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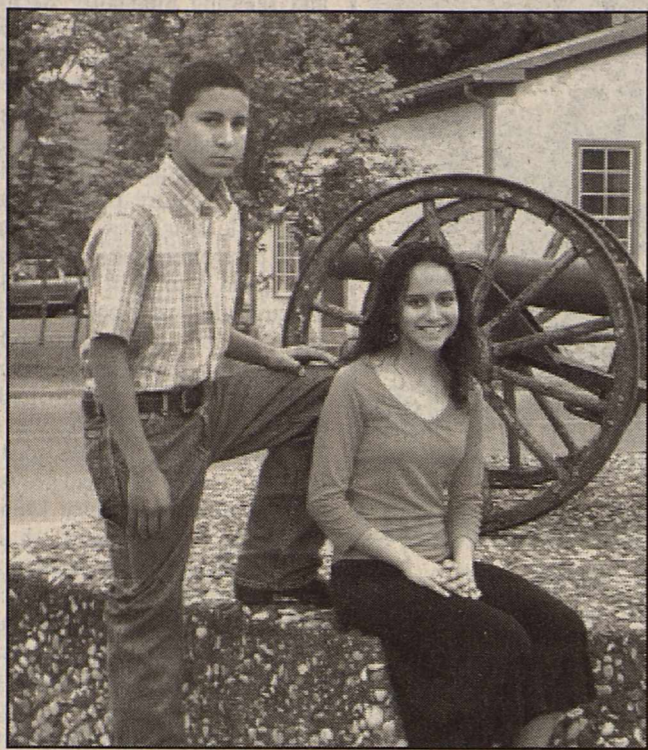
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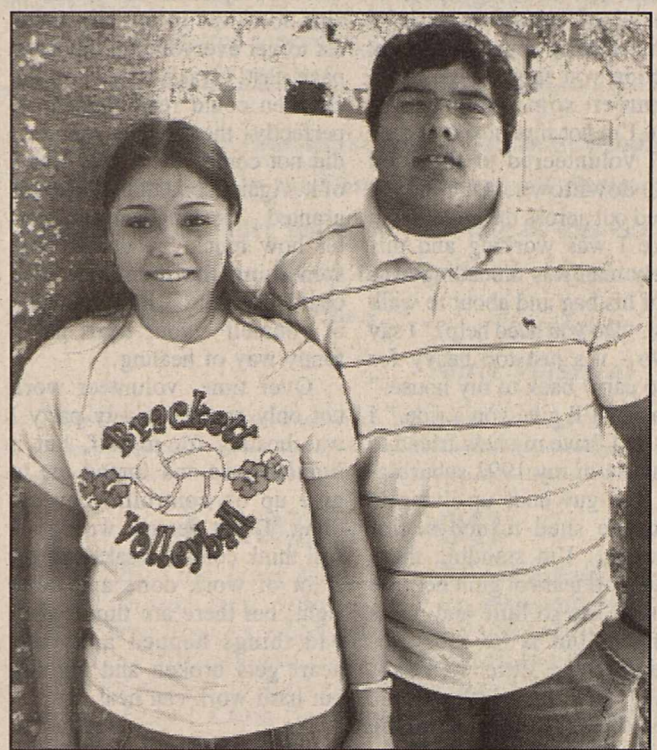
## LMHO to host Cinco De Mayo Festival



Sam Stewart and Brianna Escamilla



Jeffery Herrera and Ashley Shadwick



Chaita Sanchez and Israel De Hoyos

The Las Moras Hispanic Organization (LMHO) will be hosting a Cinco De Mayo Festival on May 6 at the Kinney County Civic Center.

The LMHO has been hosting a local Cinco De Mayo Festival that includes a Mr. and Miss Cinco De Mayo Pageant for the

past eleven years. The pageant contestants are coupled together and then host a variety of independent fundraisers. The couple raising the most funds is crowned king and queen in a coronation ceremony the day of the event.

This year Brianna Escamilla,

daughter of Joe and Gracie, is coupled with Sam Stewart, son of Allen and Maria (Cha Cha). Ashley Shadwick, daughter of Mary, is coupled with Jeffery Herrera, son of Tomas and Nancy. Chaita Sanchez, daughter of Ana, is coupled with Israel De Hoyos, son of Jerry and

Janie. The 2006 festival will feature a parade, merchant booths, talent show and contest and a Little Mr. and Miss pageant.

Robert Aguirre, 563-9123, can be contacted for information about participating in the parade.

For booth reservations, contact Ruben Martinez, 563-9103.

If you are interested in participating in the talent show and contest, contact Lucy Valdez, 563-9321 or Elena Aguirre, 563-9252.

Little Mr. and Miss information can be obtained from

Martha Martinez, 563-2425 or Diana Gutierrez, 563-2878.

Historically, Cinco de Mayo (Fifth of May) is a celebration of Mexico's declaration of independence from Spain in 1810, but in modern times the day is celebrated most often by Americans.

### News BRIEFS

#### Athletic Boosters Planning Meeting

The Athletic Booster Club will be meeting on Mon., Apr. 24, Room 10 in the Elementary School Building at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the All-Sports Banquet. If you have a sports photo of a BISD student that you would like to be on display the night of the banquet, please label the photo with name and date and submit it to Elementary Campus Secretary Marci Resendez.

#### Brackettville Bash

The US Border Patrol Brackettville Welfare and Recreation Association cordially invites you to the Brackettville Bash 2006 on May 13 at Rendezvous Park on Fort Clark Springs. The bash is a family affair so bring everyone. There will be golf, softball and volleyball tournaments. For questions or more information contact any Brackett Welfare and Recreation officer at (830) 563-6000.

#### Past Winners

If you know the names of any past Miss Kinney County pageant winners or have any historical information, please contact the editor at 830-563-2852 or tbnws@sbcglobal.net.

#### Kinney County Relay for Life

Support our Tigers and Tigrettes. April 22. Relay for Life Teams will be hosting a concession stand at the baseball game at 1 p.m. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

#### Weekend Weather

##### Friday

Isolated Tstorms  
High: 93  
Low: 68

##### Saturday

Partly Cloudy  
High: 93  
Low: 69

##### Sunday

Isolated Tstorms  
High: 93  
Low: 69

## Family Frameworks program success

Submitted by Brackett Independent School District

Over 200 parents and children were served by the Family Frameworks project at Brackett ISD.

The project was a series of four 90 minute meetings between local parents and district staff members.

School principals Alma Gutierrez and Frank Taylor together with School Counselor Lorenzo Ortiz facilitated the group discussions.

Parents had lots of fun and did a lot of learning.

The topic discussed at the first meeting was entitled: "How Parents Can Help Children Improve Test Scores."

The ideas encouraged the idea that tests are here to stay and that we must accept testing as a fact of life and learn to prepare for them. Parents discussed the drawbacks and the benefits of testing.

The following three sessions covered topics of communication and single parenting.

Parents discussed the pride they took in their successes with their children under difficult situations.

They discussed the roles they must play - sometimes having to act as both parents - and the various challenges they encounter in

rearing children.

The program is approved by the Texas Education Agency as one program to help public schools remain in compliance with the No Child Left Behind Act.

The program is also part of the state's Parental Involvement Network.

Several parents were awarded perfect attendance certificates for participation in the Family Frameworks parental involvement effort. Perfect Attendees were: Lolly Hernandez, Nancy Mendoza, Irma Rodriguez, Rosario Guzman, Terry Carcasi, Martha Brown and Raul Martinez.

Other BISD staff supporting the Frameworks program and participating in the discussions included Superintendent Paula Renken, staff members Susan Davis, Dee Curry, Yolanda Rueda, Lisa Conoly, Terry Carcasi, Sue Castro, Marci Resendez, Angie Steelman, Julia Terrazas and Gracie Mata.

"The BISD educational community was improved by the participation of the local businesses that donated door prizes," said Lorenzo Ortiz.

"A special thanks to PTO and to Vito Lagioia for donating the Playstation and the Bearded Dragon Head Lizard," concluded Ortiz.

