
169s. Hinkelman won on the second hole of a sud169. Hinkelman won on the
den death playoff on March 8

In a three-way tie with a score of 61 were the
ans of Miller-Dillahunty, McKelvey-Salyer, and Nelson-Turner.
Winning first place in the Birdie division was Neil-Waddill with a 66 , in second place was Eckenroth-Benfield and Alvis with a 67, and RileyMcCord won third with a 68.
Last Wednesday, 44 golfers in the Men's Golf 172, the second flight was won by Barbara Miller with a score of 178 , and Jane Devine won the third flight with a score of 195 .
Couples Group Club played a four-man, two best-ball game. Garza, Alexson, Neil and Connally won top honors after posting a score of 146. Lee, Clark, Pena and Schram; Miller, A total of 38 couples played a four-person scramble last Thursday.
Winning first
$\qquad$ Winning first place in the Eagle division was the Derrickson, Stafford and Ebert; and Pina, Owens, team of Smith-Stephenson and Osborne-Malin with
Tigers top Wildcats

## CARRIZO SPRINGS - The

 Brackett Tigers picked up a victory and a tie in a doubleheaderagainst the Wildcats on Friday. against the Wildcats on Friday.
The Tigers racked up 18 hits The Tigers racked up 18 hits
en route to a $13-5$ victory over the Wildcats in the first game.
Beau Smallwood paced
Brackett's offensive attack with a
4 -for-5 4-for-5 plate performance. He
scored one run and drove in three more.
Patr
Patrick Munoz and Jorge
Rodriguez both hit home runs in the contest. Munoz was 3 for 4, Rodriguez went 2 for 5 with two runs and three RBI. 5 with two
Ramon De Leon turned in a 3-for-4 performance. He scored
three runs and drove in three more.
J. Wayne Ballew picked up two
hits, while Michael Mey hits, while Michael Meyer, Rene Luna, Jose Gonzalez and Michael
Aguirre added one apiece.
Aguirre added one apiece.
Meyer (4-1) was the winning Meyer (4-1) was the winning he gave up one earned run on
seven hits while fanning six batters and walking two. and Carrizo Springs battled to 7-7 tie before the game was called after five innings, De Leon pitched all five innings for the Tigers. He allowed three
earned runs on seven hits with five strikeouts and one walk.
Meyer was 2 for 2 at the plate.
He scored two runs and drove in He scored two runs and drove in
another. another. De Leon, Munoz, Rodriguez and Ball
hit in the contest.


The Tigers golf team took second place overall at last week Brackett Invitational. Members of the team include Nat Terrazas (from left), Chad Neunan, Alex Moses, Aaron Taylor and Jeffrey Luna. Moses won first medalist honors at the tournament.

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## TPWD accepting comments on proposed changes

By Henry Lutz 'Kinney County Game Warden AUSTIN - Hunting season dates and bag limits for mourn-
ing doves, white-winged doves, ing doves, white-winged doves,
teal, rails and gallinules for 1997 have been proposed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The department is currently accepting public comments on
these rules, said Jay Roberson, these rules, said Jay Roberson,
program leader for migratory program leader for migratory
shore and upland game birds. shore and upland game birds.
After considering public com-

Texas Parks and Wildlife Com- The department is also seeking mission will adopt provisions for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service mission will adopt provisions for
hunting early season migratory game birds at its June migratory meeting. Proposed detes for $\begin{aligned} & \text { white-winged dove restriction } \\ & \text { with the } 15 \text { bird aggregate daily }\end{aligned}$ Proposed dates for mourning bag limit.
doves are Sept. 1 through Oct 30 Other proposed changes in- and two white tipped doves per
dayooting hours would be Oct. 19 and Dec. 26 through Jan. tions so that hunting over man 5 in the Central Zone; and Sept. aged stands of natural moist-soil 20 through Nov. 7, and Dec. 26 and aq
through Jan. 5 in the South Zone. legal. hrough Jan. 5 in the South Zone. legal. change in either the daily bag limit dove season is Sept. 6,7,13 and change in either the daily bag limit dove season is Sept. $6,7,13$ an
of 15 , the season length of 60 days 14 in the special white-winge ments and biological needs, the or all-day shooting hours. dove area of South Texas

Bag and possession limits ing a longer season and larger bag waterfowl seasons.
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mourning and white-tipped doves teal populations remain high. mourning and white-tipped doves teal populations remain high. Sept. 13-21 and Nov. 8 through
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eight in possession.

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## Obituary

## Angel Rodriquez Jr.

Angel Rodriquez Jr., age 30 Aunts and Uncles: Aurora Mels, California. $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Engracia Vileches, Antonio }\end{aligned}$ He was employed by the Hol- Rodriguez, Jesus Rodriguez, lywood Community Housing as a Service Coordinator. Angel is survived by his par- Rosales, Concepcion Beltran ents: Angel and Oralia Rodrique
of Ft. Clark Springs, Texas. Sisters: Victoria and husb $\begin{array}{cc}\text { Angel Barrera of Palos Park, Illi- } & \text { Graveside Services 10:00 } \\ \text { A.M. Friday March 28, } 1997 \text { at }\end{array}$ nois, Oralia and husband Rafael St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cruz of Hickory Hills, Illinois. Cemetery with Rev. David Nieces and nephews Diana Cashien officiating. Barrera, Danielle Barrera, Funeral arrangements under Alexander Barrera, Andrew the direction of the Brackettville
Barrera, and Lazaro Barrera Jr. Funeral Home 114 North Street.

