

# The Brackett News

Brackett students  
selected for  
field studies  
*See Below*

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# Positions filled

*Renken, Taylor, Burks and Gutierrez ready for new roles at BISD*

The positions are filled and BISD is ready for the 2005-2006 school year.

Heading the administration is Paula Renken as superintendent. Frank Taylor has been selected as the principal for grades 9-12. George Stoney Burks is the principal for fifth through eighth grades and Alma Gutierrez is principal for grades PreK to fourth.

The new head coach/Athletic Director is Greg Voyles.

Renken is a graduate of Sam Houston State University with a BA in Elementary Education in 1990 and a Masters in Education in 1992. She received her Texas Superintendents Certification in 2002. She's starting her 15th year in the field of education and her seventh year with Brackett Independent School District.

"We have two new administrators, a new AD, new counse-

lor and new teachers," Renken said about the upcoming school year. "We want to develop our team and focus on instruction."

About her new role as superintendent, Renken says "I know all of the students and staff in the district. I believe a small district has as much to offer a large district. My major goals this year are 1: Financial stability for the district and two: Academic advancements - enhance the curriculum and offerings.

Taylor, the new high school principal, has a BA in government and a masters in Education. He has been in the field of education for 16 years and coincidentally has been at BISD for 16 years.

As for plans for the new school year, Taylor says he plans on "Getting more faculty members involved in research on best practices in education."

As for his new role at BHS, Taylor says "I am very familiar with our students and faculty and I am committed to maintaining the high level of educational achievement we have reached in the past."

Burks, a virtual institution at BHS, holds a Master of education in mid-management from Sul Ross State University and a Bachelor of Science in Professional Biology, also from SRSU.

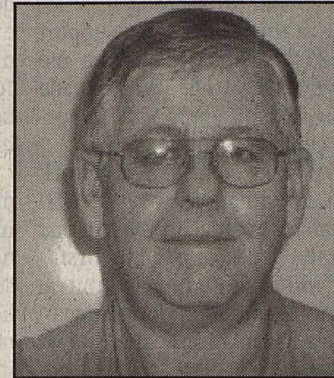
He has been in the field of education for 32 years and at Brackett ISD for 32 years as well.

About his position at BISD, Burks says "My understanding of students in this age grouping and my desire to work with the age grouping have given me the opportunity to gain experience, which allows for a fulfilling work experience.

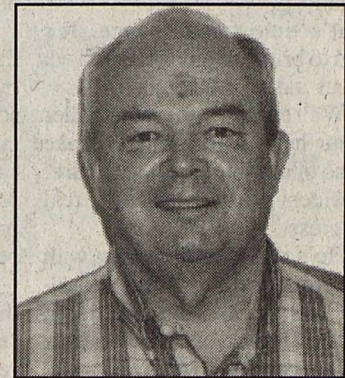
Many people look at this age group as an undesirable age. I



Paula Renken  
BISD Superintendent



Frank Taylor  
BHS Principal



George "Stoney" Burks  
5th-8th Principal

have a different perspective and have had the good fortune to work with people who enjoy this age also."

Gutierrez received a BA in bilingual Education in 1990 from St. Edwards University and a Masters in Education/School Administration from SRSU. She has

been in the field of education for 15 years and at BISD for 10 years. For the new school year, Gutierrez says "Our team of teachers and staff members are planning a successful year. My most important goal is to become their instructional leader."

"I feel I have established a

great rapport with students, teachers, parents and community members in Brackettville," she says. "This is my hometown and I am ready to be part of the administrative team at BISD."

The first day of school for the 2005-2006 school year is Aug. 22. The bell rings at 7:55 a.m.



## AWARD WINNERS

Texas Department of Transportation Laredo District presented their 2005 Safe Operator Awards. The awards were presented during the Safety Awards Banquet which honors employees who have excelled in staying safe while out in the field. In particular, the employees pictured either received a Safe Operator Award, which is presented to employees who had no vehicular accidents and/or a No Injury Award which is presented to employees who sustained no injuries. Pictured are top row from left, Eddie Garcia, Jose Benites, Juan Gomez and Lee Canty. Bottom row from left, John Sell, Oscar Sierra, John Tashi, Pablo Resendez, Macario Muñoz.

## Ward hired on contract with ground water district

By Leigh Volcsko  
Staff Writer

The Kinney County Ground Water District General Manager Darlene Shahan has hired a woman with a drug conviction to work in the water district office.

Diane K. Ward was recently arrested for states application to revoke community supervision stemming from her 2002 arrest and subsequent conviction for possession of cocaine, according to public records in the county clerk's office.

Ward acknowledged she is a contract laborer, saying she was hired to keep the office open more hours.

Ward, a former candidate for City of Brackettville Mayor is currently out on a \$10,000 bond and is the owner/operator of an internet news service. Ward is also the secretary for the West Texas Springs Alliance.

According to the KCGWD Rule 3.01, the General Manager, with approval of the Board, is responsible for employing all persons necessary for the proper handling of the business and operation of the District, but it is unclear if there are hiring standards or criminal background investigations required for potential applicants.

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Most recently, when a General Manager for the district was sought, an announcement was placed in this publication, applications were sent out upon request via the U.S. Mail and then the applicants were interviewed by the Directors.

When asked about the hiring and interview process, one of the three applicants at that time, Maggie Banner-Kerr said, "The process was very professional and I feel it was handled properly."

There was no job announcement in *The Brackett News* for the contract laborer position.

KCGWD Director Beth Ann Smith, said "I am officially unaware of any new employees at the District. And procedures for hiring and payment of employees have never been discussed in a meeting since I have been elected."

Attempts to meet with Shahan to request information regarding the hiring policies for the district and to confirm Ward's hiring, have been unsuccessful.

