

# The Brackett News



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## BRIEFS

### Help with supplies for VBS

Please begin saving baby food jars, 16 oz. water bottles/lids, paper towel rolls, and aluminum cans. These will be used for Vacation Bible School, July 24-28, at The First Baptist Church, 301 N. Ann St. Office hours are Monday - Thursday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Final Little League Registration

The last chance to register for Little League will be at the High School Gym this Saturday, March 18, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.. Children age 5 or over by May 1 are eligible. Fee is \$30 per child or \$55 for 2 or more. Bring proof of residency, child's birth certificate and a 12-pack of sodas for concession stand.

### Uvalde Arts Council Play Auditions Announced

Auditions for the Uvalde Arts Council's production of "Rumors" will be held Monday and Tuesday, March 20 and 21, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Opera House.

Production dates are April 28-30 and May 5-7, 2006.

The cast consists of four couples and two police officers/detectives.

Neil Simon's satire about upper-class America illustrates the best of intentions in the worst of circumstances. When guests arrive for a dinner party, they discover that the host has passed out, and the hostess is nowhere to be found. Based completely on conjecture, they each concoct ways of distracting the other guests, hoping to discover exactly what happened in the process. This comedy goes to prove that, even when the chips are down, a crisis can be downright funny.

"Rumors" is being directed by Nora Pollard of Uvalde. Pollard most recently directed "Annie, Jr." for Anthon Little Theater. Nora is a Music/Theater teacher at Anthon Elementary School and has appeared in plays as well as directed plays at the Opera House. The last play she directed at the theatre was It Was a Dark and Stormy Night.

For more information on auditions or to purchase tickets call the Opera House box office at 830-278-4184.

### The Green Thumb

Most iris need at least six hours of full sun and good drainage. In deeply cultivated, rich soil, they respond with superior growth and flowers. A soil pH near neutral is best. Sand or clay soils are okay, but you need to pay more attention to drainage in heavy clay soils. If water in your garden pools for more than half an hour after a rain, plant in raised beds or mounds.

## Groundwater District postponed rules hearing

Last Monday the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD) board voted to postpone the proposed rule hearing until Apr. 11 and extend public comment until Mar. 27.

The hearing was attended by many local citizens, permit applicants, City of Del Rio, Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District (UWCD), Nueces River Authority (NRA), West Texas Springs Alliance and numerous attorneys.

UCWD, represented by Bo Farr, board chairman, and Vic Hilderbran, general manager, urged the KCGCD board to delay adoption of the rules and extend the public comment period. Farr and Hilderbran provided comments as individual board member and general manager.

"Because we became aware of these proposed rules just one week ago, our board has not yet been able to meet to take formal action adopting a position on these rules," said Farr.

Farr said the UCWD board would meet on Mar. 15. Farr stated he would ask his board to consider the proposed rules and develop comments.

"For this reason we limit our comments to requesting that you the board of the KCGCD postpone the adoption of these rules until you and all interested persons have had an opportunity to fully review them and consider their impact on the permitting of groundwater in Kinney County and to extend the public comment period on the rules," Farr said.

Farr gave the KCGCD board several reasons for postponement.

"These proposed rules establish a permit system for high impact regular permits (HIRP)

which may be issued to transport high volumes of water by pipeline to end users outside of the Kinney County District's boundaries. A rule making package as important and significant as this warrants full study and review," said Farr.

Farr told the KCGCD board their actions on the proposed rules and Grass Valley's HIRP permit applications could be precedent setting. Farr asked how the KCGCD general manager could apply proposed rules to applications set for hearing the same day.

"By setting the adoption of the rules so close in time to a hearing on applications in which the rules are to be applied, the board's discretion and objective consideration of the criteria to be applied to high impact regular permits is compromised," Farr said.

Local rancher Brett Trant also voiced concerns regarding the proposed rules.

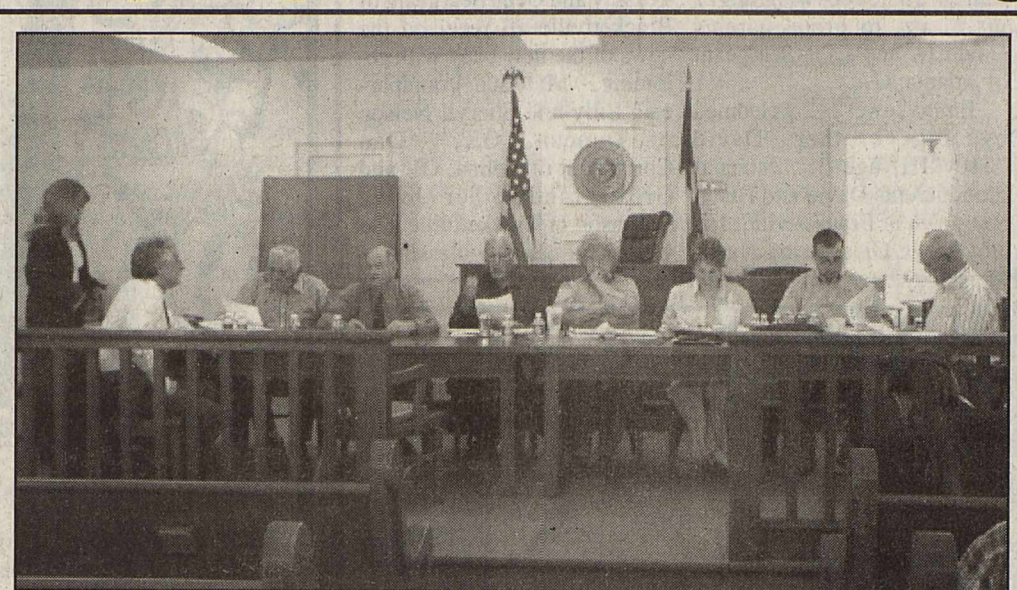
"Mr. Farr pretty well covered all my country with what he had to say," said Trant.

"I would like to impress on the board that when you go to make a decision on these rules, make sure that you understand what your game plan is - what you're trying to do and what you're trying not to do," Trant said.

Trant told the board they should have a thorough understanding of the rules they were trying to pass.

"If you don't have a clear understanding of those rules, you need to get some help and have someone explain them to you or else maybe they're a little too complicated. Simple is always good, these lawyers may not agree with me, but simple is good," said Trant.

"Take the time to do it, that's why you're here," Trant added.



**Water Board Members**

From left: KCGCD General Manager Darlene Shahan, Attorney Rick Lowerre, Board President Cecil Smith, Chuck Hall, Duke Meek, Tootsie Herndon, Beth Ann Smith, Chris Ring and Don Hood prepare to listen to comments on the proposed rules from interested parties during the KCGCD hearing last Monday.

Con Mims, Executive Director of the NRA also offered comments and several revisions to the proposed rules.

"We understand the district has developed this permit category, principally, for those seeking to withdraw large quantities of water for export out of the district," said Mims.

