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BRIEFS

Softball Playoffs

The Tigerettes will go up against Flatonia today, May 5th, 7:00 pm at Boerne.

Free water well screening offered

The Kinney County Office of Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a water well screening day for area producers. Samples will be accepted on Tuesday, May 10th, from 1-5 pm and Wednesday, May 11th from 8-10 am at the Kinney County Extension Office. To receive an approved water sampling bag and instructions for taking a water well sample, call the Extension Office at 830-563-2442. Only sampling bags from the Extension Office will be used and all instructions for proper sampling followed to insure accurate results.

Cancer Support group meeting

Come join us for good fellowship and a great meal. Our meetings are held at the Frontier Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 5, 2005 at 6:30 pm. This group includes survivors, those who are currently receiving treatment, in remission and their caregivers and family. This is a "Pot Luck Supper" the meat will be provided. Fix your favorite side dish or dessert and join in the fellowship.

Church in need

The First Baptist Church asks the community to save 1/2 gallon round ice cream cartons, large baby wipe boxes, powered drink containers with plastic lids, small coffee cans. These items will be used for Vacation Bible School, July 18-22. You may drop them by the church Monday-Thursday from 10:00 - 3:00.

City adds odor to gas

On Monday, May 2, the City of Brackettville added odor to the gas system. If you smell gas inside or outside of your home, please call one of the numbers below and the City will check for leaks.

City Hall, Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 830-563-2412. Night emergency: 830-563-5882. Sheriff Department: 830-563-2788.

Book Study offered to teens

Book Study for all teenagers begins Sunday evening, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Brackettville. Parents: Our kids live in a sexually soaked culture. As parents, we wish them to stay sexually pure. The guys will be studying the book "Every Young Man's Battle". The girls book is "Every Young Woman's Battle". Paul Kluzek and Jennifer Baggett will be leading these studies.

Important school activities and dates

The Brackett Junior High awards Ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 13, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in the Auditorium and the Brackett High School Awards Ceremonies will be held on Monday, May 16, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. The Jr. High Athletic Hamburger Supper will be held on May 16, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the swim park in Fort Clark Springs. Family and non-athletes will be charged \$2.00 per person. The High School Athletic Awards Banquet will be held on May 19, 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. Non-Athletes and family members will be charged \$5.00 per person. You may purchase tickets from David Yeager, Central Office or at the door. Should you have any questions, please call Tilda Sierra at 563-2491, Ext. 400.

Attention Vets

Attention all veterans! Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force, Coast Guard and etc. Rudy Reyes from Purple Heart, VFW, American Legion will be at the Civic Center in Brackettville on Saturday, May 7th. He will have available patches, crests, medals and etc.

Ashabranner, Davis and Moore statebound

Three Brackett High School seniors will be traveling to Austin on May 5th, to compete at the University Interscholastic League Academic meet.

Having advanced two years ago in Feature Writing, Juliann Ashabranner will return to Austin to compete in the same event.

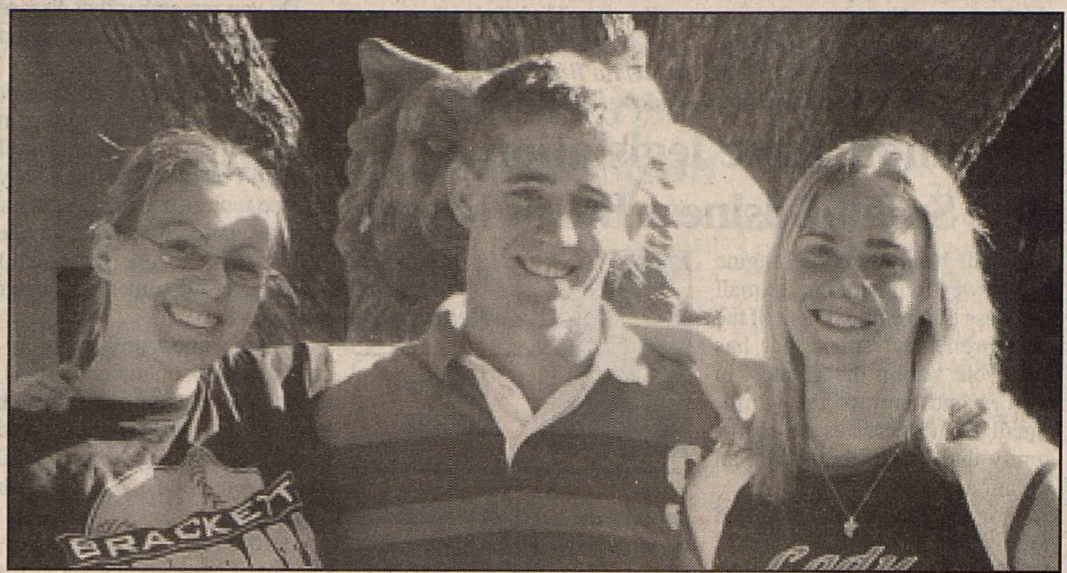
Tillman Davis will be participating in Extemporeous Speaking (Informative) and Danielle Moore will be participating in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Forty students at Brackett High School began working in the Fall toward UIL Academic District competition held in Medina on April 2nd.

For the second year in a row Brackett High School earned UIL Academic District Championship honors.

Sixteen students advanced to Regional competition in Brenham on April 22nd.

Placing at Regional competition were:



Courtesy Photo

From left, Danielle Moore, Tillman Davis and Juliann Ashabranner.

Rachel Swinson, Accounting, 4th Place and Courtney Frerich, Accounting, 6th Place.
Rachel Swinson, Courtney Frerich and Monica Gonzales Accounting Team, 2nd Place.
Danielle Moore, Lincoln Douglas Debate, 1st Place.
Tillman Davis, Extemp Speaking, 3rd Place.

Juliann Ashabranner, Feature Writing, 2nd Place.
Sponsors for each event prepare students to compete at each level.

4-H Shooters score high at meet

District 10 Shooting Sports competition took place April 30 at the Austin Rifle Club northeast of Austin.

Sub-Juniors Team placed third: Bryan Calk, Paige Nowlin, Tyler McDonald and Lauren Duncan.

Sub-Juniors Individuals are Nevada Payne and Rolando Gutierrez.

Junior Team placed second: Ramon Gutierrez, Emily Calk, Chris Blake and Heather Baggett.

Chris Blake placed second overall as an individual in the Junior age division.

Senior Team placed fourth: Joshua Kluzek, Conrad Moore, Justin Calk and Chris Seargeant.

Justin Calk won 1st place in the Senior age division.

Justin Calk placed third overall as an individual in the Senior



Courtesy Photo by Kathy Kluzek

division and will advance to State which will be held in July. Air Pistol Division: Bryan

Calk won 3rd place in the Sub-Junior age division. Area shooters will represent

Kinney County in the 2005 Hot-box Invitational Shoot held in Brownwood on May 14.

Cinco de Mayo events Saturday

A parade down Ann Street kicks off the Cinco de Mayo celebration while a dance wraps up the festivities.

The event sponsored by the Las Moras Hispanic Organization kicks off Saturday's events with a parade at 10 a.m.

The parade begins at the BISD's Academy on North Ann, through downtown Brackettville, where it turns east on Spring Street to the Kinney County Civic Center.