## BRIEFS

### Attn parents of BISD students:

Aug. 19 is the final day to update immunization records at the school office in order to be admitted to the first day of classes on Aug. 22.

After Aug. 1, school secretaries will have a list of returning students with incomplete immunization requirements.

### BHS Volleyball Camp \$25

The Fighting Tigerettes are hosting a volleyball camp July 25 to 28 from 8 to 11 a.m. at Brackett High School gym. Cost is \$25 for girls going into 4th grade through 9th grade in 2005.

Register onsite or early by calling 563-5181. Camp is limited to 50 participants.

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## Young geoscientists explore area's geology

Young scientists explored some of the rich geology in Uvalde County as participants in a two-day field study sponsored as part of the GeoFORCE Texas Program.

Sponsored by Southwest Texas Junior College and the University of Texas at Austin's Jackson School of Geosciences, with corporate support from ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil Foundation, Shell Oil Company, the SBC Foundation and Priority Oil & Gas, the new program is aimed at recruiting prospective geoscientists from among top Southwest Texas math and science students.

"The purpose of the field study in Uvalde County was to demonstrate to students how interesting geology can be and hopefully spark an interest that will carry them on to a future study of the geosciences," said Doug Ratcliff, associate director of the Jackson School.

A total of 24 area students who will be entering the ninth grade this fall took part in the two-day event. Students represented eight Southwest Texas communities including Brackettville, Cotulla, Crystal City, Del Rio, Dilley, Eagle Pass, Rocksprings and Uvalde.

Brackettville students Emily Calk, Harmony Pettett and Jacob Schroeder were participants in

the field study.

On the first day of the field study, students learned from Sigrid Clift, geologist for the Jackson School's Bureau of Economic Geology, that Uvalde was in a province of volcanic activity about 80 million years ago.

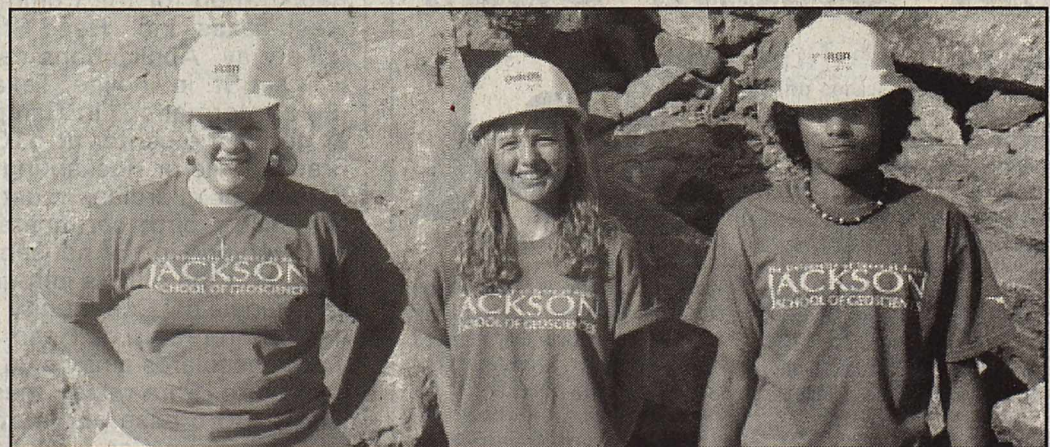
Visiting a site of the Frio River just off Garner Field Road, students were able to stand where there was once a volcanic crater. At this same location, students observed where volcanic ash had been converted, over time, to rock.

First day activities also included a trip to the Vulcan Materials rock quarry in Knippa. There students were given a tour of the quarry by assistant plant manager Mike Shutter and were able to collect basalt samples.

On their way back to Uvalde, students also collected samples of a Del Rio formation alongside one of the area farm-to-market roads just outside the city.

Lunch was served at the Uvalde Historical Commission's Ft. Inge Park where students sat along the Leona River while Clift discussed river ecology and the Edwards Aquifer. They also learned that Mount Inge is composed of remnants from an extinct volcano.

After dinner, students were taken to the Annandale Ranch,



Courtesy photo

From left, Emily Calk, Harmony Pettett and Jacob Schroeder, were participants in a two-day geology field study. The field study was hosted by Southwest Texas Junior College and UT Austin's Jackson School of Geosciences.

to watch the nightly exodus of more than a million Mexican free-tail bats from a large cave along the Frio River.

The first event of day two was a visit to the Vulcan Materials Uvalde Plant located off Highway 90 west of Uvalde. Chuck Bevis, Vulcan plant manager, gave an overview of the plant's operations and then took students on a tour of the quarry. Students examined and collected fossils imbedded in the limestone material used to make rock asphalt.

Following the trip to the Vulcan plant, an examination of the upper Nueces River canyon

and an overview of the two-day field study was made at Big Oak River Camp on Highway 55 near Lake Nueces County Park. Students then enjoyed lunch and swimming in the crystal-clear Nueces River. A closing session was held on the SWTJC Uvalde campus in the college's Tate Auditorium.

Program participants received a certificate of completion, along with a rock kit. "This was a wonderful group of students to work with and I know they went home with an increased awareness of the area's geology," said GeoFORCE Texas Program Coordinator Julie Spink.

Spink thanked area teachers Wanda Demboske of Uvalde High School, Brett White of Hondo Junior High and Kathryn Dowlearn of the Leakey ISD, for helping chaperone and teach the young geoscientists.

SWTJC's Whipple also thanked college staff members Julie Garcia, Nita Reed, Suzanne McCormack, Eva Gonzalez and Anna-Marie Darden for assisting with the event.

"Thanks to everyone involved I believe we put on an event that will inspire and motivate these students to actively consider geology as a future course of study," Whipple said.

# The heart of health care Texan's support for troops makes me proud to be a Texan

A wise man once wrote, "Good health and good sense are two of life's great blessings." I've always appreciated this quote. It speaks the truth.