"This type of permit has a higher potential for causing local water resource and environmental damages than any other issued by the district," Mims said.

"The district should not issue a High Impact Regular Permit with conditions requiring further collection of information."

The permit should not be issued until the facts are at hand supporting the issuance," Mims recommended.

Attorney Paul Terrill, representing several local existing and historic use applicants, cited

several potential conflicts between the proposed rules and Chapter 36 of the water code.

While the explanation on a number of proposed rules claim they are based on amendments to Chapter 36, during the last regular legislative session, according to Terrill in several instances the actual amendment language was changed and/or expanded.

"The proposed rules' departures from the actual amendments to Chapter 36 exceed the district's limited statutory authority, and reflect its continued and conscious unwillingness to observe the lawful bounds of its authority," said Terrill.

Terrill told the KCGCD board that in at least three instances the proposed rules exceed the district's statutory authority granted under Chapter 36.

"If adopted in their present

form, the district's proposed rules would be invalid and unauthorized by Chapter 36, and subject the district to additional litigation," Terrill added.

Terrill recently prevailed in a district court ruling that declared some of the KCGCD rules invalid for similar reasons.

Although the proposed rules were not adopted, Board President Cecil Smith, Vice President Don Hood and Rick Lowerre, general counsel for the KCGCD encouraged the board to continue with the Grass Valley HIRP permit hearing during the afternoon session.

A majority of the KCGCD board disagreed and voted 4-2 to adjourn the meeting without taking further action.

Board members Beth Ann Smith, Duke Meek, Chris Ring and Chuck Hall voted in favor of adjournment, Cecil Smith and Don Hood voted against.

### Gas inspector Jones answers to Council

In the citizen's communications portion of the City Council meeting Tuesday night, Mayor Joe Garza called on C. R. Jones to explain the current status on the natural gas piping system.

Jones is currently contracted for compliance inspection on the City of Brackettville's natural gas piping system.

Jones explained how and when he examines the system. He explained when he inspects the system for leaks, he only inspects one segment each year, not the entire system. When there is a leak, Jones categorizes the leak as category 1, 2 or 3, 3 being the least and 1 being the worst. He is required to do a total inspection every five years. In that five year period, he inspects segments at a time every year which equals to the entire system in that five years. The business area is required to be completely inspected each year.

Jones also explained his qualifications and experience for

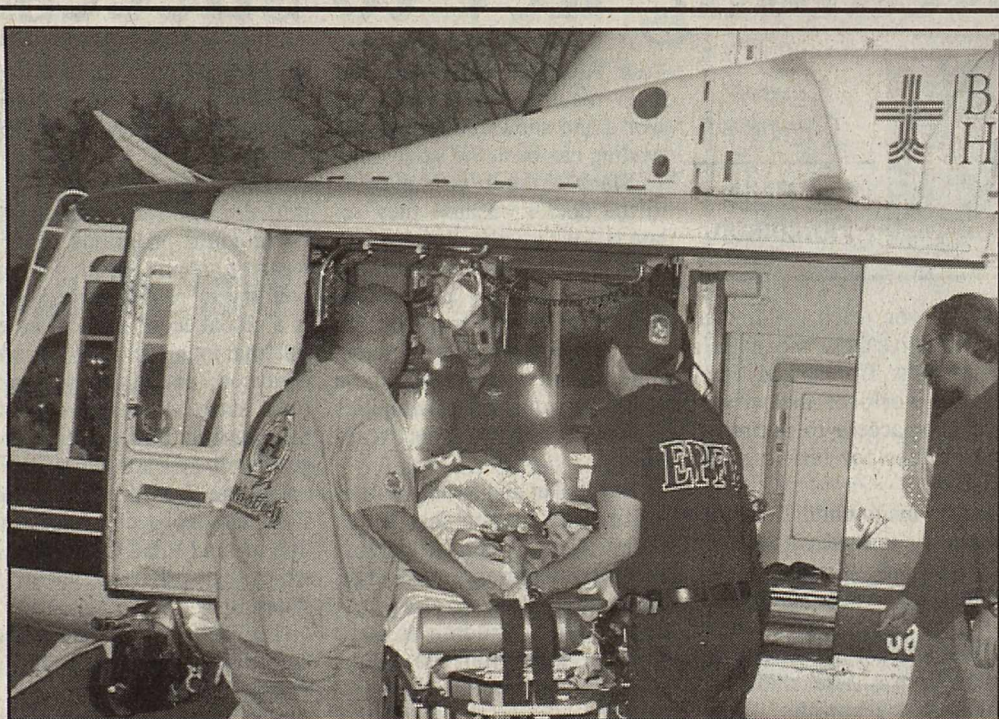
inspecting the system.

The Council tabled discussion and possible action on CR Jones Compliance Inspection Contract for the Natural Gas Piping System in order to find and review more information on the whole gas situation.

The City Council approved City Secretary's recommendation of Charlotte Corey as the Election Judge for the May 13, 2006 City General Election and appointed Elda Terrazas as an alternate judge.

The Council tabled discussion and possible action on the salary rates of Mayor and Alderpersons. The council tabled this item in order to find the ordinance that explained how FICA was to be taken out of their salary, whether the taxes be taken out of the \$250 or add \$20.71 to the \$250 so their paycheck would be an equal \$250.

The Mayor called a special meeting next Tuesday to discuss a citizens water bill, and other issues that the council may have.



**Life Savers**

Local EMS Technicians assisted a medic from Eagle Pass with a woman from Laredo after she was injured in a single car rollover on Hwy. 277, south of Brackettville. Two of the three women in the vehicle sustained injuries.

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

## Ford, Luna and Ramirez set to stand before Judge Lee soon

In District Court on Feb. 13, 2006, John Ford, III, former Kinney County Justice of the Peace, received a continuance and was set to appear in court again on April 3, 2006 for a second plea or trial announcement.

Ford is charged with one count of theft by public servant and one count of fabricating physical evidence.

The case against David Luna, former City Manager, was set for a Jury Trial Special Setting on September 25, 2006. No continuances will be granted. Luna is charged with three counts of theft by a public servant.

The case against Linda Ramirez, associated with Mimi's Restaurant, was continued and a Plea has been set for April 3, 2006.

No continuances will be granted. Ramirez is charged with two counts of theft by check.

The case against Natividad Terrazas was scheduled for a Pre-Trial Diversion Feb. 17.

The case against Sylvia Torres for tampering with government records was settled with diverted

adjudication.

The case against Angel Dehoyos for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle settled with the final judgement of two years probation and a \$500 fine plus court costs.

The case against Juan Dios Ruiz for manslaughter was set for a sixth jury trial special setting set for July 17, 2006.

The case of Robert Alan Queenman for manslaughter, was set for a fourth Jury Trial Special Setting for August 28, 2006, no continuances will be granted.

The case of Kenneth Leon Martin for possession of a controlled substance was set for a fourth plea on April 3, 2006.

