

# The Brackett News

## Knights of Columbus Free Throw Champs

See Below

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### Blood drive Tuesday

Please help provide for your South Texas neighbors. Donate blood at this upcoming blood drive: Brackettville High School Blood Drive, Tuesday, March 1; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In the parking lot, 400 N. Ann St., Brackettville. For information, call Staci Guy at 800-292-5534, ext.1334. All donors receive a T-shirt. Donors must present photo identification. Anyone 17 years of age or older, who weighs at least 110 pounds, and is in good health may donate blood. Blood is perishable, so the supply must be replenished constantly. Red blood cells last only 42 days. Donors should eat at least four hours before their donation, and drink plenty of fluids, such as water and fruit juice, before and after donating. Fasting is not recommended. Do you have 30 minutes to spare to save the life of another person? Blood donors are needed daily throughout South Texas in order to help hospital patients throughout the area. Every three seconds someone needs blood, and one out of every 20 Texans will need blood at some point in their lives. However, less than

5 percent of the eligible donor population gives blood. The need exists for more people to donate blood, and for people to donate more often. Prospective donors must first complete a health history questionnaire and go through a screening process. During the screening process a technician will take important vital signs, such as blood pressure, temperature, and an iron check. If all the requirements are met, a unit of blood is drawn from the donor. Anyone 17 years or older, who weighs at least 110 pounds, and is in good general health may donate. Proper identification is required before the donation process begins. Proper identification should include the donor's name plus one of the following: date of birth, social security number, or photo identification. An eligible donor may donate every 8 weeks. Some health conditions or medications may temporarily or permanently prevent persons from donating blood. If you have any question as to whether or not you are eligible please call Donor Services at 731-5555.



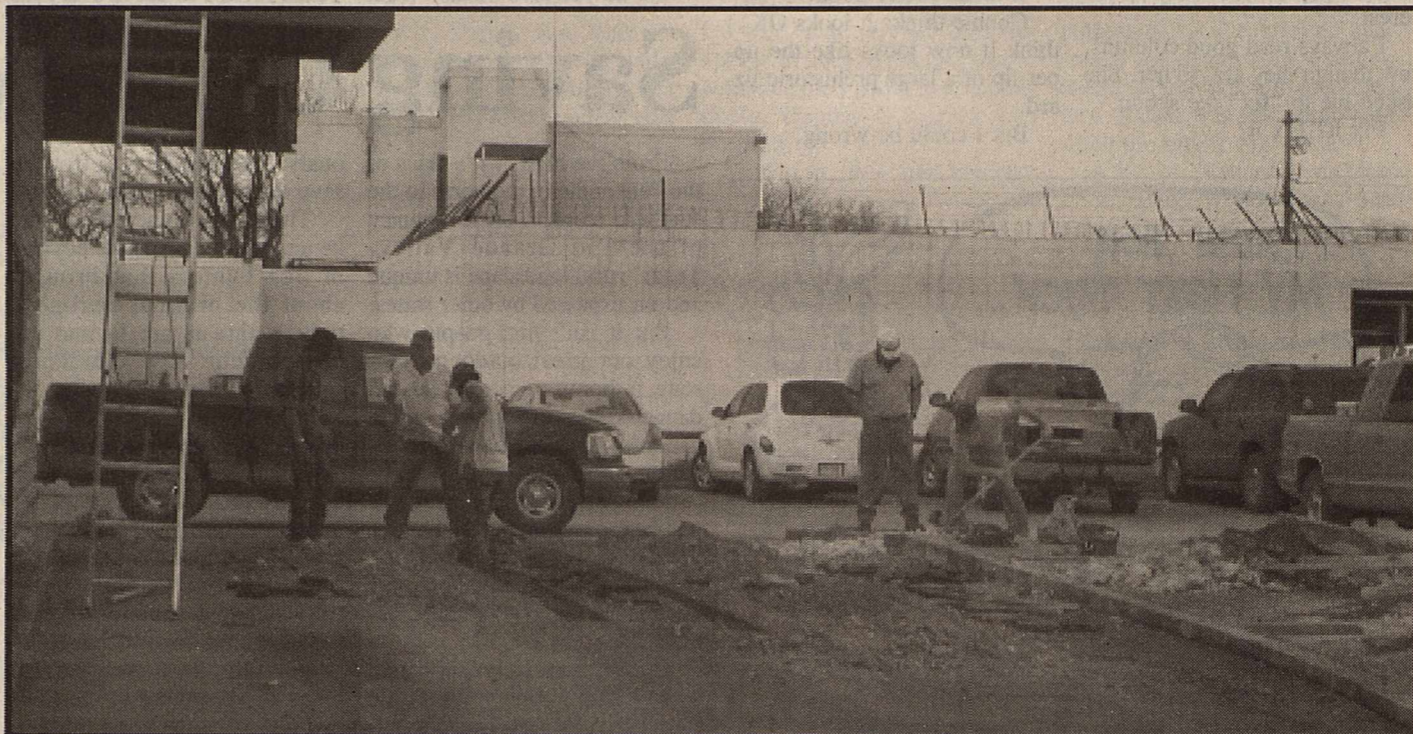
### Steel drum band performs Saturday

Finally, the time is here when area residents will have the opportunity to broaden their diversified cultural horizon. Thanks to the nonprofit Kinney County Arts Council for their efforts to bring "The Texas State University Panoramic Steel Drum Band" from San Marcos, Texas, under the direction of GG Gonzalez. The performance is scheduled at Fort Clark Springs' Post theater" on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket donations are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Profit from this activity will go toward future cultural events for the school children of Kinney County. Tickets are available from the KCAC's members or FCS's Adult Center. It is a rare treat for a band of international fame to perform in Brackettville, and thanks to the Kinney County Arts Council for this special program. Who can shoot such benefits down? The Kinney County Arts Council (KCAC) is counting on

the locals to show once more they are appreciative of eclectic events. It's great to balance the budget, but it isn't always possible with nonprofit organizations. Seven members of the KCAC, are meeting Feb. 21 to windup plans for their Saturday evening presentation, was faced with this reality. However, bringing an internationally known "Panoramic Steel Drum Band" to local citizens far out weighs any monetary gain the KCAC had hoped

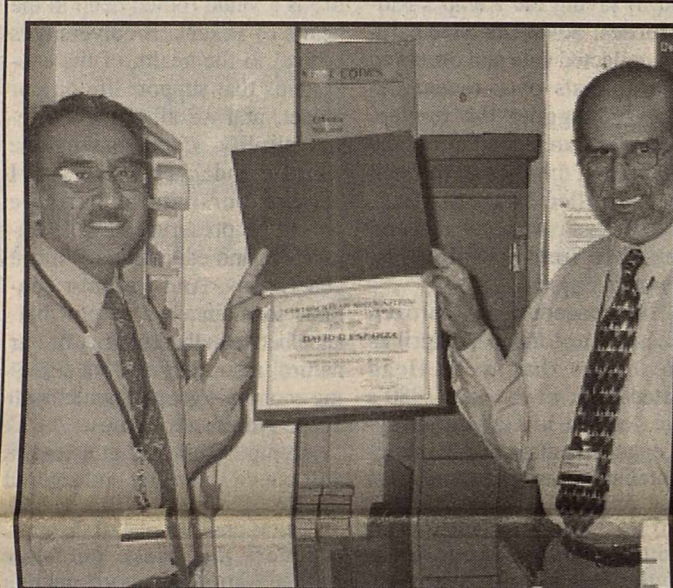
to achieve. So, hopefully residents of the area will reciprocate and support the efforts of this group in promoting wholesome entertainment. Advanced planning involves housing, travel, meals and theater rent which adds up and just to break even is a plus. In order to continue such events, citizens are urged to attend the Feb. 26 program at the FCS's Post Theater at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are still available.



### WORKING HARD FOR BETTER SERVICE

Photo by Pam Hale

The Bank and Trust - Brackettville Branch is undergoing a few changes, according to Lynn McCarson, the branch bank president. The bank drive-through will now have two lanes, for faster service. The project is set to take approximately 90 days. Jack Hill Construction is tackling the project. "No other projects are anticipated yet," McCarson said. "The project is the banks way of trying to help its customers with quicker service."



David Esparza Sales Service Associate with the Brackettville Post Office, right, receives a certificate of appreciation from Post Master Leonel Juarez.

