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BRIEFS

Site on Saturdays

Effective July 9, 2005 the Citizen's Collection Site will be 6 p.m.

Soccer Registration

It's soccer time again! Registration is set for Saturday, June 25 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the public library. Registration is \$50. Siblings are at a discount.

LEPC hosting raffle

The Local Emergency Planning Committee is raffling a Bud Breen original oil painting as a fund raiser. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are available from Jewel Robinson or by calling the EMS office at 563-9090. Drawing is July 4.

Sign up now for 4th of July parade

The July 4th Parade committee announces that the sign-up sheets to compete for awards in six different parade categories are now available at the Kinney house in the Tax Assessor/Collectors office.

If you wish to enter yourself or your organization in the competition for parade awards, signup now.

Awards will be made for the best large float, small float, marching group, individual marcher, golf cart, and bicycle. Tickets are now on sale for the Picnic plate which will be available in the Fort Clark Springs swim park immediately following the parade awards ceremony."

Tickets are \$5 and are available from any committee member.

Proceeds from BBQ plate sales will be used to defray expenses from this year's parade with any surplus to be earmarked

City opens Collection Renken named BISD Citizen's Collection Site will be open each Saturday from 9. a.m. until 2. p.m. in addition to the regular operating hours of Mon-day thru Friday from 9 a.m. to

By GUS GARCIA

Editor

named Paula Renken as BISD's interim superintendent.

This came after the resignation of Bobby Templeton, who accepted a position as a principal in a Corpus Christi Middle ary Principal. School.

superintendent. My name has attended school K - 12 in been posted as lone finalist since June 10. The board will meet to officially hire me as superintendent on July 5 when the required east of Sanderson in Dryden. 21 days are up," Renken said.

The Texas Education Agency mandates that a superintendent

sixth grade math/science teacher body. My graduating class had citizens." for Tomball ISD and then a sev- 20 students. The Public School Board enth grade science teacher for San Felipe Del Rio CISD.

moved to the position of Second-

Sanderson, Texas. Terrell County ISD is smaller than BISD. My family lived 20 miles

hardships associated with rural school systems. I was afforded County Library and at the Court-house in the Tax Assessor/Col-

Formal announcement expected July 5

opportunities to offer the children In 1999, she was the elemen- of Kinney County. Teachers

tary principal for Brackett ISD know all of the students, most of and in January 2004, she then their parents, and the commu- gone into a special session to nity. I relish the opportunity to determine educational funding lead a staff of educators that are issues About her goals as Brackett's establishing firm foundations for "I am currently the interim Superintendent, Renken said "I excellence in education and suc-

cess after high school," she said. She went on to note her plans for BISD, "A school district is only as good as the teachers it employs. My goal is to maintain "I understand the benefits and the recruitment and retention of the public school board should

quality teachers.

Renken was employed as a getting lost in a large student academically and as productive

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See Below

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Calk to compete

at national rifle

competition

As a superintendent, Renken "Brackett ISD has the same also sees the challenges lying ahead for her. "Financial stability is a key issue at this point," she says. "The legislature has

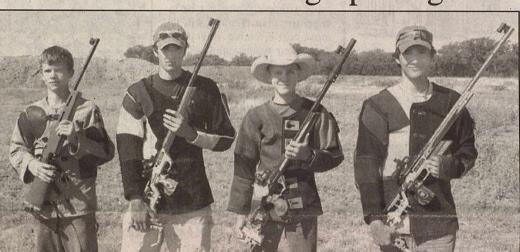
> "Prudent planning regarding expenditures and projections based on speculations of what the legislature will do is the superintendent's main responsibility at this time."

In a special meeting July 5, announce Renken as it's new su-The staff believes in the po- perintendent. There is no word

Calk to compete at National Shooting Sports games

Kinney County 4-H Shootings member Justin Calk will team with Crockett Clark and Franklin Hargrove of Val Verde County and John White of Johnson County to represent Texas at the 4-H National Shooting Sports Games June 27 - July 1 in Columbia, MO.

The team is coached by Philip Calk of Kinney County. The shooters were selected from shooters from across the state to represent Texas in the smallbore rifle competition which will be a three-position match, a hunting rifle silhouette match and the CMP rimfire match. Aggregrate used to determine the overall in- Hargrove and Crockett Clark of Val Verde County. Not pictured is Philip Calk, who is dividual and team at the national coaching the team.



scores from all matches will be Pictured from left, John White of Johnson County, Justin Calk of Kinney County, Franklin



Tot takes title at state pageant

for next year's parade.

The committee is also seeking donations to help pay for the fireworks display planned for the night of July 4th

Don't miss your chance to be part of this celebration of our Nation's birthday and to recognize the sacrifices of our friends and neighbors who served in the Vietnam War.

We are still encouraging Vietnam veterans living in Kinney County to have their name entered on our "Honor Roll." Please visit or call the Appraisal District office (412 S. Ann St. or 563-2323) to have your name included.

You can also stop into the Appraisal District and see the commemorative coin to be presented to each Vietnam veteran at the ceremony following the parade.

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Baldree

What is your biggest reason to want dishes that can be made earlier than needed or 95% ready to serve 5 to 10 minutes before time to sit down for a meal? Lifestyles/Page 4

Donald Smith

As Rick listened to Amy's story, images of his own childhood drifted into his mind. He heard a little boy's voice. **Religion/Page 7**

Brother Adams

And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. **Religion/Page 7**

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part of 4-H Programs in this area National Match. I think that says Match once per discipline. A Sports is currently expanding its

level therefore shooters must tension Agent-Ag, but this is the ing Texas at this match is a once clude Smallbore Pistol, Air Rifle, have a diversified shooting abil- first time any shooter from this in a lifetime honor, as shooters Air Pistol and Archery to name ity. Shooting Sports has been a area has represented Texas at the may only attend the National a few. Kinney County Shooting

Shanae wins again!

Brackett News columnist wins first place in newspaper contest

Yo, Shanae, you won - Again!. Those were the words Shanae Simmons heard when she picked up the phone and heard her publisher Jewel Robinson tell her the good news.

Simmons, a columnist for The Brackett News, won her third consecutive first place award from the Texas Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest.

The awards were presented Saturday, June 18 during the TPA's Summer Convention, held this year in Dallas. Accepting the Award was Brackett News Editor Gus Garcia.

"It was tough submitting one of Shanae's columns for the contest - they were all so good," Garcia said. "But after reading and reading, I decided to send the one with most emotions and the quirkiest one - again a tough decision."

