



## **One Act Play Cast**

Brackett High School's One Act Play this year is Alice in Wonderland. This year, Zone competition is set for March 23 in Rocksprings. If the group advances, District is set for March 30. Both events will take place in Rocksprings. Directing the thespians and crew is Lynn McNew. Cast and Crew members include Whitney Hobbs, Jackie Duncan, Juliann Ashabranner, Oscar Sierra, Kara Yeager, Rachel Swinson, Dana Bonner, Heather Baggett, Stephanie Bonner, Kody Yeager, Tillman Davis, Clint Conrad, Miles Braesicke, Daphne Hunt, Cullen Duncan, Michael Stephenson, Shanae Simmons, Isreal Muniz, and Alison Carroll

# **Tigers, Tigerettes earn 29-A All-District honors**

#### **By Ricky Creel** Contributing Writer

selections for 29A basketball more Emily Valenzuela. have been decided. The Tigers Nowlin.

eam selection; junior Ashley maintain a 90 average or above selections for the 2004-2005 bas-

Castillo. The Tigerettes received two

The 2004-2005 All-District Courtney Frerich and sopho- Courtney Frerich, junior Dana

had two unanimous First Team senior Stephanie Bonner, sopho- nior Tillman Davis, senior Branselections, senior Charlie more Kara Yeager, senior Noe don Kluzeck, junior Leon Slaughter and Junior Travis Talamantes and junior Leon Woolsey and junior Brand Woolsey. During the basketball Wylie. The Tigerettes had one first season we had some students

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to be on the All-Academic Team.

These students are senior second team selections, senior Stephanie Bonner, senior Bonner, sophomore Kara Honorable mentions went to Yeager, senior Oscar Sierra, se-

These are your All-District

ketball seasor

# **City elections May 7** Gomez, Welch posts on ballot

The final day to file for elec- tively will be on the ballot. tion to the Brackettville City Council is Monday, March 7 at will file for re-election. 5 p.m. at city hall.

Drawing for position on the Saturday, May 7, Two council 8. The first day to accept appli-

posts are up for election. cations for early voting ballots Place 1 and place 3 posts, by mail is March 8. The last day currently held by Tom Gomez for a candidate to withdraw in ing is set for city hall during Jr, and Tully Welch, respec- the election is March 15.

Early voting clerk begins No word yet whether either mailing early voting ballots to applicants on March 23.

The last day to receive appli-An election has been set for ballot is set for Tuesday, March cation for ballot to be voted by mail is April 29, and the last day to vote early by personal appearance is May 3. Early votregular business hours.

# Volunteers are tonight's city agenda

The Brackettville City Coun- Fire Department. cil will meet tonight in a special

On the agenda is the discussions that govern the operations

called meeting at 6:30 in the city meeting, the council voted to Services of Del Rio. The new annex building on U.S. 90 west. table the discussion until now.

Also on the agenda is the dission of Brackettville Volunteer cussion and possible approval Fire Department constitution, for a volunteer program to as- allowed at the beginning of the by-laws, guidelines, charter, ac- sist the city's maintenance crew meeting while comments from countability and other provi- in patching street potholes.

of the Brackettville Volunteer and possibly approve purchase is set for the end of the meeting.

of computer replacement and At the previous city council upgrade by RAMS Computer computers would upgrade the city's system.

Citizen's comments will be City of Brackettville Mayor Joe And, the council will consider N. Garza Jr., and alderpersons

Final session of child lures prevention series Monday

The fourth and final ses- works out of Uvalde. sion of the Child Lures Preevening March 7 from 6:30 about the dangers of sexual exp.m. to 8 p.m. in the BISD ploitation. new cafeteria. Speakers will

be Tina and Amanda Meek. High School and the University of Texas at Austin.

Tina works for Tim Ward Amanda is an investigator for Child Protective Services and

The Rhythm of the Night

Parents will learn how and couraged to attend with their vention Series is Monday what to teach their children parents.

There will be drawings for door prizes. A special drawing The Meek sisters are both will be held with the names of graduates of Brackettville all who have attended four nights of the Child Lures Train- available in both English and ing. Refreshments will be fur- Spanish. nished. Families are welcome to

here in Brackettville and bring children and child care Dr. Don Smith at 563-2285 or will be available in the Gym. Children old enough to ben- 7371.

Panoramic Steel Band entertains packed house

efit from the sessions are en-

The workshop is free of charge and each attendee will receive a parent book to keep.

Volunteers will be available to translate into Spanish and the parent books will be

For more information call-Rev. Nathan LaFrenz at 563-

Fort Clark Ladies Golf donations for the After Prom There will be a \$20 refundible Best front nine winners were Party are being accepted. deposit on each costume.

Marian Weber, 1st place; 2nd place tie went to Jackie Marrs and Pal Alexson; Betty Lee and Fern Dyer tied for 3rd place.

## FCA Meeting

The Adult Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will meet 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6 at the Church of Christ on N. Ann Street. Planning will take place for the "Meet Your Prayer Partner" event in April and also Ann Street, on Tuesday, March for the All Night After Prom Party in May.

The Adult FCA Chapter is grateful to the Ministerial Alli- for registration. For more inforance for their recent donation of mation, call 830-563-9537. cash door prizes to be awarded to students who attend the After Prom Party. Additional cash

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This week marks a special occasion for our great state. It is the anniversary of our state's independence from Mexico. **Opinion/Page 2** 

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To be called as a pastor means more than just living a life of Christian example. **Religion/Page 7** 

### Vada Baldree

Here we go again, fellow cooks. I mentioned last week that I was in the mood to try new recipes, so you were fore warned. Lifestyles/Page 3

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Checks for this purpose may be sent to Rhonda Marquardt or rented. For more information, Tiffany Blore at Brackett High please call Mary Partlow at 563-School. For more information, 9178. contact Carolyn Conoly at 563-

3699. **GED** Classes

Adult GED Classes are being held at the Brackett Educational Academy (formerly known as the Alternative School) 703 N. 22nd. Orientation and Registration at 5:00 p.m. Bring photo ID and social security number

# **Booster** club meets Monday

The Brackett Athletic Booster Club will meet Monday, March 7 at p.m. in the gym. Plans for the sports banquet will be made. Old Quarry Society Edith. costumes available

make period costumes available band, James. for anyone who desires to wear a costume for the Fort Clark Festival.