Who hasn't given thanks for their good health? Who hasn't appreciated the health of their family and friends? Good health is a true blessing.

But this quote speaks to me on a second level. It reminds me that with good health also goes good sense.

For far too long, our political leaders have drowned in the details of health care. They prefer swimming in confusion and focusing on the negative or problematic.

It's time for a change. It's time to bring common-sense back to our nation's health system.

We're lucky to have a leader at our helm who wants to make sense of our nation's health care. President Bush is making real progress.

He's working diligently with Congress to ensure every American has access to affordable health care that meets their needs. We're working together to make prescription drug coverage available to all seniors.

We've also worked with the Administration to pass a Patients' Bill of Rights that will leave medical decisions in the hands of physicians, instead of insurance



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

companies.

These are real changes that will affect real people throughout our nation.

But health care doesn't stop at the national level.

The heart of health care is right here, where working people are trying to make a living and keep their families strong, healthy and prosperous.

I'm thankful for the support the 23rd district has given me over the last decade. We've made some real progress and important changes. And it shows.

I plan to continue my work with President Bush. We will promote a health care system that puts the needs of patients first.

I will also use my position on the Appropriations Committee to secure funding for health related research. We're so close to finding so many cures. Diabetes, Alzheimer's disease and cancer are just steps from major advances. With dedication and proper funding, we can improve prevention, detection and treatment of these deadly diseases.

I'll also do my part to solve our district's current nursing shortage. Many of the small communities throughout my district are plagued by the inability to attract quality health professionals. I will continue my work to ensure that communities receive the funding for research and healthcare developments that they need.

Of course, many of you know that community health centers are very close to my heart. Too often in poor and rural regions of Texas, parents and children are forced to go without proper health care.

Whether it's because the only doctor is too far away or is too expensive, receiving proper medical care is just not available for some folks. Community health centers fill a critical role in health care.

I will continue my commitment to improving and advancing this important piece of our nation's health. Representing such a large and diverse district has given me insight into the many health care needs confronting our communities. You and I have a long history together. We've walked together down the path of improved health care. I look forward to building on that path. I look forward to our continued walk. And most importantly, I look forward to creating the very best health care available. We've seen great advances, but there are even more in our future. Thank you for your support and I look forward to our continued success.

Every once in a while, someone in Washington asks me why we Texans have so much love for our state. Is it the food? The weather? The culture?

While I love the food, weather and culture in Texas, the real reason I am so proud of our state is its people.

And I have no better evidence of the character of Texans than an episode I heard about the other day at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

A plane filled with soldiers coming to the U.S. from Iraq for two weeks of rest, landed after the long flight from Kuwait International Airport. Its passengers were stunned to see two fire engines racing toward their plane with lights flashing and sirens blaring.

The soldiers said they had been informed the plane was waiting for equipment to arrive. What they thought might be some sort of minor emergency was actually Dallas-Fort Worth's special salute to home-coming soldiers. The two emergency trucks fired a water "salute" over the taxiing airplane.

"I didn't expect such a welcome," Pfc. Heather England, a satellite communications operator for the 578th Signal Company told officials at the airport. "Soldiers on the plane got a bit choked up as they watched the water splash on the plane's windows."

The welcome did not end with



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

the water salute. Hundreds of Texans applauded the returning soldiers as they got off the plane. They asked for their autographs and offered them food, beer, cigarettes, soft drinks and cell phone use.

When Staff Sergeant Donald Friedly told a USO volunteer that he had a daughter, the woman took him to some volunteers who presented him with a pink teddy bear, candy and bouquet of flowers for his wife.

The airport is one of the major direct flights for soldiers returning from Iraq. It has been demonstrating its appreciation for our soldiers for months, and I am proud to report that support for our troops is evident across our state. In June, children gathered on the steps of the state capitol in Austin to show their backing for deployed military personnel.

They gathered under the leadership of sculptor Heather McMahan, who is known for her "Welcome Home" sculpture, which has been displayed in the Pentagon and at Bergstrom International Airport. She invited Austin children to express their feelings about the war and show their support for the troops

through art. At a rally featuring patriotic songs, children displayed their art which will be sent to soldiers overseas.

Texas' legions of NASCAR fans showed their appreciation in April, when 250,000 of them welcomed several hundred Fort Hood Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans to the Texas Speedway before the running of the Samsung/Radio Shack 500.

And I cannot fail to mention the world champion San Antonio Spurs who have always held Military Appreciation Night. This year, skybox ticket-holders donated more than 500 seats to military personnel stationed and convalescing in San Antonio and provided them with free food and drinks.

Not all of us can donate a skybox, but we can help any of the great organizations supporting our troops. At the very least, we can extend a hand to a member of our armed forces and tell each of them that we appreciate what they are doing and support them with all our heart.

Asked to comment after her welcome to the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, Pfc. England said, "After being stationed in Germany and Iraq for so long, seeing this display of affection at the U.S. airport has definitely reminded me why I love Americans, especially my fellow Texans."

I could not say it better myself.