Shanae's column received praise from the judges, critiques included: "Experiment is shocking" I really enjoy this writer. She kept my atten- umns by Shanae. "Cinderella finds her prince" Touchtion until the end, I can't wait to read more col- ing story. Excellent writing

Jewel Robinson, right, publisher of The Brackett News and award-winning columnist Shanae Simmons .

Local educator receives \$10,000 for herself, \$10,000 for her school

special dinner June 16 at careers in education." Houston's Intercontinental Hotel.

King Angel

finalists.

"There is no profession that school's use. Under her leader-

HOUSTON -Del Rio known that education profession- vironmentalist, Meck-Fortunato feathers. She also makes Internet teacher and Brackettville resident als are paid less than they de- utilizes the nature trail to teach access available to all students so Monea Meck-Fortunato was serve. H-E-B is proud to recog- students to appreciate all living overjoyed when she was honored nize these individuals and we creatures and to understand that search. as a 2005 H-E-B Excellence in hope that by doing so, we can they are an integral part of the Education Awards winner at a help to keep them committed to eco-system that surrounds them. her heart and soul into her stu-

Brackett News photo by Jewel Robinson

as a \$10,000 grant for her school, and talented instructor. Always department. Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary willing to go above and beyond, in San Felipe Del Rio ISD. She she secured a \$40,000 grant from ative teaching methods that chalwas one of 10 statewide winners the Environmental Protection lenge her students and remain selected from among 48 regional Agency (EPA) to develop a with them long after they leave three-mile nature trail for the her classroom.

bears more responsibility than ship, the entire trail was built by classroom's pet guinea pig and a Master's degree in educathat of being an educator," Kate volunteer students, teachers, ad- "Patches," as well as unique edu- tion, specializing in school ad-Rogers, director of public affairs ministrators, parents and commu- cational aids such as praying ministration and mid-managefor H-E-B said. "And it's well nity members. A passionate en- mantis egg casings and wild bird ment.

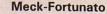
On the weekends, she serves For the last 12 years, Meck- as the "official tractor driver and Meck-Fortunato received a Fortunato has taught at Calderon nature trail maintenance officer," \$10,000 check for herself as well Elementary where she is a gifted supporting the school's science said. "She is always there to pick

that they may conduct group re-

"She is a teacher who pours dents and loves what she does," Jeanette Gallegos, a parent of two of Meck-Fortunato's students, them up and to give them the Meck-Fortunato employs cre- encouragement they need to do better and to try harder."

Meck-Fortunato attended Sul Ross State University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in el-She is well known for ementary education and English,







Brackettville resident Nicole Mestas took the division queen title at the Universal Sweethearts state pageant in Corpus Christi. Nicole, the daughter of Ruben and Deborah, is three years old and has competed in more than 10 pageants.



Becky Payne, holds on to Angel Martinez, 2004 Little

Mr. Seminole during the Juneteenth Parade this week-

end. Hundreds gathered at the Carver School grounds

to celebrate the state holiday. For more photos see page

The Brackett Hens

OPINION

Thursday, June 23, 2005

A comprehensive water plan is crucial for Texas "We never know the worth of and implementation of conserva-

water 'till the well is dry." This proverb, collected by British physician Thomas Fuller, is as true today as it was when he penned it in 1732.

It is especially the case in Texas, as our state continues to grow, adding increased pressure on our water resources. For this 3,797,000, or 18.2 percent. reason, I am a firm supporter of shortage in the future.

period by 18 percent. Most of gether. the decline is due to a projected drop of 19 percent in water from the underground aquifers of ply with the 1944 Water Treaty Ogallala, Gulf Coast, Hueco- with the United States. As a re-Mesilla Bolson and Carrizo- sult, Mexico finally agreed to pay Wilcox, and an 18 percent de- its decade old debt. While that cline in surface water because our struggle took place, I secured \$20 reservoirs are silting up.

our neighbors. The populations of New Mexico, Colorado, Oklaare all rising.

According to the U.S. Census, for the period of 2000 Water Development Board through 2010, the population in (TWDB) support creation of a Texas will have risen by comprehensive water-use plan

Bis Mama

Sez!



Our neighboring states of

taking steps to promote the wise Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma tion guarantees we will have a combined population rising during that same period by 647,000. Our population is expected to During that same span of time, nearly double from 21 million in the Border Research Institute es-2000 to 40 million in 2050. At timates the population in the the same time, a 2005 study by northern region of Mexico adjathe Texas Water Development cent to our border will grow by Board indicates that water sup- over 26 percent, or over priority. Congress passed my plies from all existing sources 680,000, which is more than all will decrease during the same of our other neighbors put to- Lower Rio Grande Valley irri-

Many officials worked long million in emergency funding for Pressure on existing water Valley farmers harmed by agreement.

The answer to the increasing year homa, Arkansas and Louisiana demands for water is to use this precious resource more efficiently. My friends on the Texas

tion strategies. They are right. Conservation can make a

huge difference in water needs for Texas.

The TWDB estimates that, while the population will almost double by 2050, actual municipal water demand will go up by only 67 percent if we improve water use efficiency.

We can decrease waste in our use of water now. Procrastina- and New Mexico will see their vital agriculture industry, which uses more than half of Texas' water. Studies show that agricultural irrigation systems currently lose from one-third to one-half of their water through leaks, seepage and evaporation.

I have made conservation a legislation in 2003 authorizing 15 gation districts for construction of water conservation projects and hard to force Mexico to com- and helped them obtain more than \$7 million. I also secured \$26 million in NADBank grants for South Texas irrigation districts. This funding helped line irrigation canals with conservation materials which dramatically cut water losses and are now savsources will also increase among Mexico's refusal to adhere to the ing the Rio Grande Valley thousands of acre feet of water each

> The TWDB reports that Texas farmers and ranchers can take other steps to save water as well. Low-energy precision application sprinklers, drip irrigation, surge flow irrigation valves, soil moisture measurement and buried water distribution lines on the farms will help use water far more efficiently.

Texas' efforts to use water more efficiently may not be inexpensive, but they are still the most cost-effective way to increase our water supplies. And it is something we must do to ensure that Texans will not go thirsty as our state grows and prospers in the future.

Texas must have an ample supply of water and I will continue to make Texas' water needs one of my top priorities.

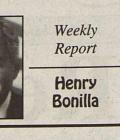
In 1962, General Douglas MacArthur made his farewell address to the cadets of the

> United States Military Academy. He told the future Army officers: "Yours is the profession of arms, the will to win, the sure knowledge that in war there is no substitute for victory and that if we fail, the Nation will be destroyed.'

This week Congress joined States Army a happy 230th birth-

I was proud to vote for a reso-Army's courage, valor and commitment to the protection of our great nation and its citizens.