Ladies will be available at again on Monday, March 7 from

# Little League registration begins Saturday

Registration for the 2005 Kinney County Little League season will take place at the following times and locations:

Saturday, March 5 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Civic Center Mon-

Kinney County EMS building The 2005 Kinney County

would like to thank last year's invited to attend.

day, March 7 to Friday, March Little League Board will meet at 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the 6:30 p.m. in the Kinney County

EMS building. Anyone wishing to be in-Little League board members volved in this year's season is

No military costumes will be

## **Old Quarry per**forms festival play

Again this year, the Saturday night highlight of the Fort Clark Festival will be a production by the Old Quarry Society.

This year's presentation is a farce titled "She Married Well." Written by John Kirkpatrick, this one act play is a story about two long time friends/enemies, who have always been very competitive.

Under the very capable direction of Ida Perez Holley, the play includes a cast of Old Quarry favorites.

Bradford, Dr. Kent Lowery plays By Gus Garcia her husband Ned, and Tina Editor Meek plays their daughter

The "other friend," Eula Potter, is played by Mary Petrosky, The Old Quarry Society will with Jack Simpson as her hus-

A new-comer to our stage, Cody Edwards, plays their son, Peterson.

board members,

coaches, managers,

volunteers, sponsors

and players for donat-

ing their time to make

the Kinney County

huge success.

Performances are scheduled Post Theatre on Friday, March for Saturday, March 12th, 7:30 4 from 10 a.m. to noon and p.m., Post Theatre and Sunday, March 13, 2:30 p.m., Post The-4 to 6 p.m. to help you find atre. For tickets, call 563-3070 something wonderful to wear. or 563-9229.

The Kinney County Arts Council hosted the Texas State University Panorama Steel Band

The band, comprised of students from TSU, under the direction of Genaro Gonzalez performed to a sold-out crowd that was enthused, grateful,

said. "It was marvelous."

breezes, swaying palm trees and salt-rimmed glasses with Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville.

bands professor and gave a brief history on the instrument.

He included that steel drums last year's season a were invented on the island of Trinidad around the time of Today, March 3, World War II

The very first pitched steel metal containers and were convex in shape.

The performer would carry the smaller metal drum with one hand and beat the metal with the

Saturday, Feb. 26 in the Fort's Post Theatre.

dumbstruck and perplexed. 'I just didn't know you could get that many sounds out of a tin drum," one concert-goer

The group entertained the audience with their selections bringing with them tropical

crude; they were still in their experimental stages and had no intentional pitches. In the 1940's is affectionately known, is the perimented with the stylings or tuning that allows it to provide note patterns, and improved the various notes to music. upon the tuning. Today the drum is constructed from the bottom of a 55 gallon barrel, sunk down in a concave fashion,

other

and tuned with precision. Harmonic sounds, deep drums were made from smaller rhythms and moving beats had the audience enthralled with the music. GG then opened the floor

for questions. "how can a steel drum make that Arts.

kind of sound." Other questions can be played on the instrument. GG noted that all types of music can be played by the steel drum

The not-so-professionallychoreography of the lead drums keep the audience entertained as well, and helped set the mood for the delightful music.

It might have been raining outside, but inside there was a warm beach, beautiful sunset and bright tiki torches, all thanks to the Panorama Steel Band and the Most questions were dealing Kinney County Council for the

These instruments were were about the type of music that Genaro Gonzalez, "GG" as he and 1950's pan innovators ex- and it's the metal's shape and



house Friday night. Bottom photo: Professor GG answered questions from the audience giving a brief history of the steel drum and his band. Susanna Lowery plays Sallie

# The Brackell Hews

# Why "Cavalry Brigade"?

#### **By Woodie Hornburg Contributing Writer**

First, volunteers muster the first Saturday of every month (March 5th) at Shafter Hall and eagerly pick job assignments at 9 a.m.

Positions range according to physical ability with a choice of inside/outside worksites.

Time spent on projects range from 9 a.m. with an 11:30 a.m. quitting time, at which time the trooper assembles for a delicious free lunch at Shafter Hall.

fun, there's electrifying fellowship.

Since Fort Clark's Las Mowater hycinths it was believed that removing the plants to a minimum - the problem would be solved. Wrong!

It was learned that the government also had a hand in the matter.

Therefore, the Cavalry Brigade cooperating with the USA and avoiding the upset of the Why "Cavalry Brigade"?

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ecological balance, a communication was sent forth for "G" men to do their magic to kill the

plants without upsetting the fish. The "CB" is still waiting, after four years, but hopefully the "CB" scouts will sight help coming soon to the aid of ailing Las Moras Creek.

The FCS board had sanctioned the creation of "The Cavalry Brigade" and also the hard working maintenance department welcomed the aid to work on projects that were on the lower end of priorities, more so Besides the good food, great now since the department has DBRMeDIA been cut to "bare bones.'

They do a great job, which is a challenge for so few, presently, ras Creek was being choked by the "CB" is gearing up for "Fort Clark Days" on March 12 with grounds, commissary, and Seminole Hall needing a "gussying

> So, volunteers - ya'll come and help the FCS's Community Council's "Cavalry Brigade"

Saturday March 5 - We need ya! Did we answer the question?

**Texans** stand

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Do not tell Staff Sgt. Kevin Hinds, a Guardsman from Orange, that the Texas National Guard is composed of "weekend warriors." He knows better.

OPINION

He has spent months in the mountains of Afghanistan helping train 800 Afghans to become soldiers.

These Afghans will become people. the core of an army helping defend that country's fledgling democracy.

Sgt. Hinds' experience shows that the days when the men and women of the National Guard and Reserves could be called part-time soldiers are long past.

Although they were always part of our military, they were originally planned to be mobilized in the event of all-out war, as well as to cope with domestic natural disasters or civil emergencies.

Their role evolved into a more active participation in our all stepped up to do their duty national security over time, particularly when our armed forces were downsized after the end of the Cold War.

The Reserves and Guard shouldered an increasing part of of duty overseas. our defense burden as the operational tempo of our military ever, because their neighbors in tary Spouse Corporate Career and the time lost in reducing the increased during the 90s, with peacekeeping duties in countries deal of support. such as Bosnia and Haiti. However, after the 9-11 attacks in Combat Team of Texas' 36th In-2001, they came into their own. National Guard and Reserve Iraq, 30,000 people gathered in troops protected vital installations throughout the United States. Others participated in the liberation of Afghanistan. Finally, the Guard and Reserves helped overthrow Saddam Hussein's



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Of the National Guard's 15

best-trained, best-equipped and most ready-to-deploy combat brigades, all but one are either in Iraq now, have demobilized after returning from a one-year tour in that country, or have been alerted for duty in 2005-2006

Although the percentage of Reserve and National Guard troops serving in Iraq is slated to go down in the next troop rotation, today the mix stands at 50-50.

Star Level of Recognition. These men and women have to defend freedom.