Participating in this week's parade is state titleholder Miss Teen Texas Latina Ana-Alicia Anguiano. Anguiano says she's excited about the event. "Brackettville

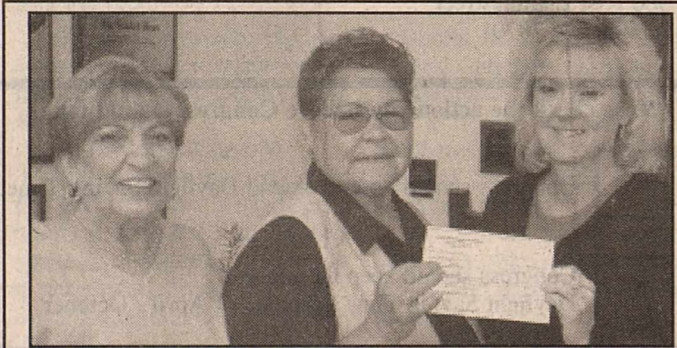
may be small, but everyone has a huge hispanic pride," she said. Anguiano heads to Cancun, Mexico in October for her national pageant.

To participate in the parade, contact Robert Aguirre at 563-9559.

Throughout the day, expect food, fun and festivities. Food booths, dancers, singers and some Ballet Folklorico throughout the day.

The Little Miss/Mister pageant takes place as well. The day's events culminate with a dance.

David Lopez y los Vaqueiros will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.



DOUBLE THE DONATION

Stacey Ashabranner, right, accepts two donations. One for Operation Graduation and another for the All-Sports Banquet. Both donations were made by the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce. Pictured with Ashabranner are Mary Martin, left, and Lou Green.

INSIDE

Brother Hunt

Be not afraid! These were the first words of Pope John Paul II to the people of God when he ascended to the Chair of Peter in 1978.

These words echo in the chambers of our hearts and calm our anxieties. Be not afraid. We have nothing to fear for the Lord is truly risen and he is with us.

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Help Find Monica

The DPS Missing Persons Clearinghouse is focusing its Project FindME spotlight on Monica Cassandra Carrasco this month. Foul play is suspected in her disappearance, and DPS needs your help to find her. Monica was last seen at the home of her uncle, Abel Baeza, in Balmorhea, Reeves County, on Oct. 1, 2003.

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Arts Council

Gearing up possible future programs for the 2005-2006 season, was the focus for members of the Kinney County Arts Council at their May 2. Bringing back the Carranzo Puppets, which was a popular hit for the Brackettville elementary school children, was a request the KCAC hopes to fulfill.

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Baldree

I have some exciting news for those of us who use what I call "make believe" sugar and a few people ask, "You mean artificial?". What ever you choose to call it, there are still a few hints to improve some of them. Do keep them handy - maybe close to your sweetener.

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GeoFORCE Texas selects first Class Brackett's Moore included in first session

A total of 36 Southwest Texas eighth graders, including Samantha Moore of Brackettville, have been selected as the first participants in GeoFORCE Texas, an initiative aimed at encouraging budding young scientists to consider careers in the geosciences.

Sponsored by the University of Texas at Austin's Jackson School of Geosciences and Southwest Texas Junior College, GeoFORCE Texas received a total of 118 applications for this year's inaugural summer academy. Shell Oil Company provided the initial corporate funding for the academy. ConocoPhillips and the SBC Foundation have now joined the program and are providing financial assistance to sustain and expand it.

"The response was terrific and we want to thank all the students and teachers who took the time to apply," Southwest Texas Junior College Dean of Technology and Institutional Advance-

ment Blaine Bennett said. "Students selected for the first GeoFORCE Texas class are an outstanding group and I feel certain they will represent Southwest Texas well."

According to Bennett, 15 school districts from across SWTJC's 11-county service area had students submit applications. Students selected come from 12 different communities including: Brackettville, Camp Wood, Cotulla, Crystal City, Del Rio, Dilley, Eagle Pass, Hondo, Pearsall, Rocksprings, Sabinal and Uvalde.

Through weeklong summer academies that include geology-based field trips, research projects and course work led by university professors, GeoFORCE Texas hopes to expose students to the geosciences in ways that inspire and motivate them to actively pursue geology as a future course of study.

Students selected for the program are committed to attend GeoFORCE Texas summer acad-



emies for the next four years. Preference in the selection process was given female and minority applicants, two groups that are significantly under-represented among current geologists. There is no cost to students who were selected for the program. The itinerary for the first summer academy, scheduled July 16 through 27, calls for students to begin with three days on the UT

Austin campus for classes and tours of local geological sites, followed by a trip to the U.S. Geological Survey headquarters in Reston, VA., and additional field trips to various geological sites and national park facilities across New Mexico.

An orientation session was held April 23 at the SWTJC Uvalde campus to outline plans for this summer's academy to students and their families.

According to Jackson School of Geosciences Associate Director Doug Ratcliff, GeoFORCE Texas will recruit additional applicants for the program on an annual basis.

"Our program is patterned after a very successful program that has had tremendous success for over 20 years at Fort Valley State University in Georgia," Ratcliff said. "With continued support from Shell, ConocoPhillips, SBC and others, we believe GeoFORCE Texas will be equally successful for many years to come."

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LETTER

The Brackett High School Band recently participated in the Region XI UIL concert and site-reading contest held at Bandera High School. Those young people were very well-behaved and polite. We feel that the manner in which they conducted themselves at the contest is a reflection of the teaching and the discipline that they received in the band program at your school.

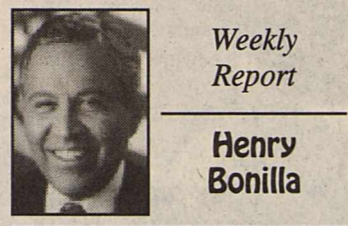
Their conduct is a positive reflection on your city, school and staff.

Thank you for all of your hardwork.

Sincerely,
Tim Howell
Director of Bands
Bandera High School
Editor's Note: This letter was written to Brackett ISD Superintendent Bobby Templeton.

Common sense legislation - The Small Business Bill of Rights

Small business is the engine that powers our economy. Small business is the embodiment of the entrepreneurial spirit that has made our nation the greatest in history and envy of the world. Small business creates the opportunity that makes the American dream a reality.



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

For this reason, I am proud to have cosponsored, H Res 22 the Small Business Bill of Rights. The Small Business Bill of Rights is a commonsense approach to addressing the concerns of our nation's 25 million small businesses.

It outlines the need for a reduction of excessive and unnecessary paper work and regulations. Again, I say, "that's common sense!"

We need to make health insurance affordable for small businesses. It doesn't make any sense that small companies should suffer or be limited in access to quality healthcare. H. Res. 22 states plainly that those businesses should be able to pool their purchasing power for lower health insurance rates, and I say "that's commonsense!"

The death tax is also still negatively affecting the vitality of the small business community by discouraging owners from investing and saving and can at-times actually be the death of a business. We should do away with this oppressive tax as stated in H. Res. 22, because "that's commonsense!"

Our small businesses represent the very fiber of America and are an expression of our country's spirit. Because of this, I am committed to supporting them and nurturing their health and growth, because "it's only common sense!"

While it may seem obvious, this Small Business Bill of Rights in H. Res. 22 is necessary. Necessary Because the success of small business is essential for the success of our nation.

Big Mama See!

Middle age is when your narrow waist and broad mind begin to change places.

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The joys of senioritis



Yo Shanae
Shanae Simmons

I just finished filling out my envelopes for my graduation invitations; something my grandmother has been telling me to do for a week.

Do you remember that disease I told you about, the dreaded Senioritis?

Well it has been hard at work for awhile, preventing me from being hard at work. (So maybe I shouldn't blame some imaginary disease seniors use to blame their procrastinating ways, but it is the easiest thing to use for now, I will figure out something better later.)