14, 1775, a year before the Declaration of Independence was signed. Why is it older than America? Because before our Founding Fathers could agree on this world has ever known. the Declaration of Independence, it knew that a professional army was needed to defend our rights. Since 1775 our Army has dence in an eight year struggle United States Army!



been the protector of our inde-

in every war America has ever

women. Sadly, it has also had to

The United States Army is not

the largest army in the world, but

without a doubt it is the best army

found herself engaged in.

pendence.

freedom.

with Great Britain. It then preserved our Union

through a four year battle that saw brother fight brother. It has repeatedly defended the United States against enemies abroad. Our Army defeated Nazi totalitarianism, Japanese imperialism and world communism - and it did not stop there.

The United States Army can The men and women of the draw great satisfaction from America in wishing the United U.S. Army have fought bravely knowing that when the nation was in need, it answered the call.

Recently, the United States House of Representatives named For over two centuries, the lution that commemorates the U.S. Army has seen the recruit- the American soldier Person of ment of over 30 million men and the Century.

This is an honor that is unbear the loss of almost 1 million equivocally deserved. Had it not The Army was born on June soldiers who died protecting our been for the courageous brave souls who fought and died, we may not enjoy the freedom and independence so many take for granted.

I join you all in thanking those Our Army has a proud his- brave men and women for their service and commitment to our It won America's indepen- freedom. Happy Birthday to our



Gov. Perry: Legislators must come back, get school funding right; Vetoes more than \$35 billion in appropriations

textbooks, education technology,

and education reforms. And I

will have 30 days to complete the

task left unfinished in the regu-

lar session that ended in May.

Perry has been meeting with the

leadership since then to negoti-

tion bills. The special session also

will afford legislators the oppor-

for schools and classroom tech-

nology. "Make no mistake about my While I respect

the deliberative process and will

continue to welcome and engage

in negotiations, this issue has

enough and now it is time to act,"

education reforms and other

unused instead of going to

schools because House Bill 2

didn't pass. These funds cannot

be redistributed under budget

they can only be spent on educa-

tion if appropriated during a spe-

cial session. And without addi-

step, and frankly one I wrestled

with," Perry said. "Ultimately I

determined this action was nec-

essary to ensure we fully fund

our schools, provide needed re-

forms in the classroom, and pass

real and sustainable property tax

Perry said his veto will, "de-

children's hands.

relief."

Perry said.

rectly to the classroom."

funding right."

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry teachers, more money directed to has accrued through efficiencies today vetoed \$35.3 billion in the the classroom, and more results in operating the "dual eligibles

vide proof of identity. The Brackett News will not publish letters sent via e-mail. Letters published and viewpoints of columnists do not necessarily reflect the editorial beliefs of this newspaper.

Maturity is acting your

age instead of your urge.

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Texas Education Agency budget in their schools. and called lawmakers back for a

special session to "get education is ample time for legislators to "For all the successes of this finish the task and for schools to have achieved in Texas to be past session, job number one was open on schedule, with better spent on Washington," Perry left undone when the session funding, better teacher pay and, ended without the passage of school finance reform," Perry said. "I'm not going to approve dren are challenged to achieve in interim I will be working with an education budget that shortthe classroom. changes teacher salary increases,

billion in all funds for other line- aid and Medicare reform that item appropriations from the does not penalize states." cannot let \$2 billion sit in some 2006-07 spending bill, freeing up bank account when it can go dia portion of these funds for property tax relief or education fund- concerns that this give-back pro-Perry's use of his line-item ing and making legislators' jobs vision is an unconstitutional levy veto authority means legislators easier in a special session.

In his veto proclamation, Perry noted that in his State of the State address in January, he said Texans have a right to an reform and property tax reduc- dollars are spent. "Senate Bill 1 continues the recent practice of combining numerous programs tunity to fund textbook purchases into enormous line items of appropriation that allow too much discretion in the use of public dollars," Perry said in his veto statemessage today: While I respect ment.

"This practice restricts the ability of a governor to exercise the constitutional authority to line been studied and debated long item veto. For instance, hidden partment of Criminal Justice to in the Parks and Wildlife contract for bed space in county Department's budget is Without a special session, \$1,000,000 to construct bird about \$2 billion that had been watching facilities. Over \$18 bilintended for teacher pay raises, lion is appropriated to higher education in lump sums that school priorities would have gone would require the governor to veto an entire university to reject any provincial, outdated or ill-advised spending item."

Other items in the budget that execution authority, meaning the governor vetoed are:

 \$314,252 for computer services at the Commission on the Arts. Perry said the agency tional legislative action, text- should maintain its computer books would remain sitting in technology within current fundwarehouses rather than in school ing.

• \$6.9 million for Trusteed "I recognize this is a bold Programs in Governor's Office. strategy would remain available This veto deletes the Governor's Emergency and Deficiency Grants, 94 percent of which were transferred by rider to another agency to fund ongoing operations substantially limiting the purpose of an appropriation to handle one time short falls.

• \$440 million for the Fed-

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program" for persons who are Perry assured parents, teach- eligible for both Medicaid and ers and school children that there Medicare services. "We are not going to turn over savings we said. "This veto in no way jeopmost importantly, critical re- ardizes the drug prescription benforms that will ensure more chil- efits that Texans receive. In the President Bush, Secretary Leavitt Perry also vetoed about \$1.7 and other governors on Medic-

Additionally, several states' attorneys general have raised on state treasuries. Perry said he will ask Attorney General Greg Abbott to review the issue and join in this review.

• \$486,556 for the Office of

unambiguous and understandable Attorney General's (OAG) pro- the uniformed personnel of the ate a compromise on education state budget that shows how tax gram to repay loans of law school students who go to work for the OAG. The veto is intended to lower law school tuitions for all Texas students because the loan repayment program is funded through a 1 percent surcharge on law school tuition. Perry further OAG received pay increases of 17.5 percent for its lawyers.

> \$19.8 million for Texas Dejails in fiscal year 2006. TDCJ received \$15.9 million in emergency appropriations in HB 10, but will not spend all of this funding in 2005. In addition, the appropriation for this purpose in FY 2007 is more than twice the appropriation for 2006. The projected need for contracted beds, combined with the lapsed funding over the next biennium does not support this increase. Since TDCJ has rider authority to move funds between fiscal years if necessary, the agency can use the 2007 appropriation to fund this strategy for the entire biennium. Federal funds included in this to TDCJ.