## Former constable struck down on Hwy. 90

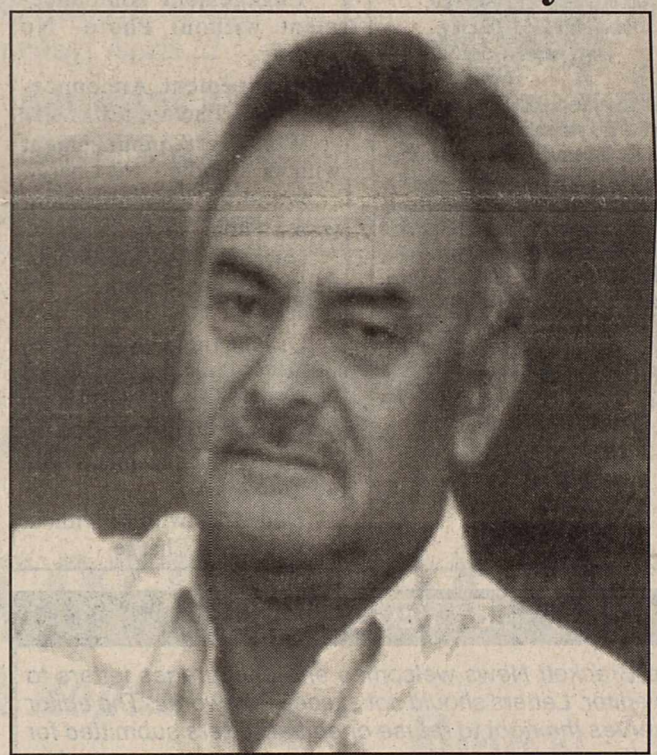
Gregorio O. Juarez, 74, of Brackettville died as a result of his injuries after being struck by a vehicle on Hwy. 90, Apr. 15.

Juarez was a former constable for Kinney County and a local barber.

Preliminary law enforcement reports state Camilo Avila of Grand Prairie was driving a 2001 Chevrolet Suburban when he topped the hill near Julie's Restaurant on Hwy. 90, and came upon Juarez in the east-bound lane of traffic.

At 9:06 p.m. Avila called 911 to request an ambulance. County EMS, Sheriff L.K. Burgess, Deputy Kenneth Freitag and Department of Public Safety Officer Robert Hopkins all responded to the emergency call.

Juarez was pronounced dead at 9:30 p.m. by Justice of the Peace Chuck Hall and taken to Sunset Memorial Funeral Home in Del Rio.



Gregorio O. Juarez

## Local election information

#### M.U.D. Election

Eligibility to vote in the upcoming Municipal Utilities District (MUD) Election on May 13; Early voting May 1-9.

• Ballots must be cast at the MUD Office

• Must be a registered county voter

• Must live on Fort Clark

#### Springs

REMINDER:  
• Must present voter registration card

• MUD will host a town hall meeting at the Post Theatre Apr. 27, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. to discuss street repairs

City of Brackettville

• Ballots must be cast at City

Hall on May 13; Early voting May 1-9.

• Must be a registered county voter

• Must live in the City of Brackettville

REMINDER:

• Must present voter registration card



BISD Family Frameworks Participants

## Gose makes first chair

Submitted by Brackett Independent School District

On Feb. 11, ten students from Brackett Junior High attended the Jr. High Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB) All Region Band tryouts in Pearsall.

Over 300 students competed for the privilege of representing their school and community in the All Region Band.

Students from Pearsall, Crystal City, Hondo, Carrizo Springs, Dilley, Devine, Ingram, Harper, Brackett and other

schools all sent students to the tryouts.

"We are proud to announce that Brooklyn Gose, an eighth grade student from Brackett Jr. High, made the Honor Band as the first chair Bass Clarinet player," said BISD Band Director Jim D'Camp.

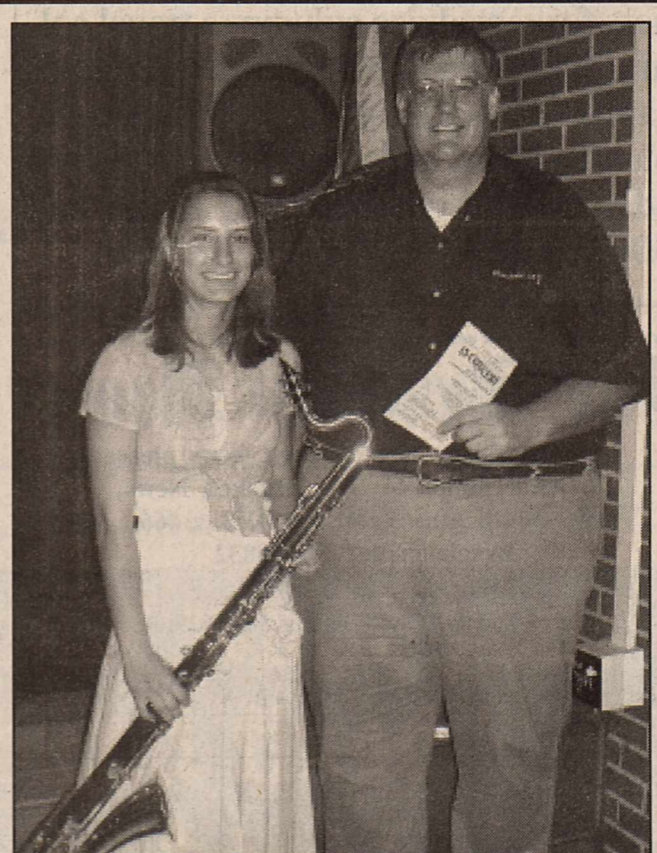
Gose was the only student from Brackett to make the band for 2006.

Two weeks later the band assembled in Pearsall for a long day of practice under the baton of guest conductor Edmundo Garcia from Laredo, culminat-

ing with a concert that same evening.

The concert, which was well attended, included Robert Smith's "Tempest," Lalo Schiffrin's "Mission Impossible," and Elliot Del Borgo's "Chester Variants" among other crowd pleasing tunes.

"Many of the band directors in attendance said that this was the best honor band in many years. Congratulations to Brooklyn for her outstanding accomplishment," concluded D'Camp.



Brooklyn Gose, left, stands with Band Director Jim D'Camp in February.

### Editors Weekly PLOG

Are you upset? I have the sure-fire cure for cheering you up: volunteer work! During my six years in Eagle Pass - I say it like I served time or something, but I truly loved living in Eagle Pass (but we live in Brackett for the school system). Back to my point... I was going through a very hard time and when things happen to a control freak it's 10 times worse than if something bad happens to a passive person because you can't do anything to make the situation better or otherwise control it (and if you're shaking your head in any direction you should sign up to volunteer somewhere right now). I'm not sure how it started but I volunteered at the food bank downtown. One day I looked out across the street from where I was working and this elderly man was unloading cans out of his bag and about to walk away. "Do you need help?" I say - "No - it's just too heavy for me to carry back to my house," he says - "I'll give you a ride." I say - so I drive my new friend to his house in my 1992 suburb-abus. The guy ends up living in a storage shed turned senior apartment. I'm standing there fighting off tears of guilt because this man has so little and needs so much, but is he sad? No. Suddenly the little man says thanks and closes the door. Right then I stopped thinking

about what could have been and started being grateful for the things I already had.

I also volunteered at the school. I worked with ESL (English as a Second Language) students. These children were in 4th, 5th and 6th grades, but for a variety of reasons, it was their first year in an American school and needed to learn English quickly. I figured I was the perfect English teacher for these children b/c I hardly knew one word of Spanish and I like to chat so it was in my best interest to get everyone on the same page - fast! I was amazed how the children could read English so perfectly - the trouble was they did not comprehend very much of it. Again, something I take for granted - my language (no matter how much I abuse it) was something that someone else could use. But when you give of yourself - your heart has a funny way of healing.

Over time, volunteer work not only ended the pity party I was hosting for myself, but it humbled me and forced me to give up on controlling everything. Don't get me wrong - I still think control freaks can get a lot of work done and done right, but there are times when bad things happen and your heart gets broken and nothing but hard work can heal it.

Leigh V.