I had waited until very recently to work on my invitations, (I just ordered them about a week ago, along with my cap and gown), something that should have been done over a month ago.

Before that, I wrote a paper, one that I have known about for about a month, took a take home quiz, one that I got last week, and helped a fellow senior with an essay, one that he knew about for a month.

But even before that, I cleaned my room, even under my bed (something I swore to do months ago). I cleaned the bathroom (a task I innocently neglected), swept and mopped the floor and did my laundry (my clothes were beginning to rot).

And now in the bleak light of the computer screen late at night (or early in the morning), I am writing an article that I swore I would write last week.

Yes, it is tough being a senior.

It's hard avoiding situations that involve things, people, and places that you should have dealt with a long time ago. It would be very stressful for the average student, but by the time you're a senior, you find ways to avoid even that.

Through it all though, in the end everything seems to get done, even if you had to stay up all hours of the night, and even if the quality is not as good as it could have been.

It all has really made me wonder why, as seniors, we let our-

selves fall into the practice of avoiding responsibilities. We really can't be that lazy, or that busy, or even that tired.

Maybe it is because we are all scared.

Maybe we are scared of that next step. What happens once you fill out your last scholarship, write your last paper, or even mail your last invitation? Time goes by so fast, that once you finish all those lasts, it seems like you have reached the end.

Personally, I now realize that I put off a lot of things, because I was afraid to worry about them.

I thought that if I just didn't think about it, everything would fix itself and go away and time would just stand still.

Of course I knew better, but

at the time, it seemed like the only thing that was keeping me sane.

Now as I slowly escape from under my own pile of chores, I feel something I didn't feel so strongly before...bravery.

I have finally found the bravery to finish my housing application for college and apply for freshman orientation.

I have finally found the bravery to finish writing letters and sending deposits.

I have finally finished up most of my scholarship applications, my rose list, and the process of getting my last prom dress.

Sure I am afraid of what the future holds, but the best thing I can do is prepare myself for it, rather than shove it under my bed like a coward.

So maybe I have not completely escaped procrastination, but I feel that I am a little more ready than I was before.

Ready for adventures, ready for graduation, ready for college, but mostly, I am a little more ready to grow up.

Should Daylight Savings Time be extended?



Capitol Comment
Kay Bailey Hutchison

Nothing is considered more restful than the last Sunday in October, when Daylight Savings Time is dropped, the clocks fall back and we get that extra hour of sleep.

On the other hand, nothing is more aggravating than having to get up an hour early on the first Sunday of April when Daylight Savings Time begins (unless it is showing up at church an hour early after forgetting to change your clocks).

The whole idea of Daylight Savings Time was conceived by none other than Benjamin Franklin when he served as an American delegate in France in 1784. He wrote an essay which called for us to reset our clocks to take advantage of summer's earlier sunrises and later sunsets.

Franklin's proposal was based on the fact that the tilt of the earth's axis causes the length of daylight to vary throughout the year. Close to the equator the difference in duration of night and day is minimal, but the further north or south you go, the greater the variation through the year. In Alaska, for instance, there are days in the summer when the sun never fully sets, and in the winter when it never rises.

Franklin's proposal was debated for more than 100 years and was only adopted by the United States during World War I to boost industrial production for the war effort. With the end of the war, intense public dissatisfaction prompted Congress to repeal Daylight Savings Time over President Wilson's veto.

With the outbreak of World War II, Daylight Savings Time

was declared "War Time" by President Roosevelt and adopted. It has been in force since then and, in 1986, Congress passed a law establishing the daylight savings period from the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October. Arizona, Hawaii and sections of Indiana do not recognize this initiative.

Proponents of Daylight Savings Time say it saves one percent of total U.S. energy use, or the energy equivalent of 100,000 barrels of oil per day. The House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee recently included the two-month extension of Daylight Savings Time when it passed the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The House bill requires the Department of Energy to do a study on the impact of the extension no later than 9 months after passage. The measure also retains the state's rights provisions which currently let states opt out of the current Daylight Savings Time program.

While the House has included the Daylight Savings Time extension in its version of the energy bill, it is still an open question whether it will be incorporated in the Senate version of the bill.

The energy bill will at long last provide the United States a comprehensive and rational energy plan. It will reduce our dependence upon foreign oil through promotion of domestic production, promotion of alternative sources of energy and development of better, cleaner energy production technology.

Proponents argue that this two-month extension of Daylight

Savings Time could save up to \$300 million in energy expenditures for the 60-day period. They cite polls saying Americans prefer having longer daylight in the evening. They claim more daylight reduces the incidence of automobile accidents. Their position is summed up by Winston Churchill, who wrote, "An extra yawn one morning in the springtime, an extra snooze one night in the autumn is all that we ask in return for dazzling gifts. We borrow an hour one night in April; we pay it back with golden interest five months later."

Opponents argue that measuring savings in oil is somewhat misleading since the savings come primarily from electricity, which is mainly generated in this

country by coal, natural gas, hydropower or nuclear energy. Others say auto accidents tend to spike immediately after the time change as tired drivers make mistakes. Folks who work on farms still have to get up at the crack of dawn regardless of what the clock says - I have yet to see a rooster that uses a clock to determine when he will crow. Finally, as a mom, I know how hard it is to get children to bed when it is still daylight outside.

I would appreciate hearing what you think of this proposal. Should we extend Daylight Savings Time? Should we leave it the way it is now? We all want to save energy, but is an extended Daylight Savings Time the best way to achieve this?

I hope to hear from you soon. Please visit my website and submit your answers online at: hutchison.senate.gov/daylightsavingtime.htm

Send via email to: survey@hutchison.senate.gov.

Or fill in the following box, clip it, and submit it via mail to:

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
Daylight Saving Time
961 Federal Building
300 East Eighth Street
Austin, TX 78701

Please check the action you believe Congress should take

Congress should vote to extend Daylight Saving Time.

Congress should keep the present Daylight Saving Time Schedule of April - October.

Diversity immigrant visa lottery - is this for real?

By Nathan Tabor
Contributing Writer

E-mail marketing is amazing. Congress has passed anti-spam laws, but the junk e-mails just keep on coming. Here's one that showed up in my junk e-mail box just the other day. "Win Your Lifetime Chance to Live and Work in USA Now!" the headline screamed.

According to this e-mail ad, this year's 2005 Diversity Immigrant Visa Lottery is making available 50,000 Diversity Visas, granting permanent U.S. residence and work visas to eligible persons worldwide.

The text of the e-mail touted this golden promise: "You can work, live, leave and re-enter the country." "Winners will receive a FREE airline ticket to the USA." "Win Your Lifetime Chance to Live and Work in the USA Now!"

Furthermore, the e-mail claimed, this fantastic Green Card Lottery program was established under the Immigration and Nationality Act and was approved by the U.S. Congress. To apply, just click on the convenient website link provided.

What? Win your once-in-a-lifetime chance to live and work permanently in the USA? I mean, we have the Mexican government producing pamphlets and videos teaching people how to sneak into the United States illegally, and the Minutemen Militia patrolling our borders, and at the same time there's actually an annual lottery

for Green Cards?

Well, I'll be honest - I had never heard of such a thing. The convenient link in my e-mail didn't work, so I went to Google to check it out.

What I found there amazed me: a veritable cottage industry of competing websites that all charged a "processing fee" to help foreign would-be immigrants submit their lottery applications online. This had all transpired since 2003, when the law was changed to phase out applications by mail and to require online registration only.