### Esparza receives appreciation award

Sales Service Associate David Esparza received from Postmaster Leonel G. Juarez, a certificate of appreciation for zero usage of sick leave during the 2004 Fiscal Year. "Mr.

Esparza is a very valuable asset to the Brackettville Post Office. His continued dedication to the U.S. Postal Service is exemplary," Juarez said during the presentation.

### Knights of Columbus free throw champions

Ten boys and girls from Brackettville, ages 10 to 14, were named local champions of the 2005 Knights of Columbus free throw Championship and have earned the right to compete at district level.

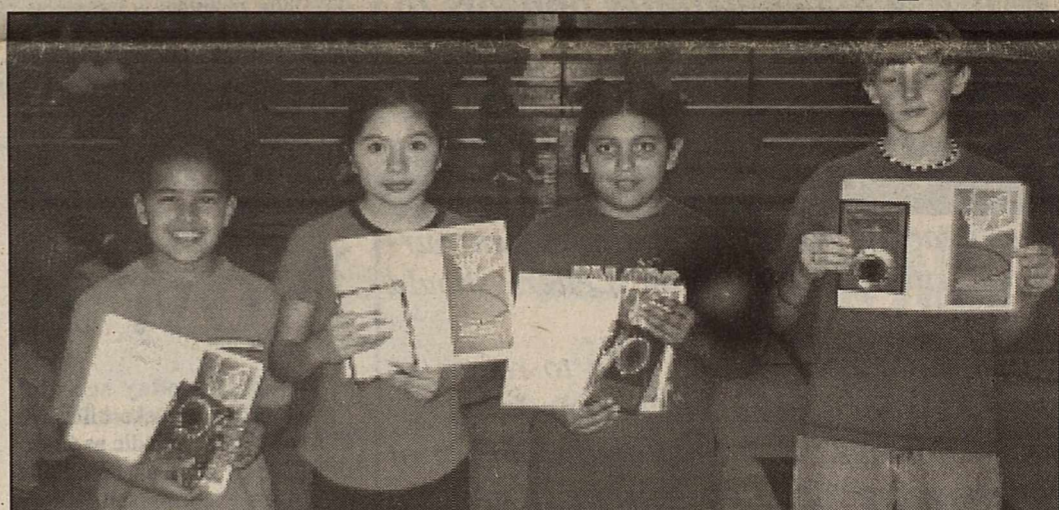
Father Postert Council No. 8223 and Coach Ricky Creel in Brackettville sponsored the local competition at the Brackett High School Gym.

All youngsters ages 10 to 14 were eligible to participate.

Priscilla Aguirre was the 10 year old girls champion and Jonathan Pinales was the winner of the 10 year old boys' division. In the 11 year olds' bracket, Amanda Herrera was the girls champion and Ayland Letsinger was the boys' champion.

Twelve year old winners in the girls and boys' division were Amanda Leigh Flores and Lawrence Salazar.

The 13 year old girls' division was won by Bianca Terrazas and the boys by Daniel Molinar.



Champions of the free throw are: (left) Lawrence Salazar, Amanda Herrera, Priscilla Aguirre and Ayland Letsinger.

Fourteen year old champions were Maria (Chaito) Sanchez in the girls' bracket and Joe Anthony Sanchez in the boys'.

Each contestant was allowed 15 free throw attempts in the contests. Ties were settled by successive rounds of five free throws per contestant until a winner emerged.

Each of these winners will compete in the district competition to be held on Sunday, Feb. 20 at Uvalde with an eye toward moving on to the state and international levels.

### BRIEFS

#### Fort Clark Ladies Golf

The game was orange ball. The winning team was Pat Nelson, Joyce Williamson, Ann Malin and Marge Maderich. The championship tournament will be March 7th and 8th. Be sure to sign up, if you wish to play.

#### Free presentation

The internet is an open door for predators that would like to have access to your children and/or grandchildren.

Everyone needs to be educated about this danger and what can be done to create awareness and prevention in every home.

Join us on Monday, Feb. 28, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Brackett ISD auditorium as the South Texas U.S. Customs and Border Protection and SAPD Vice representatives come to our community to assist us in this dangerous new threat.

Attendance is free. You need to learn how you can protect your children.

#### LEPC meets Monday

The Kinney County LEPC meets Monday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the EMS Building.

#### Weekend Sport Action

Feb. 25, Friday - Tennis - "Small but Mighty" Tournament in Uvalde beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Feb. 24-26, Thurs. thru Sat. - Baseball - Sonora Tournament in Sonora at 6:30 p.m. Softball - Natalia/Lytle Tournament in Natalia/Lytle starting Thursday at 5:10 p.m. against West Campus and 6:20 p.m. against Memorial, Friday at 11:20 a.m. against Natalia and 12:30 against Junction. Bracket play starts on Saturday.

Feb. 26., Sat. - Track - Uvalde - Boys running prelims and girls fields events start at 9 a.m. Girls running prelims and boys field events start at 12:30 p.m. Finals are scheduled to start at 4 p.m.

### Committee assignments boost Bonilla's clout

#### Maintains role on powerful appropriations Committee

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Recent committee assignments by leadership in the House of Representatives have boosted Congressman Henry Bonilla's clout and influence to a record-high.

The House Appropriations Committee announced this week a bold reorganization of the Appropriations Committee. The plan consolidates the current 13 subcommittees down to 10.

Bonilla will maintain his role as Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, which makes his one of only ten subcommittee "cardinals" in the House of Representatives.

"It has taken me more than a decade to earn this distinction. I'm honored that the chairman of the Appropriations Committee has decided that I will remain one of this select few," said Bonilla.

As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee — with his own chairmanship of an important subcommittee — Bonilla will play a key role in approving funding for all Federal programs and projects. This role has earned him distinction as one of the two most influential Members of Congress from the state of Texas.

Latino Leaders Magazine recently selected Bonilla as one of our nation's 50 most influential Hispanic leaders.

"As a Chairman of an Appropriations Subcommittee, Bonilla is one of the most powerful Members on one of the most powerful Committees in the Congress. Bonilla represents more power, more respect, more visibility and a greater national voice for Hispanics in how the Congress spends America's tax dollars."

It was the decision of leaders in the House of Representatives to keep Bonilla in his pivotal and influential subcommittee assignments. In addition to chairing the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Bonilla also retained his senior membership on the Defense Subcommittee.

"I'm proud to utilize my role in Congress and help my constituents back home," said Bonilla. "It takes patience, principle and determination to reach this point. But once seniority is attained, the benefits for your home-state and district are remarkable."



Congressman Henry Bonilla maintains his role as Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee.

Bonilla will use his role on the Appropriations Committee and newly gained seniority in the House of Representatives to protect and assist the people of his congressional district.

He will work this year to further increase defense funding and prepare our nation's armed services; improve funding for health and education related programs; and keep the nation's agriculture industry strong and productive.

Congressman Henry Bonilla's congressional district is the largest in Texas.

The district spans nearly 800 miles of the Texas/Mexico border, includes two time zones and three climates.

Bonilla was the first freshman in 25 years to attain a seat on the coveted House Appropriations Committee.

He has represented the 23rd Congressional District since his first election to Congress in 1992.

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## A wooden spoon tale

A while back my wife stuck an old wooden spoon into a new electric blender.

Don't ask me why she did. The stirring utensil had once belonged to her grandmother.

It had sentimental value. The electrical gadget was on. Did I mention that the spoon was made of wood?

Now I must say here that I'm not exactly sure what Connie expected to happen when wood met metal.

I can say with great certainty that from my past experience, when the two collide, wood comes in second. It did in this case too.

I'm not telling this story to ridicule her. I'm not that dumb. In fact I know she won't read this column.

She always ask, "What did you write about this week?" If I were going to poke fun at her, I'd reply, "Nothing of interest."

I always read good columns, few though they are, to her. She asked me to "fix" the spoon.

Fix it? Fix it?



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

It looked like the upper jaw teeth of some large prehistoric lizard. But she said fix it. After pondering the dilemma for about a week, I took the tool to school.

Mr. Cooper would know what to do. I asked for a huge favor. Could he restore this to some degree of usefulness?

He gingerly accepted the eating apparatus. "What happened?"

"You're better off not knowing."

After reworking it, he had done a commendable job.

It looks pretty good.

Connie thinks it looks OK. I think it now looks like the upper lip of a large prehistoric lizard.

But I could be wrong.

# Why do you love Texas?

## Essay contest to feature winners

Ask anyone who knows me: I love the great state of Texas and would rather be there than anywhere else.