• \$7 million for the Texas Military Facilities Commission, eliminating all funding for the agency. The primary function of this agency is to acquire property and manage facilities for the Texas National Guard. At this time of transition, during the fedliver more, not less, for our chil- eral Medicare Give-Back. These eral base realignment and closure lamation will be available at



Gov. Rick Perry

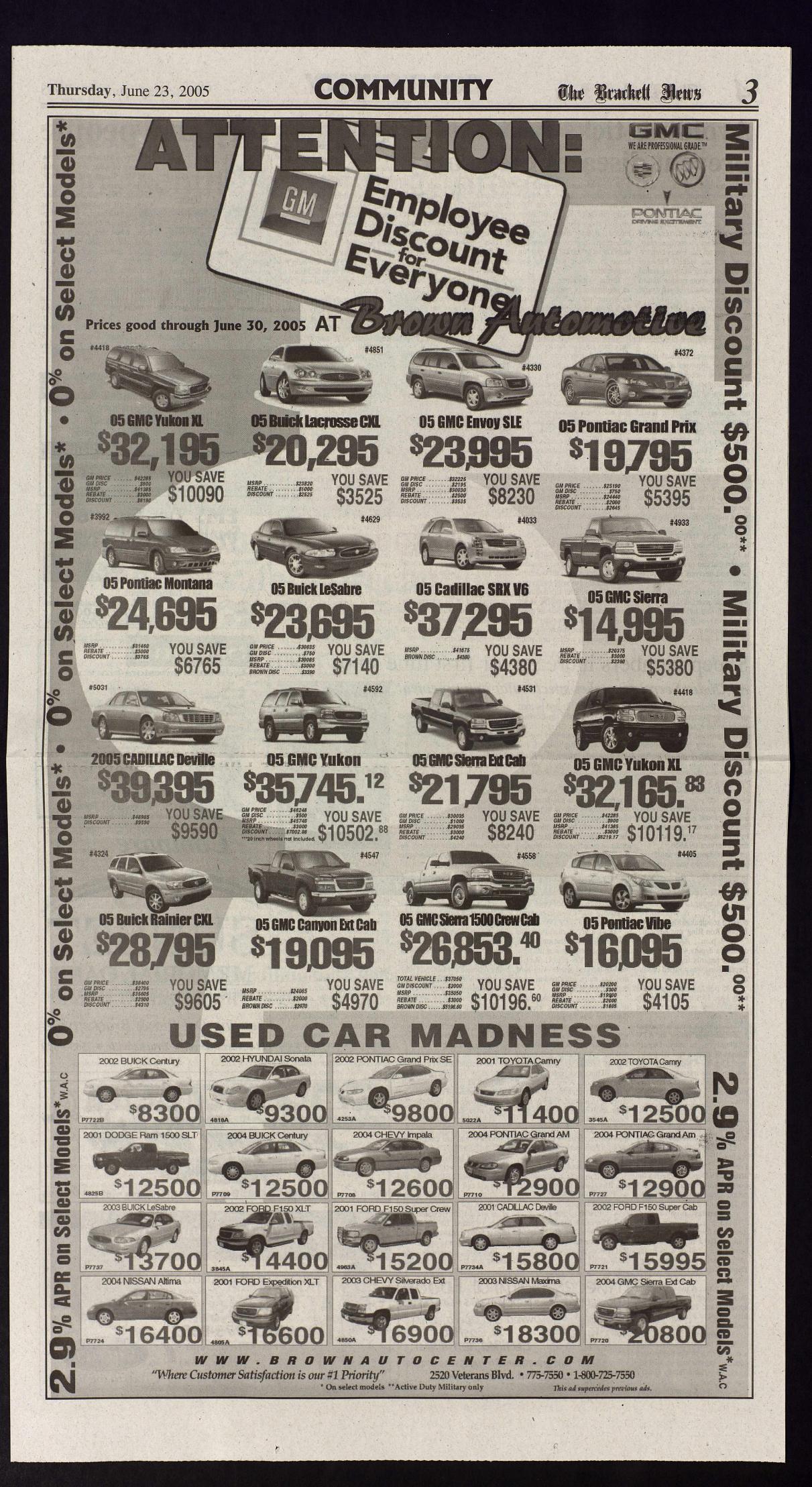
Texas National Guard require and deserve the direct control of their facilities' management. This veto is intended to give the Texas National Guard a more direct way to maintain personnel readiness through facilities management. The duties and functions noted in his veto message that the of this agency will be transferred to another entity by executive order.

> • \$8.8 million for administrative services at the Texas Workers Compensation Commission. The transfer of the functions of the Workers' Compensation Commission to a division within the Texas Department of Insurance is expected to result in significant savings, particularly in the administration of the agency.

> \$1.2 billion to various agencies and programs. These funds were contingent upon passage of legislation that failed. This includes Perry's line item veto of \$890 million in contingency funds for the quality assurance fee on nursing homes. "The proposed quality assurance fee would have unfairly penalized nursing facilities that do not have Medicaid clients by imposing a tax on those facilities for which the residents would receive absolutely no benefit," Perry said. "Future increases in nursing home appropriations should be funded with general revenue."

A complete copy of the Governor's line-item veto procdren: more money for their are savings that the State of Texas process, it has become clear that www.governor.state.tx.us.

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COMMUNITY

Thursday, June 23, 2005

The Brackett Hews

Avoiding ticks best way to Recipes for busy people prevent diseases they carry than gravy consistency. Put re-What is your biggest reason Goodies mainder of juice in sauce pan. to want dishes that can be made

Warm days and sunny skies some of which carry diseases.

(DSHS). "Ticks often are found membranes. in the same spots people like to grassy areas."

disease, Rocky Mountain spotehrlichiosis.

tion, these illnesses almost always can be successfully treated antibiotics. with antibiotics. But if people do not recognize the symptoms and ease affecting animals and huseek treatment, the illnesses can mans. It can be spread through a be serious, some even fatal, Teltow said.

In Texas, the tick most likely star tick. "This tick, which is cooked meat from infected aniabout the size of a watermelon mals. seed, will readily feed on human blood," Teltow said. "The lone star female tick is easily recognized by a single white dot on her back, while the male tick has white markings around the edges of his back.

The most frequently diagis Lyme disease, a bacterial infection that can cause skin, joint, heart and nervous system problems.

with a characteristic "bull's-eye" rash followed by fatigue, head- best prevention for any of these or isopropyl alcohol. Never mail ache, fever, stiff neck and joint diseases," Teltow said. "Keep ticks loose in an envelope. A tick cherries, 1 small can crushed pain. Symptoms usually appear ticks off pets and discourage un- submission form should be com- pineapple, 8 tbsp. cornstarch, 1/ in 7 to 14 days.

time of year. The same environ- ted most commonly by the bite from DSHS: ment also brings out the insects, of an infected tick. People who ment of State Health Services come in contact with mucous of the body.

visit - wooded, brushy and an incubation period of 3 to 14 grasses. days, include sudden onset of can cause illnesses such as Lyme muscle aches. A rash often appears a few days later. Prompt important because Rocky Moun- or socks. With prompt medical atten- tain spotted fever can be fatal

> Tularemia is a bacterial distick bite or through contact with blood or tissue from infected ani-

lymph glands. If the organism is throat infection, abdominal pain, diarrhea and vomiting.