While they directly bear the support for their National Guard burden of service, their family, and Reserve employees and supplements their salaries. friends and their employers also face demands during their tours Concentra has done something

The job is made easier, hownew. It helped create the Mili-Network - called the MSCCN. Texas are providing them a great

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out in

Employers play a significant

role when a reservist is acti-

vated, because many of them

struggle when key personnel

Addison to attend a ceremony

recognizing an employer's com-

mitment to our troops and their

was receiving the 5-star award

from the National Committee for

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and Reserve for its support for

the men and women who make

up our National Guard and Re-

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of the 8,500 companies who

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In addition to the above,

The company, Concentra,

report for long tours of duty.

of our soldiers.

families.

serve forces.

clusive club.

This week marks a special occasion for our great state.

It is the anniversary of our state's independence from Mexico.

On March 2, 1836 a convention of 54 men met in the small settlement of Washington-onthe-Brazos to sign the Texas Declaration of Independence.

The Texas Declaration of Independence was produced, literally, overnight. Its urgency was paramount.

While the founding fathers of Texas prepared the document, the Alamo in San Antonio was under siege by Santa Anna's army of Mexico.

In near-freezing weather, in an unfinished building, the convention voted in the early morning hours of March 2nd to unanimously accept the resolution. Ultimately, fifty-eight members signed the document. And thus was born the Republic of Texas.

The declaration sent a sign to Mexico that Texans would no Recently, I traveled to longer live under what many of them regarded as a tyrannical rule from a distant source.

It was testimony that Texans were ready and willing to fight for their freedom. And fight they did.

Four days after signing the document, William Barret Travis and184 brave men concluded their gruesome battle against more than five thousand Mexican troops.

The odds were against the Texas volunteers, but they were determined to stay the course support their Guard and Reserve and fight until the end.

When the battle was over, only 15 people - mostly women and children - were spared.

Familiar names like Davey Crockett, James Bowie and Juan Badillo lost their lives that fateful day. These brave souls did not give their lives in vain.

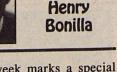
The casualties that the Texas forces mounted against Mexico, Alamo cut short Mexico's cam-

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# Weekly Report Henry Bonilla

The Glory

of Texas





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to live a life of purpose.

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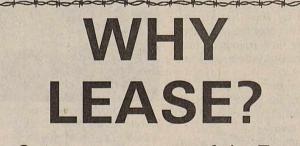
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For instance, when the 56<sup>th</sup>

fantry Division shipped out for Waco for the send-off. Imagine what it meant to

those young men and women that so many of their fellow Texans cared enough to come out and wish them well.

I am extremely proud that the dictatorship and freed the Iraqi Lone Star State is so supportive



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For information call (830) 563-2961 8-5, M-F, or (830) 563-2077 evenings.

This organization is a not-

for-profit corporation dedicated to providing career opportunities and job portability for military spouses through a nationwide network of employers.

With the frequent transfers that are a feature of military life, many spouses have found it difficult to pull up stakes and find work

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our soldiers and their families.

Texas stands behind our citiof America's unique traditions. The shot heard around the world at Concord Bridge was fired by our first National Guardsman, a Minuteman.

preciate the sacrifices they make and fought for their freedom. on our behalf.

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paign. It gave Sam Houston just enough time to perfect his plans for the defense of Texas and enabled him to win the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836. This victory spelled a final free-

dom for Texas. In the saga of Texas history, there is no period as distinctive as Texas' struggle for independence.

The period's heros are remembered in the names of cities and towns, streets, plazas and public buildings.

The Lone Star flag, inherited from the original Texas Republic, still flies proudly throughout our state.

I'd like to leave you with a quote by Sam Houston just before the Battle of San Jacinto.

"We view ourselves on the eve of battle. We are nerved for the contest, and must conquer or perish. It is vain to look for I applaud those who are present aid: none is at hand. We working to improve the lives of must now act or abandon all hope!

Rally to the standard, and be zen soldiers because they are one no longer the scoff of mercenary tongues!

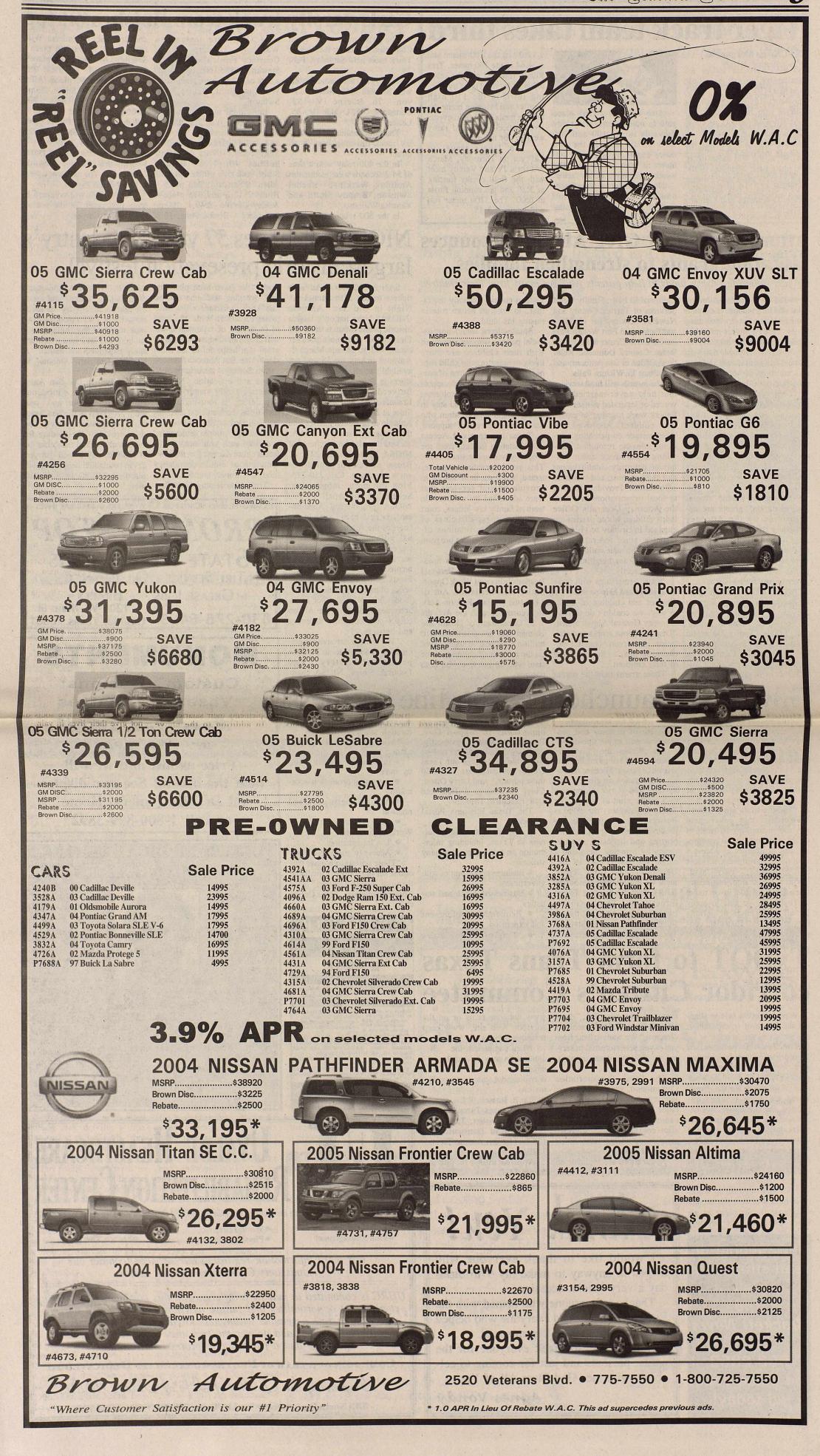
Be men, be free men, that your children may bless their father's name."