The case against Juan Pablo Munoz for possession of marijuana was set for an Evidentiary Hearing on April 3, 2006.

The case against Erbey Martinez for possession of cocaine was reset for Evidentiary hearing on April 3, 2006.

The case against Jorge E. Olivas for possession of marijuana was set for a second plea on April 3, 2006.

The case against Juan Manuel Veliz, Jr. for Driving while intoxicated was continued.

The case against Armando De

Jesus Rojas for Driving while intoxicated with a child as a passenger was continued until April 3, 2006.

### Date Book for Kinney County March 27, 2006

#### Tax Suits

Roland D. Albritton, Sr. and Carylyn S. Albritton, et al

Edward D. Sheffield, et al

Richard Couchman and Delphine Couchman

David F. Vasquez and Gloria R. Vasquez, et al

Manuel Talamantes Francisco Rodriguez, Jr. and Nancy Rodriguez

Jimmie D. Bigham and Ernestine Bigham

Mary E. Campos Jose A. Escamilla and Graciela Escamilla, et al

The Unknown Heirs of Norman W. Frost,

#### deceased

The unknown Heirs of Gordon J. Hutton and Lois M. Hutton, deceased

James H. Nanney and Judith K. Nanney

#### Arraignment

The State of Texas VS. Hector Lopez-Adan - assault on a public servant

**Motion to modify child parent relationship**

In the interest of Raul Angel Rivas and Jose Angel Rivas Jr.

**Civil Hearing**

City of Brackettville VS. The unknown heirs of Joseph Veltman.

### City Election Candidates

Applications submitted for place on the May 13, 2006 City of Brackettville Election.

Early Election dates are May 1 - May 9. The last day to submit applications was March 13, 2006.

#### Mayor

Joe N. Garza Jr. Eduardo Esparza

**City Council Place 2** James Matthew Bland

**City Council Place 4** Francisca Garza Hernandez

**City Council Place 5** Betty M. Ward

Lydia Tipps Joe V. Williams, Jr.

### School Board Candidates

Early Election dates are May 1 - May 9. Election Day is May 13.

Sondra Meil Mark Frerich John Paul Schuster

## INSIDE

### Gina Parker

Political commentators are always arguing about what is the proper role of government. Ronald Reagan stated, "Government's first duty is to protect the people." ...

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### Rev. Adams

And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

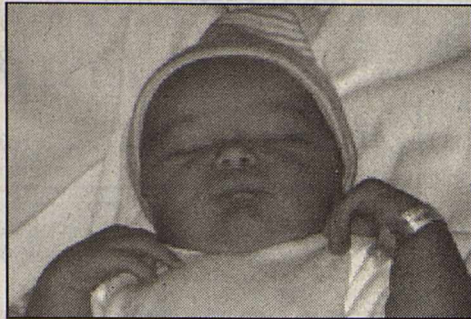
And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which .....

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## Emma Jewel Seargeant



Emma Jewel was born on March 13, 2006 weighing 7 lbs.11 oz. to proud parents David Jr. and Lana Seargeant of Atlanta, GA.

Emma Jewel was welcomed by big brother David "Trey" III, age 3. Paternal grandparents David and Helen Seargeant of Brackettville, Joe and Janet Gieseke of Nash-

ville, TN, Great-grand parents Tommy and Gene Seargeant of Brackettville all received the news of the new baby with rejoicing. Maternal grandparents Billy and Sheryl Nelson of Duncan, OK, Dan Cortwright of Velma, OK and Great-grandmother Jewel Robinson of Brackettville also welcomed the new blessing.

## Rummage Sale

202 James St.  
Behind United Medical Center  
misc. items, 30 families  
Sat. March 25, 2006  
9 a.m. to ?

Kinney County Relay for Life

All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society



## Thank You

I, Dora Elia Sandoval, County and District Clerk would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the Primary Election. Even though I did not have an opponent, I appreciate each and every vote. Also, I would like to acknowledge all my election judges, clerks for a tremendous job well done with the new electronic voting machines. A special thanks to Albert Payne for his continuous help during our elections. We appreciate you, Mr. Payne.

## Big Mama Sez!



We find something enjoyable in any situation if we look for it.

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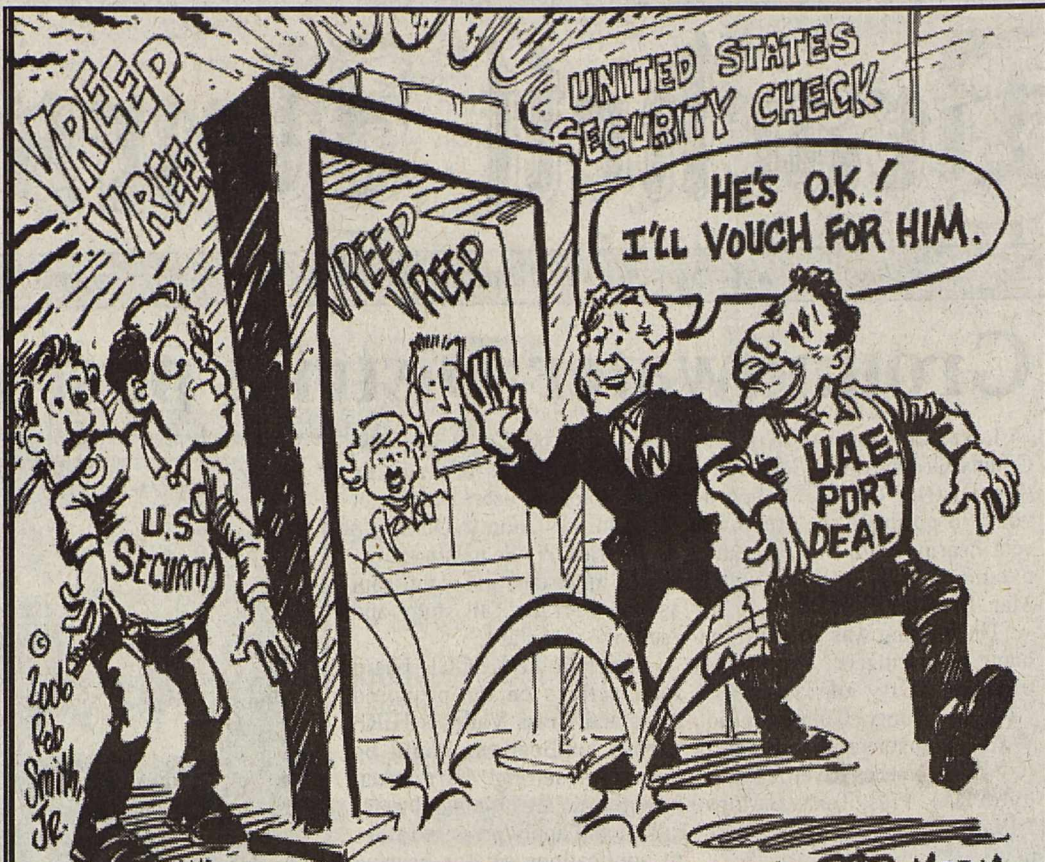
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## Protecting our ports, preserving our past

Spanning 370 miles of the Gulf Coast, Texas' 29 ports play an important role in the economic viability and add to our state's rich history. Seaports along the Gulf Coast were built to provide transportation and trade for early settlers. In the early days, settlers traded Texas' products such as cotton, animal hides, pecans, and sugar, for a variety of manufactured items such as clothing, guns, gunpowder, and books. The Port of Galveston, the oldest port in Texas, served as the main port for the Texas navy during the Texas Revolution. In 1922, President Warren G. Harding authorized construction of the ship channel in Corpus Christi leading to the urbanization of South Texas. Today, Texas' ports ship more than 335,000,000 tons of goods per year and the Lone Star State boasts five of the nation's top twenty-five busiest ports.