There are so many great things to do and see in Texas.

I think the best way to learn about our state and all its wonders is to ask someone who calls Texas home.

That's why I'm starting the Texas Pride Project.

This is an opportunity for Texans to tell me why they love Texas. I'm encouraging each of you to share your favorite thing about our great state. Each month I'll profile my favorite essay on my congressional website.

So, do you love Texas? What

is it that you love most? The rolling hills, the beautiful plains, the lakes, the amazing sunsets? Or maybe a local diner, great ranch or small ghost town?

It's not just the scenery, but the people and traditions that make Texas special.

It's been said that Texans love their state more than anyone else in America. Our affection is not reserved just to travelers and sight-seers.

Perhaps your son or daughter can't stop talking about their favorite bike path. Maybe your neighbor visited the river last weekend and has fallen in love with the rapids.

That's why I'm opening my Texas Pride Project to everyone



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

from the 23rd district — no matter how young or old or rural or urban.

If you or someone you know would like to participate in this project, here's how:

- Essays should be between 150 and 500 words.

- Please include your name, mailing address and phone or email along with your essay. Please feel free to include photo

tos or drawings.

- When you're ready, mail your essay to my San Antonio office at the following address:

Office of Congressman Henry Bonilla  
Attn: Texas Pride Project  
11120 Wurzbach  
Suite 300

San Antonio, TX 78230

There is no deadline for submissions, so please keep them coming. Remember, the top essay each month will be featured on my website, [www.house.gov/bonilla](http://www.house.gov/bonilla).

I look forward to reading each of your essays and learning a little more about why I consider Texas the greatest place in the world.

# Saving the Texas Sea Turtles

From the high, wide skies of the Panhandle in the north to the southern tropical brush country of the Rio Grande Valley, Texas' rural landscape is unique and unsurpassed by other states.

But it isn't just people who enjoy our great outdoors. Our state is home to nearly 90 endangered species and some of the nation's most extensive preservation programs.

I am proud of the progress our environmentalists and biologists have made in preserving our state not only as a home for Texans but for every living creature.

One program I have supported is the Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle Restoration Project. Kemp's Ridley sea turtles (*Lepidochelys kempi*) are the most critically endangered sea turtle in the world.

They are the smallest sea turtle, along with their cousin the olive Ridley, at about 99 pounds or less and 25 inches around in shell size, and they live in shallow coastal areas, bays and lagoons.

A half century ago, at least 40,000 females nested in a single day. Today, fewer than 2,000 nest each year.

Nesting on both the coast of Rancho Nuevo, Mexico and South Padre Island, Texas our two nations have worked vigor-

ously together in an effort to save these rare turtles.

The biggest enemies to the kemp are no longer the coyotes or egg hunters that brought about the original decline — today's threats are human encroachment and incidental catching by shrimp trawlers.

The Texas coast is the most deadly for these small creatures, especially since most that wash up on shore are pregnant females coming to nest.

By making parts of the Texas coast a Marine Reserve, scientists believe the number of turtles will start to increase.

Recently, the Project secured a ban of shrimping in the shallow waters of the coast, but believes more protection is needed throughout these waters, specifically during nesting season.

Currently, there are 12 national marine sanctuaries, representing less than one percent of all ocean territory under U.S. jurisdiction.

In comparison, about four percent of our land area is protected in national parks.

Other legislation the Restoration Project has supported is making Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) mandatory on all shrimp nets. It is estimated that up to 5,000 turtles were killed each year by these nets prior to the implementation of TEDs, which



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

are simple, yet effective devices that keep objects larger than shrimp out of the net.

However, advocacy and legislation are not the only tactics used in saving the Kemp's Ridley turtles. Scientists have carefully collected data and observed these animals over recent decades by tagging the turtles. When nests are found along the Texas coast, the eggs go through a phase called Head Starting. Here the eggs are incubated and released to their natural habitat after hatching.

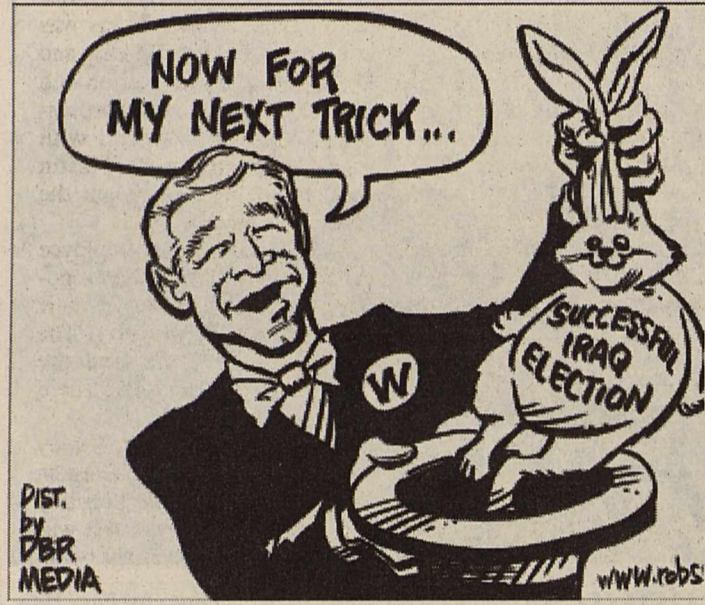
This procedure was proven successful just this past April as two turtles that were Head Started back in the late 1980's were located in Galveston laying eggs. Scientists and Environmentalists were delighted over these findings, as it proves their hard work and determination are leading to the increase in kemp population. Since it takes approximately 15 years for a Kemp's ridley sea turtle to mature and lay eggs, scientists are hopeful that they will see simi-

lar discoveries in the near future.

At present, nesting aggregations number in the hundreds, not the thousands necessary for the species to survive without man's intervention. With the Project's gradual success, it is clear that our marine biologists need the necessary and most up to date technology to help protect these endangered sea turtles, which is why I have supported continued funding.

The desire to protect our wildlife is a value rooted deep in the hearts of Texans. Biodiversity is critical to the health of the ecosystems that support life on our planet, and we all share the responsibility of preserving the world's endangered species. I believe our natural heritage should be preserved for the enjoyment and education of future generations. And we must continue to maintain a careful balance between the integrity of our natural resources and encouraging economic growth, which will shape America's future.

Kemp's Ridley sea turtles are just one of the many endangered species that roam our lands here in Texas and just one of the great wonders that make our state unique. To learn more on this extensive restoration program and how you can help, please visit the website at [www.sea.turtles.org](http://www.sea.turtles.org).



Big Mama Sez!



In life, what sometimes appears to be the end is really a beginning.

### LETTERS POLICY

The Brackett News welcomes and encourages letters to the editor. Letters should not exceed 350 words.

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# Now is the time God speaks

**Headlines today scream:** "Powerful earthquake kills 270 in Iran;" and "Five die as Calif. drenched by storms again;" and "California storms spur tornadoes; six dead."

God still speaks! As a matter of fact, I think he is speaking right now, loudly and clearly. He is speaking to the Muslim population of Asia and the Middle East. Tsunamis, earthquakes, giant typhoons, and other "natural phenomena" are occurring across the East and Middle East in incredible numbers. I don't know about you, but I think it is God telling the Muslims that they're wrong and

their time is running out. And come to think of it, we can throw the left-wing liberals in California into that mix as well. The torrential rains, tornadoes, and mudslides are also a warning.

The sad part is that almost no one will understand the warning. In this day and age of scientific enlightenment we are so certain of our knowledge, and so positive that there is no God, that most of us are just going to continue down the road to hell, thinking that the signs from God are just natural events caused by pure chance or global warming. And if we would just stop driving those nasty old diesel pickups, SUVs, and RVs, the earth would heal itself.

All through history God has used the elements to send messages to the people. "And he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

earthquakes in various places, and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven."

*NKJV*  
Sadly we have become too sophisticated to believe in such mumbo-jumbo. We no longer fear God. Instead we make fun of him. We call his children names and think of them as weaklings that don't have the guts to face the real world without a crutch.

In the movies the Christian evangelist is always portrayed as a slick shyster, interested only in sex and money; bilking his simple-minded congregation

while leering out of the other side of his face. Christians are always portrayed as either stupid or hypocritical. Well, the time is coming, soon, when the shoe will be on the other foot. He will come like a thief in the night. Do not be caught unprepared!