Of course, applicants could register themselves for free at the U.S. State Department website, but each unofficial, non-governmental site had a long list of reasons telling why they were better and how they could help the applicants avoid being "disqualified" from the computerized drawing. Just register through their website, pay their application fees, and they will forward your application to the official entry site - and if you win a spot, why, they'll even give you a free airline ticket to America from anywhere in the world!

This was all news to me, but apparently, Congress did in fact approve the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program back in 1986 as a means of helping a new generation of Irish immigrants get to America.

The law has gradually changed over time, but the bottom line today is this: 50,000 Diversity Visas are made avail-

able annually to people born in countries that don't traditionally send a large number of immigrants to the U.S.A.

I was happy to note that applicants born in countries like China, Russia, Mexico, Colombia, and several others - including Canada and the United Kingdom - are not eligible to enter this particular lottery. What's more, there are certain qualifications. Applicants must either: (1) possess the earned equivalent of a 12-year American high school education, or (2) have two years actual training and/or experience at one of a long list of occupations.

So if you happen to be an aerospace or nuclear engineer, a chemist or a computer programmer, a judge or a lawyer or a surgeon, or perhaps an astronomer or a biochemist - or virtually any kind of teacher or educational administrator - then America welcomes with open arms your expertise from abroad.

But then, we also welcome foreign nationals with the requisite two years experience as embalmers, carpet installers, potters, stonemasons, millwrights, and of course, strippers. I guess we just don't have enough home-grown American girls who know how to dance naked.

Pardon me, but I think some of our immigration laws are just plain bad public policy. Why, at a time when the American dollar is tanking, our balance of trade deficit is over \$700 billion per year, American jobs are being

exported abroad and American citizens are out of work, are we running a government-sponsored lottery to give out permanent lifetime Green Cards - and all the welfare benefits that accompany them - to foreigners?

Why is there even serious debate in Congress over approving President Bush's ill-advised, so-called "Guest Worker" proposal that would allow amnesty to millions of illegal aliens and allow them to stay in this country indefinitely?

I say we need to declare a moratorium on immigration of all kinds, legal and illegal. We need to seal off our borders against potential terrorists, enforce our deportation laws, and give our reeling nation a chance to get stabilized again. We owe no less to our children.

Once we achieve this we can implement a sound and reasonable immigration policy.

I can't help wondering how many millions of foreigners around the world pay fees to apply online for these 50,000 annual lottery slots. No wonder all those companies can afford to hand out free plane tickets to the relative handful of immigrants who actually win.

There are so many things wrong with this type of false hope and advertising, and there are so many problems with our current immigration policies.

It is time to stop playing games and protect the sovereignty of the United States of America!

Tigerettes take Regional Runner-up KCAC readies for next season

The Tigerette team took second place with 43 points following Falls City with 85.5 points. The Regional meet was held in Brenham on April 29 and 30.

In the field events, Courtney Frerich took second place in the high jump with 5'0". She also participated in the 300 meter hurdles taking fourth place with a time of 49.4. Frerich was the third leg of the 1600 meter relay team along with Bianca Stewart, Daphne Hunt and Rachel Swinson. The relay team qualified for state taking second place with a time of 4:18.0.

Swinson came up short for state with a third place in the 400 meter dash with a time of 61.0. Hunt also had a third place in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:33.7.

Bailee Allen took sixth place in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.68.

Juliann Ashabranner took fifth place in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:44.2.



Photo by Pam Hale

From left: Daphne Hunt, Courtney Frerich, Rachel Swinson and Bianca Stewart qualified for state in the 1600 meter relay. The State meet will be held in Austin on May 13 and 14.

Only first and second placings will advance to state meaning Stewart, Hunt, Frerich and Swinson will all advance.

The Tigers had tough competition leaving Tres Rueda and Rolo Ortiz the only ones placing

in the top 6.

Ortiz took fourth place in the shot put with a 45' 5" throw.

Rueda took fifth place in both the 110 high hurdles with a time of 15.8 and 300 meter hurdles with a time of 43.2.

Gearing up possible future programs for the 2005-2006 season, was the focus for members of the Kinney County Arts Council at their May 2 meeting, which is their last meeting until September at the FCS's Adult Center. Bringing back the Carranzo Puppets, which was a popular hit for the Brackettville elementary

school children, was a request the KCAC hopes to fulfill.

Behind the scenes booking presently include an operatic comic, a jazz band, and/or a piano concert.

A membership drive is scheduled for October; however, new members are always welcomed to participate in bringing cultural

events to the school children of this area. Being a non-profit organization, some fundraisers are necessary to finance this project - the Christmas Homes Tour is one of the annual events.

This is an organization that promotes exposure and an opportunity for our children to broaden their cultural horizons.

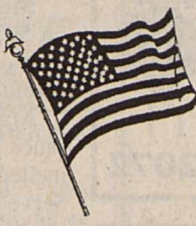
Cavalry Brigade meets Saturday; readies for Memorial Day weekend

What appears to be an insurmountable challenge to the "Cavalry Brigade" is mountable and surmountable - only it might take a little longer.

Dismounting for the summer, the "Cavalry Brigade" has numerous projects to complete in order to dress-up FCS for "Memorial Day" weekend and the remaining summer months.

So, mustering of CB volunteers will take place at Shafter Hall Saturday, May 7 at 9 a.m.

Details are assigned according to abilities and/or disabilities.



Regardless of age, there are jobs for all warm bodies with a reward of a delicious lunch and enjoyable camaraderie.

How do you measure pleasure and great fun with volunteer troopers? You can't, but whatever the measure, it's fellowship to treasurer!

"The Miraculous Prayer"

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past, I have asked of many favors. This time, I ask you this very special one "mention favor." Take it Dear JESUS and place it within your own broken heart, where your father sees it. Then, in your merciful eyes, it will become your favor, not mine. Amen. G. S.

Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and the favor will be granted, never known to fail.

Celebrating Earth Day

The Kindergartners celebrated Earth Day on April 22, 2005.

Past Board Member, James Bader was present for the Red Oak tree planting on Earth Day.

Mr. Bader was on the School Board when the Jones Elementary building was built. He stated how pleased he was to see all of the improvements to the school and playground area.

The Kindergartners contributed money to purchase the tree from Casa Verde Garden Center. Mrs. Crosby donated the soil conditioner and root stimulator to help the tree's growth.

Mr. Burks offered his assistance in starting the hole for the



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tree and it turned out to be quite a job. Mr. Burks enlisted the help of each student to shovel out dirt from the hole. The children enjoyed their afternoon with Mr. Burks and appreciated all of his

help in planting their tree.

When this Kindergarten class graduates from High School they plan on coming back over to the playground to take their picture by their tree.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, April 25

4:10 p.m., A woman reported a walker who came from a stranded red truck on Highway 90 and 3008 intersection. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was informed.

9:30 p.m., A woman reported a gray car and gray truck driving recklessly on Fulton Street then north on Ann Street. Deputy Ron Ring was notified.

9:42 p.m., A man reported a car that was broken down on Edwards Street that had all windows busted out. Deputy Ring was informed.

9:56 p.m., A woman reported someone was at her residence and needed a deputy. Deputy Ring was notified.

Tuesday, April 26

4:09 a.m., A man requested EMS to transport his wife to a hospital. An EMS paramedic spoke with the man. The paramedic reported back to sheriff's office stating that he told the man if it was an emergency they would transport to Uvalde.

11:12 p.m., A woman reported someone was at her residence and needed a deputy.

Deputy Kenneth Freitag was notified.