Up until recently, the most ominous threat to our ports has been hurricanes. The Galveston Hurricane of 1900 killed more than 6,000 residents and deci-



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

mated the port. Since this tragedy, the Port of Galveston has built a fortifying sea wall, raised the grade of the shore lands, and constructed all-weather bridges to the mainland. Just north of Galveston, the Port of Houston benefits from the natural protection being an inland port. While not foolproof, the Houston Ship Channel provides both protection and access for 150-plus private industrial companies. In 2003, approximately 190 million tons of cargo moved through the Port of Houston. All of Texas' ports play a significant role in our state and national economy. Today, another threat looms. Terrorism and political unrest in the world have made our ports susceptible to dangers not conceived by Mother Nature. Our ports must be protected.

Businesses and employees depend on the safe dependable delivery of products to and from overseas industries. Recently in Congress my committee prevented a company owned by a foreign government to manage American ports.

I strongly believe that it is far too enormous a risk for the security of our nation's ports to be placed in the hands of a foreign government owned corporation. As national leaders, we must consider the enormity of this responsibility. We cannot risk compromising our economic reliance on sea trade as well as jeopardizing the safety and well being of the American people.

It is the responsibility of the leaders of this great nation to protect our citizens and our economic viability.

I take this responsibility very seriously.

I strive to increase security at all our nation's borders, whether they be on land or sea. I will continue to monitor this situation and make decisions that will keep our ports safe.

## Reading key to success



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

When you teach children to read, you give them one of life's greatest gifts. Children who unlock the world of the written word gain access to unlimited opportunities for learning and discovery.

Sadly, many children do not have access to books at an early age. Millions of children are growing up without books because their families have limited means or do not have ready access to appropriate children's books. Some parents, themselves, were not read to as children and find it difficult to start the habit with their own kids. Unfortunately, getting a late start in reading can contribute to continuing the cycle of poverty.

Teaching children to read at an early age helps break that cycle. Early readers enter school ready to succeed academically. When children love reading, they do better in school and they enjoy their courses more. Reading is the foundation for learning and excellent reading comprehension facilitates studies in other subjects, such as math and science.

As a parent, I recognize the value of literacy and the importance of promoting it at every stage of a child's life. Every night at bedtime, my husband and I read a story to our child.

dren. Reading stories with children teaches them about the world and shows them how fun reading can be at the same time.

Many children dislike going to the doctor because they relate a visit to the doctor with being sick or getting a shot, but a national literacy program is changing that. Since doctors have regular contact with young children and their parents, these visits are valuable opportunities to share information about reading.

Reach Out and Read is a non-profit organization that trains pediatricians to advise parents about the importance of reading aloud to children. It also gives new books to children at pediatric checkups from the age of six months to five years.

If there is one thing children love, it is getting gifts. There is always a look of joy on a child's face when opening presents at a birthday party or during the holidays. Associating this same feeling with reading is invaluable. Now, instead of dreading a trip to the doctor, a child can look forward to acquiring a new book.

Founded in 1989, Reach Out and Read serves more than 2.1 million children each year and distributes over 3.4 million books annually. There are over 2,500 Reach Out and Read programs in hospitals and health centers across the country, and 28,000 pediatricians, nurses and other clinicians have been trained to be part of the program. Reach Out and Read also has volunteers who read aloud to children in clinic waiting rooms and provides parents with ideas about how to get the most out

of reading with their children.

I am proud to support Reach Out and Read programs in Texas and nationwide. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I help secure funding for worthwhile programs such as Reach Out and Read. For our country to remain competitive in a global economy, it is essential that our children are well educated; and the best educational start with early reading. Supporting educational programs remains a top priority for me in the Senate and, last fall, Congress approved over \$9 million to fund Read Out and Read which has programs in all 50 states.

I recently visited some Reach Out and Read programs in Texas. Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene established Texas' first Reach Out and Read program for children on a military base and I was honored to have the opportunity to read to children there. I also recently had the privilege to read to children at Amarillo and Odessa. These are just a few of the 180 Reach Out and Read programs in Texas. Each year they serve over 200,000 Texas children and distribute more than 250,000 books to the youngsters in the Lone Star State.

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## A dangerous line in sand

By Gina Parker  
Contributing Writer

Political commentators are always arguing about what is the proper role of government. Ronald Reagan stated, "Government's first duty is to protect the people." If the Gipper were alive, he would be alarmed that our government is failing in its duty to protect "We the People."

Today there are violent skirmishes occurring along our southern border. These battles are a sign of the new war that faces our state and our nation. The 2000-mile border between Mexico and U.S. southern states is as porous as a screen door. The clamor about guest worker programs and amnesty detracts from the more serious threats to our country's security - escalating violence and covert terrorists spilling across the Rio Grande.

In January 2006, drug smugglers crossed into Texas. Men in Mexican military uniforms armed with 50-caliber machine guns escorted these thugs. Local sheriffs, border agents, and state troopers were in an armed standoff with foreign invaders on U.S. soil. Thankfully, no shots were fired, and the enemy retreated across the river.

Last April, R.D. Ayers witnessed an invasion of his friend's ranch that was a scene straight out of Apocalypse Now. Approximately, 11 miles north of the Arizona-Mexico border, Mr. Ayers watched an unmarked Huey helicopter descend and land. Soldiers streamed out of the chopper, wearing helmets, masks and body armor, and brandishing military-style rifles. Mr. Ayers could clearly see a patch on their sleeves that said "Mexico." After holding Mr. Ayers at gunpoint, the leader ordered his men to return to the helicopter, and they flew toward the border. Authorities speculate that the invaders were looking for vehicles to use for smuggling drugs.

The most dangerous threat posed by our open borders is the potential of terrorists who could sneak into Texas or Arizona with ease, carrying weapons of mass destruction. No one would know of this "immigration" until there was a mushroom cloud over Houston or a nerve gas attack in Dallas.