### The Brackett News

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### The Brackett News Seeks Contributing Writers

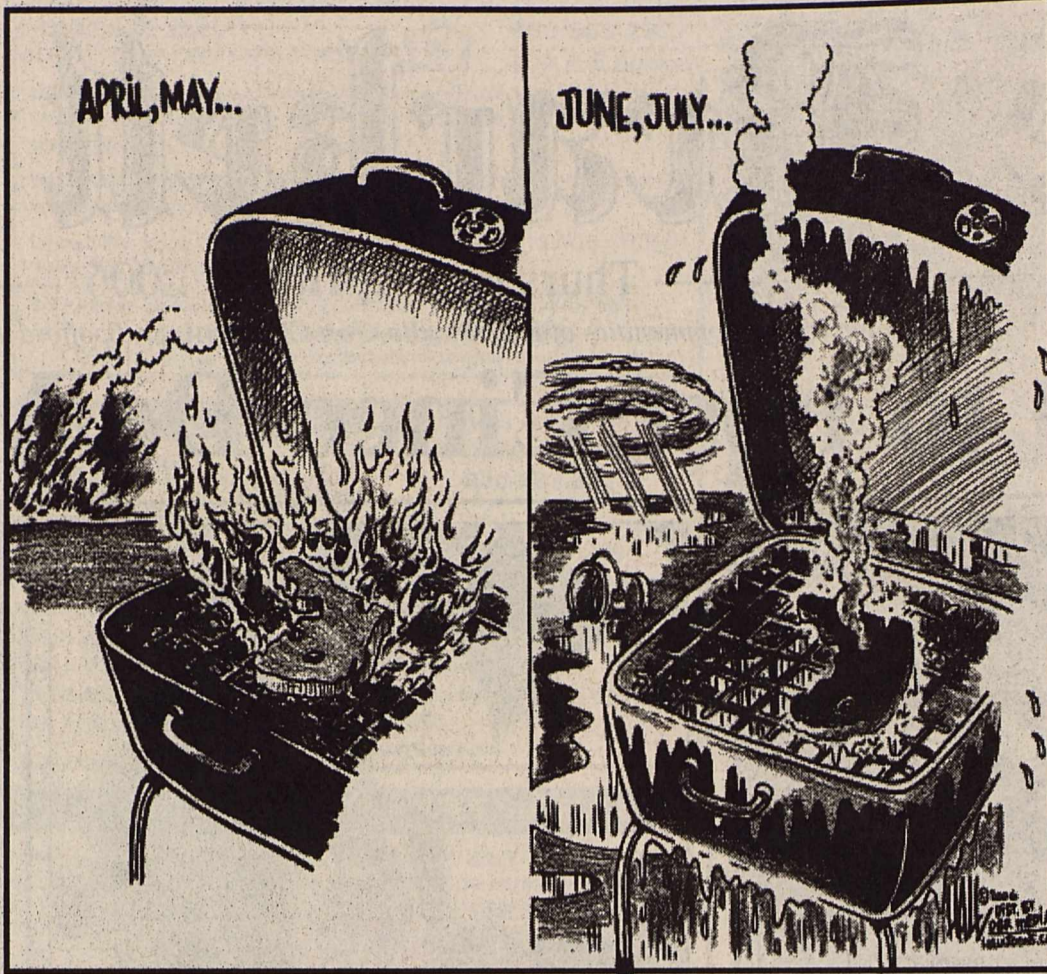
The Brackett News is currently looking for contributing writers and photographers for: an advice column, a travel column, school and sports news and photographs, a mother-daughter/father-son column, ranch and rural living columns and some lifestyle columns. Please call 830-563-2852 for more information.

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### Is it just me, or are they really that stupid?



*The Way I See IT*

Steven R. LaMascuso

Is it just me, or does it also seem to you that all the heads-of-state, along with all the military leaders in the Muslim countries are overbearing, swaggering, self-righteous, downright stupid, and completely out of touch with reality?

I'm sure you remember Sodom Insane's prewar rhetoric proclaiming that it was going to be the "mother of all wars," and that we would need years just to bury our dead.

What actually happened, not once but twice, mind you, was the mother of all butt kickings, where the Iraqis were trying to surrender to news reporters and remotely operated vehicles. And then there was the Good Humor Man, I forget his name, who appeared on television time after time, telling everybody that the U.S. troops were being destroyed wholesale and retail, while in truth our troops were entering Baghdad almost without opposition. Seems like they just never learn!

Now the president of Iran and some micro-cephalic general named Yahya Rahim Safavi are beating their chests, foaming at the mouth, and proclaiming to all who will listen that they're gonna kick our butts if we aren't careful. This general said, in public, "You

can start a war but it won't be you who finishes it." Well, I have some hot news for General Rockhead; it sure won't be you who finishes it! We might turn it over to the European Union to mop up. And if that is what you meant, you could be right. But listen concrete brain, you threatening the United States is rather like a field mouse threatening the coyote that is about to eat him. Get real!

Jeez, people, isn't there a single living brain cell in that whole godforsaken sand pile. You would think that somebody over there would have the sense to just shut up and hope we don't notice them. You would almost think that Iran is trying to goad us into whipping them too.

Now they have decided that they might as well throw Israel into the mix and destroy them also; kinda like killing two birds with one stone, don't you know. What do you think would happen if Iran attacked Israel? Well, I think that in about an hour there would be a nicely glowing, nuclear glass-paved parking lot where Iran once was. It would be an improvement too, I suspect. Once again, they have learned nothing from history.

All hyperbole aside, I really don't comprehend how anyone can be that stupid. They have to know they can't win a war against the United States. What is it that they expect to gain by antagonizing last remaining super-power? I suppose it's possible that they think the other Arab nations might jump in on their side if they finally

make us mad enough to fight.

All that would accomplish, however, would be to destabilize the Middle East and leave Israel, Jordan, and Pakistan as the only viable military powers in the region - which would be a good thing, I think. They might even be depending on backing from Russia. That too is a pipedream. Russian hasn't the desire or the means to go toe-to-toe with the U.S.

Also, it might be like the kid whistling in the cemetery. They may be making racket to cover up the sound of their own knees knocking in fear. If so, they really are stupid. Well, I guess time will tell. It looks to me, however, like they are going to keep at it until somebody gets mad and bombs them back to the Stone Age. Oh, pardon me, they are already living in the Stone Age, so I guess we'll have to come up with a new cliché.

You would think that after a couple of centuries of it that the rest of the world would get tired of underestimating the resolve of the United States. The problem is, I think, that they tend to judge us by the highly vocal few, like Teddy Kennedy, who have no resolve, rather than the quiet millions who just want to be left alone.

So, to all those out there who still don't get it, I refer you to the famous words of Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, who reportedly said, after his devastating attack on Pearl Harbor: "I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve."

### Shuttle Anniversary Continues Era of Exploration



*Capitol Comment*

Kay Bailey Hutchison

new missions, including a return to the moon after a hiatus of more than 30 years. This time, it will be more than a brief visit; the moon will become a stepping stone for exploring the further reaches of space.

Our ultimate goal of this new era will be to set foot on the Red Planet. Incredible pictures from the Spirit and Opportunity rovers on Mars have given us a deeper sense of what it will be like to stand on the surface of Mars, climb its rolling hills and explore its craters and valleys.

This new journey must begin from where we now are. It must build on the solid base of knowledge and experience that we have spent many years and invested extensive resources to develop. That base will not be completed until we return the space shuttle to full flight status; and we must finish the Space Station to provide an essential laboratory for important research.

Current plans call for the end of space shuttle flights in 2010, but we need to be sure we do not have a gap during which our nation is unable to perform manned missions. We do not yet know when the new Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV) will become fully operational. Therefore, my bill requires NASA to notify the Congress if a gap appears likely and detail the steps they believe we should take to bridge that gap.

We must be able to sustain operations aboard the space station. It will be necessary to ensure that we have the capability to deliver cargo, re-supply the station, and return payloads to Earth. It is not enough for us to simply attach the remaining modules to the space station and leave it behind. That would not meet our commitments to our international partners, our taxpayers, or to the scientists who have spent two decades planning and preparing to use the space station.

My bill maximizes our investment in the International Space Station by designating it a National Laboratory. It is an important national asset with enormous potential for scientific research and exploration, for example, increasing our understanding of cosmic rays and working to develop new sources of energy. This designation will open up new avenues for outside funding and support, and it will extend the benefits provided by the many unique possibilities for research on the space station.

Our efforts in space are essential to keeping our nation competitive. We have an exciting and bright future in space exploration.

We are on a course that will bring important new knowledge and inspire the next generation of American scientists to do what, only yesterday, seemed like science fiction.

### Fair taxes for Texas

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Many Texans understandably wait until the last week to file their federal tax returns. The experience is so unpleasant—and I'm not just talking about paying taxes due—that we tend to put it off as long as possible.

With the mid-April filing deadline now behind us, let's take a moment to look at the monster we have created in the federal income tax. What started in 1913 as a small levy that affected only two percent of citizens has grown in complexity and seeming inequality. It increasingly frustrates almost everyone. There are currently 325 separate forms that taxpayers might be required to complete. The code has become so complex that a majority of Americans now require professional help to file their taxes—and even those pros often make mistakes. We spend a total of \$250 billion annually just to comply with tax laws, and more than six billion hours preparing our returns.