Call it what you will, but in the past month or so well over a quarter-million people, possibly as many as a half-million, have been killed, and millions left homeless in the East and Middle East, by everything from earthquakes, to floods, to tidal waves, to mine disasters. Is it simple coincidence that these things have impacted the Muslim and pagan world and not touched the Christian nations? I don't think so! As the Bible says: "Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him." Psalm 32:10 *NKJV*

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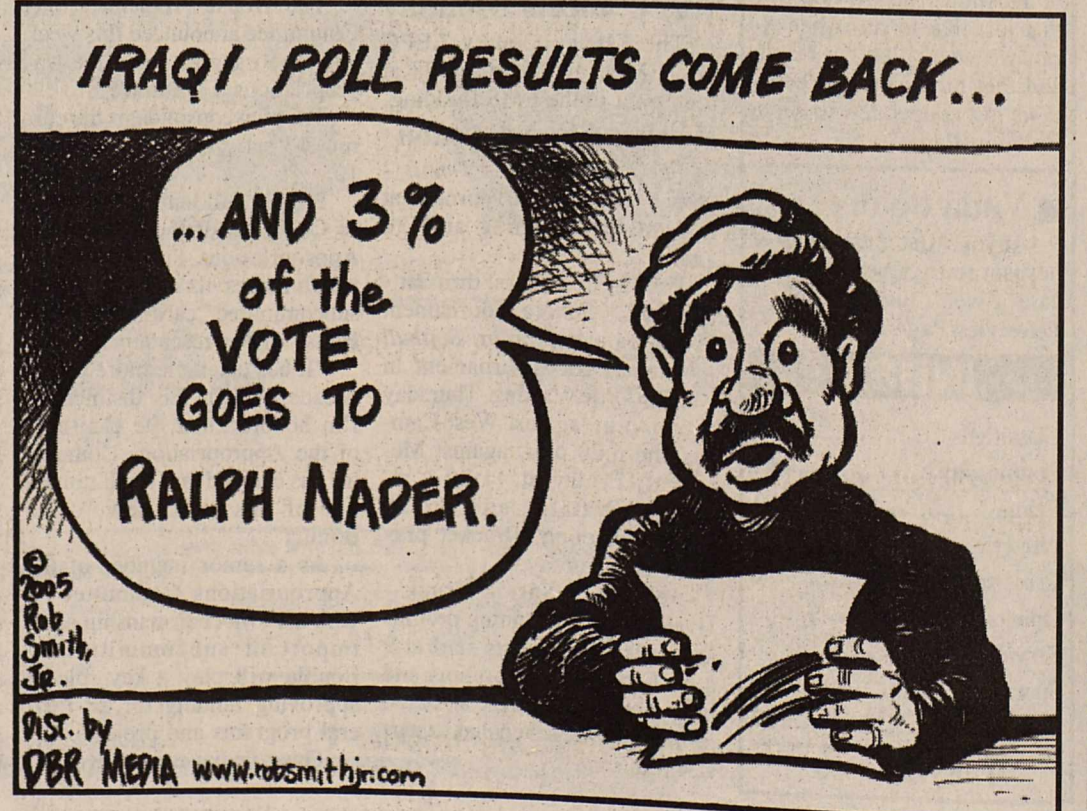
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# Don't be afraid, try it anyway!

Anyone out there who is hesitant to try a new recipe in case it won't turn out right? Bet your money on it, there are lots of us out here.

Now don't get me wrong, as long as it doesn't have too many strange ingredients I've tried seldom or never or mixed together. I usually shy away real quick.

I've been in the mood to try some new or different ways to serve what normally I buy to fix the way the lazy same I've done for years. Well folks, that began today. They are featured today and so simple and easy, plus fits on any diet

**Salmonettes** (cost is 39 cents each)

1 can (14 and three quarter oz.) salmon, 1 large egg, lightly beaten, 1/2 cup all purpose flour, 1/4 teaspoon dill weed, 1



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

1/2 tsp baking powder. \*2 tbsps vegetable oil.

Drain salmon, reserving 1/4 cup of the juice. Discard skin and bones of salmon if desired. In medium bowl, combine salmon, egg, flour and dill; mix well. Stir baking powder into reserved juice and add to salmon mixture.

Heat oil in skillet over medium high heat.

Drop batter by one quarter cup-fulls, flattening slightly with bottom of measuring cup, into

skillet. Cook patties for two to three minutes on each side until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Serve warm.

\*These cook well by using canned cooking spray, omitting the oil.

It appears that the use of baking power in the mixtures produces a lighter patty. Also believe I'd like a little onion in it next time.

### Peanut Butter Jam Coffee Cake

1/2 cup packed brown sugar \*1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter, 1 1/2 cup biscuit mix, 1 large egg, 1/2 cup milk, 1/4 cup fruit jam (your favorite).

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour an 8 inch square baking pan. In large bowl, cream sugar, butter and peanut butter.

Add biscuit mix and milk alternately; and egg. Spoon into pan; drop jam by teaspoons on top of batter. Using a knife, cut through the batter to marble the jam through the cake.

Bake 30 minutes or until done. Cut in squares.

\*I used Sweet 'N Low brown sugar, adding one table spoon to amount called for the texture is very soft and light, and pleasant snack or dessert.

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## KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

**Monday, February 14**  
6:45 p.m., Israel Rubio, 24, of San Antonio, Texas was arrested by Trooper Tully Welch for possession of marijuana more than 2 oz., a Class B. Misdemeanor. Rubio was released Tuesday, Feb. 15.

6:45 p.m., David Anthony Herrera, 20, of San Antonio, Texas, was arrested for delivery of a controlled substance by Trooper Welch. Herrera was later released after posting a \$10,000 bond on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

**Tuesday, February 15**  
12:05 p.m., Numerous calls from county residents notified the office of a train blocking traffic. Sheriff's officials notified railroad company who said they were having trouble with the train; they did not know when they would move it.

4:00 p.m., Peter Vy Mango, 45, of Garland, Texas, was arrested by Deputy Ron Ring for Failure to Appear/Driving while intoxicated (DWI). Mango was later released after time served.

6:55 p.m., Oscar Gutierrez, 27, of Fort Worth, Texas, was arrested by Deputy Ring for DWI, 3rd offense. He was later released after posting \$11,500 bond.

6:55 p.m., A member of Fort Clark Springs Security called to report a possible break-in on Airport road. Deputy Page was informed and en route to the location.

9:20 p.m., A woman called and reported a tanker releasing fumes and vapors. Railroad dispatch was called to see if there were any reports of some hazardous material problems close to County Road 1572, and they said there were no problems. Dispatch called back and said the workers were cleaning a tanker and that's why there were vapors or fumes from that tanker.

**Wednesday, February 16**  
5:25 p.m., Emanuel Nuncio, 20, of Ciudad Acuna, Mexico was arrested by Trooper Fernandez for a warrant issued out of Bexar County. He was later released after posting a \$4,000 bond.

11:00 p.m., A security officer from Fort Clark Springs called the sheriff's office to report a possible break in on Airport road. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was notified.

**Thursday, February 17**  
12:27 a.m., A Fort Clark Security officer reported that a woman called about a stolen bicycle. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.

3:15 p.m., A woman reported a black and white horse on Highway 90 near the A.J. Foyt Ranch. The ranch foreman said he'd help with the horse, and would contact the horse's owner.

**Saturday, February 19**  
7:00 p.m., Richard Guajardo, 41, of Brackettville, Texas was arrested by Deputy Donald Page for warrant of Theft of Service.

Guajardo was still being held when report was made.

**Sunday, February 20,**  
10:44 a.m., An unknown caller stated that there was an 18-wheeler in front of her vehicle and was driving reckless. Deputy Pena was dispatched.

2:30 p.m., A man reported a possible grass fire on Highway 674, about 16 miles north of Brackettville.

3:00 p.m., Alan Lewis Whitley, 22, of Barksdale, Texas, was arrested by Department of Public Safety Narcotics Division's Jason Waldrip and Deputy Pena for possession of a controlled substance; possession of a certain chemical with intent to manufacture. Whitley was still being held when the report was made.

3:20 p.m., John Keith Kaiser, 20, of Camp Wood, Texas, was arrested by Trooper Jason Waldrip and Deputy Pena for possession of a controlled substance and possession of certain chemical with intent to manufacture. Kaiser was still being held when the report was made.