Texas law enforcement agencies have detected camps south of the border where "narco-terrorists" are trained in combat techniques and evasion. The FBI has warned sheriffs in southern Texas that Islamic men with possible al-Qaida connections are training in these camps, adopting Hispanic names, and crossing the border. Intelligence reports indicate that al-Qaida member Adnan Shukrijumah met with alien smugglers in Honduras and Mexico in 2004. Shukrijumah was making plans to bring more terrorists into the U.S. Last year, Mahmoud Kourani was convicted in Michigan of aiding Hezbollah. Kourani was in Michigan after sneaking across the Mexican border in 2001.

We face a serious threat to the lives of our citizens. It is time for political double-speak to end and for action to be taken to protect our borders.

Anything less is a dereliction of the duty of government to provide basic protection to its citizens.

## Mind Your P's and Q's!

Should you find yourself involved in a civil lawsuit, address the judge as "Your Honor," and the other party by their last name (with the appropriate title, such as "Mr." or "Ms. ").

Make sure that you have all of the information that you need at hand to present to the court, and try not to react if the other party in the suit becomes upset or begins yelling, crying, etc.

Speak only when you're spoken to, and take special care not to interrupt the other party or their attorneys while they are talking to the judge.

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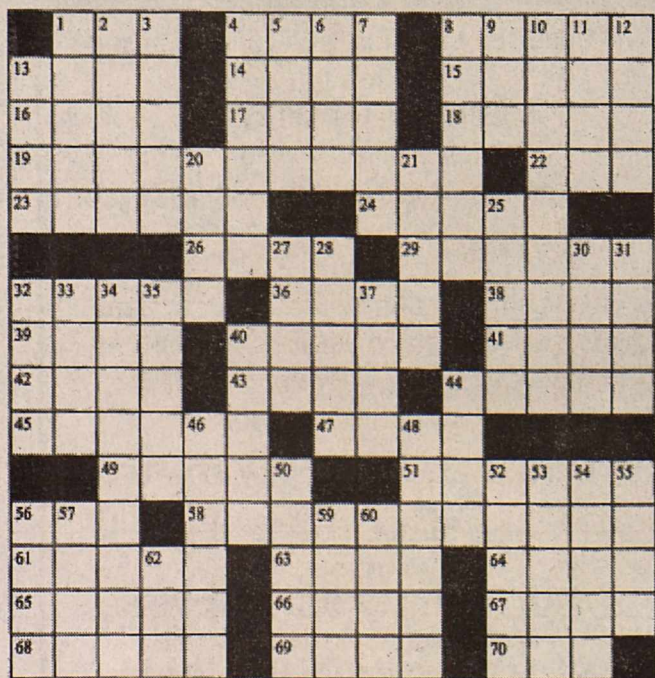
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**ACROSS**  
 1 Wall and Sesame: abbr.  
 4 "old man, he played one..."  
 8 Queen topper  
 13 Word with push or go  
 14 Audience's approval  
 15 "nothing"  
 16 Operatic highlight  
 17 Preposition  
 18 Mechanical device  
 19 Exhausting task  
 22 Rising times, for short  
 23 Smiles derisively  
 24 Occurrence  
 26 Part of a molecule  
 29 Idolized  
 32 Be affected by a stimulus  
 36 Go first  
 38 Additional  
 39 Loafing  
 40 Schedule  
 41 Land mass  
 42 Piece of mail  
 43 Story  
 44 Classic failure  
 45 Engraved pillars  
 47 In a...; angry  
 49 Specs  
 51 Phases  
 56 Discoverer's word  
 58 Past performance  
 61 Weapon  
 63 Ms. Barrett  
 64 Fish  
 65 Eve  
 66 Lily plant  
 67 Actor Estrada  
 68 Earn a traffic ticket  
 69 Wolf's cry  
 70 U.S.'s 34th DOWN  
 1 Transparent material  
 2 In a...; instantly  
 3 Post  
 4 Craving  
 5 Sharpen  
 6 Greek letter  
 7 Feed a fire  
 8 Covered with a black substance  
 9 Worldwide workers' assn.  
 10 Web-footed bird  
 11 House division  
 12 Painting and sculpturing  
 13 Vehicles  
 20 Spoiled one  
 21 Escape  
 25 Drifter  
 27 Earthenware pot  
 28 Lunch and brunch  
 30 Lake  
 31 Pass out  
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 32 Barbecued favorites  
 33 Go over a manuscript  
 34 Square dance term  
 35 18th-century dance  
 37 Solar disk  
 40 Male animal  
 44 Ending for Paul or marion  
 46 Be present at  
 48 Nation in  
 41 Across  
 50 Mrs. James Knox Polk  
 52 Performed  
 53 Squash  
 54 Man's nickname  
 55 Coyote  
 State: abbr.  
 56 Word of misfortune  
 57 Nag  
 59 Centennial  
 State: abbr.  
 60 Be certain about  
 62 Curved letter

**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—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: **GAMES**

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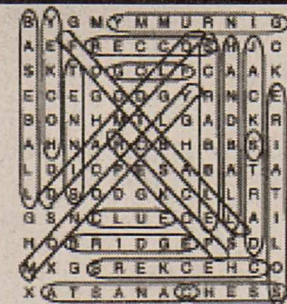
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Mar. 16.....Stephen Foster Mar. 20.....Virginia Smith  
 Mar. 16.....Josie Pena Mar. 21.....Justin Coates  
 Mar. 16.....Taylor Pinnell Mar. 21.....Mary Lue Gonzalez  
 Mar. 17.....Jason Smith Mar. 21.....Irene Mata  
 Mar. 18.....Emma Schiester Mar. 21.....Michael Mellor  
 Mar. 18.....Charles Warren Mar. 22.....Gerald Anderson  
 Mar. 19.....Ray Ashabranner Mar. 22.....Camille Neil  
 Mar. 20.....Nathan Brinker Mar. 22.....Celia Ramon  
 Mar. 20.....Jo Entriakin Mar. 22.....Gene Slate

**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

- Baseball
- Bridge
- Canasta
- Checkers
- Chess
- Clue
- Darts
- Football
- Gin rummy
- Golf
- Handball
- Hockey
- Jacks
- Monopoly
- Old Maid
- Poker
- Scrabble
- Soccer
- Solitaire
- Tennis

**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Sometimes, you can be a bit too polite. You don't always have to defer to the other person. This is particularly true when it's a matter of principle.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Before taking any action this week, take a deep breath. Think about the consequences. Once you've gone over everything that could happen, proceed with caution.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to reach tentative agreements with business associates. However, make this a handshake deal. It's not time yet to sign on the dotted line.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You have a good grasp on what you want to achieve financially. The problem is, how to do it. It's best to consult an expert in this area.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Feel free to indulge in a little back-patting this week. You deserve it, even if you have to point out your successes yourself. Contrary to what you think, people will be pleased to give you kudos.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Be careful with that social calendar. If you don't consult it, you may end up snubbing a friend by not showing up. At the same time, don't overschedule.