Here's another way to look at it. In 1955, there were 744,000 words in the IRS code. By 2000, this number had grown to 6.9 million. And since 1986, there have been more than 15,000 changes made to the tax code, many of them special provisions to benefit a small number of taxpayers. The process seems designed to confuse even those who don't have to pay. Consider this deceptively simple directive on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) web site: "Even if you do not have to file a return, you should file one to get a refund of any Federal Income Tax withheld." If someone is eligible for a refund, why would the IRS obscure the matter by even suggesting that filing a return was unnecessary?

It reminds me of some advice an accountant friend in Austin once said: "When it comes to the IRS, the answer is maybe, and that's final." I've now come to the conclusion that our current tax system is in danger of collapsing under its own weight. It ought to be replaced by a much fairer and simpler process. That's why I'm a co-sponsor of the Fair Tax Act (S.25). If passed and signed by the President, the bill would significantly change the way we collect taxes in America. The bill would eliminate most current major federal taxes—including the income tax, capital gains, all payroll taxes, estate, gift, corporate and self-employment taxes—and replace them with a national retail sales tax. Collection could be done through state systems, and the IRS would be significantly downsized and reformed.

Think about it—no Byzantine forms and laws to comprehend quarterly or annually. In their place: a simple sales tax on the cost of new goods and services. To ensure a fair tax didn't penalize low-income Americans, everyone would receive a monthly "prebate" of the tax on essential goods and services.

This system would greatly simplify the collection process. It would eliminate the demand for expensive tax advisers who specialize in finding loopholes and exceptions in our complicated tax code. It would also negate measures such as the Alternative Minimum Tax that are sweeping up increasing numbers of middle-class taxpayers.

The Fair Tax idea has been talked about for decades. But there is increasing support for making a radical change, in the name of fairness and efficiency. I've always believed the key to economic prosperity in our country is keeping taxes low for Americans and their businesses. That's the way to reward initiative, and to promote job creation and economic growth. Reclaiming the reins of our runaway federal income tax system will help promote a strong economy. A national retail sales tax is a simple and viable alternative to our current federal income system.

Albert Einstein, a genius at analyzing complex scientific principles, once said: "The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax." Einstein died more than 50 years ago. What would he say about the system today? Sen. Cornyn is a member of the following Senate Committees: Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Joint Economic. He is also the chairman of the subcommittees on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship and Emerging Threats and Capabilities.

**News BRIEFS**

**Silent Auction to benefit Relay for Life**

Local artist Jean Hood has generously donated a beautiful floral still life to benefit the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Brackettville Relay For Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

The painting is on display at The Gift Box in Brackettville, 302 E. Spring Street, where bids for the silent auction will be recorded. Gift Box owner Paige Weatherby invites the public to stop by and record a bid on this beautiful work of art.

**Performers Wanted**

The Relay For Life will be held May 6-7, at Tiger Stadium. Entertainment will run throughout the night/morning, from 8:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m., to keep Relay participants energized! Musicians and other performers of all ages, who are willing to donate their time for this very worthwhile cause, please call Cindy Edwards at 830-513-1390, after 5:00 p.m.

**Drawing for handmade quilt benefits Relay for Life**

A beautiful handmade quilt has been donated by cancer survivor Olive Barber, to benefit the Relay For Life. The quilt measures 65" x 65", and is crafted in beautiful hues of purple. It is on display in the lobby of Rio Grande Electric Co-op, where you can make your donation of \$5.00 for one chance, or \$20 for five chances. Chances for the drawing are also available from any member of the Co-op's Pink Lightnin' Relay Team.

**The Green Thumb**

Keep herbs trimmed. If herbs begin to outgrow their planting area, divide them. Insert a small shovel into the back of the growing area, lift entire plants and roots from container and break in half. Re-pot half of the herb back in your stacking planter and give a friend the other fresh herb plant to enjoy.

**The Home Handyman**

Here's another spring maintenance tip for you concerning doors and windows. Look for cracks in doors and windows. These not only add cost to your energy bill but can also let insects indoors. Use caulk to seal or replace the item as necessary. Check the sealant or gasket between a window or door frame and the glass. If the gasket is loose, seal the glass to the gasket using a clear silicone caulk to prevent water damage. Wash and reinstall window screens.

**Time for Tennis**

Note that the western grip is excellent in forehand play but feels awkward for beginners, especially when used for backhands, serves and volleys. Advanced players often use it to enhance their forehand play. Start by holding the racquet with an eastern grip. Relax your grip and turn the racquet counter-clockwise until the top of the racquet points toward the "11 o'clock" position. Left-handed players should turn the racquet clockwise to the "1 o'clock" position. Wrap your fingers around the handle and space them apart slightly. The V formation should point to your right (or left), and your thumb should lie across the top of the handle.

**The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Grand Opening!**

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce would like to invite all our members and the public to the "Grand Opening of our new office. Snacks and refreshments will be served and we look forward to hearing from our guest speakers including State Senate District 19 candidate Dick Bowen of El Paso.

Come out and join us in thanking our members, the public, and Fort Clark Springs for providing the facility. We will have application available for individuals and businesses. We encourage you to join and support the growth of Kinney County. Saturday April 22, 2006, 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Just inside the entrance to Fort Clark Springs

Also, a special announcement about Brackettville's newest business partner. And national chain retailer coming soon !!!



**Summer's Comin'**

Summer Allen clears the hurdle as she races for the finish at the Jourdanton track meet on April 1, 2006.

Photo Submitted by B. Schroeder

**Varsity Girls Place 2<sup>nd</sup> in Area track meet**

The 400 meter relay including, Anolda Watkins, Daphne Hunt, Bianca Stewart and Samantha Moore placed second with a time of 52.7.

The 800 meter relay including Stewart, Hunt, Moore, and Watkins placed third with a time of 1:53.1.

The 1600 meter relay including Stewart, Hunt, Bailee Allen and Rachel Swinson placed third with a time of 4:20.3.

In the discus, B. Allen placed third with 105'8.5" and Bianca Martinez placed fourth with 101'8".

In the high jump, Stewart placed third with 4'10".

In the 3200 meter run, Harmony Pettett placed second with a time of 13:04.3 and Gabby Schroeder placed third with a time of 13:17.3.

In the 800 meter run Lauren Cornelius placed fourth with a time of 2:43.3.

In the high hurdles, B. Allen placed second with a time of 16.9.

In the 400 meter run Swinson placed first with a time of 63.08 and Katie Braesicke placed fourth with a time of 51.4.

In the intermediate hurdles B. Allen placed second with a time of 50.8 and Becca Mann placed fourth with a time of 51.4.

In the 200 meter dash Watkins placed third with a time of 27.8.

In the 1600 run, Pettett placed second with a time of 5:57.2. All of these girls qualify for the Regional Meet in Brenham on April 28 and 29.



**Double Team**

Harmony Pettett (left) and Gabby Schroeder (right) double up in the Flatonia track meet.

Photo Submitted by B. Schroeder

**Four Tigers to compete in Regional track meet**

Four high school Tigers advanced to the Regional track meet by placing in the Area track meet held in Flatonia on Wednesday, April 12.

Tres Rueda placed first in the high hurdles with a time of 15.8.

Rueda placed second in the intermediate hurdles with a time of 41.9.

Brand Wylie placed second

in the pole Vault with 11'6".

John Moore placed second in the discus throw with 129'10".

Travis Bonner placed second in the high jump with 5'10".

The 400 meter relay placed fifth with a time of 45.8 but did not advance to Regionals.

The Regional track meet will be held in Brenham on April 28, 2006.

I sincerely appreciate the support of all those people who supported me in the Democratic run-off election. Once again, you have made the outcome of this election a success for me. I look forward to serving you as your next Justice of the Peace.

Thank you,

Narce Villarreal

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**Thank You**

On behalf of the Jesus Munoz Family we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who called, sent flowers, cards, food, and who especially prayed for our beloved son and brother Joe Munoz. A special thanks to Father Anton Quang Dinh Van, Brother Clay, Chris Seargeant and everyone who attend the Funeral Services. The comfort and support you provided during the time of our loss will not be forgotten.

**Silhouettes by Joyce Wade**

A treasured family heirloom \$15 per sitting  
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Behind United Medical Center  
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**Pirtle's chosen for March Yard of the Month**

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The Mountain Laurel Garden Club met on March 9 with 14 members and 4 guests. They presented the Yard of the Month to Lloyd and Gerri Pirtle on Airport Road. A video on Alaska was shown by Len Zorn and Ana Watts.