In Texas, human ehrlichiosis and headache, usually beginning proof lid. The disease usually begins about 12 days after the tick bite.

"Avoiding ticks is always the or preserved in 70 percent ethyl wanted animals such as rats, mice pleted for each tick.

Ag Under Secretary makes spectacular announement

Rocky Mountain spotted fe- and stray dogs and cats around draw many people outdoors this ver is a serious disease transmit- the home." Other suggestions

·If you are in an area with remove ticks also can become ticks, check your body carefully "It's tick time in Texas," said infected if they crush ticks be- for them every few hours. Ticks Glenna Teltow, a medical ento- tween their fingers, allowing the are small and can be hard to see, who are able to have all dishes mologist with the Texas Depart- bacteria to penetrate the skin or and they can attach to any part

Stay on trails, avoiding ar-Initial symptoms, following eas of overgrown brush and tall

Wear light-colored clothes so A bite from an infected tick high fever, headache, chills and that ticks are more easily spotted. Protect skin from ticks by wearing a hat, long-sleeved shirt ted fever, tularemia and human medical attention is extremely and long pants tucked into boots

Use insect repellent containwithout prompt treatment with ing DEET applied to the skin or permethrin applied to clothing. Follow label directions.

Check pets frequently and remove ticks from them immediately.

To remove an attached tick, mals, especially wild rabbits, or use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp to attach to humans is the lone by handling or eating under- the tick at the skin surface. If tweezers are not available, use a tissue or paper towel to protect Symptoms include fever, an your fingers from possible expoulcerative skin sore at the site of sure to the tick's body fluids. the tick bite and painful swollen With a steady motion, gently pull the tick straight out. Do not twist, ingested, the person may have a jerk or crush the tick's body. After removal, clean site and hands with soap and water.

nosed tick-borne illness in Texas is a rare disease with fewer than to humans may be submitted to 10 cases reported each year. DSHS for identification and test-Most infections cause a sudden ing. They should be put in a small onset of illness with fever, chills container or vial with a leak-

Ticks may be submitted live

earlier than needed or 95% ready to serve 5 to 10 minutes before time to sit down for a meal? Some of mine are that I'm way too busy. Running late, lazy or need (or want) to do other things. I wish I was like those of you ready at the same time, no mat-

ter what! Here's a little help today if you also need additions to your list of quick and easy that are tasty

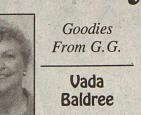
Orange Beets

1 can sliced beets (1 lb), lade, 1 tbsp. cider vinegar, 2 tbsp. butter or margarine and 1/ 2 tsp. salt. Combine all ingrediover low heat. Stir occasionally until beets are heated through. Serve hot. *This can be made early and reheated.

Spicy Spinach

1 lb. frozen spinach, thawed, 1 clove garlic, minced, 1 med. red pepper, chopped in one inch pieces and 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes.

Spray non-stick skillet with oil. Heat over medium heat until hot; add garlic and chopped bell pepper. Saute 3 minutes just until tender crisp. Add thawed spinach; cook 3 minutes. Stirring constantly. Stir in red pepper flakes. Serve immediately. Only ticks that were attached *Early preparation: Saute garlic and bell pepper. Set aside until ready to serve, then finish process



2 bag) frozen or fresh blueberries and 1 cup chopped pecans.

Crust: Combine crumbs, butter and 1/4 cup sugar in bowl degrees for 10 minutes.

pineapple, reserving juices. Add amounts for the filling thus prodrained, 2 tbsp. orange marma- enough water to reserved juices ducing a 2 inch high desert. bowl, mix the cornstarch and serves more. I suggest this be small enough amount of juice to refrigerated about 2 hours before ents in medium sauce pan. Cook make a smooth paste, thinner serving.

Add salt, 2 cups sugar; slowly, while stirring, add cornstarch mixture. Over medium high heat, cook until thickened, stirring constantly - a must to avoid lumping. Allow mixture to cool when

done. When cool, pour into large bowl and gently fold in fruit and pecans. Spoon over crust. May be topped with whipped topping and mix well. Press into bottom and additional cherries.* 5 baof 9x13 baking dish. Bake at 350 nanas, chopped can be substituted or included also. This

Filling: Drain cherries and makes slim desert. I double the to measure 2 cups. In small When cut in smaller portions,



over the last year.

U.S. Department of Agricul- increased from 702,000 in 2004 evident in the NASS report. ture Under Secretary Jim Butler to 771,000 in 2005, an increase delivered spectacular news to of 10 percent. "Reports of prices have improved. The avparticipants at the American growth in sheep numbers is great erage price paid for wool sold in nounced that the number of re- Peter Orwick, ASI executive di- creased 6 percent. placement lambs under one year rector. of age had increased 10 percent

Sheep Industry (ASI)/National news for the entire industry and 2004 was \$0.80 per lb., up from Lamb Feeders Association An-, hits a priority goal of ASI to \$0.73 per lb. last year. The value nual Convention, when he an- strengthen our industry," stated of U.S. wool sold in 2004 in-"We are proud that our wool

Over the last 12 months, wool

"It is gratifying to see such marketing programs implepositive results in the lamb and mented in 2001 have helped drive wool business helped in part by competitive pricing for U.S. tion from the newly published the nine different incentive pro- wool," added Orwick. "We have grams that ASI has provided over helped build a customer base in by the National Agricultural Sta- the last four years, including the the United States, as well as inretained breeding ewe-lamb pro- ternationally, with our wool be-As of January 1, 2005, re- gram." Confirmation of better ing exported to a dozen countries News show sheep industry

Cherry Fruit Desert 2 cups vanilla wafer or graham cracker crumbs, 1/2 cup butter or margarine, 2 1/4 cups sugar or Splenda, 1 (16 oz.) can 2 tsp. salt (if desired). *8oz. (1/

Butler provided this informa-Sheep and Goats Report released tistics Service (NASS).

placement lambs under one year times for the wool sector also was around the world".

getting stronger.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, June 13

quested to speak with a deputy. Deputy Ron Ring was advised.