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**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You enjoy day-dreaming, but this isn't the time to indulge this habit. Focus on what needs to be done. Over the weekend, you'll have plenty of time for rumination.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You just can't seem to let go of something that's bugging you. However, this will bring on a period of nagging, which your spouse won't appreciate. Guard that tongue!

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) As the saying goes, "Don't sweat the small stuff." You're making way too much out of a trivial matter. On this point, a friend can be very helpful.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You're in quite an expansive mood this week. However, don't let this extend itself to your finances. You don't need to be extravagant to proffer good will.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Your home life is nice and orderly, which is just what you want. At work, though, minor problems and setbacks are likely to occur. Ride this out with patience.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You're in one of those moods this week where you just want to be alone. However, before you withdraw, make sure friends and family understand this. Otherwise, some hurt feelings could result.



### Rotary Luncheon

The Brackettville Rotary Club welcomed Jones Elementary School Principal Alma Gutierrez and Migrant Program Coordinator Terry Carcasi to their weekly luncheon on March 9. Rotarians were introduced to local migrant students who related their experiences as migrant students. From left: Alma Gutierrez, Aracely Martinez, Gabriela Talamantes, Amadeo Martinez, Gumaro Martinez and Terry Carcasi.

Courtesy Photo

## Tigerettes take fourth in Crystal City track meet

The Brackett Tigerettes placed fourth in the Crystal City track meet last Saturday, March 11.

The 400 meter relay placed sixth with a time of 54.5, the team included Anolda Watkins, Daphne Hunt, Bianca Stewart and Samantha Moore.

The 800 meter relay placed first with a time of 1:54.3, the team included Stewart, Hunt, Moore and Watkins.

The 1600 meter relay placed fourth with a time of 4:29.8, the team included Stewart, Hunt, Katie Braesicke and Bailee Allen.

In the 3200 meter run, Harmony Pettett placed second with 13:12.7 and Gabby Schroeder placed fifth with 13:27.0.

In the high hurdles, B. Allen placed fourth with 17.8.

In the 800 meter run, Lauren Cornelius placed fifth with 2:49.4 and Braesicke placed sixth with 2:50.6.

In the 100 meter run, Moore placed sixth with 14.1.

In the intermediate hurdles, B. Allen placed fifth with 52.9.

Watkins placed third in the 200 meter run with 28.2.

In the 1600 meter run, Pettett placed third with 6:11.7 and

Schroeder placed fourth with 6:16.3.

In the discus throw, B. Allen placed third with 92' 1/2" and Bianca Martinez placed fourth with 89' 1".

In the triple jump, Hunt placed fourth with 30' 9 1/2".

In the high jump, Stewart placed fourth with 4' 8" and Moore placed sixth with 4' 4".

For the Junior Varsity Tigerettes, Summer Allen placed fifth in the intermediate hurdles with 67.5. Whitney Gum placed second in the shotput with 27' 6" and in the discus throw, Gum placed fourth with 71' 5 1/2".

## 8th grade Tigerettes sweep track meet at LaPryor

The 8th grade girls placed first in the LaPryor track meet last Friday, March 10.

The 400 meter relay placed third with a time of 58.6 with Lauren Hernandez, Elidia Molinar, Cheyenne Billings and Brook Gose.

The 800 meter relay placed fifth with a time of 2:10.3, with Hernandez, Nydia Talamantes, Karley Harris and Elidia Molinar.

The 1600 meter relay placed first with a time of 4:42.6 with Billings, Kelsey Bruce, Elena Molinar and Gose.

In the 2400 meter run, Bruce

placed first with a time of 9:30.3 and Briana Escamilla placed second with a time of 10:55.7.

In the high hurdles, Elena Molinar placed first with a time of 19.3 and Harris placed third with a time of 20.1.

In the 800 meter run, Bruce placed first with a time of 2:40.9 and Elidia Molinar placed sixth with a time of 3:12.6.

In the 400 meter run, Gose placed second with a time of 69.2 and Billings placed fifth with a time of 71.8.

In the intermediate hurdles, Elena Molinar placed first with a time of 57.2, Harris placed

fourth with a time of 61.9 and Hernandez placed sixth with a time of 65.8.

In the 1600 meter run, Escamilla placed second with a time of 6:42.

In the shotput, Ashley Shadwick placed fifth with 25' 2 1/4".

Shadwick placed third in the discus throw with 66' 7 1/2".

Gose placed second in the triple jump with 27' 10".

In the long jump, Gose placed third with 12' 10" and Elidia Molinar placed sixth with 11' 2". In the high jump, Billings placed third with 4' 4".

## 7th grade place 3rd at LaPryor

The 7th grade Tigerettes placed third in the LaPryor track meet on Friday, Mar. 10.

The 400 meter relay placed fifth with a time of 61.2 with Haley Hale, Susu Seargeant, Marisol Aguirre, and Cheyenne Smith.

The 800 meter relay placed fifth with a time of 2:14.0 with Stella Guajardo, Icela Rueda, Rachel Nash and Hale.

The 1600 meter relay placed

second with a time of 5:07 with Smith, Seargeant, Erica Villanueva and Nash.

In the 2400 meter run, Bianca Cruz placed first with a time of 11:23.3 and Courtney Kirkland placed second with a time of 11:42.6.

In the 800 meter run, Seargeant placed first with a time of 3:01 and Villanueva placed third with a time of 3:10.

Nash placed first in the 400

meter run with a time of 74.3.

Aguirre placed sixth in the intermediate hurdles with a time of 64.1.

Hale placed sixth in the 200 meter run with a time of 33.5.

In the 1600 meter run, Cruz placed first with a time of 6:42 and Kirkland placed second with a time of 6:43. Paige Nowlin placed fifth in the discus throw with 60'. In the high jump, Aguirre placed second with 4' 2".

## Varsity Tennis places in Uvalde Tournament

On February 24, the varsity tennis team competed in Uvalde.

In the boys singles, B division, Cullen Duncan placed third. In the girls singles, B division, Whitney Gum won consolation.

In the girls singles, A divi-

sion, Laura Meyer placed 10th.

In the boys doubles, B division, Stanford Conoly and Alex Gonzalez placed third.

In the girls doubles, B division, Laura Swinson and Katie Braesicke placed seventh.

In mixed doubles, A division,

Timmeka Simmons and Michael Stephenson placed fourth.

Brackett tennis meet will be held today and tomorrow at the school tennis courts. Dilley, Nueces Canyon and Rocksprings will be the teams participating with Brackett.

## Varsity places in Brackett tennis meet

Teams competed in the Third Annual Brackett Tennis Meet March 9-10.

In the boys singles, Cullen Duncan won first place and Israel Muniz placed second.

In the boys doubles, Stanford Conoly and Alex Gonzalez

placed fourth.

In mixed doubles, Timmeka Simmons and Leon Woolsey placed first.

In the girls singles, Whitney Gum placed first.