## Prevent injuries in little league

Newswise — Every spring more than 2.9 million children participate in Little League baseball and softball (<http://www.littleleague.org>)

The Sports Medicine Institute for Young Athletes at New York's Hospital for Special Surgery sees many injured young ball players every baseball season and emphasizes that child athletes must be treated differently than their adult counterparts. "The conditioning and training of young athletes is not the same as that for adult athletes," according to Jordan Metzl, M.D., medical director of the Sports Medicine Institute for Young Athletes. "Winning isn't everything when it comes to kids. Therefore, parents must involve themselves in the health and safety of their children on the playing fields. They must aggressively protect their children from overuse injuries and physical damage that can result in life-long disabilities," said Dr. Metzl, who is the author of *The Young Athlete's A Sports Doctor's Complete Guide for Parents* (Little Brown, 2002).

The Little League organization has placed an emphasis on improving safety on its fields — including adding fence tops that protect players from exposed wire; ball returns that keep out-of-play balls off the field until players are ready to use them; and overhead screens to protect spectators. Yet more than 5,500 injuries still occur annually. (<http://www.littleleague.org>) Hospital for Special Surgery offers the following tips for parents and coaches to help prevent injuries this baseball season: Training and Conditioning Adolescents

- Good health and a well-balanced diet are essential.
- Age appropriate training and recovery time is necessary. "A good rule of thumb to remember is to ensure that your young athlete's OVERALL training increases by no more than 10 percent per week in amount and frequency," Dr. Metzl notes.
- A daily regimen of warm up and stretching exercises will decrease muscle tendon imbalance,

increase range of motion, promote circulation and improve performance.

- Lifting should not begin earlier than age ten. However, there appears to be no increase in musculoskeletal risk if the young athlete is:
  - o Mature enough to accept instruction.
  - o Training in a controlled, supervised setting.
  - o Using proper form and equipment, i.e., performing full range of motion exercises.
  - o Properly spotted.
  - o Not competing with other lifters.

Since young ball players are very enthusiastic about playing the game, they often do not report problems with their elbow or shoulder. Therefore, to help improve the chances of early diagnosis and treatment, parents and coaches must pay attention to a number of early warning signs of impending injuries:

- Arm fatigue
- Arm soreness that persists for more than a day
- Shoulder or elbow stiffness and soreness with trouble "getting loose"
- Impaired throwing mechanics and/or poor batting performance

Signs of Anabolic Steroid Use Although much attention has been focused on major league baseball players using anabolic steroids, studies show that between seven and ten percent of adolescent athletes use anabolic

steroids in the United States. Dr. Metzl advises that detecting anabolic steroid use is difficult. But the cardinal signs to watch for include:

- Rapid change in body build (doctors call this habitus) compared to peers, with muscle being put on much more quickly than previously and compared to peers ("Jim is much stronger than he used to be").
- Psychological symptoms: rage, temper, aggressiveness, getting into fights.
- Rapid onset of acne.

Sports Facilities and Equipment

- Athletes should have access to and use the protective gear recommended or required for their sport both during practices and games. Examples of common preventive equipment are mouth guards, helmets, shin guards and eye shields.
- Equipment should fit properly.
- Equipment should be in good working order and appropriate for the size of the athletes.
- Playing surfaces need to be in good condition.
- Breakaway bases minimize lower and upper extremity injuries.
- Automated external defibrillator (AED) machine should be at all practices and games. Although the law requires schools to have AEDs at all games, it is loosely applied since schools often have only one machine because of the high cost.

## OBITUARIES

### Evelyn F. Whitely

June 7, 1925 - March 29, 2006

Evelyn F. Whitely passed away peacefully on March 29, 2006 at Amistad Nursing Home in Uvalde, Tx at 80 years of age. She was born in Decatur, IL. on June 7, 1925 to Herbert and Ada Bundy. She was united in marriage to Wilbur Whitely, Jr. in 1942 at her parents home in Decatur IL. She retired after 20 years of service with the Civil Service in Rantoul, IL. The family moved to Texas in 1971, first to Odessa, TX and then to Fort Clark Springs in Brackettville. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi in Brackettville. Her main love was playing bridge with her dear friends. Other interests included golf, square dancing, and traveling. She was strong and loving lady who always had a smile. She will be lovingly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wilbur and son Gary. Also preceding her in death are parents Herbert and Ada Bundy, sisters: Eunice, Harriett and Charolette and brother: Herbert Jr.

She is survived by son Phillip and wife Rita of Landsdown, VA. Sister Maxine Sharp of Odessa and Paul Bundy of Decatur, IL. Granddaughter: Penny Fischer and husband John of Sheridan, Or. Great Grandchildren: Iliana and Jake Ynostrosa and Ceara and Nikolaus Fischer. Several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church in Brackettville. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the First United Methodist Church Box 93, Brackettville, Tx 78832.

### Izize Yasmine Almaraz and Nevaeh Nicole Almaraz

April 5, 2006

Izize Yasmine Almaraz and Nevaeh Nicole Almaraz entered into rest April 5, 2006, in Del Rio, Texas.

They were survived by their parents, Vanesa Reyes and Augustine Almaraz, brothers Eulalio Garza III and Christopher Alec Issaiah Garza, sister Abbigail Dominique Garza, Maternal grandparents, Amelia Reyes and Antonio Reyes, uncles and aunt, Mario Reyes and wife Blanca, David Reyes & wife Veronica and family, Lucinda Reyes and family, Manuel Reyes, Manuel Almaraz, Chulle Almaraz, numerous cousins.

Graveside services were held Saturday, April 8, 2006 at the Kinney County Cemetery.

### Gregorio O. Juarez

December 19, 1931- April 15, 2006

Gregorio O. Juarez, age 74, entered into rest April 15, 2006 in Brackettville, Texas. He was born December 19, 1931 in Laredo, Texas. He was a two term constable in Kinney County and self employed barber.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Mercy G. Juarez, parents, Antonio and Maria de Jesus O. Juarez, brothers, Gilberto Juarez, Ildesfonso "Poncho" Juarez, Juan Juarez, sister, Antonia Rodriguez.

He is survived by his son, Leonel "Leo" Juarez and wife Yesenia Juarez of Brackettville, TX, brother, Manuel "Meme" Juarez, sister, Guadalupe "Lupe" Sanchez, 5 grandchildren, 3 Great-Grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers, Michael Munoz, Arturo Reyes, Ruben Juarez, Armando "Bobby" Sanchez, Juan Trevino, Justin Turner, and August Meyer.

Visitation was held Tuesday, April 18, 2006 Brackettville Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, 114 North St., Brackettville, Texas.

The Rosary was recited at 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Interment followed at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

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 2 eggs  
 4 tsp vegetable oil  
 1 1/2 - 1 3/4 cup milk (if butter-milk is desired, add 1/2 tsp baking soda)

Let batter rest 5-10 minutes;

batter should be fairly thick. Using a metal measuring cup, either 1/3 or 1/4 size, dip batter and pour into hot skillet heated to 375 degrees. Immediately upon pouring into pan, using bottom of measuring cup, gently spread batter out a little flatter. If you do not have metal cup, use a large spoon to spread batter. Cook pancake until bubbles begin to form then flip over and cook until golden brown.

**Easy Shrimp Soup**  
 1 can cream of mushroom soup  
 1/4 cup milk  
 2 green onions, sliced  
 1/2 tsp celery flakes  
 pinch of garlic powder  
 1/2 tsp lemon juice  
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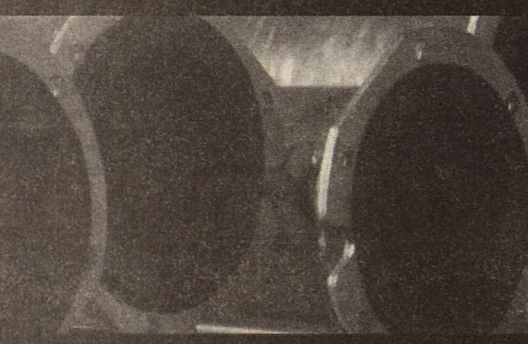