Wednesday, April 27

12:55 p.m., Trooper Tony Ashley reported an accident approx. 20 miles north on Highway 674. Deputy Gutierrez and Deputy Donald Page were dispatched.

5:47 p.m., Jorge Olivas, 22, of Houston was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for possession of marijuana, greater than 50 pounds. Olivas was later released after posting a \$10,000 bond.

6:09 p.m., Pablo Torres, 24, of Dublin, Texas was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces, and a felony warrant out of Stephenville. Torres was later released after posting a total of \$9,000 in bonds.

11:29 p.m., A woman reported a suspicious person walking around parked vehicles and looking inside the vehicles. Deputy Freitag was informed.

Friday, April 29

12:42 p.m., Fort Clark Security requested a deputy due to a disturbance at Unit 1. Constable

Bobby Guidry was informed.

Saturday, May 1

4:30 p.m., Mario Antonio Romero, 59, of Dublin, Texas was arrested by Trooper Welch for warrant out of Somerville County for fugitive arrest and possession of controlled substance. Romero was still being held when the report was made.

4:45 p.m., Favian Bavala Martinez, 29, of San Antonio was arrested by Trooper Tully Welch for Driving while license suspended. Martinez was still being held when the report was made.

9:22 p.m., A woman stated someone had hit their vehicle and left the scene. Deputy Gutierrez was informed.

10:59 p.m., A woman reported loud music. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.

11:00 p.m., David Lee Meyer, 53, of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Welch for driving while intoxicated, fail to comply with requirements on striking an unattended vehicle. Meyer was still being held when the report was made.

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Impossibly easy pie - honest!

I have some exciting news for those of us who use what I call "make believe" sugar and a few people ask, "You mean artificial?" What ever you choose to call it, there are still a few hints to improve some of them. Do keep them handy - maybe close to your sweetener.

recipe which proved so good it only lasted one day! No, I'm not going to say who pigged out on it, but my two pieces were good. **Impossibly easy - Apricot Pie**
1/2 cup Bisquit mix, 1 cup evaporated milk (from 12 oz. can), 1/2 cup sugar or sugar substitute, 2 tsp. butter or margarine, softened, 1 tsp. vanilla, 2

eggs, 1 can (8 1/2 oz.) apricot halves, drained and mashed (or 1/2 can 15 oz). 1/4 cup apricot preserves, whipped cream if desired.

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray pie plate, 9 x 1 1/4 inch with cooking spray.

Stir together all ingredients except preserves and whipped cream. In a medium bowl using wire whisk or fork until blended. Pour into pie plate. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely, about 2 hours.

Melt preserves in microwave on 50% approx. 1 minute, stirring occasionally and watching carefully not to boil.

May be heated in 1 quart sauce pan over low heat. When melted, spread over pie. Cool. Serve with cool whip or whipped cream, sprinkled lightly with sugar or artificial sugar. Store in refrigerator.

Helpful hints on baking with Splenda or sugar substitute.

Volume/Height. Sugar contributes volume to many recipes. When baking cakes, switching from 9 inch round pans to 8 inch round pan with 2 inch sides will help achieve a high cake. You may also try adding 1/2 cup non-fat dry milk powder and 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda for every 1 cup of Splenda Granular.

Moistness. Sugar helps to keep baked goods moist. In muffins



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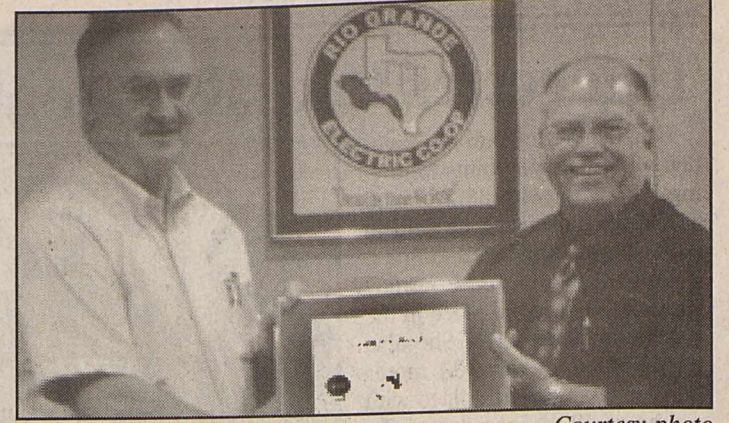
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and quick breads, adding 1 to 2 tablespoons of honey or molasses will provide moistness as well as flavor.

Browning. Baked goods made with little or no sugar do not brown like recipes made with sugar. To help achieve a golden brown color when baking with Splenda Granular, lightly spray batter or dough with cooking spray just before placing in the oven.

Spread. Cookies often rely on sugar to spread. Should you substitute all the sugar for Splenda Granular in your recipe, you may need to flatten your cookies before baking. Bake time. Recipes made with Splenda Granular may bake more quickly than those with sugar. Check baked goods for doneness 3 to 5 minutes earlier than the original recipe states; check cakes 7 to 10 minutes before stated bake time.

Storage. Baked goods made with Splenda Granular will stay fresh for 24 hours, when stored in an airtight container at room temperature. To keep your baked goods longer, wrap well and freeze.



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Director of Operations Clinton Brown accepts his Certified Loss Control Professional Certificate and congratulations from GM/CEO Dan Laws.

Brown receives certification

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce the certification of Director of Operations Clinton Brown as a "Certified Loss Control Professional".

To obtain the credentials, Brown completed an intensive

course conducted by the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, in conjunction with the National Utility Training & Safety Education Association. He is one of an elite few utility professionals nationwide to receive such certification.

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Juniors: Alanna Conoly, Liliana Hernandez, Rachel Swinson, and Brand Wylie.

Sophomores: Laura Meyer.

Freshmen: Bailee Allen, Heather Baggett, Meghann Davis, Doolie Fernandez, Conrad Moore, and Gabriella Schroeder.

A-B Honor Roll

Seniors: Stephanie DeLeon, Marivel Fernandez,

Monica Gonzalez, Whitney Hobbs, Whitney Massingill, Kristin Meyer, Danielle Moore, Samantha Pina, Omar Rivas, Soraido Talamantes, and Valerie Terrazas.

Juniors: Dana Bonner, Miles Braesicke, Shaddine Gum, Tanya Molinar, Ramiro Pina, Billy Steelman and Leon Woolsey.

Sophomores: Justin Calk, Robert Davis, Allison Delbosque, Diana Hernandez, Lisa Morgan, Ivan Pinales, Austin Shewbart, Natasha Smith and Kara Yeager.

Freshmen: Jesus Balderas, Kaden Berg, Kevin Bonner, Travis Bonner, Julie Castillo, Lauren Cornelius, Daphne Hunt, Evelyn Rojas, Manolo Rosas, Ashley Stephenson, Bianca Stewart and Gabriela Talamantes.

Jr. High School

All-A Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Samantha Moore, Harmony Pettett, Maribel Rivas and Laura Swinson.

Seventh grade: Katie Yeager.

A-B Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Laura Adams, Summer Allen, Amanda "Katie" Braesicke, Emily Calk, Serenity Gammill, Veronica Garza, Jessica Jones, Rebecca Mann, Bianca Martinez, Jerry Miller, Graciela Rocha, Jacob Schroeder and Amory Thourot.

Seventh grade: Cheyenne Billings, Cody Clark, Brooklyn Gose, Aracely Martinez and Jaleel Proulx.

Elementary School

All-A Honor Roll

Sixth grade: Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Sarah Davis, Janine Rex, and Josh Smith.