The varsity players will travel to Uvalde Mar. 23-24 for the

Sabinal Tennis Invitational Meet.

## Narce Villarreal

I sincerely thank all my supporters for your trust and confidence. You made the outcome of the Democratic Primary election a success for me, 513 votes...respectfully.

It is now a privilege for me to be in the April 11th run-off election. I am respectfully asking for your continued support as the race for the Justice of the Peace continues.

Early Voting Starts  
Monday, April 3rd through Friday, April 7th.  
Run Off Election Day  
Tuesday, April 11, 2006

☒ Vote Narce Villarreal

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## SHERIFF'S REPORT

### Monday, Mar. 6

3:20 p.m. A 911 caller reported loose livestock at the intersection of HWY 90 and HWY 693. The owner was advised and Deputy Ron Ring was dispatched to the location.

7:44 p.m. A Brackettville man requested to speak to an officer at the Sheriff's Office in regards to a domestic problem. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.

### Tuesday, Mar. 7

5:15 p.m. A Brackettville woman reported a domestic problem. Deputy Gutierrez was notified of the situation.

8:19 p.m. A Spofford woman called to report a possible DWI heading towards Brackettville. Deputy Gutierrez was advised of the situation.

### Wednesday, Mar. 8

5:09 p.m. Dennis Warren Jackson, 42, of Uvalde was arrested by Deputy Kenneth Freitag for Driving with an invalid license. Jackson was released the next day on a \$1,500 bond.

4:40 p.m. Nathan Luna, 21, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez to revoke community supervision. Luna was later released on a \$2,500 bond.

9:55 p.m. A woman called to report a speeding vehicle on Gove St. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.

### Thursday, Mar. 9

8:05 p.m. A Brackettville man called to report a loose horse on Spring St. Deputy Ring was notified.

### Saturday, Mar 11

3:04 p.m. Fort Clark Security reported three illegals that broke into a house on the fort. Deputy Freitag was advised of the situation.

3:34 p.m. An anonymous caller reported dogs around the swim park. Deputy Freitag was dispatched to the location.

### Sunday, Mar. 12

12:00 a.m. Moses Leal, 24, of San Antonio was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for assault causing bodily injury out of Bexar County. Leal is being held at press time.

12:00 a.m. Juan Monsivais-Lopez, 35, of Richland was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for DWI out of Dallas County.

12:00 a.m. Juan G. Romero, 55, of San Antonio was arrested by Deputy Freitag for DWI out of Bexar County. Romero was released the same day on a

\$4,000 bond.

5:45 p.m. Adrian O. Livar, 31, of San Antonio was arrested by Trooper Tully Welch for driving with an invalid license. Livar was released the same day on a \$1,000 bond.

10:41 p.m. Border Patrol at the Cline checkpoint requested a deputy in regards to a reckless trucker. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the location.

### Monday, Mar. 13

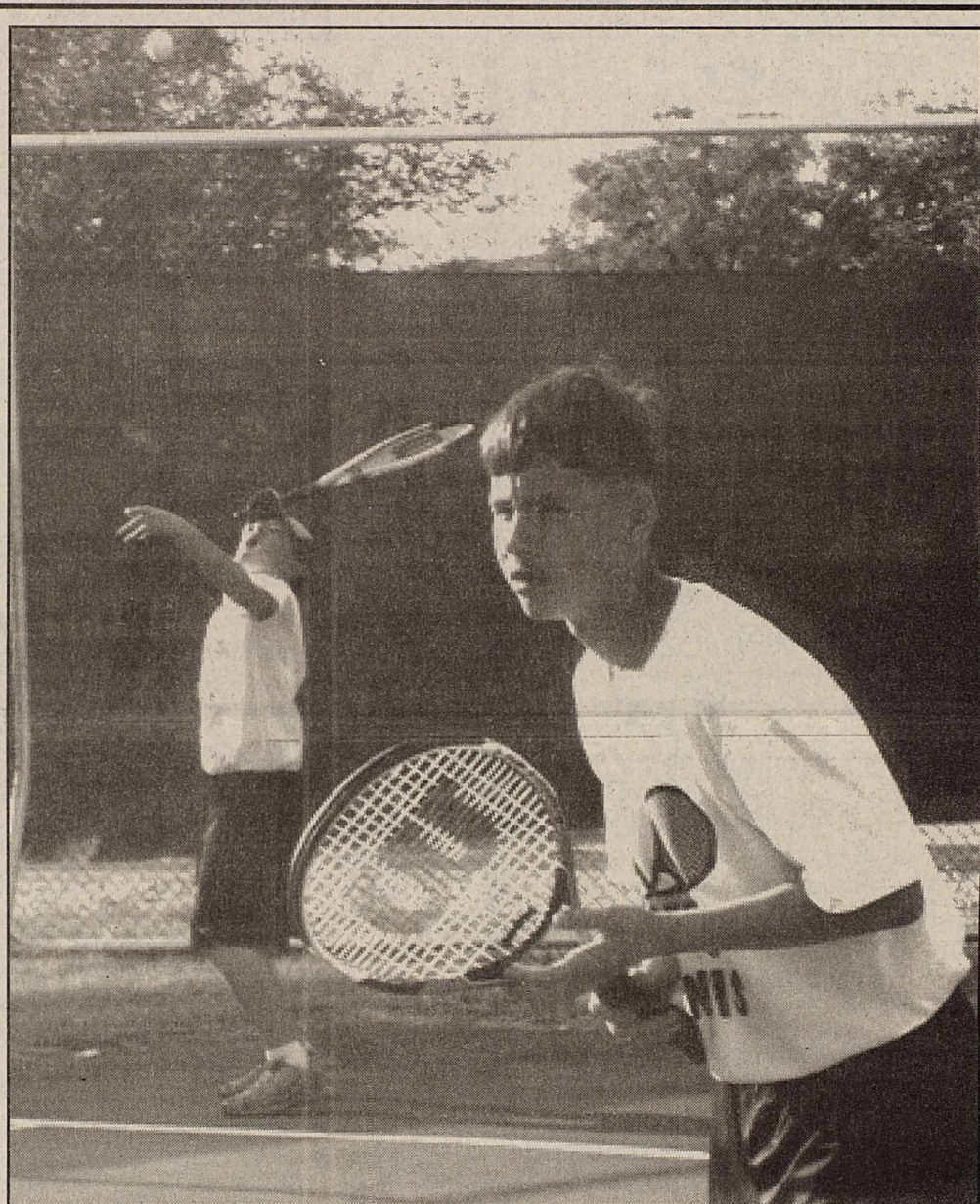
12:54 a.m. A local bar employee called in reference to a disturbance. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the location.

## Look who's 1!



Mia Rain Garcia  
Happy Birthday

Love Always, Mom & Big Sister



Ready, Set, Ace

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

Jaime Sandoval, right, waits for doubles partner Cody Kirkland to serve at a tennis match against Nueces Canyon Feb. 13.