5:33 p.m., A woman requested a deputy at a local business in regards to an accident. that he lost his pistol. Sheriff Deputy Ring was notified of situation.

5:45 p.m., A man reported a cerning the incident. navy blue 18 wheeler following on Highway 90.

6:29 p.m., A woman reported . a juvenile was riding an ATV recklessly in an alley. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was advised.

6:53 p.m., A woman reported a horse loose in someone else's lot and eating plants. A city employee was notified of the situation.

8:39 p.m., A woman requested a deputy's assistance in Lutz was notified. regards to her son. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.

Nichols, Jr., 19, and D.J. Juan Fernandez, both of Del Rio was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for possession of marijuana (55 two illegal aliens walking south he would call if he felt worse. pounds). Both were later released on 1572. The U.S. Border Pato Trooper Richard Slubar.

Tuesday, June 14

8:48 p.m., A woman re-League field in regards to a back nearly hit a little boy. Deputy Kenneth Freitag was advised.

9:55 p.m., A man reported a two-tone color Ford F-150 truck speeding and almost hit his vehicle. Deputy Freitag was notified

Wednesday, June 15 8:09 a.m., A woman reported a man hiding in the bushes and stated he said he was waiting for a ride. Constable Bobby Guidry

was informed. 8:20 a.m., Constable Guidry

reported a back door open at a 5:22 p.m., A woman re- residence and found everything a yellow truck pulling a tank was and did not know where the man to be fine.

11:21 a.m., A man stated he was riding a 4 wheeler and turned over and did not know at the time Buddy Burgess spoke with him caller reported a small child playand got more information con-

11:27 a.m., A man requested him too close going east bound to speak with a deputy. Deputy Gutierrez was advised.

> wheelers going in and out of the one walking in the area but there ditches at Pafford Street and was no small child. making a lot of dust and noise. Deputy Freitag was notified.

> Thurday, June 16 a deputy in regards to putting down a sick deer. Deputy Ron ance. Sanchez was later released Ring and Game Warden Henry after posting \$2,000 total bond.

2:20 p.m., A woman requested to speak with Deputy 11:44 p.m., Benton Thomas Manuel Pena in regards to a sick opossum at her residence. Deputy Pena was notified.

trol was notified.

Friday, June 17 7:45 a.m., A woman reported quested a deputy at the Little an 18 wheeler on Highway 90 running vehicles off the road. Del brown truck full of kids in the Rio police department was notified.

3:51 p.m., A woman reported kidnapped in Mobile, Alabama driving side to side on Highway ' was taking her but could be a 131 North. Deputy Ring was place called Yellow Pine. She notified and reported they were having power steering problems. 4:53 p.m., An anonymous took all information, phone numbers and names. ing in the middle of Highway 277 and requested a deputy to check

patched and later talked with to getting his cane stuck in his Border Patrol agents. The agents 9:59 p.m., A man reported 4 stated they had picked up some-

21, of Henderson, Texas was ness. Deputy Gutierrez was noarrested by Trooper Duenez for tified. 11:20 a.m., A man requested failure to identify, driving while license suspended and no insur-

Saturday, June 18 12:01 a.m., EMS employees reported a man had came by the EMS building and wasn't feeling well and having chest pains. Deputy Freitag went to check on 2:35 p.m., A caller reported him. He stated he felt O.K. and

10:16 p.m., A man requested assistance due to him falling out of his wheelchair. He stated EMS was not needed, he just needed help getting back in his chair.

Deputy Freitag was dispatched. 7:08 p.m., A woman called stating that her mother had been





Sunday, June 19

7:11 p.m., A man requested it out. Deputy Ring was dis- a deputy's assistance in regards scooter wheel. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.

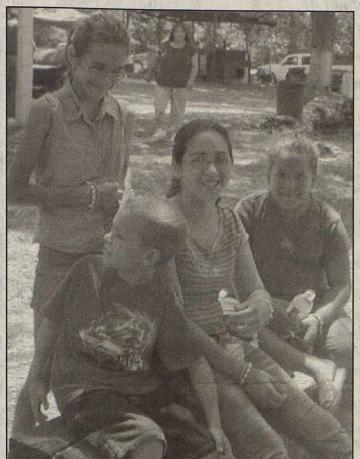
10:18 p.m., A woman called in regards to her backing into 5:55 p.m., Jessie Sanchez, another vehicle at a local busi-





Thursday, June 23, 2005

COMMUNITY The Brackett Hews **Celebrating diversity and freedom** Juneteenth honors past, present and future



Hundreds gathered for the annual Juneteenth celebration sponsored by the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association. The celebration has brought Brackettville residents, family and friends to help mark the day emancipation hit the shores of Texas. Celebrants had fun during the annual parade where military members were honored; enjoyed world-famous barbecue at the Carver School Grounds; traditional gospel music and most of all had fun!.







Summer fun at the pool starts with basic safety precautions

Add an inviting swimming pool. of minutes." Fill with children and adults earecipe for a relaxing day in sunny Texas.

"Or you may have all the ingredients for a tragedy," said Kathleen Moore with the recreational sanitation pool program at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). "Each year, people have to deal with the unintended tragedy of a friend or killed."

In 2003, the last year for

In large groups or at parties, keep an eye on the children.

Other safety suggestions: Don't depend on inflatable arm bands or rings to keep children safe in water. Small airfilled swimming aids slip off children's arms or over their heads and are not intended to be used to prevent drowning.

or family member who is injured resuscitation) and first-aid train-

·If you do not know how to which figures are available, 311 swim, do yourself and your chil- pools when not in use. Equip the people in Texas died from acci- dren a favor - take swimming dental drowning. Of these, 61 lessons. And have your children were children under 5. Swim- take lessons as well. But continue lightweight pole and a float with ming pools generally are safer for to watch children closely, even an attached line. recreation than natural bodies of if they have had swimming les-

devices can save lives."

Prevent children from having ger to cool off and you have a name a designated watcher to direct access to a home swimming pool.

"Install a four-sided, isolation fence with self-closing and selflatching gates around the pool," Moore said. The fence should be pletely separate the pool from the house and yard or play area.

"Keep tables and chairs away ·Take CPR (cardiopulmonary from the pool fence to prevent children from climbing into the pool area," she said. "And remove steps to above-ground pool with lifesaving devices including a shepherd's crook or

Take one hot summer day. "Anyone can drown in a matter them from the pool area. These dren will enjoy a fun, safe time at the pool," Moore said.

DSHS establishes rules covering minimum standards for public swimming pools and spas including those in public recreation areas as well as at hotels, motels, apartments, condominiums, mobile home parks, clubs, at least 4 feet tall and should com- schools and those operated by property owners associations.