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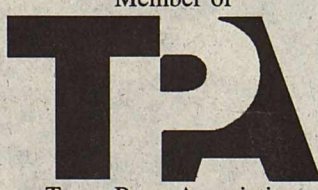
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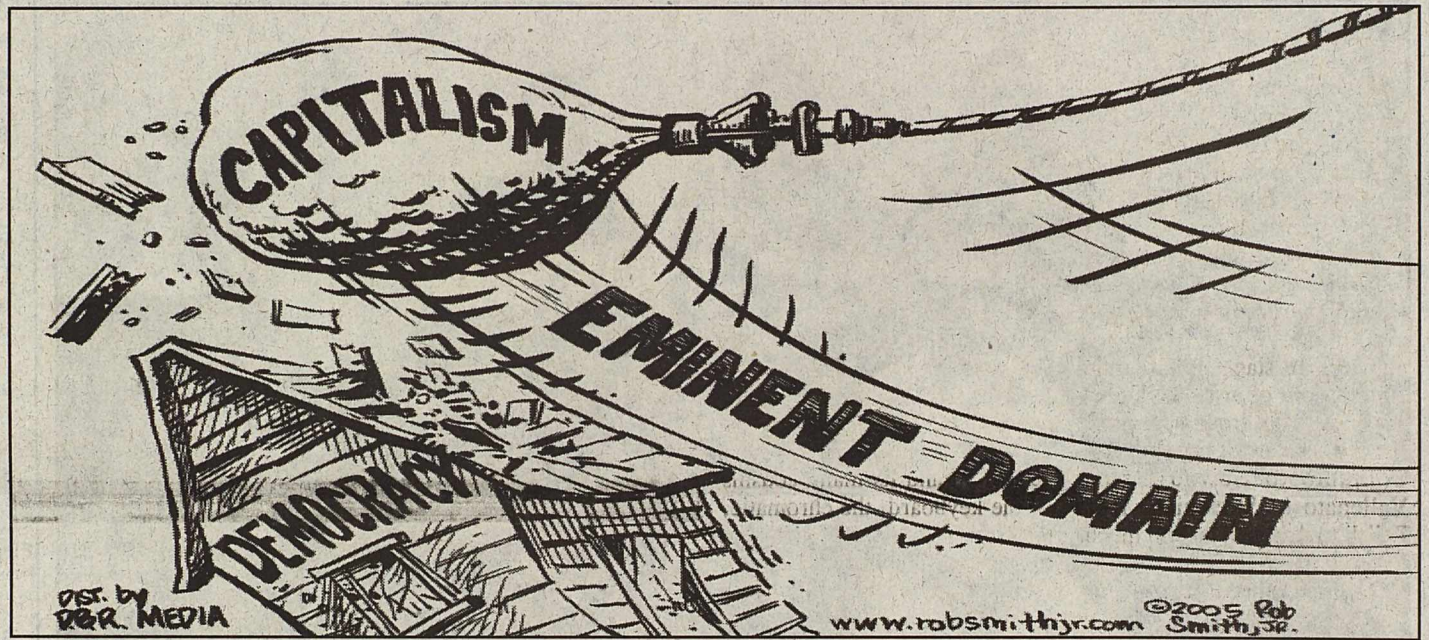


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## Perry announces \$25.9M distributed from Victims of Crime Act funds

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today announced the award of \$25,973,904 in grants to help victims of crime.

The grants are awarded under the federal Victims of Crime Act fund (VOCA) and are distributed by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD).

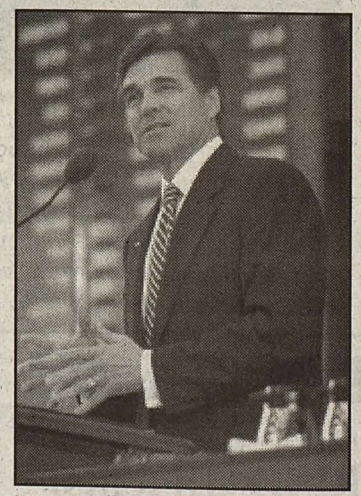
"It is important to all Texans that we support programs that protect the public, administer justice, and offer hope and healing to victims," Perry said.

"These victim service programs will help provide a safer living environment for all residents of Texas, particularly our most vulnerable citizens and Texas youth."

VOCA funds provide outreach, advocacy, crisis centers and shelters to identify needs and expedite appropriate services for crime victims. Programs address issues such as family violence, child abuse and sexual assault. Support services are also available to address neglect and exploitation of youth and the elderly. Statewide programs that help in this effort include a grant to Texas CASA, Inc., in the amount of \$4,331,423 to administer individual sub-contracts to local Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs throughout Texas.

These CASA programs advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children currently residing in the foster care system.

Texas State MADD was granted \$1,631,479 to provide statewide services to victims of drunk driving including referrals to support groups, legal advocacy, assistance with death notification, accompaniment and as-



Gov. Rick Perry

stance with crime victim compensation applications.

Each year, CJD provides more than \$130 million in grants to help Texans at the forefront of the fight against crime. CJD funds a variety of programs for juvenile justice, crime prevention and victim services grants - all aimed at making Texas a safer place.

A complete list of grant recipients is available on the Governor's Web site at: www.governor.state.tx.us/divisions/press/pressreleases/PressRelease.2005-07-15.5735

## Join HEADSTART

Registration for the Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., Head Start Program is currently underway. Applications can be completed at 713 E. Main St. in Uvalde, Texas, or call 278-4180 for more information. In Camp Wood, call 597-5250 or go by the center at 510 N. Nueces. In Leakey, Brackettville or Rocksprings call 1-800-499-1617. Parents or guardians must bring proof of income, the child's birth certificate, Social Security Cards for everyone in the household, picture ID - for parents, and the child's immunization record. La Agencia del Community Council esta registrando para el programa de Head Start. Head Start les da clases escolares a niños de tres años de edad hasta los cuatro. Para recibir mas informacion llame a el 278-4180 o pase por la oficina en el 713 e. Main en Uvalde. En Camp Wood, hable al 597-5250 o vaya al centro localizado en el 510 N. Nueces, En Leakey, Brackettville, o Rocksprings hable al 1-800-499-1617.

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# Meatloaf - a meal in itself

I have to admit that my meatloaf recipe today is one I have not tasted, but sounds good enough that when I get back to cooking again in a couple of weeks, I'll try it.

Don't let the size scare you off. You can always bake small loaves and freeze for later. You might like to try the couple of ideas for meatloaf sandwiches listed also.