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Help Seniors Say "No" to  
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Graduation Night

**When:** March 26  
**Where:** School Cafeteria Parking Lot  
**Time:** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**BBQ Plate: \$5.00**

## Roy Lane Dyer

October 21, 1935 - March 9, 2006



Roy Lane left this world March 9, 2006. He was born October 21, 1935 in Del Rio, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Nona Dyer and brother G. L. Dyer. Surviving him are his loving wife of 48 years, Fern, daughter and son-in-law Kathy and Sam Munoz of San Angelo, son Walter Roy Dyer and daughter-in-law Lisa and grandson Mason Lane of Helotes. His brother Walter Lee and sister-in-law June of San Angelo and numerous nieces and nephews. Roy proudly served his country in the United States Army for two years.

Roy's successful career consisted of serving 22 years in the United States Border Patrol. He finished his career as the Patrol Agent in Charge of the Brackettville Border Patrol Station. After being retired for 15 years, Roy was employed by the United States Marshal Service in Del Rio for three years. Roy was highly decorated as a terrific athlete. Roy's success on the football and track field will always be remembered. His hobbies included fishing and playing golf with his buddies. Roy was proud to be a member of the Val Verde Masonic Lodge number 646 in Del Rio for 49 years.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held Saturday, March 25th at 10:30 a.m. in the morning in the Ballroom of the Ramada Inn in Del Rio.

## What a weekend

Severe thunderstorms, softball size hail, swarms of tornados and not too far away fifty five miles per hour winds gusts and dust and over 660,000 acres burned, (1000 square miles or the size of 2/3 of the state of Rhode Island) and in Arizona 28 inches of snow in two days. Why is all of this going on? When God originally made the earth it was not this way. There were all kinds of fruits and vegetables and they were always ready to eat, (Genesis 1:29 & 30). There were also no seasons, no rains, no tornados and other catastrophes. The earth was watered from a mist that went up from the ground, (Genesis 2:6). Why so different now? When Adam and Eve disobeyed, (Genesis 3:17-19), God punished them by greatly changing the way things were on earth. He made it diffi-



Jerry Davenport

Brother J.

cult to live and survive. He also numbered the number of days man will live, (Genesis 6:3). Will it get better? No, God promises that near end times it will even get worse or more severe, (Matthew 24:7) and finally the earth will be destroyed by fire, (2 Peter 3:10-13). But there is hope for those that have accepted Christ as Savior and put their trust in Him. They will be greatly rewarded in that they will be in the new heaven and earth that God is going to make, (Revelation 22:7-12). See you in Church Sunday.

## Have faith in God

And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

And Jesus answering saith unto them, have faith in God.

For verily I say unto you That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass he shall have whatsoever he saith.



St. John's Missionary Church

Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

Therefore I say unto you, what things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive, and ye shall have them.

Mark 4:37-41  
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Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

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Evening Service 7 p.m.

Wednesdays 7 p.m. Bible Study

Pastor Jeff Janca

## Come to the Frontier

A Bible Based New Testament Church

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11:00 am Worship Service

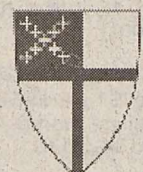
6:00 pm Sunday Night at the Movies or Bible study.

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Frontier Baptist Church (SBC) Corner of Ann & El Paso



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Wednesday Healing Service: 12:10 PM

Reverend Nathan Lafrenz 563-9607



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Hear the Bible, Feel the Spirit,  
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open hearts, open minds, open doors



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

### Homemade "Cracker Jacks"

10 cups popped corn  
1 1/2 cups cocktail peanuts  
1/2 cup margarine  
1 cup firm packed brown sugar (light)  
1/4 cup dark corn syrup

1/4 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp baking soda  
1/4 tsp. vanilla

Mix together the popped corn and peanuts in a very large bowl or roasting pan. Keep warm in 250 degree oven. Melt butter in heavy 2 qt. sauce pan. Stir in brown sugar, corn syrup and salt. Bring to a rolling boil, stirring constantly.

Boil without stirring for 6 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in baking soda and vanilla. Quickly pour over warm popcorn and peanut mixture while

tossing until popcorn and nuts are well coated. Spread out in a shallow baking pan or cookie sheet. Bake at 250 degrees for 45 minutes stir about every 15 minutes. Make sure every piece of popcorn has been moved around the bottom. Turn out on aluminum foil to let cool. Store in a tightly covered container. Makes 2 qt.

### Peanut Butter Fudge

2/3 cup canned milk  
2/3 cup granulated sugar  
1/2 pint jar of marshmallow creme

1 cup chunk style peanut btr.  
1 tsp. vanilla

Grease sides of a heavy 2 qt. saucepan. Combine sugar and milk in it. Stir over medium heat until sugar dissolves and mixture boils. Cook to soft stage (234 degrees on candy thermometer). Remove from heat and add peanut butter, marshmallow cream and vanilla. Stir until well blended. Pour into greased 9 x 9 x 2 in. pan.

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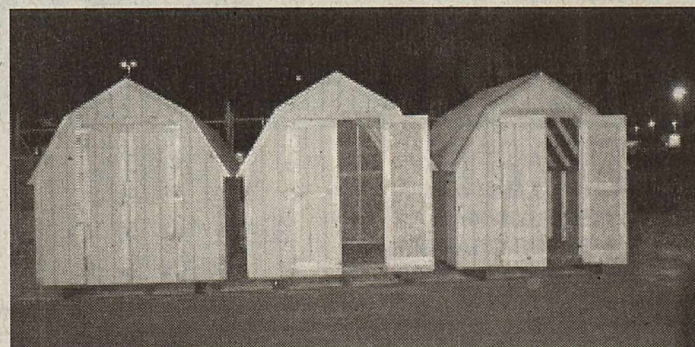
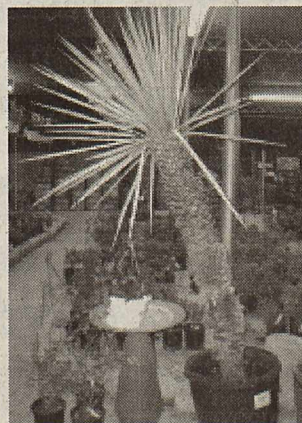
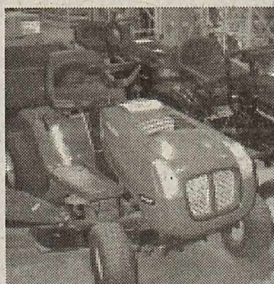
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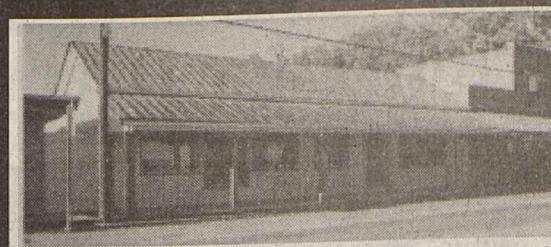
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