Fifth grade: Brittany Hale.

Fourth grade: Abigail Durden and Josh Pavon-Tait.

Third grade: Judy Adams, Korlee Allen, McKenzie Castillo, Clarissa Cruz, Macy Davis, Clay Flores, Shannon Gammill, Dolores Garza, Marisol Gomez, Ernan Hernandez, Hannah Johnson, Paul Resendez, Isauro Rivas, Consuelo Rodriguez, Nadia Rodriguez, Shelby Schuster, Haley Smith, August Stephenson, and Holt Tuck.

Second grade: Webb Ashley, Peyton Bonner, Morgan Brown, Blake Duncan, Maddie Frerich, Griffin Grayson, Martin Guzman, Logan Hurt, Christian Lopez, Karina Perez, Ariana Rodriguez, Bruce Slubar, Davis Wade and Yasmine White.

First grade: Walt Ashley, Hannah Baggett, Gage Brown,

Dezarey Falcon, Isabel Garcia, Elle Johnson, Marley Koontz, Diego Luna, Rafael Martinez, Emma Palmer, Jeyson Price and Katie Tuck.

A-B Honor Roll

Sixth grade: Michael Flores, Stella Guajardo, Abigail Gutierrez, Haley Hale, Ayland Letsinger, Tyler McDonald, Paige Nowlin, Brenda Pacheco, Manuel Pena, Jaime Rodriguez, Victor Roman, SuSu Seargeant and Erica Villanueva.

Fifth grade: Lauren Duncan, Nevada Payne and Daulton Woodson.

Fourth grade: Yanejick Domenech, Briana Garza, Selina Gerardo, Megan Flores, Austin "Bubba" Pettett, Charlie Resendez and Kyle Rinaldi.

Third grade

Isaac Baldillez, Wyatt Blake, Arturo Castillo, Kate Castillo, Mikaela Castillo, Edgar DeLeon, Jose Falcon, Javier Gomez, Steven Maldonado, Odalys Martinez, Peter Martinez, Joshua Pena, Marlinda Rivas, Alberto Rocha, Nereyda Salazar, Brandon Sandoval, Ashlie Terrazas, Clarissa Valdez and Damian Villarreal.

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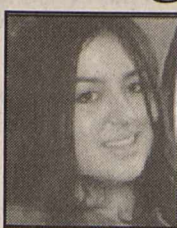
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The Q.L. not only helps in breathing, but with lumbar spine movement and stability. Acute strain of the Q.L. may result from a quick bending and twisting incident or from a fall where the muscle was overstretched. Repetitive activities may also produce pain.
Pain when walking, twisting, stooping, turning over in bed, rising from a chair, coughing or sneezing and when climbing stairs may be caused by this muscle. Pain at rest, especially at night, may be severe, and in the morning there may be difficulty getting out of bed, sometimes even causing one to have to crawl on hands and knees to reach the bathroom.
Often times there is pain on taking a deep breath.
Pain around the waist to the groin area, pain in the buttocks and sacroiliac joint, the hip and even the side of the leg may be felt. Some associate this pain with sciatica, a nerve entrapment problem. In fact, all of this may be attributed to problems in the muscle tissues called trigger points, caused in part by stress to the muscles due to unbalanced body biomechanics. Through proper examination, diagnosis and treatment, using chiropractic adjustments, trigger point therapy and electrical muscle stimulation, a resolution to the problem is very likely.
If you have experienced any of these symptoms, call The Chiropractic Clinic at (830) 765-4917 for an appointment. Dr. Kent Lowery is waiting to help you.

DPS needs your help to find Monica Carrasco, missing from Balmorhea

The DPS Missing Persons Clearinghouse is focusing its Project FindME spotlight on Monica Cassandra Carrasco this month. Foul play is suspected in her disappearance, and DPS needs your help to find her.



hairline and pierced ears. At the time of her disappearance, she had red streaks in her hair.

Monica was last seen at the home of her uncle, Abel Baeza, in Balmorhea, Reeves County, on Oct. 1, 2003.

At the time of her disappearance, she was wearing a long beige nightgown and may have been carrying a black Bible.

Monica is a 5-foot-5-inch Hispanic 16-year-old with black hair and brown eyes.

She weighs 110 pounds, has a mole on her cheek, a chicken pox scar on her forehead near her

She suffers from depression and an eating disorder and may be in need of medical attention.

"Even a small amount of information could help solve the disappearance of Monica Carrasco," said DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. "I encourage anyone with information about her disappearance to contact us."

Anyone with information

about this case should call the nearest DPS Special Crimes office or the Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243.

Individuals could earn up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and indictment of person(s) criminally involved in the disappearance of Monica Carrasco.

The Project FindME list can be found on the DPS website at http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/mpch/findme/0tenspot.htm.

Media representatives who want to learn more about Monica's case should contact the local investigating agency, the Reeves County Sheriff's Office, at 432-445-4901.

Texas Folklife Festival advance tickets on sale

SAN ANTONIO - Savor the flavor and get your tickets to the Texas Folklife Festival! Now in its 34th year, the Texas Folklife Festival celebrates the colorful and diverse cultures of the Lone Star State.

Advance tickets and food coupon sales for the Texas Folklife Festival begin Sunday, May 1 through June 1 via the festival's Web site, www.texasfolklifestival.org or by calling (210) 458-2259.

Beginning Sunday, May 1 through June 12, advance tickets are also available at San Antonio area H-E-B stores; The Sam Houston Club at Fort Sam Houston; Information, Tickets, and Tours Offices at Lackland and Randolph Air Force Base; the UTSA 1604 and Downtown Fiscal Services Offices; the UTSA 1604 Information Center; and the U.T. Health Science Center Bookstore.

"Purchasing tickets in advance gives our guests an added value on both time and money," said Jo Ann Andera, Texas Folklife Festival director. "We live in a fast-paced world and want to make purchasing tickets as easy and convenient as possible."

Buying advance tickets means visitors do not have to stand in line at the gate. They just walk in and immediately begin enjoying the festivities.

Discount adult tickets (13 and older) are \$8 and children's tickets (ages 6-12) are \$4. Children 5 and under are always free.

Four-day wristbands may be purchased for \$25 and group and other discounts are also available via the Web site.

Advance tickets purchased on the festival's Web site and by phone will be mailed directly to the purchaser's address.

Visitors will find more than

150 authentic ethnic foods created by 40 cultural groups, 10 entertainment stages of world music and dance and some of Texas' finest arts and crafts from more than 60 vendors.

New activities this year include The Side Street Circus, a group of zany and entertaining performers, along with "Prehistoric Journey," an exhibit in the Institute of Texas Cultures where visitors can travel back in time from the Ice Age to the time of dinosaurs.

Created by Dinosaur George and his paleontology experts at Dinosaur World, this interactive exhibit will mesmerize and delight the child in everyone.

Tickets at the gate are \$10 for adults (13 and older) and \$4 for children (ages 6-12); children 5 and under are free.

For more information, visit www.texasfolklifestival.org or call (210) 458-2390.

Arbor Day Tree Planting Advice

CHAMPAIGN, IL - National Arbor Day is just around the corner (April 29). Everyone grab a shovel and get ready to plant a tree.

But wait... Before planting a tree make sure you know how to do it correctly, advises the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA).

How a tree is planted, and initially maintained, makes all the difference in the world.

Too many people are content to simply plant a tree, but don't ensure that the tree has the chance to go on to live for many years.

"Planting a tree is making an investment in the future," says Sharon Lilly, ISA Educational Director.