### Alabama Meatloaf

2 lbs. lean ground beef 93 percent lean, 1 lb. ground pork, 1 large green bell pepper, finely minced (about 1/2 cup), 1 small onion, minced finely (about 1/2 cup), 2 lg. eggs, lightly beaten, 4 cups soft breadcrumbs \*, 3/4 cup finely chopped smoked ham, 1/3 cup ketchup, 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar, 1/4 cup maple syrup, 3 tsp. worcestershire sauce, 2 tsp. hot sauce, 1 (15oz) can tomato sauce, and 4 bacon slices.

Stir together ground beef and next 11 ingredients in a large bowl just until combined. Shape mixture into 2 (9x4 inch) loaves; place in an aluminum foil-lined broiler pan.

Pour half of tomato sauce evenly over each loaf, and lay two bacon strips over each loaf.

Bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Let stand 10 minutes be-

fore serving.

Mini meat loaves: shape mixture into 12 (2x4 inch) loaves. Bake as above in foil-lined broiler pan but for 40 to 45 minutes.

\* Don't take shortcut and substitute dry breadcrumbs for soft, or the loaf will be too dry. To make soft breadcrumbs, pulse about eight slices of sandwich bread in a food processor until finely crumbled (yield four cups).

**Barbecue Meatloaf Sandwich**  
1 (9.5 oz) box frozen five-cheese Texas Toast, 1 (8 oz) box frozen onion rings, vegetable cooking spray, 8 (1 inch thick cold meatloaf slices, 1/2 cup barbecue sauce and 1 cup prepared coleslaw.

Prepare Texas Toast and onion rings according to package directions.

Spray a nonstick skillet with cooking spray and heat over medium heat. Add meatloaf slices and cook five minutes. Turn. Brush evenly with barbecue sauce. Cook five minutes more or until heated through.

Top each slice of toast with meatloaf slice, coleslaw and onion rings. Serve immediately. Serves 6

Note: This sandwich is a meal in itself. Coleslaw may be served on the side if desired and



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extra onion rings also.

### Grilled Cheese Meatloaf Sandwich

1/4 cup butter, melted, 8 hearty bread slices, 12 American cheese slices, and 8 (1/2 inch thick) cold meatloaf slices.

Garnish, pickle slices or wedges

Heat electric griddle to 350 degrees or a no-stick skillet over medium-high heat.

Brush butter evenly on one side of each slice of bread. Place four bread slices on griddle or in skillet, buttered side down. Top each with 1 1/2 slices of cheese, two meatloaf slices and an additional 1 1/2 slices of cheese (total three cheese slices on each sandwich).

Top with remaining bread slices, buttered sides up.

Cook four to five minutes on each side or until golden brown. Serve immediately.

### Berry Cheesecake Cups

8 crêpes, room temperature \*\*\*, 1 cup milk, 1 (four serving size) package vanilla instant pud-

ding mix, and 1 (8 oz) package cream cheese, softened and cut up.

3-4 cups strawberries (or other berries) sliced.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Invert eight custard cups over a baking sheet. Spray cups lightly with cooking spray. Fold a 1-inch pleat in center of each crêpe and drape each, browned side down over a cup. Spray light with cooking spray. Press crêpes loosely around each cup. Bake 5 to 7 minutes or until cups are crisp. Carefully lift cups from molds and cool.

For filling, pour milk into food processor; add pudding mix. Process until smooth; add cream cheese until blended and smooth. Chill mixture for two hours or up to 24 hours.

To serve, turn crêpe cups right side up on dessert plates, spoon berries into bottom of each cup, then add cheesecake filling, then more berries. Garnish with mint if desired. Makes 8 desserts.

\*\*I see no reason for not substituting prepackaged tart or small individual pie shells in place of crêpes.

Who knows, here in south Texas, even flour tortillas (small ones) could be used in a pinch. Individual desserts always make a desert appear special.

## Fifth International Accordion Festival Oct. 15, 16 - Free!

Join us October 15 and 16, 2005 for the 5th Annual International Accordion Festival in San Antonio for a worldwide squeezebox celebration.

Held every year in the beautiful downtown Riverwalk area on the historic grounds of La Villita (three blocks south of the Alamo on South Alamo Street).

The 2005 International Accordion Festival features performances, workshops, open mic sessions, accordion jams and strolling musicians in a beer garden setting.

On three stages, enjoy more than a score of ensembles playing music from around the globe: from Celtic to Zydeco, from Conjunto to Cowboy, from Vallenato to Slovenian, from Polish to Azerbaijani and much, much more.

In three other festival areas, find informal workshops, jam sessions, open mics and other exciting presentations featuring up-close and personal interactions with master artists and their music.

It's big, it's outdoors, it's two days and it's multiple stages of music, dancing and fun for the

whole family.

The festival also boasts ethnic foods, beverage and merchandise booths throughout the weekend. And best of all, admission is free!

Cumbia, step dance, polka, waltz! That's right, put on your dancing shoes.

The International Accordion Festival puts special stock in styles of music that are dynamic and danceable, rhythmic and riotous.

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## KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

### Monday, July 11

7:30 p.m., A woman reported she was coming to pickup her friend who had been assaulted by her own husband.

8:42 p.m., A man reported his wife had not returned home and was missing.

### Tuesday, July 12

6:30 p.m., A man reported his residence on FM 334 had been broken into and food was missing from the freezer.

6:50 p.m., An individual advised the Sheriff's office of a maroon car headed towards HWY 90. The person stated the passenger, a woman, was crying for help and the driver, a man, pulled her back in the car when she tried to get out. DPS was advised of the situation.

11:42 p.m., A woman reported children trapped on top of a truck by a Great Dane near Remote Alley. Sheriff's Deputy Kenneth Freitag was dispatched to the scene.