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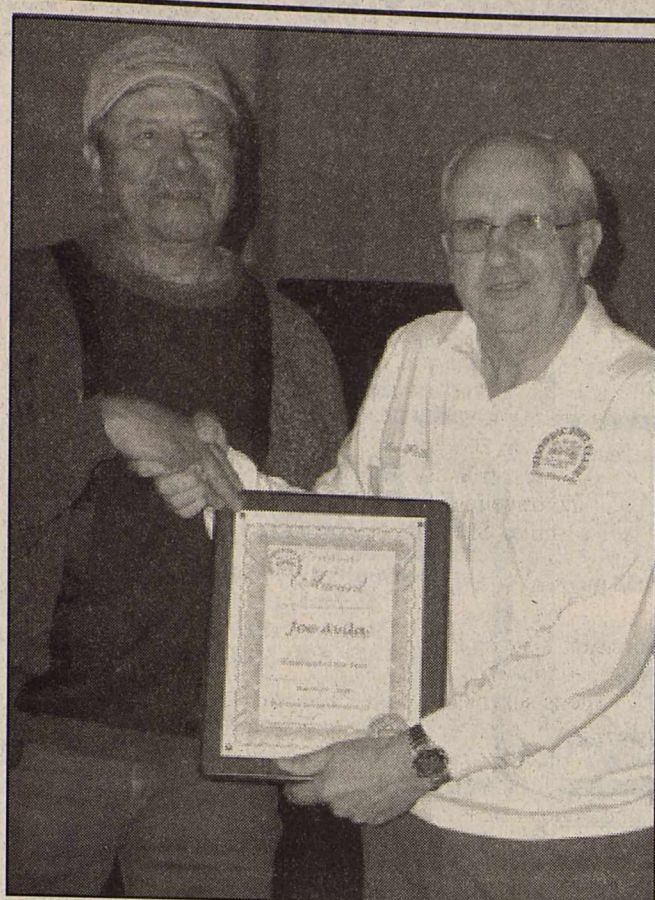
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**Joe Avila**  
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"Joe Avila was born and raised in Brackettville. He graduated from Brackett High in 1969 and shortly thereafter began work at the Fort Clark Guest Ranch. He worked for Brown & Root until May 1971 when they sold out to North American Towns and in October 1971 when the Fort Clark Springs Association was created, his employment continued. Now, 35 years later Joe continues to be an excellent employee, well-liked by not only his fellow employees, but members as well. He is always willing to do whatever is necessary to get any job done and goes out of his way to help others. His pleasant manner and dependability make for an outstanding employee, as well as a good friend," said Ron Pellen just before he presented Avila with a plaque at the FCS Annual Membership Meeting Feb. 25.



**Phil Coburn**  
**FCS Member of the Year**

"Phil Coburn retired - and I use that term loosely and traveled full time for some 13 years before arriving at Fort Clark in the late winter or early spring of 1994. As he and his wife entered the gate and were driving across the creek, he said to his wife, 'we've got to find out more about this place.' Within a short time, they bought their first membership and stayed in the RV Park a couple of winters before selecting a lot in Unit 37 and establishing a home here. Early on, Coburn worked part time in the motel office. He became involved in the Historical Society and worked as a volunteer in the museum and Sutler's Store. He is now the curator of the museum and President of the Historical Society. He is also active in the Community Council. Additionally, he has worked on numerous volunteer projects, such as the Unit Memorial, adjacent to the Admin. Office, the Thanksgiving Dinner, sponsored by the Historical Society and more recently, repainting the Service Club," said Rey Reyna before presenting Coburn with a plaque at the FCS Annual Membership Meeting Feb. 25.



**Arp-Weiss Engagement**

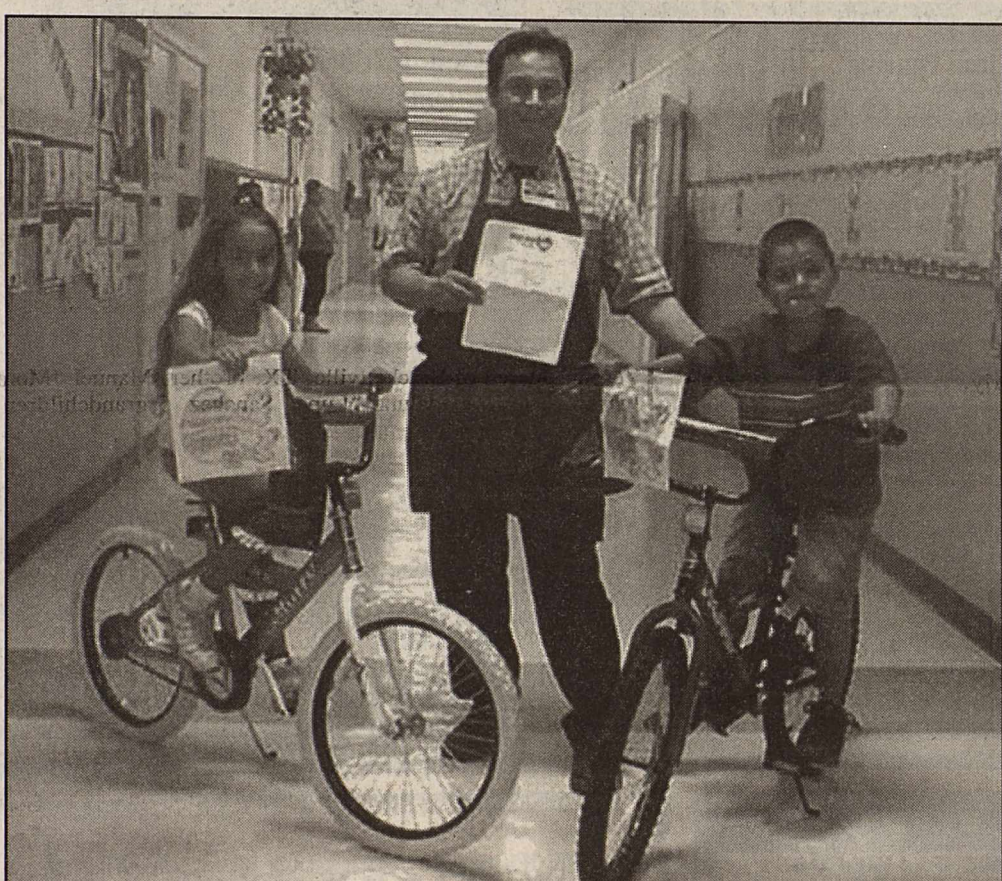
Mr. and Mrs. William Joe Vaughan of Brackettville, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shanna Patricia Arp of Austin, Texas to Louis Mitchell Orenstein of Austin, Texas. Louis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvis Stanely Koscove of Scottsdale, Arizona. Shanna's father was the late Dennis Walter Arp.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Qualia of Del Rio, Texas. The prospective groom is the grandson of Marilyn Weiss of Lauderhill, Florida and the late Dr. Jaques Weiss.

Miss Arp is a graduate of Texas A&M University where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. She is employed by the Austin Independent School District in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Orenstein earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism from The University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado; a Master Degree in Art Direction from The Creative Circus and Instruction from University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Louis is employed by the Austin Independent School District, Austin, Texas.

A June wedding is planned in Austin, Texas.



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**Health news from DSHS**

Submitted By:  
Barbara Hogan RN  
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**Notice of Election**

To the Registered Voters of Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas:  
Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, on May 13, 2006, for voting in a school board election, to elect 2 three-year term trustees.

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Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
Susan Esparza, Early Voting Clerk  
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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 5, 2006. Issued this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

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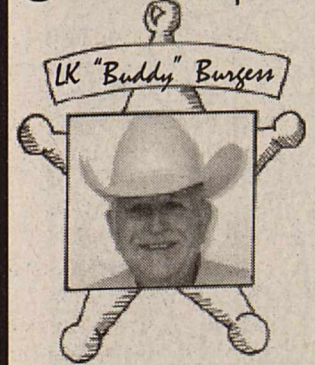
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**Kinney County Sheriff's Report**



**Monday, April 10**

2:00 p.m., Evan Angel Nick, 31, of Luling was arrested by Deputy Ramon Gutierrez for driving with an invalid license and a warrant for failure to appear from Luling. Nick was released to Luling officials on April 17.

**Wednesday, April 12**

11:38 p.m., A Fort Clark woman reported a stolen pitbull dog. Deputy Kenneth Freitag took the complaint at the Sheriff's Department North Street facility.

6:45 p.m., A man reported his concerns about some visitors he expected at 3 p.m. being late to arrive for dinner. The man wanted to know if there were any recent auto accident reports. No accidents had been reported and the man later called to report that the visitors had arrived safely.

**Thursday, April 13**

11:10 p.m., A 911 caller reported a domestic disturbance. Deputy Freitag was dispatched to the scene.

1:00 p.m., A woman requested to speak with a deputy at the North Street facility regarding a child custody matter. Deputy Ring was advised of the situation.