Texas Independence Day is They are always on duty to an occasion for all Texans to defend our freedom, and it helps stand proud and remember the them to know that all of us ap- men who stood up for their rights God Bless Texas!



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## COMMUNITY The Brackett News

# Thursday, March 3, 2005

# **Tiger track team takes third**

**By Charles Marguardt** Contributing Writer

The Brackett Tiger's made a very good showing by scoring sixty-eight points and placing third in their division at Uvalde Track Meet held on Saturday, February 27th.

The Tigers ran a time of 47.06 in the 400 meter relay to place first. Members of the sprint relay team were Fermin Villa-nueva, Cody Edwards, Noe Talamantes and Gumaro Martinez.



Also winning a first place gold in other events was Cody Edwards in the 100 and 200 sprints. His time in the 100 meter was 11.87 and in the 200 meter it was 24.22 with the weather playing a major factor.

Noe Talamantes placed second and took silver behind Cody in both events by running will begin at 3:45.

a 12.01 in the 100 meter and a 24.64 in the 200 meter. Tres Rueda rounded out the other medalist for the Tigers by placing third in the 110 high hurdles and bringing home the bronze medal. All field events were cancelled due to rainy weather for the meet.

The Tigers travel to LaPryor on Thrusday, March 3rd for a JV and Varsity meet with the field events starting at 3:30 and the running finals at 6:00. The 3200 meter run

## Girls varsity track team finishes on top The girls varsity took "Team of 1:55.7 were teammates and 3rd place - Vanessa Will-Champions" title for the Uvalde Watkins, Daphne Hunt, iams, 13.9. 400m: 1st place -

Track meet held Saturday, Feb. Courtney Frerich and Bianca Swinson, 63.2 and 2nd place -

were Brackett - 160, Neuces Canyon - 76, Boerne JV - 57, Swinson. Comstock - 45, Uvalde JV - 35, Leakey - 13.

three.

Anolda Watkins, Rachel Allen. 800m run: 2nd place - is today in La Pryor. Swinson, Brandy Smith and Hunt, 2:42.3 and 3rd place -Vanessa Williams.

lay races finishing first in all and 4th place - Gabby place - Schroeder, 6:39.0. Schroeder, 14:05.0. High

In the 800 relay with a time 2nd place - Divina Pena, 13.8 March 4 in Harper.

largest historic presevation festival

Stewart. In the 1600 relay with Stewart, 66.4. Hurdles: 2nd The overall team point results a time of 4:27.3 were teammates place - Frerich, 4th place - Allen Watkins, Hunt, Frerich and and 6th place - B. Smith. 200m: 2nd place - V. Williams, 29.8. Individual event standings 1600m run: 1st place were 3200m. run, 2nd place - Ashabranner, 6:11.0; 5th place The girls dominated in all re- Juliann Ashabranner, 12:46.8 - A. Castillo, 6:35.0 and 6th

The girls coaches are Dusty In the 400 relay with a time hurdles: 4th place - Brandy Brotherton and Rhonda of 54.2 seconds were teammates Smith and 5th place - Bailee Marquardt. The next track meet

Junior High will compete in Ashley Castillo, 2:49.1. 100m: their first meet for the season

# Attorney General Greg Abbott announces NIOSA celebrates 57 years as country's visitation grants to strengthen families

Groups statewide receive funds to help parents who live apart from their children

strong Texas families and chil- and Families in Fort Worth; Panand maintain meaningful rela- The Place in Wichita Falls. tionships with their children.

parents without custody make a vorced or separated mothers and positive impact in their fathers work together to parent children's lives," Attorney Gen- their children. Approved sereral Abbott said. "Children vices include co-parenting eduneed two involved, caring par- cation; dispute resolution; proents to feel happy and secure. viding legal advice about visi-This grant will help parents tation, paternity establishment maintain close ties with their and child support; and visitation children."

and Visitation" grants are ad- the Attorney General's Office ministered by the Attorney helps children whose parents are General's Division for Families engaged in custody or visitation and Children. This year's grants, disputes, since federal regulatotaling more than \$300,000, tions prohibit state child support were awarded to private non- programs from handling these profit organizations and local matters directly. governments across Texas.

Services of Amarillo; Legal Aid in ways we couldn't do alone," of NorthWest Texas in Arling- Attorney General Abbott added. Brownwood; Voices For Chil- of their children. dren Inc. in Bryan; Child Crisis

his commitment to building NewDay Services for Children raising his child." dren by announcing grants to 11 handle Crisis Center in Perryton; todial parents who stay involved Fiesta San Antonio's premier will create another unforgettable val in 1937, the event was evenorganizations statewide that help Bexar County Domestic Relaparents without custody develop tions Office in San Antonio; and

The awards will fund services "I am committed to helping that help never-married, dienforcement. Providing funding The federally funded "Access to local organizations is a way

"Our partnerships with these Access and Visitation grant local programs help us reach the recipients are: Family Support families and children of Texas ton; Travis County Domestic "Disputes about access and visi-Relations Office in Austin; Fam- tation can create conflict be- million each year to states based ily Services Center in tween parents, to the detriment on the number of children in the ebration of San Antonio's unique These grants help the parent parents.

AUSTIN - Texas Attorney Center of El Paso; Family Court without custody, usually the fa-General Greg Abbott continued Services of Tarrant County and ther, to take an active role in

Studies have found noncuswith their children are more likely to make regular child support payments. Children of parents who pay their child support have fewer behavior problems, make better grades, and stay in school longer than children who do not receive regular support.