### Wednesday, July 13

10:09 a.m., A woman requested a deputy at her residence on Thorn Street.

2:10 p.m., Juan Veliz, 38, of

Del Rio, Texas, was arrested for DWI third offense by Constable Bobby Guidry. Veliz was still being held as of Monday.

3:05 p.m., A man reported goats loose on FM 2804. The owner was notified.

6:35 p.m., Fort Clark Springs Security requested a deputy in reference to a disturbance.

7:15 p.m., A 911 caller requested a deputy at his residence, stating his friend had been asleep all day and was bleeding from the nose. Deputy Freitag was dispatched to the location.

8:09 p.m., A minor called to report his parents and another woman were arguing and fighting on FM 3348. The husband called a few minutes later requesting a deputy. Deputy Freitag was dispatched to the scene.

### Thursday, July 14

2:56 p.m., A man reported a broken down bus one mile west of Pinto Creek bridge on HWY 90. Deputy Freitag was advised of the situation.

11:20 p.m., Val Verde Sheriff's Office reported a motorist had shown a pistol to an-

other motorist. Deputy Ron Ring was notified of the situation.

### Friday, July 15

12:30 a.m., A woman reported someone knocking on her window. She stated her brother had ran the person off. She also stated it had happened repeatedly during the last few months. Deputy Ring was notified of the situation.

7:43 p.m., A man reported a minor accident on West HWY 90 and requested a deputy. Deputy Ring was dispatched to the scene.

11:06 p.m., A woman reported load music on 2nd Street. Deputy Ring was advised of the situation.

### Saturday, July 16

5:16 a.m., A man reported gun shots on Spring Street. Deputy Ring was advised and patrolled the area but found nothing.

8:20 p.m., A woman reported being assaulted by her boyfriend on Tuesday. She reported her car stolen. She stated she had been taken to Mexico and left. She was found in a ditch and taken to the hospital. After being released she walked to the port of entry and

reported the incident to the Del Rio Police Department.

8:20 p.m., A report of a loose cow on HWY 693 was received. The owner was notified.

8:25 p.m., Angel Martin DeHoyos, 22, of Baytown, Texas, was arrested for unauthorized use of a vehicle by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley. DeHoyos was still being held as of Monday.

### Sunday, July 17

5:40 a.m., A 911 caller reported a possible drunk driver on Highway 277 headed towards Eagle Pass. The vehicle was a white extended cab truck. Maverick County Sheriff's office was informed.

4:30 p.m., Brandon Roy Stout, 21, of Waco, Texas, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces, by Deputy Ramon Gutierrez. Stout was still being held as of Monday.

4:30 p.m., Jason Paul Nino, 25, of Waco, Texas, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces, by Deputy Gutierrez. Nino was still being held as of Monday.

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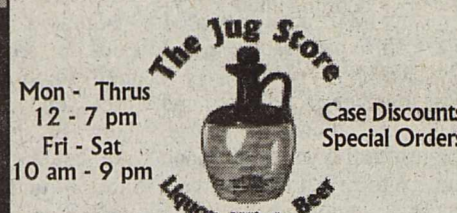
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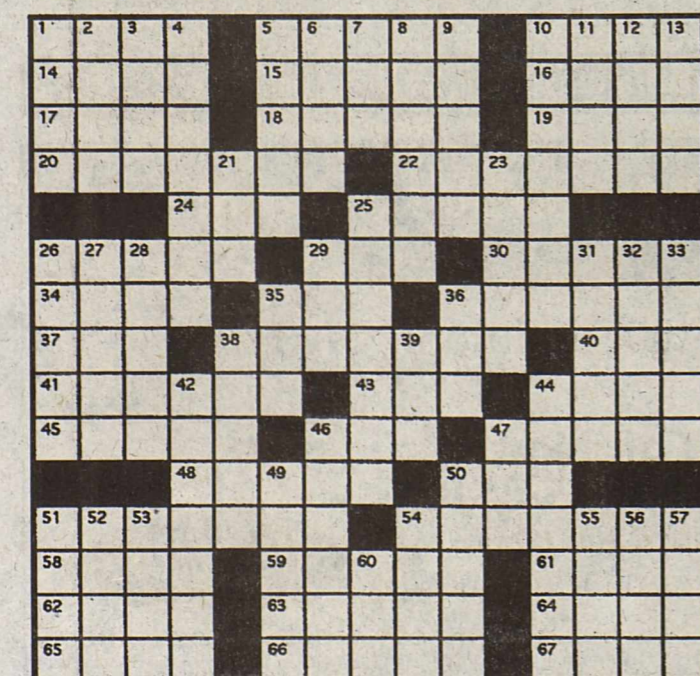
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**ACROSS**  
1 Tropical tree  
5 One who is exactly like another  
10 Piece of ice  
14 Opera star's number  
15 Refuge  
16 Exam  
17 Penn or Connery  
18 Oklahoma tribe  
19 Long body of water  
20 Become discolored  
22 Piles up  
24 Prior to  
25 Elegance  
26 Long look  
29 Scottish explorer  
30 Clumsy  
34 Long-running Broadway play  
35 Maui accessory  
36 Main dish  
37 Letters before an alias  
38 Sea mollusk  
40 Word with any and every  
41 Fruits  
43 Like Methuselah  
44 Genesis figure  
45 Mortimer  
46 Deposit  
47 Fights  
48 Farmer's concerns  
50 Stove item  
51 Somewhere else  
54 Troubles  
58 Taj Mahal's site  
59 Those opposed  
61 Off-Broadway award  
62 Title for a fictional rabbit  
63 Adults-  
to-be  
64 Memorized routine  
65 Beginning  
66 Wipe away  
67 Break  
**DOWN**  
1 Word with tense or participle  
2 Length times width  
3 Dishonest one  
4 Things to be minded  
5 Selected  
6 Facial hair  
7 Eggs  
8 Annul  
9 Opponent  
10 Permission  
11 Writer Leon  
12 Bundle  
13 Slimy creatures: Old Eng.  
21 Rage  
23 Form ; queue up  
25 Popeye and poetry  
26 Deceitful schemes  
27 Stolen  
28 " of Two Cities"  
29 Turmeric  
31 Wear away  
32 Punitive  
33 Abounds  
35 Dieter's concern: abbr.  
36 Finish  
38 Conductor  
39 Flamenco dance shout  
42 Area of fruit trees  
44 Hawthorne & Michener  
46 Key  
47 Period  
49 Preach  
50 Sheriff's group  
51 Catches  
52 Cruel one  
53 Pine  
54 Containers  
55 Black, in  
56 Girl's name  
57 Ooze  
60 Drink