**Saturday, April 15**

11:13 a.m., A security company reported an alarm sounding off at Brackett High School. Deputy Ring investigated the complaint and found three people working at the school.

3:15 p.m., A Fort Clark woman requested a deputy's assistance in regards to checking on the welfare of her neighbor. The caller reported that her neighbor was ill and did not answer the door when she went to check on her. Deputy Ring was dispatched to the residence.

7:07 p.m., Larry Douglas Rex, 42, of Fort Clark Springs was arrested by Deputy Freitag for disorderly conduct. Rex was released on April 16 with time served.

9:06 p.m., A 911 caller reported that he hit a pedestrian on Hwy. 90 and needed an ambulance. Deputy Freitag, Sheriff Burgess and Del Rio DPS were all informed of the situation and dispatched to the scene. At 9:25 p.m. Sheriff Burgess requested service from Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

10:30 p.m., A woman reported a domestic disturbance. Deputy Freitag took the complaint at the North Street facility.

**Sunday, April 16**

A man reported a disturbance at a bar on Hwy. 90. Deputy Freitag was dispatched to the scene.

3:10 a.m., A woman requested deputy assistance on West Fulton Street. Deputy Freitag was dispatched to the scene.

7:42 a.m., A man called to report that a woman in a white Maxima stopped in front of his house and was yelling at him about putting water out for his goats. Deputy Ring was advised of the situation.

5:10 p.m., A 911 caller reported a stranded motorist approximately 9 miles out of town on Hwy 90 East. She requested a deputy take her and her three children to the Sheriff's Office so they could get out of the heat. Deputy Pena was advised of the situation.

6:40 p.m., A caller reported a stranded motorist three miles East on Hwy. 90. Deputy Pena was informed of the situation.

11:21 p.m., A 911 caller reported a disturbance. The caller also reported a dog attack that occurred a few days earlier. Deputy Pena was dispatched to Beaumont Street.

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- Small pieces of wood
- Item for Gabriel
- Appeared shocked
- Neighborhood
- Man's name
- Venerate
- Mexican relatives
- Terrain feature
- Organic compound
- Finishes
- Nonsensical
- Hockey's Bobby
- Get away from
- Negative reply
- Staffordshire's river
- Expert
- Machine wheel
- up; misbehaved
- "Cheers" setting
- Roof top
- Raise
- Tire features
- Boxer
- Seaweeds
- Tree
- Sound of an impact
- Opening
- Times
- Dry
- Girl's name
- Decipher
- Impudence
- Cook's item

**WORD PILE** By Mark Szorady

COMBINE THE LETTERS TO MAKE 14 WORDS. EACH WORD CONTAINS AT LEAST THREE LETTERS.

B H G I T R

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ANSWERS: BIG BIRTH, BIRTH, BIRTH, BIRTH, TRIG, TRIG, TRIG, TRIG, TRIG, TRIG, TRIG, TRIG, TRIG, TRIG

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**Mystery Mosaic**

DIRECTIONS: TO REVEAL THE MYSTERY MOSAIC PICTURE, DARKEN ALL PIECES NUMBERED 4, 5, 7, and 0.

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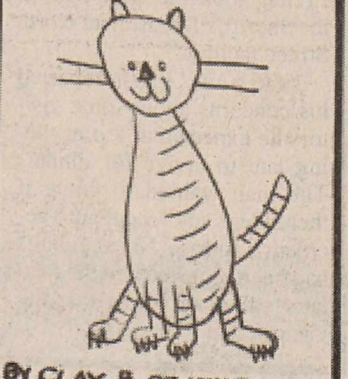
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WHAT CAN YOU DRAW USING THESE LINES AND SHAPES?

BY CLAY B. OF WALDO, OH



# District Offers Conservation Tips Varmint Bullets v. Deer Bullets as Dry Conditions Prevail in Area

Submitted by: KCGCD

The Kinney County Ground-water Conservation District offers the following tips to assist residents in conserving ground water supplies.

- In The Bathroom**
- Replace the showerhead with a water efficient model. This can save up to 6 gallons of water per minute.
  - Replace your old toilet with a water efficient toilet. This saves as much as 5 gallons per flush.
  - Reduce the volume of water in the tank of your old toilet , but still leave enough water to flush by using a plastic bag or bottle filled with water in the tank. Do not use bricks.
  - Fix leaks. Hard water ruins rubber parts over time.
  - Check the flapper or rubber washer in your toilet tank by opening the top and checking for leaks
  - Check for mor subtle leaks by adding a few drops of food coloring or a dye tablet to the

water in the toilet tank, but do not flush the toilet. Wait a few minutes to see if the coloring appears in the bowl. If so, the toilet has a leak that needs to be repaired.

- Never use the toilet as a trash can to dispose of bugs, cigarette butts, or other items. Unnecessary flushing wastes water.
- Turn off the water until it is time to rinse when brushing teeth.
- Turn the water off while soaping and turn it on again to rinse when washing hands
- Fill the lavatory with hot water instead of letting the water run continuously when shaving.

- In The Kitchen**
- Run the dishwasher only when you have a full load. This practice will save water detergent, energy and money.
  - Turn off the water when you are not using it.
  - Install faucet aerators you will cut your sink water use in half.
  - Repair leaky faucets they

waste lots of water.

- Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator. Running the faucet until the water is cool uses a lot of water.
- Scrape dirty dishes instead of rinsing.
- Use the garbage disposal for really messy foods. Peelings as well as coffee and tea grounds can be used in a compost pile.
- Soak pans rather than rinsing them while the water is running.
- Don't over water your house plants. This kills more indoor plants than not enough water. Use recycled rainwater or water from your fish tank to water house plants.
- Rinse vegetables in a pan of cold water instead of letting the water run while rinsing.

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It is a distressing trend that I have observed of late, of hunters shooting varmint bullets for deer. Varmint bullets are intended to expand violently and even explode on impact, rather than penetrate deeply. This is exactly the wrong thing to have when hunting deer or any other big game animal.

As I have said before, and will no doubt say again, the first duty of any bullet is to penetrate. The larger the animal hunted the more important that first duty becomes. If a bullet fails in its first duty, anything else it does is completely irrelevant.

When shooting animals from the size of jackrabbits and prairie dogs up to the size of coyotes, the bullets used may be the super fast expanding varmint-type bullet. Nosler Ballistic Tips are one such bullet, as is the Hornady V-Max.

Shooting coyotes with these bullets is akin to shooting them with little hand grenades. Death is almost always instantaneous. My pet coyote gun is a .25-06 loaded with 85-grain Nosler Ballistic Tips over a stiff charge of Reloader 19. I have never had a single coyote move out of his tracks when I hit him properly with that bullet.

However, when shooting game animals weighing over a



Brush Trails  
Steven R. LaMascus

hundred pounds and even more, the varmint bullet is apt to expand too rapidly, cause shallow, though horrific wounds, and not penetrate deeply enough to kill quickly.

I have observed them fail like this a number of times, especially in the .22 calibers, such as the .22-250 and .223.

The hunter using varmint bullets on deer usually has what seems on the surface like a valid excuse.

Such as one hunter who wrote me a nasty-gram to say that he switched over to Ballistic Tips because he had taken his young son hunting, the boy had shot a deer, and the deer ran a considerable distance.

He said he didn't want to have to track any wounded deer and that it had been a bad experience for his son. The sad fact is that not all deer are going to be killed in their tracks, no matter what you shoot them with, or what kind of bullet you use.

A deer hit perfectly will often run until its brain runs out of oxygen. I have seen deer run a long way when shot perfectly with about every caliber you can imagine, including the big super-magnums like the .300 Weatherby and the .338 Winchester.

I want a bullet that I am sure will penetrate into the vitals of a deer from any angle I am likely to find. If I have to take a quartering shot from the rear, I want a bullet that will penetrate completely through the paunch and reach the heart and lungs.

If I take a broad side shot, I want a bullet that will penetrate completely through the chest of a deer. This way I am sure that if the angle is not perfect the bullet will still do its job.

All in all, the best bullets for deer are still the tried and true soft points. Federal makes the Fusion, Winchester the Pointed Softpoint Expanding, Remington the Core-Lokt. These are all great deer bullets. Also good are the Speer Hot-Core, Nosler AccuBond, Hornady Interlock and SST InterBond, and the Sierra Pro Hunter.

Just be sure that the bullet you choose to use is intended for the job and you'll bring home the venison.