4:30 p.m., Kenneth Leon Martin of Camp Wood, Texas was arrested by Trooper Waldrip and Deputy Pena for possession of a controlled substance and possession of certain chemical with intent to manufacture. Martin was still being held when the report was made.

5:30 p.m., A city employee called the Sheriff's office to notify a citizen to remove their vehicle from city property. The sheriff's office notified the citizen's sister, who said she'd take care of it.

6:00 p.m., Trooper Ashley radioed in to report two German Shepherd dogs by the nutrition building on Ann Street. He was concerned the dogs might be hit by vehicles. The on-call city employee was notified about the dogs.

11:58 p.m., An employee of a convenience store reported a fender bender with no injuries. Deputy Pena was dispatched to the scene.

Have something to say? Write a letter to the editor!

## Order of Election

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 7, 2005 for the purpose of Board of Trustees Election. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Central Office-Brackett Independent School District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 20, 2005 and ending on May 3, 2005.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Susan Esparza, Early Voting Clerk  
PO Box 586  
Brackettville, Texas 78832

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 29, 2005. Issued this the 14th day of February, 2005.

Henry Lutz  
Signature of Presiding Officer

## Orden De Eleccion

Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el 7 de mayo, 2005 con el proposito de:  
Eleccion de la mesa Directiva

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en oficina central-Brackett Independent School District entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 20 de abril, 2005 y terminando el 3 de mayo, 2005.

La votacion en adelantada ademas se llevara a cabo de tal manera. Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

Susan Esparza, Early Voting Clerk  
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Brackettville, TX 78832

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## Ease the Tension of Tax Time: some last minute tips for taxpayers

Take Charge America Offers Last-Minute Tips for Taxpayers The infamous Tax Day is right around the corner...

For those of you taxpayers who promptly file your taxes as soon as you receive forms in the mailbox, April 15 may be just another ordinary day.

However, for others who are dreading the tax deadline because they haven't yet begun to prepare or file, Mike Sullivan, director of education for Take Charge America advises not to panic because it's not too late!

According to Sullivan, there are several things that taxpayers need to remember when pre-

paring their taxes.

He offers the following five tips that should not be overlooked.

File taxes electronically and choose direct deposit - According to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), more than 61 million people filed their taxes through E-file in 2004.

If done electronically, transactions can be completed more quickly and refunds will be received sooner than if filed through the US Postal system.

By choosing direct deposit, refunds will be received oftentimes in two weeks or less.

In addition, refund checks

are not susceptible to getting lost or stolen through the mail.

Taxpayers should also determine whether or not they qualify for "Free File." Companies that are members of the Free File Alliance provide free filing to eligible taxpayers.

If accessed by way of www.irs.gov, you can see which companies provide the service free and which charge fees.

If you are eligible, the company you choose will file your tax return electronically with online software free of charge.

But beware: these companies provide the service in hopes of selling additional services to the taxpayer - so resist the temptation!

Don't be fooled by Refund Anticipation Loans (RALs) - Fees charged by lenders who offer RALs are extremely high and, combined with tax preparer fees and electronic filing fees that are normally a part of the deal with the lender, you may pay 10 percent or more of your refund to get your refund 7-10 days sooner than you would by simply filing electronically using Free File.

According to the Center for Responsible Lending, fees may be as high as \$180 to \$250!

To make matters worse, if the amount of your refund is less than the loan and fees, you will owe the lender money which may result in extra interest if not paid immediately.

Failure to pay in a timely manner could damage your credit. By taking loans against your return, you are paying interest to borrow your own money. Remember, the refund you are about to receive is not a "gift" - it is your money.

You should never pay additional costs to get your own money sooner.

Remember to include student deductions - Depending on your family income and tax liability, you may be eligible for a tax credit for dependent college students as a result of the Hope Scholarship Credit or the Lifetime Learning Credit.

Other possible education-related deductions may be available for those who have paid tuition and fees, student loans and other expenses.

Check out IRS Publication 970 for details and eligibility.

Beware of recent tax law changes - Some of the recently enacted changes include the following:

• Donating vehicles - Over the past few years, donating vehicles to charity has become the latest way to pull one over on the IRS. Donors deducted the maximum Blue Book value, de-

spite the condition of the vehicle. But no more!

Tax laws for donated vehicles have changed, effective January 2005... so if you didn't donate before year-end 2004, you should check the rules carefully for future donations.

Even for 2004, you should beware... the IRS will not necessarily accept your valuation without proof of condition.

• Teaching professionals - Elementary and secondary school teachers, as well as principals, instructors, counselors and aides can still deduct up to \$250 in school supplies without itemization through 2005.

• Child tax credit - The Working Families Tax Relief Act has been extended to allow some parents to claim \$1,000 per child under the age of 17. Check to see if you qualify.

• Sales tax credit - Taxpayers of states without state income taxes, including Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming can claim state sales tax deductions, which can be calculated from receipts or IRS state tables. Residents of other states may choose to deduct sales tax instead of state income tax.

• Tsunami relief contributions - Monetary donations made by Jan. 31, 2005 to tsunami relief funds can be included in charitable deductions on 2004 tax returns. All donations must be itemized. If other types of donations have been made, such as food or clothing, these items can be deducted as 2005 contributions.

It's not too late to invest in IRA accounts - The deadline for traditional or Roth IRA contributions to be considered for the 2004 tax year is April 15, 2005.

The maximum amount that people under the age of 50 can contribute to IRA accounts is \$3,000.

The maximum for people ages 50 and higher is \$3,500. Keep in mind that these amounts will increase in the next two years.

Filing taxes doesn't have to be a high-stress endeavor. With a little planning and research, you can find many resources to make your life easier.

Visit www.irs.gov for additional resources, publications on specific topics and a list of free tax preparation resources.

These free services include the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) for those earning \$36,000 or less, Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) and the Armed Forces Tax Council (AFTC).

For more information on these services, call 1-800-829-1040.

## Tigers end season with even record

Charlie Marquardt Tiger Coach

On Tuesday, Feb. 15 the Tigers played their final game of the year at home in Brackettville.

The game marked the end of a season that saw the Tigers fail to reach the goal of making the playoffs.

Even though the season turned into a disappointing one, the Tigers still showed their character and class in the final game.

Center Point came into the game needing a win to share a piece of the district title.

The first quarter saw the Center Point team jump out to an early twelve point lead as the quarter ended with the score 23-11.

As the Tigers have done all season they showed it was not going to be that easy for the visitors as they out scored Center Point in the second quarter 14-8 which left the score at the half 31-25 in favor of the visiting team.

Once again the Tigers had trouble finding their shooting touch in the third quarter and fell behind at the end of the quarter by 16 points.

When the buzzer ended the quarter the Tigers found themselves behind by a score of 47-31. It would prove to be a hill that the Tigers would not be able to climb.

Even though the Tigers outscored their opponent in the final quarter by a score of 13-10 the lead was just too much to overcome.

The final score ended with the Tigers coming up short 57-44.

The leading scorers for the Tigers were Charlie Slaughter with 15 points followed by Travis Nowlin with 10 points

as the only other Tiger to reach double figures for the game.

Also scoring for the Tigers were Brandon Kluzek and Leon Woolsey each with six points. Rolo Ortiz added three points while Tillman Davis and Noe Talamantes rounded out the scoring with two apiece.

The final record for the season ended at 8-8 with the district record also ending with an even record of 4-4.

There were times during the season that saw the Tigers play some real good basketball but the consistency of play was lacking.

Even through the tough times the players never showed a hint of character that was disappointing or unsportsmanlike.

The players had and played with class that made it easy and enjoyable to coach this group.

Life is going to throw you curve balls and how you react to those situations is going to determine how successful or not you are in the big picture.

We are going to lose several seniors from this year's squad and I hope that they realize that life is not a sprint, but a marathon with bumps along the way.

They can hold their heads high and know that they did their best.

We have quality players coming back with varsity experience and players moving up from the junior varsity team that won a district championship.

I would like to thank in writing Coach Ken Wallace for the job he did with the JV and his support, as well as the Junior High coaches of Greg Voyles and Steve Hutcherson for the foundations in basketball they are setting for future Tigers.

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**AUCTION**  
Sunshine Self Storage which is located at 700 West Spring St. Brackettville, TX. will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10 a.m. March 12, 2005 at Sunshine Storage West Spring St. next to Border Patrol Station - Brackettville, TX 78832. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves right to not accept any bid and withdraw property from sale. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants, Anna Sanchez and Ruben Sandoval. A couch and loveseat, round wooden table with four chairs, Christmas tree, readi mix, record player and small table, clothes.