**ROARING TWENTIES**

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

Today's Category: LANGUAGES

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Arabic	11. Italian
2. Chinese	12. Korean
3. Danish	13. Latin
4. Dutch	14. Polish
5. English	15. Spanish
6. Finnish	16. Swahili
7. French	17. Swedish
8. German	18. Thai
9. Greek	19. Turkish
10. Hebrew	20. Yiddish

**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You're ready to get on the road and just go wherever your nose leads you. That's fine. However, before taking off, be sure all tasks are tended to at work.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) For some reason, money is burning a hole in your pocket this week. Be very careful. If you indulge yourself, you could accumulate more debt than you can handle.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You have a lot going on socially this week. Just be sure you don't neglect your rest. You won't be any good to anyone if you're dragging yourself around.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) It's ready-set-go for you this week. You know what you want to do, and you won't be distracted. Ultimately, you achieve what you've set out to do.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You're on top of your game at work this week. The opposite is true at home. Tread carefully with family members.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) It's best to clean up unfinished business early in the week. This frees up your time later for social outings. Romantically, things are rolling along nicely.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) It's not a good time to neglect loved ones. You may want to concentrate on work, but this isn't the week. Reconnect with your family.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your energy is at a peak level this week. That doesn't mean, though, you can burn the candle at both ends. You'd be wise to pace yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Two people you're very fond of are at odds with each other. However, you can't step into the role of peacemaker. These two will have to sort it out for themselves.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You make more of a concerted effort this week to push ahead in your career. Bigwigs take note of this. Later in the week, you find a new outlet or area of interest to pursue.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You feel the need to get away from it all. If you can, this will clear your head and recharge your energies. Over the weekend, be sure you're on time for appointments.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A certain project assigned to you presents a dilemma. Don't be shy about asking for help. You can't always take the lead.

# The Kool-Aid It hurt bad

Every summer I volunteer to help in Vacation Bible School. It is a program that teaches the children about God, the Bible, and Jesus Christ. One of the jobs I volunteer for is the kool-aid taster or sampler.

Sometimes they don't get the kool-aid sweet quite enough and they have to add more sugar.

As I was reading my Bible this morning and thinking about my life I became aware that my life or heart is not sweet enough.

I fall short of where God wants me to be, (Romans 3:23) As I prayed I called upon God for mercy and I also asked him to sweeten my heart. He does that by the filling or indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

I confess or acknowledge the areas that I fall short and ask for help. I know that in my natural self dwells no good thing and my heart can be very deceitful,



**Jerry Davenport**  
**Brother J.**

(Jeremiah 17:9).

I call upon God for help so that I can respond differently to every day life. I can have more love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, (Galatians 5:22).

If we have put our faith in Christ Jesus and are born from His spirit, let us abide in His spirit.

Then we will be like the kool-aid that is properly sweetened, "Just Right".

See you in Church next Sunday.

Rick left the Counseling Center a little shaken. He had never met anyone like Jordan. He seemed to know Rick's inward thoughts. After they had an understanding about why they were both together in the same room, Rick allowed himself to relax and even began to think that the two of them could be friends.

Back at the cell, old Joe looked up from his book as Rick walked in. The cell door shut with a clang. "Well," Joe asked. "How'd it go at de couns'lin centah?"

Rick laughed. "I saw a picture of you. Only you were lots younger."

Joe looked at Rick and smiled. "You musta got Joahdan fo couns'lah. Waal praise da Lawd. Mahk ma wohd Rick boy, de Lawd's gotta plan fo yo."

Rick laughed. "Da Lawd," he said mockingly, "may have a plan, but I got my own plans!"

Joe looked Rick straight in the eye. "Da Lawd's plan'll be yo plan befo 'ts all ovah, heah? Lemme tell yo somethin Rick boy. Yo plan's not wuth spit'n de eye. Ahm a prayin fo yo dat de Lawd don have to take a two bah fo ta yo backside ta git yo 'tention."

"Whatta ya mean, a two by four?" Rick asked.

"Waal, lemme 'splain," Joe



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answered. Da devil wants yo lahf an God wants yo lahf. An up 'ta now da devil's had 'is way in yo haht an in yo mahnd. 'R'member me sayin deys lots a folks a prayin fo yo? Waal yo gots two choices."

"And," Rick laughed. "What're the two choices?"

Joe smiled. "Yo c'n say wid ole king David, 'Ahll seek da Lawd wid all ma haht, what he c'n be foun.'"

"And the other choice," Rick asked.

Joe picked up the crucifix that lay on his table. Holding it to his heart he said, "Da Lawd luvs yo s' much dat he'll wack yo backside wid 'is almahty two bah fo. Dat mean it'll stop yo dead in yo tracks, an yo'll pray ta God fo help. Did yo stepdaddy evah wack yo backside?"

Rick didn't answer. He only glared. Finally he spoke. His voice was angry. "I got whacked lots of times."

"An it hurt bad. I never let on how much it hurt."