You must care for and nurture your young tree so that it will pay dividends for years to come.

Tree Planting Tips There are a few simple tips to remember when planting your tree this spring:

- Prepare the perfect hole for planting. Dig the hole 2-3 times the width of the root ball. Do NOT dig deeper than root ball depth. Make the sides of the hole slant gradually outward. For bareroot trees, neatly cut away any broken or damaged

roots. Soak the roots for a few hours prior to planting to allow them to absorb water.

Container-grown trees should have the plastic or metal containers completely removed. Carefully cut through any circling roots. Remove the top half of pressed peat or paper containers.

Balled and Burlapped ("B&B") trees should have all of the ropes cut. Pull the burlap at least 1/3 of the way down; slit remaining burlap to encourage root growth. If in a wire basket, cut away the top of the basket.

Plant the Tree. Gently place the tree in the hole. Partially backfill with the soil from the hole, water to settle the soil, then finish back-filling the hole. Tamp the soil gently, but do not step on the root ball.

A few pointers While you may have finished planting, Arbor Day aficionados should remember these final touches:

- Remove tags and labels. Do not stake unless the tree has a large crown, or if the planting is situated on a site where wind or people may push the tree over. Stake for a maximum of one year. Prune only the damaged branches.

Soak the soil well, making sure no air pockets form between roots. Wait until next year to fertilize.

Spread 2"-3" of mulch over the planting area, but do not place it up against the trunk.

Be sure the root ball has plenty of water throughout the year.

Anyone with questions regarding choosing the right tree or proper planting and maintenance is advised to contact an ISA Certified Arborist.

According to a survey of U.S. consumers, eight out of ten believe it is important to hire ISA Certified Arborists. ISA Certified Arborists have completed extensive and rigorous testing to ensure their knowledge on the latest techniques in tree care, and are required to pursue continuing education units in order to remain certified.

For additional information on planting and other tree care topics, the ISA has a complete line of consumer education brochures, which can be viewed at the website www.treesaregood.com.

To purchase printed versions of these brochures call the ISA office tollfree at 1-800-ISA-TREE or visit www.isa-arbor.com.

May is Motorcycle Safety Month

May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in Texas, and DPS urges all motorcycle enthusiasts—both experienced and inexperienced—to attend a professionally taught motorcycle course to hone their skills.

"More than 700,000 people in Texas are licensed to operate a motorcycle," said Clifton Burdette, coordinator of the DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit.

"Operating a motorcycle safely requires the use of special mental and physical skills. Riders can attain these skills by attending professionally taught motorcycle operator training courses, as well as through personal experience."

The DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit offers basic and advanced motorcycle operator training in 64 permanent locations.

In addition, the unit offers basic and advanced training in nine rural locations by utilizing two self-contained mobile training units.

Last year, 26,260 Texans took either the basic or advanced course.

The basic motorcycle operator training course is for inexperienced or unlicensed motorcyclists, and the advanced course is for more experienced riders.

The basic course may be used to waive the licensing road test, and both of the courses may qualify for ticket dismissal and insurance discounts.

While Texas does not require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets, the DPS strongly encourages riders to wear helmets to increase safety and save lives. Texas law states that in order to be exempt from wearing a helmet, a person must be at least 21 years of age.

In addition, they must successfully complete a motorcycle safety course or be covered by a health insurance plan providing at least \$10,000 in medical benefits for motorcycle-related injuries.

Information about the Motor-

cycle Safety Unit classes can be found on the DPS Web site at www.txdps.state.tx.us/msb. For additional information on motorcycle training, call 512-424-2021 or toll-free at 1-800-292-5787.

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To the Voters of Brackettville: I would like to thank you for your support throughout the past year. I feel that the city has made positive progress despite all the hardships that we were dealt. There are many more challenges that lie ahead that must be addressed by the present and future councils. I again ask for your support and vote in re-electing me to the city council. Early voting is April 20 to May 3 at City Hall. Election Day is May 7 at City Hall. Thank you - Tully D. Welch

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by Charles Cooper

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The early part of the week isn't favored for business meetings and dealings with clients. Fortunately, this changes by week's end. Over the weekend, both romance and travel are on your agenda.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) If you find yourself on the road this week, bring along a loved one. You'll enjoy the companionship. Later in the week, romance is accented.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a good week where business and real estate matters are concerned. On the home front, though, there's a bit of turmoil. Lie low until this storm passes.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You and your mate won't see eye-to-eye this week concerning a mutual close friend. However, you would be wise to listen to what's being said. It's not your place to interfere in this person's troubles.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An event you were sure would happen this week just doesn't come to fruition. Be patient. You know the old saying: "All good things come to those who wait."

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's best this week to keep a low profile. Quiet pursuits are best. You need a little time just to recharge those creative batteries of yours.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) There are areas in your life which could use some improvement. Spend some time thinking about it this week. You'll be happy with the revelations that come to you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're unsuccessful this week in avoiding a stressful situation. However, lashing out won't solve things. Take a deep breath and get a handle on that temper.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You're just not picking up on the signals a loved one has been giving you. This person needs your attention. Tap into your nurturing side for this one.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's not like you to shy away from confrontation. In fact, generally, you enjoy those exchanges. Don't let this week be the exception to that, but do use tact and diplomacy.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're quite sharp this week when it comes to money. Personally, though, you're lacking some perception where friends are concerned. This weekend, try to remedy that situation.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You are wise to avoid putting yourself in the middle of a family fight. As you know, those issues are longstanding. Instead, focus on work and furthering your career.

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My dear people of Brackettville,

Be not afraid! These were the first words of Pope John Paul II to the people of God when he ascended to the Chair of Peter in 1978. These words echo in the chambers of our hearts and calm our anxieties. Be not afraid. We have nothing to fear for the Lord is truly risen and he is with us.

I grieve with you I mourn with you. We have lost our spiritual Father and one of the greatest men who has ever lived. My heart is broken for I love him deeply. I have been with him many times and I have prayed for him intensely, especially in these past five years. I remember that once I dreamt of him; we came together in an embrace that was like none I had ever felt before. I woke up crying with joy and love. It was the sweetest dream I ever had. He meant so much to all of us. We grieve together at his loss.

But we give thanks to the Lord for all that he has taught us. He has taught us how to live, he has taught us how to suffer, and he has taught us how to die. Be attentive to these three aspects of his witness my dear people and make it a reality in your own



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lives. It was a witness to truth and the path to eternal life. We must be grateful and attentively observant that we may internalize his witness to hope.

Be not afraid! I tell you truly, take heart and have courage. We stand on the promise of Christ. I will be with you always until the end of time. He sent his Holy Spirit to guide Holy Mother church that the gates of hell would not prevail against her. In each generation he raises up a shepherd that he grafts into the rock of Peter. He will be faithful to his promise and the unbroken line of apostolic succession will continue.

Be not afraid. As you mourn the death of our dear Pope, prepare your hearts to embrace to the fullest his successor.

Trust in the Holy Spirit and pray for Holy Mother church. God be with you and Our Lady be your shield!

Pain in his hand and his conversation with the Warden were overpowering. Rick tossed and turned. Finally sleep came but so did the dreams. Pictures danced through his mind like a movie. His breathing increased and his heart beat fast. There was something in the bunk and he was fighting with all his might. A little boy was screaming. "I hate you!! I'll kill you!!" Somebody laughed. Rick felt the foot on his back. He couldn't breath. He felt like he was going to die.