Texas has received Access and Visitation funding from the federal government since 1997. This year's grantees were selected based on their ability to provide crucial services that were identified by a statewide Scheduled for April 19-22, team of family law judges, court NIOSA (pronounced 'knee-ohadministrators, directors of sah') is held each year in the county domestic relations offices, and child support program officials.

Access and Visitation funding is authorized by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (the Welfare Reform Act). In accordance with the Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services distributes \$10 state who do not live with both

stores in San Antonio, Boerne, Bulverde, Seguin and New Braunfels, as well at the Fiesta Store at 2611 Broadway, all San Antonio area military bases and Tickets can also be purchased at NIOSA headquarters, 227 S. Presa Street, or online at www.niosa.org. Call 210-226-

5188 for more information. heart of the Alamo City's original village, La Villita. It is staged by the San Antonio Conservation Society and is the centerpiece of the city's annual Fiesta celebration **I** a ten-day series of parades, parties, music, food, festivals and other lively activities reflecting the Alamo City's rich cultural diversity

and heritage. 'We're back for another celpeople and history," said Deborah Sibley, NIOSA chair-

available at all H-E-B grocery vation Society: historic preservation and education."NIOSA La Villita, the historical arts village situated on the site of the food, live music, and fun.

SAN ANTONIO - Advance man. "We have been planning Antonio, NIOSA includes many tickets to the 57th annual "A and working since the end of of the sights, sounds and tastes Night in Old San Antonio last April to include a few sur- brought to the city by its earli-(NIOSA)," the nation's largest prises for 2005! With the help est settlers. With roots dating historic preservation festival and of thousands of volunteers, we back to a one-day Indian Festievent, will go on sale March 1. event that helps fulfill the mis- tually expanded and named "A Advance tickets are \$8 and are sion of the San Antonio Conser- Night in Old San Antonio" in 1948.

"A Night in Old San Antoattracts 100,000 visitors annu- nio" benefits the education, ally during its four-night run. grants, preservation and museum programs of the San Antonio Conservation Society and the company store at USAA. original San Antonio settlement, also provides the funding for is divided each year into 15 dif- the restoration and rehabilitation ferent cultural areas for the pre- of historic, city-owned propersentation of ethnic costumes, ties in residential neighborhoods and the La Villita Historic Dis-Truly representing "old" San trict.

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• Information on electric util-

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easier and friendlier for consumthey might need. Likewise, con- ficial website for the State of and expansion

DIR Executive Director. The Texas Business Portal

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The Texas Transportation corridor@dot.state.tx.us or by Commission, which voted at its mail to January meeting to create a corridor advisory group, could group's operating rules at its 125 E. 11st St., Austin, TX, March 31 meeting.

Applications are available on Applications are due by Web site, March 14.



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Thanks to everyone who helped with the Bar-b-que dinner and everyone who helped with the cake and ice cream social.

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# Thursday, March 3, 2005

# COMMUNITY

# The Brackett Hews

cooks. I mentioned last week that I was in the mood to try new recipes, so you were fore warned.

That's Right! Did it again! Luck was with my husband, they were good. May go back to old try and trues for a while so as not to press my luck. Hope you will try these too. Both go to- serve this. Fancy: Make a nest

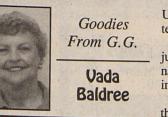
Celery & Shrimp Salad

cups shredded/chopped cab- on leaf of lettuce. Avocado and bage, 2-3 tbsp. minced green tomato wedges served too are onions, 2-3 tbsp. mayonnaise, 1- nice. \*I believe imitation crab 1 1/2 tbsp. cider vinegar, 2 1/4 would work in this also. Serves tsp. salt or to taste (divided use), approx. six, but can be halved. 1/4 tsp. black pepper (divided use).

\*1 1/2 lbs. shrimp, peeled & cooked, 1 tsp. fresh lemon juice.

and 1/8 tsp. pepper. Pour over butter spray. vegetables and toss lightly.

salt, pepper and lemon juice. There are two ways you can



gether quickly, may be fixed in in the celery mixture and fill advanced and inexpensive to with shrimp mixture. Garnish

with cucumber slices placed around edges or plain and 3 cups chopped celery, 3 simple. By mixing all together **Milton Berle's** 

**Peach Cobbler** 

2 tbsp. butter, 2 (15 oz.) cans peaches, canned in juice, 1 tsp. Combine celery, cabbage and cinnamon, 1/2 tsp. nutmeg, 1 (8 green onions. Blend together vin- oz.) box corn muffin mix, 2 tbsp. egar, mayonnaise, 3/4 tsp. salt sugar, 6 tbsp. water, and canned

Sauce: 1 cup of juice reserved Mix shrimp with remaining from canned peaches, 1 tbsp. corn starch and 1 tsp. butter. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Using spray canned butter, butter an 8 inch square baking dish. Drain peaches, reserving the juice. Mix peaches with the cinnamon and nutmeg; Place in baking dish.

Combine the muffin mix with the sugar; cut in the 2 tbsp. butter, using 2 knives or pastry blender. Add water and stir. The batter will be very thick.

Spoon butter over the peaches; spread evenly - it doesn't have to reach the sides. Bake for 20 minutes or until well browned. Serve with warm sauce.

For sauce: Mix 1 tbsp. of reserved peach juice with the cornstarch to form a smooth paste. Heat the remaining juice in sauce pan over medium heat.

When it is hot, gradually whisk in cornstarch mixture. County. Remove from heat and stir in butter.

For serving: serve with hot hospital. sauce and cobbler warm.

Delicious if a dollop of whipped topping or scoop of vanilla ice cream.

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# Enjoy a nice salad and cobbler Medicare changes - What they mean for you No medicaid drug assistance starting in 2006

dual eligibles: Starting in 2006, full-benefit dual eligible beneficiaries Medicare beneficiaries eligible for a state's full range of Medicaid benefits, including drug coverage will receive prescription drug coverage through Medicare rather than through their state Med-

icaid programs. erage will cause a significant program with reduced cost sharchange in Medicaid benefits for ing. many aged and disabled individuals: According to the Texas sons who are low income that 224-4262.

Medicare Drug coverage for Health and Human Services are either on Medicaid or Commission the impact on Texas Medicare Saving Programs is as follows: (QMB, SLMB, & QI1) will be-

1. Over 300,000 full dual eli- gin to receive information gibles (Medicare and Medicaid) about enrollment into Mediwill need to switch from Medic- care Part D from both the Soaid drug coverage to Medicare cial Security Administration coverage.