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## Tiger tennis toning up

The Varsity Tennis team participated in the Uvalde Invitational last Friday, Feb. 18.

Leon Woolsey won boys' singles and Jackie Duncan placed 6th in girls singles.

Laura Meyer also finished 10th in girls singles.

In doubles action, Kristen Meyer and Whitney Hobbs placed 4th and teammates Robin

Pevehouse and Shaddine Gum placed 10th.

Cullen Duncan, Stanford Conoly, Michael Stephenson, Clint Conrad and Cody Edwards also played and did a great job!

Tiger and Tigerettes Tennis this week they will return to Uvalde to participate in their Annual "Small but Mighty 16" Tournament.

## Be a part of Explore UT, the biggest open house in Texas

By Larry R. Faulkner Wonders are part of our daily life at The University of Texas at Austin. On March 5, we invite citizens of all ages, from every corner of Texas, to experience those wonders for themselves at Explore UT.

I hope you and your families will attend "the biggest open house in Texas," which will showcase many of the things that make our campus a special place. More than 300 free activities, performances and demonstrations will allow visitors to unravel scientific mysteries, unleash creative energies and uncover the wealth of educational opportunity at the university.

At Explore UT, you're encouraged to participate, not just

observe. You can march with the Longhorn Band, perform chemistry experiments, build a fort, or replicate ancient Egyptian tomb drawings. Adults can learn the basics of trading stocks while their children make a robotic hand or preside over a court of law. And the UT Tower observation deck, 27 stories above campus, will be open to everyone.

We want you to come and have fun, discovering the ways that UT is a treasure trove of knowledge not only for our students, but for the entire state. K-12 teachers will have access to a number of special programs and can earn professional development credit. We will offer some sessions entirely in Spanish and will feature lively music workshops with "Mariachi Vargas," one of the most renowned mariachi ensembles in the world.

Our goal is for every participant to leave Explore UT with a sense of ownership of the university. In the six years we have hosted the event, we have been amazed by the number of young people who have visited our campus and left knowing for the first time that college was in their future.

Last year James D. Rankin, a science teacher at Sidney Lanier High School in San Antonio, brought students from his anatomy class to Explore UT. His students loved visiting a Harry Potter Hogwarts Potions class and learning to take their blood pressure. This year he has arranged for additional buses so that he can bring even more students.

We hope you'll visit our campus on March 5 and help us create another Lone Star.

Editor's Note: Larry R. Faulkner is the president of The University of Texas at Austin.

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# Troopers seize \$2 million

DPS troopers seized \$2.3 million during a traffic stop Tuesday in Nacogdoches County—the biggest traffic stop cash seizure in more than a year.

A Highway Patrol trooper pulled over an 18-wheeler for speeding about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 15, North of Nacogdoches.

The truck was southbound on U.S. 59.

During a search of the semi-trailer, the trooper discovered bundles of cash in a false compartment inside the refrigerated box car.

The truck was hauling boxes of frozen chicken.

Juan Armando Castanon, 34, of Mission was arrested on state money laundering charges and taken to the Nacogdoches County jail. DPS narcotics and



the Drug Enforcement Administration are investigating the case. Federal charges are expected.

"Our training continues to pay big dividends, hitting drug dealers where it hurts the most—in the wallet," said DPS Director

Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. The \$2.3 million seizure is the fourth largest traffic stop cash seizure in DPS history.

## \$1.5 Million Investment in San Antonio, Texas

U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez today announced a \$1.5 million Economic Development Administration (EDA) investment to Palo Alto College of San Antonio, Texas. The investment will help build the Applied Sciences and Technology Education Center to respond to an increased demand

for trained workers as a result of the announced expansion of Toyota Corporation in San Antonio. "President Bush and I are committed to partnering with communities to promote innovation and competitiveness. Through economic development grants like these, the Commerce Department will continue to en-

courage investments in local areas, grow the economy and create jobs," said Gutierrez.

EDA serves as a venture capital resource to meet the economic development needs of distressed communities throughout the United States. EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promot-

ing innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.

Additional information on how EDA investments are helping distressed communities create a positive and sustainable economic future can be accessed at: <http://www.eda.gov>.

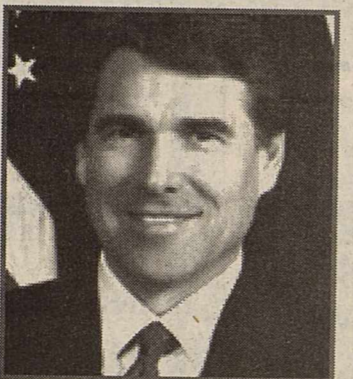
## Governor Perry Highlights Need for Emerging Technology Fund

*VidaCare's new medical device shows Fund's potential to improve quality of life*

SAN ANTONIO — Gov. Rick Perry visited the headquarters of VidaCare today to illustrate how the proposed \$300 million Emerging Technology Fund has the potential to transform the practice of medicine and create new jobs in high-tech sectors of the economy.

VidaCare and the UT Health Science Center collaborated to create a new intravenous (IV) device that is helping doctors, emergency medical technicians and soldiers on the field of battle save lives by administering medicine and fluids an average of 10 minutes faster to trauma victims whose veins have collapsed.

"With an Emerging Technology Fund, we can replicate the successful UT-VidaCare partnership with other private sector entities and universities across the state, attract top-notch research teams from around the country to Texas institutions of higher learning, and help start-up companies get off the ground faster so their life-saving inven-



tions get to patients sooner," Perry said.

Perry noted that VidaCare spent two years searching for funds to develop their product, the VidaCare EZ-IO, and ultimately secured the majority of needed funds from investors in New York and California, who will now reap the benefit of VidaCare's commercial success. "If Texas had had an Emerging Technology Fund, VidaCare could have developed their IV tool twice as fast, and countless additional lives could have been saved," Perry said. "And an

Emerging Technology Fund will ensure that benefits from technology innovations accrue to Texas colleges, Texas workers and the Texas economy."

Under Perry's proposal, the Texas Emerging Technology Fund (TETF) would have three components.

First, half of the funding, or \$150 million, would be dedicated to creating collaborative efforts between institutions of higher education and the private sector to create "Regional Centers of Innovation and Commercialization" that will become hotbeds of research and development activities, incubate start-up firms and lure existing companies that can market new innovations. Second, one-fourth, or \$75 million of the TETF, would be used to match research grants awarded by federal or private sponsors, thereby helping Texas researchers better compete for grants from sponsors who want their funds to have double or more the impact.

Third, one-fourth of the

funds, or \$75 million, would be used to help make Texas public universities world leaders in technology research by attracting more renowned research teams from other universities.

Perry noted that many states, including California, Ohio, Florida, Pennsylvania and North Carolina, are pumping billions of dollars into high-tech research and development and warned that Texas could be left behind without the Emerging Technology Fund.

"Over the next decade, emerging technologies will generate \$3 trillion in revenue worldwide," Perry said. "The question is, where will those investments be made, and who will reap the benefits?"

"An Emerging Technology Fund will help ensure that Texas scientists lead the next wave in the technology revolution, and that Texas has the competitive edge needed to provide greater opportunity, prosperity and a brighter future for all of our people," Perry said.



### 60th Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Jesus Munoz, Jr. reached a wonderful milestone, their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 22nd.

Congratulations Mom, Dad, Memo Chane, Papo Chuy, Great Grandma and Great Grandpa. Our family has truly been blessed. The love you share for each other and all your family will remain in our hearts forever.

## Lawmaker joins Mexican American Legislative Caucus

AUSTIN — Members of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus — Texas House of Representatives (MALC) voted to admit Representative Tracy King (D — Eagle Pass) to the Caucus.

Representing an area with over fifty percent Hispanic voting age population and a former member, Representative King immediately qualified for membership.

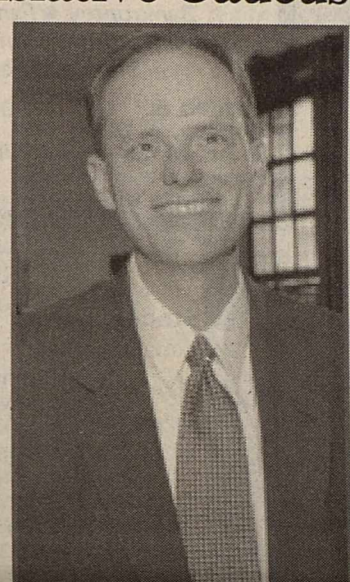
"Tracy has a great voting record in supporting Latinos in Texas," said MALC Chairman Pete P. Gallego. "We are happy to have him back in the House and in MALC."