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water. "But it is taking specific sons. safety precautions that make the real difference," Moore said.

At the top of the list: Never swim alone. "No matter what your age or skill level you should always take a buddy with you when you swim, even if a lifeguard is on duty," she said.

Second: Never take your eyes off a child in and around the pool. "Always supervise children in low the water," Moore said. buoys in the pool or removes the chances that parents and chil-

Don't use a swimming pool as a babysitter. Be sure your children understand that they are not allowed in or near a pool with- good hygiene. Shower before out a responsible adult present. Obey lifeguards. They are there to prevent a drowning.

"Safety equipment at public pools is required for a reason," Moore said. "The ring buoy and the shepherd's crook are to be mouths. any swimming pool, wading pool used only as rescue devices. Be or hot tub no matter how shal- sure no one plays with the ring precautions will greatly increase

"Don't depend on chlorina-

tion alone to protect health," Moore said. "Sanitation precautions also are important."

Teach youngsters to practice swimming. Take children on bathroom breaks or change diapers often. Wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers. And teach children to keep pool water out of their

"Consistently taking simple

Candice Sanchez, daughter of Victor and Dora Sanchez graduated from Crane High School on May 21, 2005 Candice is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Sanchez & Carmen Flores and the late Paul Flores of Brackettville. Candice was voted Miss CHS and homecoming queen her senior year. Candice plans to attend either Odessa College, UT San Antonio or Our Lady of the Lake in the fall to study early childhood education. She hopes to be a kindergarten teacher and a fitness trainer.

Candice also competed in the America's Homecoming Queen pageant in Fort Worth. People from all over Texas came and competed for the crown and scholarships that were available.

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Dallas man indicted for filing false liens against Dallas County public officials • Thomas G. Jones, Precinct AUSTIN - Texas Attorney

General Greg Abbott applauded a Dallas County grand jury for returning 16 felony indictments cinct 1 Justice of the Peace (Place against a Dallas man who filed 2) tens of millions of dollars in false liens against several Dallas County Court at Law #2 County public officials.

The "Uniform Commercial ate judge, Civil District Court Code" liens allegedly filed by Tanenankhaha Bernard to personal property and not to real estate, although the basis for filing such liens was fraudulent and thereby criminal in nature. Andrews also has used the name of Kaiser Bernard Ford III in the past. An arrest warrant has been issued for Andrews by Dallas County officials.

"Here's an individual who was on probation for committing a string of felonies such as arson and forgery, and he further complicates his legal troubles by filing illegal liens against several officeholders and attorneys," said Attorney General Abbott. "I am pleased the grand jury returned these indictments against a career criminal, and it is my desire to aggressively pursue this case."

The Dallas County public officials named as victims of retaliation and the filing of fraudulent finance statements on the indictments are as follows:

• Cynthia Calhoun, Dallas County Clerk

1 Justice of the Peace (Place 1) • Cleophus R. Steele Jr., Pre-

• Mark Greenberg, judge,

· Cheryl McFarline, associ-

Though not named in the indictments as victims, the liens Andrews, 33, of Dallas applied targeted Gov. Rick Perry and Attorney General Abbott.

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The grand jury handed down the indictments on charges of retaliation against public officials, a third-degree felony, and fraudulently filing a financing statement with the Texas Secretary of State with intent to harm another, a state jail felony.

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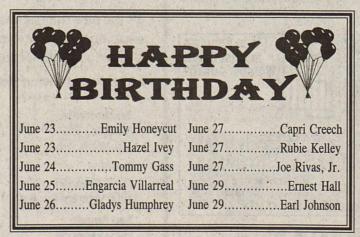
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by Charles Cooper

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Plans you make You have a yen to express this week bode well for your future. Whether business or Tap into this, even though you personal, things are going your may feel somewhat self-indulway. Later in the week, you gent. Over the weekend, goexperience some restlessness. PISCES (February 19 to

March 20) You and a friend see eye to eye this week, which tember 22) Your judgment is isn't always the case. Enjoy this renewed camaraderie. Sometimes, you have a ten- isn't sincere. You are right to dency to be too much of a distrust this person. loner.

19) You pick up a financial tip are favored this week. The two this week quite by accident. of you reach a new, mutually It's good advice too. If you apply this knowledge cor- in the week, you may find

TAURUS (April 20 to May work done. 20) You're challenged intellectually this week. Howe er, your thinking is sharp, so you deal with this quite well. Later in the week, you'll be champing at the bit for some night life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You need to be patient this week with someone in authorideas, the early part of the cially. Perhaps it's best to seek week isn't good to impart them. Later, this person will be much more receptive.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Real estate transactions, or 22 to January 19) Your initiaany other buying and selling ventures, are favored this week. Take full advantage of this. However, remember that honesty is the best policy if you're the seller.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) yourself creatively this week. ing out is better than inviting people over.

VIRGO (August 23 to Sepright on the mark this week. Someone who's cajoling you

LIBRA (September 23 to ARIES (March 21 to April October 22) Love relationships satisfying understanding. Later rectly, You can profit from it. yourself scrambling to get

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're liable to be intolerant this week of incompetent people. However, you have the ability to lead by example. Patience will go a long way.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're thinking twice about a ity. While you have some great commitment you made finanout the advice from an expert in this area. It's never too late to change your mind.

CAPRICORN (December tive and drive spur you to greater heights this week at work. Bigwigs take notice, but this takes place behind the scenes. Over the weekend, social interests are favored.

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RELIGION

He is our carpenter Little Charlie deserves love, too When I first saw him he

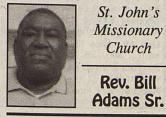
And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him.

And when the Sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue:

And many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things?

And what wisdom is this James and Joses, and of Juda and which is given unto him, that Simon? even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of him.



And are not his sisters here

with us? And they were offended at

But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own house country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.

And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folks, and he healed them.

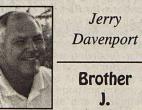
And he marvelled because of their unbelief.

And he went round about the villages teaching. Mark 6:1-6. Praise God!

wasn't much to look at as a matter of fact he was kind of ugly. Something had happened to both of his ears. I don't know if it was the sun or an allergy but they were almost gone. He was also very thin com-

pared to the rest of the lambs and wasn't sure just why, maybe one of his back legs. he had some kind of disease or something.

And to top it off he had been of the small special pen I had him and ended his misery. in and got in with the big ewes



and set his leg and put a cast on it and then we started giving him some milk.

Seeing that little lamb reminded me of the way God must see us sometimes.

I am glad God is a merciful God, (Romans 9:15 &16) and doesn't just write us off, (Ephesians 2:4-9).