## 1 <br> Frontisr Baptist Churd2 <br> Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Steve Sterling Evans said to me astating facet of the human per-
at the close of the service Sunday sonality. We securely lock our morning. "We have nothing to home for fear someone will break fear but fear itself." The wisdom in. Many people do not know a of the ages is wrapped up in these moment of peace of mind because
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Fir
irst Baptist Chur Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor "The Pastor's Pen"

As Easter Sunday draws near sion. To those who do not believe your thoughts will undoubtedly turn to the crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.
There certainly will be some somThere certainly will be some som-
ber thoughts, but there also can ber thoughts, but there also can
be some glorious rejoicing in be some glorious rejoicing in
knowing that it was all done for knowing that it was all done for
our benefit. God loved us so much our benefit. God loved us so much
He gave his only begotten Son to die in our place. Jesus, God's son, loved us so much that he made the ultimate sacrifice of His life for us.
The empty cross and the empty tomb speak volumes to those who
have believed on the risen Savior have believed on the risen Savior
who is full of mercy and compas-

I weep for. Sadly, many do no understand and believe. They think that the Bible and its preach
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it makes no difference for the res it makes no difference for the res
urrection is still a fact which is not dependent upon their belief for not dependen
it to be so.
If you bel
If you believe that the empty tomb is proof of a "Risen Savior and Christianity, then you perhaps will agree that an empty church denies Him and Christianity. If you haven't already, make plans
now to be in church with others this Sunday and prove Him to be the "Risen Savior."

## Gateuray Ministries Pastor Charolette Corey

"Hope deferred maketh the ing to His purpose." Romans heart sick; but when the des
cometh, it is a tree of life." Pro cometh,
13:12.
"Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God whom also we have access by faith into the grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God, and not only so, but we glory in tribulations also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience, experience,
and experience, hope, and hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given to us." Romans 5:1-5.
But if we hope for that we not, then we with patience wait or it. Likewise the Spirit als itself maketh intercession for u with groanings which cannot be uttered, and He that searcheth the heart knoweth what is the mind f the spirit, because He maketh ing to the will of God, and we know that all things work together for good to them that leve God,
to them who are the called accord-

## 8:24-28. To master the attitude of hope

 is a four step process. is four step process.1. Rejoice in tribulation 1. Rejoice in tribulation
2. Wait patiently (in praye 3. Gain experience (through prayer) through steps $1 \& 2$ which will teach you to
3. Operate in hope (and prayer) Then when your hope becomes manifested it will become "a tree of life" for you, a source of fresh
joy, faith, hope, and love as you continue to trust in God. Stand in faith, rest in hope, Whatever the part.
Mr. Gilbert Munoz Sr. Mr. Gilbert Munoz Jr. \& family Mrs. Aggie Gomez \& family Ms. Sylvia Ramirez \& family

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St. John's Baptist Church Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
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In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the firs day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mar to see the sepulche
great earthquake; for the ang of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled
back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
His countenance was like lightening, and his raiment white as snow
And for fear of him the Keepdead men.
And the angel answered and
said unto the women, "Fear not: for I know that ye seek Jesus, here; for he is Risen, as he said Come, see the place where the
ord lay. And go quickly, and ell his disciples that he is Rise from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee There shall ye see him, Lo,
Praise the Lord. Happy EasCome Feast with us in the In Loving Memory of Jesusa Munoz Or sat quietly in a chair;
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Perhaps you sent or spoke kin Ws any friend could say; all
Just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console the heart,
We thank you so much,

## Property Tax Protest and

## Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:
the value placed on your property
any exemptions that may apply to you
the cancellation of an agricultural appraisal
the taxable status of your property
the local governments which should be taxing your property
any actions
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An informal visit is sometimes all you need to resolve a problem
Call Joyce Fuentes at 210-563-2323. Review by the Appraisal Review Board If you can't resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district staft, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other conappraisal district to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. The hearing will be
informal You and the appraisal district representative will be asked to present evidence about your case. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office.
Note: you shouldn't try to contact ARB members
outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB

Review by the District Court
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're
not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petiAR within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If the appraisal distich has appraised file a notice of appeal with the chief appraiser within 15 days of the date you receive the ARB's within
order.

More information You can get more information by contacting your 63-2323. You can also get a pamphlet describ ng how to prepare a protest from the appraisal噱 78711-3528.

Dead line for Filing Protests with the ARB

## Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice
of appraised value was mailed to you, which ever later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some ency beyond your control, like a medical emergency.
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ate protests are due the day before the appraisal eview board approves records for the year. ontact your appraisal district for more infor-
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or change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the eadline is before the 30 th day atter the notice of he determination was mailed to you
For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of change that increases your tax liability and the result from a protest you filed), ice of the determination was mailed to you.
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Kinney Co. Appraisal District
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f you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file protest until the day before taxes become denhether it will hear your case based on evidence whether it will hear your case based on evidence
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