Founded in 1973, the Mexican American Legislative Caucus is a 501(c)(6) non-profit, non-partisan organization composed of 40 members of the Texas House of Representatives committed to addressing the issues that Latinos face across the state of Texas.

Latinos today represent the state's fastest growing political and economic sector.

To meet the needs of this rapidly growing population, MALC serves as an information clearinghouse to Caucus members and non-members alike.

"I look forward to working



State Rep. Tracy O. King

with the members of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus in the Texas House of Representatives on legislative issues important to the citizens of District 80," said Rep. King.

By researching the implications that legislation may have on Texas' Hispanic community and by voting together, the Mexican American Legislative Caucus is ensuring that the interests of all Texans are represented.

## Beer industry has \$11.8 billion impact on Texas economy

Washington, D.C. — Beer-related businesses, including brewers, wholesalers and retailers, contribute \$11.8 billion to the Texas economy, according to a new study released today by the National Beer Wholesalers Association (NBWA) and the Beer Institute. The industry's economic impact in the state includes 128,614 jobs paying \$3.98 billion in wages as well as more than \$2.2 billion in federal, state and local taxes generated and paid, including consumption taxes. These results show significant growth in all categories over a similar study released in 2003, which was based on data collected for 2001. The report released today calculates data from 2004.

"We are extremely proud to be a significant contributor to the Texas economy," said NBWA President David Rehr. "More than simply providing a refreshing beverage enjoyed by 90 million adults, we are businesses that have a national economic impact, and at the same time positively touch nearly every community in Texas, providing jobs for our fellow citizens and tax revenues for our towns and cities." According to the report, the direct and indirect economic output of brewers, wholesalers, retailers, and suppliers to the Texas economy increased more than \$487 million from a 2003 study, from about \$11.3 billion to the current \$11.8 billion. Through direct and indi-

rect economic contributions, the Texas beer industry helped add more than 3,000 jobs and over

\$250 million in wages to the state economy over this time period.

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In addition, state law requires each excavator to contact a one call locate service. This one call service will then notify each operator of buried utilities that you intend to dig in an area that may contain buried utilities (water, gas, electric, telephone, etc.). This service and call are free. Contact the Texas Excavation Safety Service at 1-800-344-8377.

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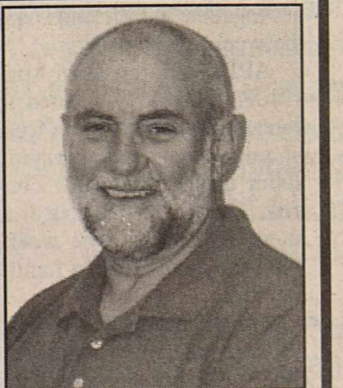
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### SPINAL DEGENERATION

Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C.

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the spine causes irritation to the surrounding tissues and nerves, and could further compromise health.

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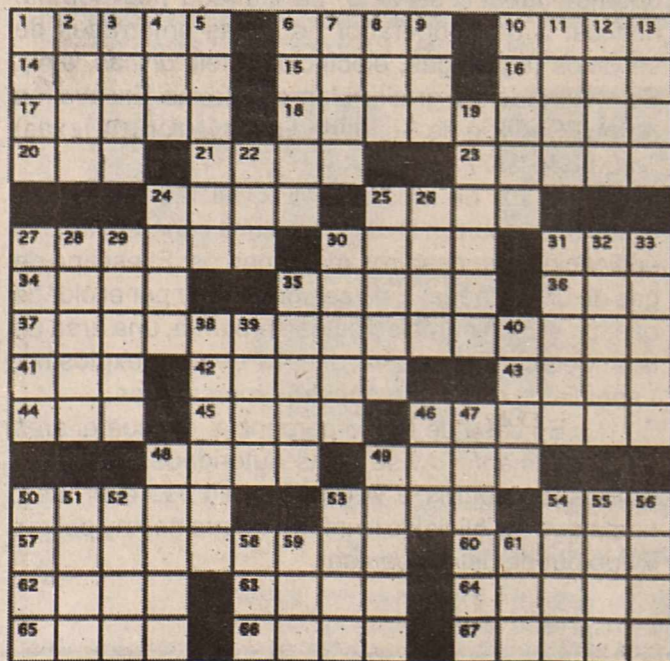
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 18 Custodian  
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 21 Part of a bubble gum machine  
 23 Auguries  
 24 Foot vegetable  
 25 "Merry old soul"  
 27 Bawl out  
 30 Whittle  
 31 Director: abbr.  
 34 Spanish passion  
 35 Ventilated  
 36 Parents' org.  
 37 Recorded one's intake  
 41 Giant Mel  
 42 Distribute in shares  
 43 Magazine title  
 44 Barbara Bush  
 45 Pierce  
 46 Cong  
 47 Tried  
 48 Change direction  
 49 Beverage  
 50 Fencing weapon  
 53 Othello's downfall  
 54 Phooey!  
 57 Decoration  
 60 Stile  
 62 Fiancee's item  
 63 Before: pref.  
 64 Down producer  
 65 To ... precisely  
 66 Smell  
 67 Thatcher's grasses  
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 1 Sleep outside  
 2 Seed covering  
 3 Nevada city  
 4 Small bill  
 5 Droopy-eared animal  
 6 Neckwear  
 7 Harbor  
 8 Corn holder  
 9 4 Down x 3, in Naples  
 10 "on you!"  
 11 Michigan  
 12 Word of affirmation  
 13 Confidant: abbr.  
 19 City in Ohio  
 22 Majors  
 24 Rural building  
 25 200 milligrams  
 26 Russian city  
 27 Breakfast request  
 28 Harm it up  
 29 Regular course  
 30 Ornamental edging  
 31 Knocked over a drink  
 32 Engraved pillar  
 33 Slackened  
 35 Psychologist  
 38 Social spot  
 39 Writer  
 40 Remainder  
 46 Game for "it"  
 47 Impulsive lover  
 48 Brink  
 49 Alma  
 50 Gilbert of "Roseanne"  
 51 Mine passage  
 52 Rib  
 53 Divider's word  
 54 Commanded  
 55 ... out: defeated over-whelmingly  
 56 Pronoun  
 58 Chinese leader  
 59. Put a stop to  
 61 Made-up account



**ROARING TWENTIES**

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

1. Baez	11. McEntire
2. Delafonte	12. Parton
3. Caruso	13. Presley
4. Domingo	14. Sedaka
5. Garfunkel	15. Sinatra
6. Gorme	16. Springsteen
7. Goulet	17. Streisand
8. Houston	18. Tillis
9. Lennon	19. Vallee
10. McCartney	20. Wynette

**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Your instincts are finely honed this week. Thus, when you express concern about the motives of a co-worker, you're right on target. However, a wait-and-see attitude is best for now.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A minor personal disappointment occurs early in the week. By midweek, though, you're able to put it behind you. Make an effort to get together with friends over the weekend.

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) This week, you need to concentrate on what's in front of you instead of worrying about things you can't control. This is particularly true at work. Later in the week, you get a boost from a family member.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Envy doesn't become you. Stop obsessing over that certain co-worker's success. Look to how you can improve your own work performance.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A friendship could develop into something more if you're open to romance. This person has been sending you such signals for a while. Wake up!

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You need to take a breath and slow down. While you want to get things moving, rushing them won't help. Later in the week, a family member rubs you the wrong way.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You're quite the silver-tongued devil this week. Utilize this to its fullest advantage. The allies you amass now will be quite helpful in the future.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) It's up to you this week to take the lead on a work project. You're up to the task. Tap into your logical, analytical side to get the job done.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) This week, you're able to see the bigger picture. If you focus on that, petty annoyances that crop up won't put a crimp in your plans. Over the weekend, creative pursuits are favored over socializing.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Lucky for you, those around you are in a cooperative mood. Thus, feel free to call on whomever you need for help. Later in the week, legal and contractual matters are favored.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Investment and general financial matters are favored this week. However, bear in mind that you're in this for the long haul. Don't be too upset by day-to-day fluctuations.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A domestic squabble is possible this week. Try not to let this throw you. For the most part, it's over something quite unimportant.

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# Whistles and Bells

Several years ago my wife and children really surprised me at Christmas.