# The Word

Verse 1-7: In the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God, and word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

The same came for a witness to bear witness of the light, that all men through Him might believe.



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Verse 14: And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father; full of grace and truth.

Praise God!  
St. John 1:1-7, 14.

## OBITUARIES

### Margarette Kittle Neuman

Nov. 17, 1919 - July 14, 2005

Margarette Kittle Neuman, 85, passed away July 14, 2005 in Victoria, Texas. She was born November 17, 1919 in Frio County, Texas. She was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar B. Neuman.

She is survived by her sons, Fred and wife Geriann Neuman of Victoria, Texas and Grover and wife Brenda Neuman of San Antonio, Texas; brother, Edward Coleman of Yuma, Arizona; niece, Frances Glaze of Fort Davis, Texas; great-niece, Alyson McDonald of Ft. Stockton, Texas; grandchildren, Jessica and Meagan Neuman of Victoria, Texas; Jennifer Horkey, Chad Neuman and wife Melissa of San Angelo, Texas; and Chase Neuman and wife Sherry of Brackettville, Texas; and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was July 17, 2005 at Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home-Brackettville.

Service were Monday, July 18, 2005 at 10 a.m. at St.



**Margerette Kittle Neuman**

Andrews Episcopal Church in Brackettville, Texas with Pastor Nathan LaFrenz officiating. Pallbearers were Chad Neuman, Chase Neuman, Jim Voss, Bret Trant, Stan Connally and Lingo Sandoval.

Interment to follow at Masonic Cemetery in Brackettville, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials may be made to St. Andrews Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 927, Brackettville, Texas 78832.

### Helen Beatrice Smith

Sept. 8, 1928 - July 12, 2005

Helen Beatrice Smith passed away July 12, 2005 in Abilene, Texas after a lengthy illness.

She was born to John Milton and Dovie Camaron Raney on Sept. 8, 1928 in San Anna, Texas.

She married Jesse "Jake" Smith in 1944.

Helen was a lifetime resident of Brackettville, Texas.

She was a very loving mother and dear friend to all who knew her. She worked for 12 years at the Kinney Co. Nutrition Center and cherished her many friends there.

She is survived by her children, Jesse Smith and wife Debra, Johnny Smith and wife Nennette of Brackettville, Patricia Gass and husband Jimmy of Hereford, Texas, James Smith of Del Rio, Texas, Sammy Smith and wife Donna of Abilene, Texas, Brother, Douglas Raney of Leakey, Texas, sisters-in-laws Mary Prince of Uvalde, Texas, Jesse Herndon of Spofford, Texas and dear friend Betty July of San Antonio; 23 grandchildren

and 37 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband Jesse Smith, parents John and Dovie Raney, sister Mildred Murphy, son Ray Smith, daughter Elizabeth Smith.

Pallbearers were Johnny Smith, John Smith, Simon Smith, James Smith, Sammy Smith Jr, Tommy Gass, Jim Gass, Michael Gass, Colter Barajas, Coby Barajas, Jason Smith, Trey Smith, and Rob Garcia.

Honorary Pallbearers, Jimmy Gass, Albert Barajas.

Funerals services were Saturday, July 16, 2005 at Frontier Baptist Church, Brackettville.

Interment followed at Brackettville Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, 114 North Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832 (830) 563-9600.

## OBITUARY

### Modgie Etheridge Hudson

Jan. 23, 1910 - July 15, 2005

Modgie Etheridge Hudson, 95, entered into rest on Friday, July 15, 2005, in Del Rio, Texas. She was born January 23, 1910, in Palestine, Texas, to the late Mossie Whaley and R. Woodie (Kirby) Etheridge.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband William Clarence Hudson, brothers, James E. Etheridge and Kirby E. Etheridge and nephew Kirby E. Etheridge, Jr.

She is survived by her sister, Woodie Virginia Hornburg; nieces, Woodie Frances Trotter, Elizabeth Ann Downing, nephews, Thomas James Etheridge, Jack L. Etheridge, William Lee Etheridge; great-nieces and neph-

ews, Arthur L. Etheridge, Courtney Alden Trotter, Joe Etheridge; Devon Alys Schackelford, Jennifer Ann Downing and Andrew Downing IV.

Mrs. Hudson was the recipient of the 75 year pin as a member of the Valley Hi Chapter 1104 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and had served as Grand Examiner for Texas.

Visitation was July 18th from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sunset Funeral Home.

Funeral services were July 19th at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel.

Interment followed at Sunset Memorial Park.

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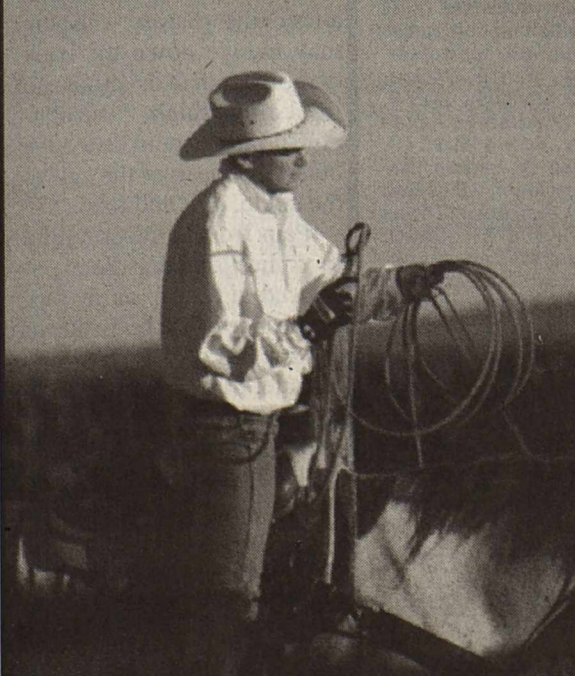
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