He will try and nourish us back to good health and heal our for help, (Acts 28:27)?

See you in Church next Sun-



As Rick listened to Amy's was a little girl. story, images of his own childhood drifted into his mind.

"Where's Mamma? She's supposed to be here."

It was the completion of Vafor his very own.

"Don't worry, the pastor said, Jesus is here for you. He loves you."

was crying as she continued her story.

"I was looking at the man on what to say. the Cross when I felt a warm hand gently touch my shoulder. again.

When she touched me I felt a

I turned around to look. She looked at me with the most lov-He heard a little boy's voice. ing eyes I have ever seen. She seemed to glow. She knelt beside me and told

me about the man on the cross cation Bible School and Ricky and what he had endured for me. was going to be awarded a bible She told me that God had a wonderful plan for my life and it begins with accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior.'

Rick's mind was a whirlwind Rick looked up at Amy. She of thoughts. All he could think of was things that old Joe had been telling him. He didn't know

Then he heard her voice back Amy?" He asked.

Dr. Donald Smith

promises to me. All you need to do is what I did. Confess your sins and accept him into your heart as your Savior and Lord."

Then another voice broke in. "Time's up Richardson." Rick turned to see Donovan motioning to the door. "Will you come

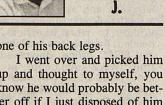
"That'll depend on you," she to me Richardson," Donovan "I've been praying for you answered. "You can write. Re- said. "That little lady'd be worth peace that I hadn't felt since I Rick. Jesus has kept all of his member how you used to write any price you have to pay."

me when you were in college?" "Just a couple more minutes Donovan, please," Rick begged. Donovan looked at Amy and smiled. "Don't blame ya Richardson. Just a couple a minutes.' "I got one more year Amy. I

want us to be together again." Rick pleaded.

"I can't make any promises Rick," Amy said. "It'll all depend on you. Oh, I brought you two books to read but they made me leave 'em. The Warden has 'em."

Amy turned to leave and Rick turned to face Donovan. "Seems



up and thought to myself, you know he would probably be bet- sicknesses, (Matthew 4:23). orphaned. Somehow he got out ter off if I just disposed of him Have you asked the merciful God

I didn't have the heart do that and they ran over him and broke so I took him back to the house day.

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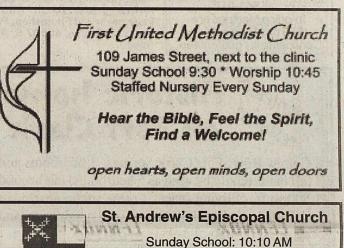
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But it is the common backyard mosquito that is the trouble- dients. maker, the potential carrier of this and other infectious diseases. Most mosquitoes are simply an Schuermann said. annoyance, but avoiding mosquito bites is the key to prevent- ditional recommendations.

ing illness. to which West Nile infections or buckets, tires, rain gutters, tree

of recommended repellent ingre- several washings.

DSHS offers the following ad- good condition," he said.

oil of lemon eucalyptus to the list sprayed on clothing lasts through ber of people bitten by infected

Schuermann said it also is im-"People should read and fol- portant to keep mosquitoes out fected with the virus, only 20 will low the label instructions," of the house. "Be sure door, develop any illness at all. porch and window screens are in

Drain standing water from mosquito-borne infections can develop symptoms, the illness is 'We do not know the extent around your home. Empty cans, result in serious illness or death. relatively mild. "With West Nile virus, older

Studies show that permethrin infected; and only a small nummosquitoes will become sick. In general, out of 100 people in-

Symptoms usually appear from three to 14 days after a per-West Nile virus and other son is bitten. For most who do

The most con

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the other mosquito-borne ill- holes and saucers under potted nesses will affect Texans this year," said Jim Schuermann, ter in pet bowls, bird baths and staff epidemiologist for vectorborne and zoonotic diseases with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). "But we do know that mosquitoes are a problem in every part when those mosquitoes likely to of the state every year. And there are steps people can take to protect themselves."

an insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

According to a 2003 DSHS skin. survey, 77 percent of the people who got the most serious forms of West Nile infection never used repellent. This year the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and protection.

plants regularly. Change the wawading pools several times a week. It only takes a thimble of water for mosquitoes to breed. ·Limit the amount of time

outdoors between dusk and dawn carry infections are most active. Dress appropriately when

outside in mosquito-infested ar-At the top of the list is to use eas. Cover as much skin as possible to reduce exposure to mosquito bites and use a recommended repellent on exposed

> Mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing, so spray clothes

people, especially those who already have medical problems, are most likely to develop the more serious forms of illness including encephalitis and meningitis," Schuermann said.

In 2004 West Nile was detected in 101 Texas counties.

A total of 119 human cases of serious West Nile illnesses from 40 counties were reported, including eight deaths.

West Nile infection is caused by the bite of an infected mosquito that gets the virus when feeding on infected birds and other wild animals. It is not transmitted from person to person.

The risk of exposure to West with repellent containing either Nile virus is relatively small. Not DEET or permethrin for extra all mosquito species are able to for these infections. transmit the virus.

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of mild infections include fever, headache, muscle aches and drowsiness. About one of 150 people in-

fected with the virus will develop a severe form of the illness with symptoms that include intense headache, high fever, nausea, stiff neck, muscle tenderness, shivering and mental confusion. Convulsions, coma, and death may follow.

For those who survive, recovery may take months.

Other mosquito-borne illnesses include St. Louis encephalitis, eastern equine encephalitis, western equine encephalitis and dengue fever.

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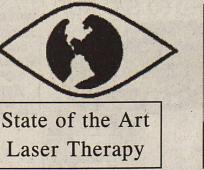
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Two receive scholarships from

scholarships were provided. A \$500 gift was provided to Carolyn Conoly of the Adult Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to initiate the Mary Petrosky Endowment Fund.

Mary Petrosky has been involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Brackettville since it's inception and was instrumental in starting the Adult Chapter.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church encourages other congregations and individuals in the

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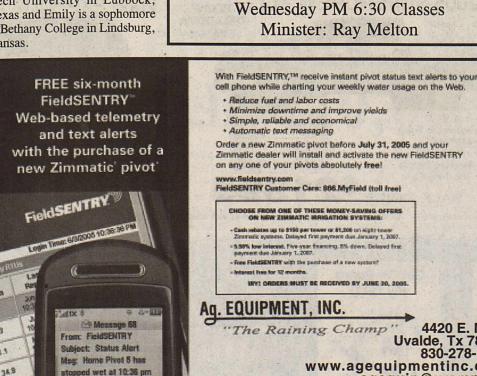
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