They all got together and bought me a small digital camera.

My wife taught me how to turn it on and I briefly looked at the book but never took the time to read and study it carefully.

Recently I went into a camera shop to get some pictures printed and the clerk asked me if I knew what my camera could do.

He demonstrated a few things with the camera so I decided to get out the camera



Jerry Davenport

Brother J.

manual and start reading so I would know all about the camera and all the different things it would or could do.

It would also mean I could enjoy it a whole lot more. It can be the same way in our Christian life if we don't read and study the manual, (The Bible, God's Holy Word).

Going to Sunday morning worship service, (Deuteronomy 31:12,13, Joshua 8:35), Bible study at Church or in small home groups, or just reading it at home are just a few ways to learn the Bible.

My wife likes to go outside in the backyard and read when the weather is pretty but I like to get in a quiet place inside.

I use a good study Bible and I pray that God will help me to understand, (Joshua 1:8, 9).

See you in Church next Sunday.

# A very special apology

I took my sons Matthew and Michael to get immunizations a few days ago.

It's not my favorite event, but my wife had the duty last time, so it was my turn.

I wasn't entirely honest with my boys as I took them to get their injections.

I didn't warn them about what was coming, but said we had an errand to run at the clinic. Matthew, at age two, wasn't suspicious.

But Michael, a worldly-wise four, was on guard immediately. He asked me point blank if he was getting shots, and I told him yes.

There is no point in describing the next few moments, as they are every parents nightmare, the screaming, pleading, and even kicking.

I turned many heads as I wrestled by child into the room where the dreaded needles lay.

It wasn't the peek of my parenting skills either, and I admit that I lost my temper. Michael's hysterics frightened Matthew, and soon Sue & I had arms around two powerful little boys struggling for all they were worth.

Thank the Lord for the wonderful technician whose practiced hand and calm manner made a bad situation bearable.

She gave the needed four injections in the briefest of moments, and the boys weren't really even certain exactly where and when the needle hit.

After the injections, as I spoke the soothing words (and as each child received a lollypop), the momentary crisis was over.

The shots weren't really all that big of a deal after all. Michael looked pensive afterwards, and about the time we got to the car, I got a real gem - he looked me in the eye and apologized.

"Daddy, I'm sorry I kicked and screamed." I think that's the most grown-up I've ever seen my son. I apologized too, for losing my temper - and Michael



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forgave me.

So that I'm not bragging too much, I suppose that I should tell you that when we run kicking and screaming before God, there are soothing words available in Scripture.

I could probably tell you that just like Jonah, when we run we won't like the results and that things will go better if we just cooperate with God.

Or I could remind you of the forgiveness our loving Father in

heaven has waiting for us.

But truth is I am learning every day how to be a better parent, a better pastor, and a better writer.

So I'll leave the story where it is and simply ask you to ask yourself - "What apology do I need to offer my Father in heaven?"

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and for that, we're not apologizing.

# We citizens of the USA need to ask some questions

Hopefully what follows will be more objective than subjective, or "partisan."

Yours truly has been pondering some questions concerning the direction in which our USA is leaning, that is to say, with regard to its relationship with other nations of the world in which we live.

I have no answers, merely some questions.

Do you have any answers?

Will we receive truthful answers, given all this modern-day "Spin" emanating from the circle of our national and state politicians.

To Begin: We have been reading in the San Antonio Express News - are there any other sources of "breaking news" besides that from the big city of San Antonio? - that our USA Government Administration (lead by President George



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W. Bush) has been pushing, demanding, intimidating, manipulating, pressuring - via so-called "sanctions" - North Korea and Iran to curtail their pursuit of Nuclear Weapons of Destructions, (WMD).

And yet, under the leadership of our military, the Pentagon, this nation of ours (according to sources who wish to remain "anonymous") is continuing to research and develop its own "sophisticated" WMD's "for our own defense".

To continue: To be sure, this author is not in possession of all

the facts.

He does have before him, though, that information, which has "leaked" and been passed down to us.

And so, I ask the question: Who Are We To Ask Of Other Nations What We Do Not Follow Ourselves?

Are we judging those other nations as a threat to the world, while we are not?

Is it our national / political leadership's intention to pre-empt and dictate and determine for other sovereign nations?

How are they to conduct the affairs of their own country?

All of this under the domination of the imperfect and flawed "Democracy" (dominated by the Lobbyists, the Corporations, those with Self-Interests, and the moneyed) under which we live? Think about it.

# Some make it and some don't

The darkness of the cell seemed to amplify the dark feelings in Rick's heart.

The door slammed shut behind him. The guard who had been his escort turned and walked away mumbling something to himself.

There was just enough light coming from the outer walkway that Rick could dimly see the general layout.

A voice came from the darkness. "Theah's a switch on de wall to yo right. It'll give yo 'nuf light to unpack yo things. De drahs on de lef belong to me. Yo'se ah on de right. Yo bunk's on de top. Ma name's Joe. Dey tole me yo name's Rick. We'll git 'quainted in de mawnin.'" There was a rhythmic quality to Joe's voice. It was friendly but tough.

Rick unpacked his prison issue clothes, drank a glass of water from the sink and found the toilet in the corner. The stainless steel toilet was cold. Rick spoke. "Don't mind the smell,



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man."

"Don give it a thot. You gits use to it," Joe replied.

Rick climbed into the top bunk and covered himself up. He lay awake for what seemed like hours.

The bunk was hard and uncomfortable. Periodically he could hear noises from other cells. Some yelled at imaginary adversaries. Some cried. Others snored. The smell of sweat mixed with dirty toilets drifted in an out.

Under his breath Rick cursed. Looking at the ceiling he asked an imaginary higher power, "Why? Why me? Why now?" Thinking of the voice in the lower bunk, Rick continued his

one-way conversation with the power he imagined to be in charge. "An why put me in a cell with this black fool?"

In the lower bunk Joe smiled knowing exactly what Rick was thinking. "We's all dat way, we's all been dere," he said to himself. "Some'll make it an some won't."

Joe lifted his eyes to the crucifix on the wall beside his bunk. "Laud Jesus," he prayed silently. "Yo knows what dat brother in de top bunk need. Jus make me a blesin to 'im. Ahm heah and ahm willin."

Then the darkness was silent. Rick thought he could hear a voice from far, far away outside the walls of the prison. It hummed a familiar tune.

Joe stopped humming, smiled, and went to sleep.

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# Head of the church



St. John's Missionary Church

Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear son:

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

Who is the image of the invisible God the first born of every creature: For by him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in the earth.

Visible and invisible whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or power: all things were created by him, and for him.

And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

And he is the head of the body, the Church: who is the beginning, the first born from the dead: that in all things he might have the preeminence.

For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell: Colossians 1:12-19. Praise God!

# 3-D Billboard promotes safety belts

Billboard will be displayed through May 2005 in Laredo, TX

Seatbelts save lives. Brian Barnes and Maurice Carter are living proof.

On October 21, 2000, Barnes and Carter were involved in a one car crash in Austin, in which the 1996 black Z-28 Camaro in which they were riding slammed into a tree. Both were wearing seat belts, which first responders and crash investigators said kept them from being thrown from the car.

On Thursday, February 10, 2005, the wrecked Camaro will be displayed on a billboard at 5603 San Dario in Laredo, Texas as part of a statewide campaign by the Texas Department of Transportation designed to encourage drivers to wear their safety belts when riding in a vehicle.

The billboard will be on display through May 2005. "Statistics show that motor

vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for Hispanics through the age of 24 and that they are the second leading cause of death between Hispanics ages 25 to 44," TxDOT Laredo District Transportation Funding/Safety Administrator Rebecca Gutierrez said.

"Living in a mostly Hispanic community, I ask everyone to buckle up and not become another statistic."

**Saving Lives.**

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Aside from the hurt and trauma caused to family members of unbuckled drivers, driving without a safety belt can be very costly.

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"It is essential that people realize the effects of not wearing safety belts," Gutierrez said. "Safety belts should be worn at all times- even if you're driving to the next block, because you never know what will happen. Things can drastically change from one second to the next."



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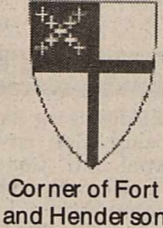
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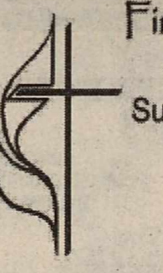
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