Rick awoke with a start and sat up. He put his head between his knees. The few minutes seemed like hours. He got quietly out of bed and went to the toilet. He felt dirty and ashamed. Back in the bunk his exhaustion brought on sleep and another dream. He saw a college campus. He was happy and light. He and Amy walked arm in arm. They laughed and joked. He felt like he could step off into the air and walk right up to heaven. "Wait here Rick," she said. He sat down on the grass. She walked away looking back teasingly. Then she disappeared. He heard a desperate scream.

He got up and ran to where she had been. He was looking over the side of a steep cliff. He called her name and



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looked over the side. He saw her body bouncing on big rocks. She came to a stop at the bottom and lay still. He yelled. Suddenly she got up and looked at him. "I'm all right," she said. "You can't come down here." "With that she walked away.

Rick felt helpless. He tried to scream but no sound came. Finally he managed to call to her, "Amy.....!" His voice trailed off into the dark silence. He awoke again in a sweat. "No.....!" he shouted.

Rick opened his eyes. Someone was holding his hand very gently and singing softly. "Jesus loves you, this I know. For the Bible tells us so." Rick looked at Joe. "Is ok Rick boy. God loves yo. He gonna heal dat busted harta yores." As if it was the most natural thing in the world, old Joe reached out with both arms, put them around Rick's neck and pulled him to his chest. Rick felt like a child in the arms of grandpa.

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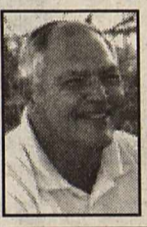
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James H. Householder
Nov. 22, 1935 - April 20, 2005
James H. Householder, age 69, entered into rest April 20, 2005 in Brackettville, Texas. He was born Nov. 22, 1935, in Mullica Hill, N.J.
He is preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Lucille Miniti and two brothers Kenneth Miniti and John Householder.
He is survived by his wife Jean Householder; daughters Debra Miller, Judy Pfrommer and Jamie MacPherson; son James P. Householder; step-daughter: Jaye Ford; step-son: Joel Stephens; Sisters: Charlotte Sweet and husband B.E.; Joan Householder.
Numerous nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
Honorary Pallbearers: John Morelli, Joe Morelli, Charles

Ida May Wirtz Cain
May 24, 1917 - April 17, 2005
Ida May has gone to heaven to be with her beloved husband James Clarence. She will be missed by her children Stephanie Van D'Elden (Minneapolis, MN), Cindy and Bill Moore (Ann Arbor, MI), Kathy and Jerry Snider (Minneapolis, MN), and Jim and Kay Cain (Missoula, MT), nine grandchildren Jace, Andy, Katherine, Dan, Travis, Josh, Thom, Alex, and Phillip, and thirteen great grandchildren.
Ida May Wirtz was born in Seguin, Texas, the only child to Senator Alvin and Kitty Mae Wirtz. She graduated from the University of Texas where she met her husband James Clarence. They spent fifty years in Rochester, Minnesota where Dr. Cain was on the staff of the Mayo Clinic. During those years, Ida May volunteered in Sunday School and church, taught English to foreign doctors' wives, and led Great Books discussions. Ida May and Jim were ham radio operators who enthusiastically graduated to the computer for communication purposes. They were avid Texans who flew the Texas flag on their ham radio antenna.
At age 60 she took a rigor-

A mother's day wish
I wish I could but I can't because she has gone home to be with the Lord.
I would like to turn back the clock and tell her I love her or spend time with her.
I might help her in the kitchen or help clean up the house or just do some little thing that she needed done.
I would not let a Mother's day pass by that I didn't get her flowers or call or take her out to dinner.
I would go to Church with her, (that pleased my mother and grandmother so much).
I just know I would try doing something to let her know that she was special and appreciated. God created women special and unique and we are commanded (told to) to give a special place of honor to our mothers, (and fathers, Exodus 20:12).
We are told to consider or not overlook, (1 Kings 19:19-21) hear their instruction, (Proverbs 1:8 & 6:20). We are also told not to curse, (Exodus 21:17) or despise or rob them, (Proverbs 15:20 & 28:24).
It is good that we have a special day to honor mothers but I think we also need to treat them special the rest of the year.



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In Brackettville - behind post office, 2 bed, 2 baths mobile home. Large fenced yard, storage shed. Very neat. \$30,000.

Price drastically reduced on 3 bed, 2 baths modular home on golf course. Detached garage plumbed for extra bathroom. Home and contents in like new condition. \$61,000.00.

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Quality Texas Ranches For Sale Hunting, Recreation or Livestock South Texas and Hill-Country www.Tejas-Properties.com

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P.O. Box 1035 103 W. Spring St. Brackettville, TX 78832 830-563-2446

* Historic Home - Single Level - 2580 sq.ft. - Extra Large lot, 3BR, 2B, New hardwood floors. Requires seeing to appreciate. \$169,000.00.

* Rock Home - 2540 sq.ft. - New easy care, laminated wood floors, 1,000 sq.ft. guest house, 1 year old, 2BR, 1 1/2 Bath, large connecting cement patio and RV pad - covered - garage and 2 car carport. \$198,500.00.

* The Oaks - 3BR, 2B, spacious fenced in yard, 2 carport. \$149,500.00.

* Unit 15 - 2BR, 2B mobile home. Double roof, covered carport, fenced, furnished. \$26,500.00.

* Bubba's Beverage Barn (55x83) 208 Military Drive. \$210,000.00.

* Acreage - 80.03 acres, tract #303, Leona Ranch.

* 4.53 Acres off 19 Pepper Lane, Del Rio, TX.

Have Buyers - Need Listings? Ken Barnett - Marcus Tidwell - Pat Owens - Melissa Davis

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Corner of Fort and Henderson. Saturday, May 14, 7 a.m. - NOON. Proceeds will be used for local outreach concerns, and the two church families invite you to browse the collection of treasures.

free tarot reading Email your question to genielorene@gmail.com. Your free, one-card reading will be sent to you ASAP. To schedule an appointment for your own personal tarot reading, email or call 563-9191. In-office readings are \$10 per 15 minutes. Confidentiality guaranteed.

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National Safe Kids Week

In 1987, SAFE KIDS and Johnson & Johnson began a national campaign to protect children from unintentional injury. National SAFE KIDS Week, April 30-May 7, will highlight the importance of adult role modeling through the theme "Follow the Leader: Safety Starts with You." A national press conference involving SAFE KIDS, Founding Sponsor Johnson & Johnson and U.S.

Surgeon General Dr. Richard Carmona will kick off the week on April 29 in Washington, D.C. (see www.safekids.org). The focus of encouraging parents to provide good safety role models for their children is crucial. Protecting our children from physical dangers is every parent's responsibility, and taking precautions often requires educating ourselves. In addition to these safety precautions, I have found prayer to be very effective. I pray daily for my nine-year-old son's well-being and safety. I find many inspiring ideas for prayer in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy. One of the ideas that especially helps me pray along these lines is, "All is under the control of the one Mind, even God."

I have learned over the years that I can trust God, who is this

Ken Barnett Real Estate advertisement with photos of properties and contact information.

Tejas Properties advertisement for Quality Texas Ranches.

Rummage Sale advertisement for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Free Tarot Reading advertisement for Genielorene.

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UVALDE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL May 2005 - OUTPATIENT CLINIC CALENDAR

Table with columns for MONDAY through FRIDAY and rows for dates 2 through 31, listing medical staff members and their specialties.

BEAT THE HEAT!

Table listing Active Medical Staff and Other Specialists with their names, specialties, and phone numbers.