2. Another 160,000 dual eligibles, who do not have any aid Services (CMS) Medicaid drug coverage, will be The new Medicare drug cov- eligible for the Medicare drug sistance call 2-1-1 or contact

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# Yard of the Month winner

Club met Thursday, Feb. 10 at ing was presented by Kyle the Adult Center Ft. Clark Leonard on organic farming us-Springs.

sided and a vote by members a vegetable farm and pecan present unanimously selected grove in Eagle Pass. Bill and Lisa Stuart of Ft. Clark Springs, to receive the first "Gar- den Club will be March 10 at den Club Yard of the Month" Award. President Stone placed annual flower show will be April a sign in the honored yard that 3, 2005 at the Service Club, Ft. day in recognition of the beau- Clark Springs. The theme this tiful winter foliage the Stuart's year is "Flowers on Parade". yard displays. The interesting

The Mountain Laurel Garden program for the February meeting compost tea. Leonard is a President Nancy Stone pre- certified organic farmer and has

The next meeting of the Gar-9:30 am at the Adult Center. The Everyone is welcome.

## Local judge attends seminar

nar held February 15-18, 2005 ernment Code. in Galveston, Texas.

by the Texas Justice Court Recusal and Disqualification, Training Center, a division of Juvenile Law, Failure to Attend Texas State University - San School issues, Contempt, Media-Marcos, officed in Austin, tion, Rules of Evidence, Case Texas.

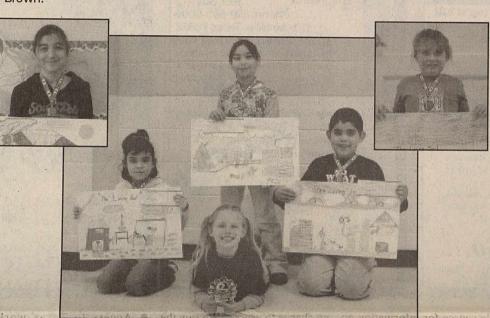
held for elected Justices of the Law, and Judicial Writing and Peace so they can fulfill their Decision Making.

Judge John H. Ford, III, was Continuing Judicial Education certified at the recent Twenty Requirements as set forth in Ar-Four Justice of the Peace Semi- ticle 27.005 of the Texas Gov-

The seminar addressed top-The seminar was sponsored ics such as Judicial Ethics, Law Scenarios, Deceptive Trade The seminar is one of six Practices, Bankruptcy, Contract

## West Nueces - Las Moras Soil & Water Conservation District **Poster Contest Winners**

Top left: 6th Grade, Becky Salazar - 1st place. Top right: 1st Grade, Elle Johnson -1st place. Center picture: from left, 2nd Grade, Denise Salmon - 1st place, Amber Resendez - 2nd place, Jose Talamantez - 3rd place. Bottom: Overall winner - Morgan Brown.





Nicole Mestas competed in the Mini -Me Miss Del Rio Pageant. Nicole was named Princess. She also received the People's Choice Award, Prettiest Hair and Miss Photogenic. Nicole is the daughter of Debra Buantello and Ruben Mestas.

Special Thanks to the Bank & Trust for sponsoring Nicole and to everyone that gave her a donation.

## **Lions Club Thrift Store**

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#### Monday, February 21

vehicle on Highway 90. Deputy Ron Ring was informed and found no vehicle.

4:56 p.m., Trooper Sutton but got no answer. reported a motorist whose vehicle had a blow out near A.J. Deputy Ring was notified.

7:27 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a burglary at a residence near the Doppler Page was informed.

Wednesday, February 23

7:31 a.m., Deputy Manuel Pena reported pavement bubbling up on Highway 1908. notified.

8:17 a.m., Constable Bobby Guidry reported a stranded motorist on Highway 90, East of Brackettville. The driver was be picked up shortly.

12:36 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a minor accident on Highway 693 near the railroad tracks. Deputy Ring and Trooper Tully Welch were informed of the situation.

a young lady driving a blue wanted to speak with a deputy Durango had pulled out in front of a school bus and almost caused an accident. She stated that the young lady drives to deputy informed her to come by and is always driving recklessly. Deputy Ring was informed.

four children on E. Thomas and Gove Street. She added that three were under the age of four. route to her residence. She was afraid one of them was informed.

## Thursday, February 24

of San Antonio, was arrested by Trooper Tony Ashley for failure posting \$1000 cash bond.

point reported goats on High- and \$1,500 security bond. way 90. The agent stated they but they kept getting out. and deputy in regards to a suspicious

They tried to get in touch with vehicle in the parking lot. 4:09 p.m., An anonymous the owner but were unable. They Deputy Pena responded. caller reported a stranded white were concerned the goats were going to cause an accident be- two ATV's speeding on Louise cause it was getting dark. The Street. Deputy Gutierrez was owner was called several times notified.

**KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT** 

Friday, February 25

nio location. San Antonio's EMS was notified and dispatched.

6:30 p.m., Val Verde requested an escort from the Val Deputy Page responded. Saturday, February 26

she had been rear-ended by an-TxDOT and Oscar Sierra were other woman who was driving very fast. The woman was ada deputy dispatched to her location to make a report.

able to call a relative and would the office but never showed up. The woman called back stating that the woman who hit her was traveling on Highway 674 at a high rate of speed.

Deputy Page talked with her concerning stopping by the office, again she never showed up. 4:00 p.m., A woman reported The woman called back and time

She was advised that the school, has no drivers license the office. She stated she was afraid of the other woman. The woman called again stating she 4:00 p.m., A woman reported had informed her insurance and her boss who was a lawyer. At 2:20 a.m., Deputy Page was en

1:43 a.m., An upset boy would get hurt. Deputy Ring called because he didn't know where his parents were. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez reached both 8:50 a.m., Rosendo Pena, 42, parents and the father stated he was on his way back.

3:00 a.m., David Seargeant, to maintain financial responsi- Sr., 50, of Brackettville, was bility, second or more offense. arrested by Deputy Page for Pena was later released after Driving while intoxicated and evading arrest with vehicle. 7:00 p.m., A U.S. Border Pa- Seargeant was later released aftrol agent at the Cline check ter posting a \$1,500 PR bond

5:17 p.m., An employee of had put the goats in several times the detention center requested a 7:33 p.m., A man reported

8:46 p.m., A Fort Clark employee requested a deputy re- hicle they had parked in the back 7:53 a.m., A woman stated garding a minor accident by the yard. Foyt's ranch on Highway 90. she needed EMS at a San Anto- Club house and wanted a report made. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched.