## Talking Turkey - Outdoors with Luke Clausen

Submitted by: Ranger Boats

As a professional angler, springtime means tournament time. But before I was making a living with a rod and reel in my hand, springtime meant more to me than fishing for spawning bass. Just like many people around the country, I looked forward to that time in spring when I would exit the boat and enter the hardwood forests in search of big tom turkey.

Since I won the Bassmaster Classic and the FLW Championship, my schedule has become pretty full - but I will still make time to join some of my friends for a turkey hunt this year. Planning this year's hunt got me thinking about some of the exciting turkey hunts I've had over the years and the lessons I've learned from those trips. I decided that before I take to the woods, I might as well share some of these tips with everyone else. Before your hunt, know the shotgun and ammunition that you are taking with you. Go to the pattern board and find a gun, choke and load that work well together. Know the distance where your gun's performance tapers off and don't shoot past it. As conservationists first, we have an obligation to do everything within our power to make clean harvests on wild turkeys. A good pattern should be at 85-90 percent in a 30-inch circle at 40 yards. Also, head to toe camouflaging is a must when hunting sharp-eyed gobblers. Gloves, facemask and even camouflaged guns are helpful. Keep movement to a minimum and try to blend in to the natural surroundings.

Once you are in an area where you know there are turkeys, make a

stand but don't start out with aggressive calling. Instead, start with soft clucks and purrs. If that doesn't seem to work, go into some medium-volume yelps. If that still doesn't get him, try some cutting and aggressive yelping. Calling too much or too loudly in the beginning can easily spook birds and drive them from the area. By starting off softly, you can always work your way into the more aggressive calls. The more different calls and types of calls you can use, the better you will be. On some days, gobblers will answer a diaphragm; on others they will only answer a tube call. On windy days, box calls and aluminum calls cut through the wind. When calling turkeys, I like to hunt with a partner, with the caller sitting 10-15 yards behind the shooter. With this setup, the gobbler is concentrating on the caller's position, and the attention is taken off the shooter. Plus, if a tom hangs up 60-70 yards from the calling, he will still be in range for the shooter.

Finally, be prepared to hunt in various types of conditions, because spring weather can be unpredictable. Modify your tactics and hunt areas where turkeys feel safe during inclement conditions. Try open fields or other areas where turkeys have a commanding view of the surroundings since they depend on their eyesight instead of hearing. Portable waterproof blinds can be worth their weight in gold during the rain, allowing you to stay dry and continue the hunt.

Springtime is one of my favorite times of year. When else can people hunt turkeys on one day and sight fish for bass the next? With these

tips, you can make the most out of your day in the woods and take advantage of all the outdoor opportunities that spring offers.

# DEER RUN TOWN MEETING

Be Informed...

Where: Location of the Planned Deer Run Subdivision

When: Tuesday, April 25 @ 7 pm

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## SPIRITUAL LIVING

# TAP TAP TAP TAP Jesus is Risen

Over the years there have been different kinds of disasters. Some on land while others were on the seas. On April 16, 1912 the headlines of the newspapers read 1200 lost: 866 women and children saved. It was the "Titanic" the worlds largest ship at that time, had been lost a t sea after hitting an iceberg. It went on to say there was still a little hope for the ship. That event reminds me of the relationship that we may have with God. When great disasters occur rescue teams go out searching frantically because time is of the es-



Jerry Davenport  
Brother J.

sence. They look and listen for a sound. Sometimes they shut down all equipment and make everybody be perfectly sill and use special listening devices to see if they can hear a faint sound. Many have been rescued because they tapped and

tapped and tapped. God has reached down to us on the cross (Luke 19:10, 2 Peter 3:9, sent out the rescue team) but it our responsibility to call or cry out to Him, (Luke 13:3, Acts 2:21). Many will be lost just like on the Titanic. They were warned and had time to respond but failed to heed the warnings, (1 Corinthians 1:18). Where will we be? Will we be with the 866, (John 3:16) or will we be with the 1200 that went to the cold watery grave over 2 miles deep? See you in Church Sunday. Brother J



St. John's Missionary Church  
Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

And behold there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

His countenance was like lightening, and his raiment white as snow:

And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

And the angel answered and said unto the women, fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said come, see the place where the lord lay.

And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead, and behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose. And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Matthew 28: 2-7, Matthew 27: 52,53 Praise the Lord!

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**The Smart Shopper**

By Marla Armbrust

**THIS WEEK'S TIP:** Vacation time is coming up for many of you. That means, you and your family have to choose what you want to do and the most economical way to do it.

With gas prices the way they are, it may be less expensive for some of you to fly to your destination. Of course, as I've been saying in recent columns, do shop around for the best airfare price. They can vary tremendously. Here's a tip on that: Generally, airlines change their fares on a Wednesday. Check on those days to see if fares are coming down.

As for traveling by car, you'll want to make sure that your vehicle is in its best running condition so that you can get the best gas mileage. Probably one of the easiest, but most overlooked, areas to check are your tires. Be sure you have proper tread on them, and that they're not overly worn on one side or another.

Stick to the speed limit. The faster your car goes, the more gas it burns. Avoid gunning the engine after leaving a toll booth or stopping at a red light. That, too, wastes gas.

Happy vacation time!

Here are this week's offers:

**MOVIE TICKET OFFER,** Department UCS, P.O. Box 100289, White Bear Lake, MN 55110 (receive a free movie ticket up to \$10.50 value). You get a free movie ticket for ONE proof of purchase from a long list of Pfizer products, limit three tickets per household. The non-participating stores are Albertson's, BJ's, Costco, CVS, Ecker, Heb, K-Mart, Kroger, Publix, RiteAid, Safeway, Sam's, Stop & Shop, Target, Walgreens and Wal-Mart. The UPC from each product is required along with your dated cash register receipt with price circled. Listerine, Rolaid's, Purell and Lubriderm only require the UPC written on the receipt because you can't take it off the package. Don't buy the products until you have the form in hand. Participating items are full-size products from the following: Sudafed; Lubriderm 16-ounce plus; Rolaid's; Sudafed PE;

Cortizone 10; Bengay; Rolaid's ES Softchews three-count plus; Listerine Antiseptic Mouthwash 500 ml. plus; Listerine Essential Care Toothpaste; Zantac 75 30-count plus; Desitin three-ounce plus; Neosporin; Listerine Whitening PreBrush Rinse; Benadryl Allergy; Listerine PocketPaks 72-count; Visine 1/2 fluid ounce plus; PediaCare; Purell eight-ounce; or Listerine Pocketmist. Limit three offers per household. The Movie Money will be good until 12/31/06. Store form required. Expires 5/31/06.

**JOHN DEERE BATTERY REBATE OFFER** OEXJ00015, P.O. Box 8260, Wixom, MI 48393 (receive \$5). Send in your dated (between 1/14/06 and 5/15/06) cash register receipt with price circled showing the purchase of a John Deere battery. Magazine form required. Must be postmarked by 6/1/06.

**HANES MEN'S SOCK OFFER,** P.O. Box 35025, Greensboro, NC 27499 (receive a free pair of socks). Send in the form that came with a previous K-Mart offer. You'll receive a free pair of Hanes men's socks. Home mailer form required. Expires 6/1/06.

**PICK 'N SAVE BTFE OFFER,** P.O. Box 162830, Atlanta, GA 30321 (receive 20 BTFE points). Send in five UPCs from Box Tops for Education products along with your dated (between 5/1/06 and 5/31/06) cash register receipt with price circled. Calendar form required. Must be postmarked by 6/7/06.

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**Top Soil For Sale**

Call Frank Morgan  
**563-9434**

**Answers to Crossword Puzzle**

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**REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS**

**COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS** for Construction Services will be received by the Brackett Independent School District at the School Superintendent's Office, located at 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas, at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2nd, 2006 for following projects:

- Proposal A: Track Renovations for Brackett ISD.
- Proposal B: New Concession Building for Brackett ISD.

Proposals shall include the information requested in the Contractor's Qualification Statement Form. Proposals will be publicly opened and amounts read aloud. The District will evaluate and rank each proposal in relation to selection criteria in the proposals within 30 days. Contract Documents may be examined and obtained with deposit of \$100.00 at the following locations:

Office of Paula Reuken  
Superintendent  
400 Ann Street  
Brackettville, Texas 78832

John S. Graves & Associates, Inc.  
Architects  
202 Hornby Place  
Uvalde, Texas 78801

The Owner reserves the right to waive formalities, reject any or all proposals, and award the contract for the most advantageous proposal. Each proposal shall include a Certified Check or Bid Bond of a satisfactory Surety Company in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of proposal. 100% Performance and Payment Bonds will be required.