### Sunday, February 27

3:18 a.m., Juan Vasquez weather station. Deputy Donald Verde county line to the Uvalde Martinez, 23, of Mexico, was County line for a Congressman. arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for a failure to appear warrant out of California for possession of 1:36 a.m., A woman stated controlled substance. Martinez was still being held when the report was made.

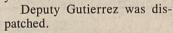
> 7:15 a.m., Gabriel Ramirez, vised to go to the office or have 30, of Brackettville, was arrested by Trooper Manuel Hernandez for driving while license sus-She stated she would go to pended. Ramirez was later released after posting \$1000 PR bond.

> > 4:00 p.m., A woman reported possible shots being fired at a near by residence on Spring Street. Deputies Pena and Page were dispatched. Everything was found to be fine.

6:43 p.m., A Fort Clark security officer requested a deputy but both were unavailable at the in regards to a pick up tearing

up the golf course near the end of Scales Road. Deputy Gutierrez was informed. 11:07 p.m., A woman reported a vehicle had pulled up

to her residence in the back and was trying to get into some ve-



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're in the mood to October 22) You've been on make a change in your pro- the fence too long concerning fessional life. However, it's a career decision. This is the best to slow down a bit. Ex- week to say yea or nay. Just amine all the options and pos- be sure you're not taking the sible repercussions first.

TAURUS (April 20 to May. 20) You're at your best this November 21) Your mental eration. Later, you're able to good advantage when dealing deal with a minor crisis on the with co-workers and higherhomefront quite admirably.

20) You're focusing too much with loved ones. on a material item you've been wanting for a while. It would or not this item is necessary at all.

CANCER (June 21 to July done! 22) You're full of opinions, and that's fine. However, you have to learn when NOT to express them. Others could be there's someone trying to easily offended by your strong rope you into a financial deal views.

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LEO (July 23 to August February 18) You're in no 22) A person you'd had a falling out with in the past suddenly asks your forgiveness. avoid being too abrupt with Reach into your heart to find the offending parties. A care- the answer. Sometimes, it's best to let go of a grudge. VIRGO (August-23 to Sep-

PISCES (February 19 to tember 22) Family members week. However, that doesn't for yourself; you deserve it.

LIBRA (September 23 to easy way out.

SCORPIO (October 23 to week with group activities. In acuity stands you in good fact, you're a model of coop- stead this week. Use this to ups. This weekend, keep the GEMINI (May 21 to June lines of communication open

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) be nice if you could indulge Someone's visit you'd been yourself. However, be more anticipating falls through. practical and decide whether Don't allow this disappointment to spoil your entire week. There's work to be

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're not normally a pushover. Still, who's trying to snow you. Be aware and trust your instincts.

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# Thursday, March 3, 2005

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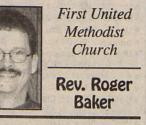
# **Examining the soles - of our shoes**

# Learning when to stay silent

One of the most difficult tasks I have encountered as a pastor is learning when to speak out. To be called as a pastor means more than just living a life of Christian example. Sometimes it means taking a difficult stand or speaking out against a particular injustice or evil. Likewise, Clearly, I was taking myself far sometimes it means remaining learning.

I was challenged during the wrong ways. last week considering if I swayed by this argument.

that some in our community truly saved and who was sinditions? What would it say if I the first disciples! had greater hail damage to my car than my neighbor? Would a carport at the sanctuary?



too seriously. It is an easy trap silent despite a desire to en- to fall into when you're congage every challenge. It is a stantly reminded of your role as balancing act, and I am still a pastor. I often find my own Light of Men (John 1:4). This ministry is apostolic in all the

Like that great saint of the should speak out against the church, Peter, I am too quick to when we share the Good News contention that God sent the deny my Master and too quick Christmas tsunami to tell Mus- to take up arms for a fight. Like lims that they're wrong. The James and John, I have to fight cluded a wealth of donations theological question is an easy an urge to contend with my one - anyone who has prayer- brothers and promote myself fully read the first few verses above them. Like Matthew, I of Luke 13 or John 9 won't be want to celebrate with good food and drink and associate with Even so, I was deeply afraid others with the same tastes.

Like Nathaniel, I sometimes might actually believe that the wrongly judge people by where show the work of God (see Christian God operated in they come from. Like Philip, I such a fashion. What if some- beg to see the Father when I have one started judging who was clearly witnessed the Son. Some "disciple of Christ" I am - fol-

like the quiet doctor Luke. As a (new books this Sunday) and the church consider installing disciple of Christ, Luke is only worship starts at 10:45.

glimpsed in the background. When Luke spoke out, it was to tell the story of Jesus to Theophilus. Luke so obscured his part in the early church that other than writing the Gospel of Luke and its sequel, the Acts of the Apostles, we know almost nothing of him from the Biblical record.

Luke held back that Christ might be seen more fully. Luke stayed in the shadows of the week, I think I can best serve by simply acknowledging that I think God is best served of the Gospel. In the last month, that Good News into assist the victims of the recent tsunami, to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, provide water, and relieve their illness and suffering. I think that was a Christian act, and I'm glad we took the opportunity to John 9:3).

Please visit us at First United Methodist Church as we try to stay out of the spotful by the local weather con- lowing all the worst examples of light so you can more clearly see the Light of the World. My goal is to become more Sunday School starts at 9:30

I ran across this neat story recently and I wanted to share it with you folks. "The Story Our Shoes Tell Us."

Did you know our shoes have a message for us? The shoe has a sole just like

we do. The sole on the shoe is tough and can take a lot of abuse like our souls should.

shoe, just as our soul should be the foundation of our lives. At the end of the sole of the it

shoe, there is a reminder for usa heel.

a heel with the people with whom we work, play, worship and associate

ish and color tells us something,

There are black shoes, brown shoes, red, yellow and white ones, too, and they walk down the same streets, paths and walks of life.

So, too, we are reminded of the black, brown, red, yellow and white people, and we should all walk side by side down the paths of life.

Some shoes have rough finish, as some people are rough; other shoes are smooth, like some people; some shoes are shiny and highly polished, just like some people we know.

No matter how we find the

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finish of the shoe or the people Also, the sole is flexible and we meet, we must remember the very foundation to the whole we're all God's children-and we must get along together.

serves a purpose.

We have one tongue and hope it serves a purpose-not for with us and comforts us and con-It should remind us not to be gossip and slander.

The shoe has several eyes, but yet it cannot see.

We have only two eyes and The top of the shoe, the fin- hope that we use them to see all we can and should.

The shoe laces that hang down copal Churches.

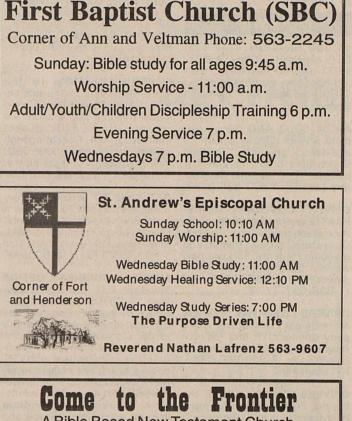
Our Redeemer tell us that even our lives can have loose ends, too.

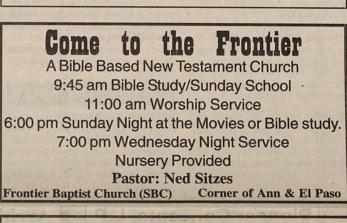
> The shoe strings to be beneficial have to be tied-so our lives need to have loose ends tied together.

When I put this shoe on, it fits; it's comfortable when worn-just like we should fit in. As this shoe is put on my foot, we must remember that it never walks alone.

So, too, we never walk alone The shoe has one tongue and through life; there is always another to walk with us-one greater, more powerful who goes soles us.

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Patience will get you respect

Rick awoke with a start. The loud, clanging bell had a com- cursed the floor, he cursed his manding sound. He raised up and looked around. It was still He saved his most savage words dark. Within seconds of the bell, for the bell that had awakened brighter lights automatically turned on in the hallways out- over. side the cell block. Anger arose in Rick's heart and mind. He but I ain't never goin to get used cursed under his breath and jumped out of his bunk. He had and added a few more choice forgotten that it was a long way to the floor. This time his curse was loud. Joe was sitting up in his bunk, deep in prayer even

before the bell had rung. "Yo ok man?" Joe said as he

to the floor.

Rick continued to curse. He bunk, and he cursed the prison. him. Rick's anger was boiling

"I don't know 'bout you man, to this place," Rick exclaimed words to describe his displeasure with his circumstances.

Joe just smiled. "Yeah man, Ah been der and done dat. Ah know jus how yo feel."

Rick heard a loud thud indisaw Rick stumble from his drop cating that the cell doors had automatically unlocked.

irror Mirror on the wall

Empowering Families Dr. Donald Smith

The men began to gather in the hallway outside their cells. Soon they dutifully lined up and began their single file march to Joe said referring to Rick's fists. breakfast. A loud speaker blared He continued. "Once a very wise orders to stay in line and to quit

pushing. Rick got his tray and found a come yo way. Patience will get spot by himself at a long table.

erately bumped Rick's back so that Rick's head bobbed forward toward his tray. Rick stood up with his fists clenched. The big

Rick felt gentle hands on his shoulders pushing downward. Joe sat down beside him. The big man and Joe exchanged glances and the big man left. Joe looked

at Rick's fists still clenched. Thos'll get yo in trouble, " man said that anger'll be yo downfall. Be patient and peace'll

yo de r'spect of othahs" (Sirach 1:19-21).



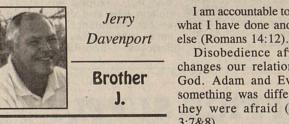
A big man walked by and delib-

A friend told me to look in the mirror when I am shaving and see who I really am.

This morning I looked in the mirror and what did I see? I saw a mixture of both sides of my family.

I saw some characteristics of my Dad's family and I characteristics of my mother's family.

good character traits I inherited from my parents but there disobedience actually started anyway.



could also see some of the with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, (Genesis 3:9-19) and it has passed on to every There are many positive or generation of every nation (Romans 3:9-12&23).

I can't blame my parents beis one negative and that was cause when I got older I chose the propensity (the desire to) of my own free will to disobey. to disobey or sin. Mankind's I knew it was wrong and I did it

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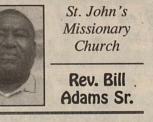
Disobedience affects or changes our relationship to God. Adam and Eve knew something was different and they were afraid (Genesis 3:7&8) As I looked in the mirror I

I am accountable to God for

what I have done and no one

saw a sinner but one thing has changed.

I have asked God to forgive or pardon my sin (1John 1:9) and I have put my faith in Christ Jesus (John 1:12;Romans 3:22). There is hope (Romans 4:7&8). See you in Church next Sunday.



And He touched her hand, And the fever left her: And she arose, And ministered unto them.

When the even was come they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: And he cast out the spirits with the word and healed all that were sick:

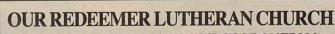
That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

And a certain scribe came and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whither so ever thou goest. St. Matthew 8:15-17,19. Glory! Praise God!

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# Tranquilina G. Alvarado

# July 6, 1909

95, entered into rest February 22, 2005 in San Antonio, Texas. She was born July 6, 1909 in Brackettville, Texas.

She was a loving wife, touched many lives with her nieces and nephews. love, compassion, and witty personality.

her husband Manuel Alvarado ettville. A Rosary was recited at and daughter Anabela. Parents, 7 p.m.

Gorge and Tules Garcia. Feb. 22, 2005 She is survived by her daugh-ter, Odilia Arredondo and husband Claudio Arredondo. Sisters: Chrispina Babbitt of

Austin, Juliana Villarreal of County Cemetery. Shearport, La.;

mother, sister, and aunt. She Killeen, Texas and numerous Oaks Funeral Home, 2020

2005, Sunset Memorial Oaks She is preceded in death by Chapel, 114 North St., Brack-

# **Ballew receives scholarship**

Beth Ballew was the 2004 State Essay Contest Winner for annual Soil & Water Conservation Districts contest. She was awarded a plaque from Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and a \$150.00 scholarship check from the West Nueces - Las Moras Soil & Water Conservation District. Congratulations Beth on an excellent essay.

The essay theme last year was "The Living Soil". This theme helps us look at how the living soil sustains all life on earth. Without soil, nothing lives. no "us". All living things de-Healthy soils support healthy environments, and healthy environments support healthy life. how they will treat the land that Without the soil, there would be supports them.



pend on the soil, but not all of them have the capacity to decide

A Mass of Christian burial She is survived by her daugh- was Saturday, 10 a.m. Feb. 26, 2005 at St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Church. Interment was at Kinney

Funeral arrangements were Brother: Jose Garcia of entrusted to Sunset Memorial Bedell Ave, Del Rio, Texas Visitation was, Feb. 25, 78840 (830) 778-2020

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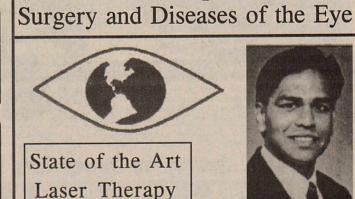
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