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**Perfect technique**  
Brackett junior defensive end Dietrich Davis works on his tackling technique during practice. The Tigers will scrimmage in Leakey Saturday morning at 10. See story, Page 6.

## Water district irons out wrinkles

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

Two weeks after finally approving rules for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District, the Board of Directors will meet in a workshop Tuesday to go over problems in the new statutes.

It took two tries for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District to adopt rules. After holding its second public hearing in three weeks, the board voted 4-2 last week to adopt the policies.

Board members Don Hood, Darlene Shaham, Hadley Wardlaw and Bob Young voted to approve

the rules, while Zach Davis and Cecil Smith were in opposition. Director Henry Fuentes was absent from the meeting.

"I don't agree with some of the rules, but we have to start somewhere," Wardlaw said. "We can always change the rules if we need to."

Davis asked the other directors: "Why are we adopting the rules if we're saying they need to be changed?"

During the two-hour hearing last Tuesday, 19 citizens made comments to the board in the crowded District Courtroom in the Courthouse.

Most of the concerns

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**Board member Hadley Wardlaw**

expressed to the board were from members of the agriculture community, but others were in favor of passing the rules immediately, including officials from Fort Clark Springs.

"I think we're going to be able to work with the farmers," Wardlaw said. "I don't think that is going to be a problem. We're not trying to put anybody out of business."

"I don't think the farmers have one single problem, as far as I'm concerned," Hood added.

One farmer did have a problem. Justin Burk told officials he could no longer produce alfalfa in Kinney County under the new rules.

"I am not in compliance right now, the way the rules read," Burk said after the measure was approved.

Under the new rules, wells drilled prior to Jan. 1, 2002 are limited to the lesser of annual historic use or 2.5 acre-feet per acre of land.

In Burk's case, he has historic use of 7 acre-feet, but he is limited to the lesser 2.5 acre-feet.

"If we're limited to 2.5 acre-feet, I will have to call the bank and tell them there is no way to pay out of it," said Burk, a Del Rio resident who farms in the western part of the county.

The newly-adopted rules do not limit the "beneficial, non-wasteful use" of wells drilled after Jan. 1, 2002 that are not used for agriculture.

## FCS members vote to remove directors

### Ballots mailed to members not attending the meeting

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

There was standing room only at the Service Club Saturday morning as members of Fort Clark Springs held a special meeting to vote to remove members of the Board of Directors.

Over 400 members signed a petition requesting the special meeting to vote on removing Shirley Hadsell, Jack Simpson, Carol Miller, Glen White and Frank Cheaney from the board.

Hadsell, the former president, resigned July 20. She was replaced by Bob Williamson. The remaining two board members are Mona Miller and Tom Saylor.

White said the petition was "an attempt to stampede the people into a mob mentality to get the board thrown off."

All seven current directors were listed on the ballot, and members have the option to vote to remove or keep each board member. Absentee ballots were sent early this week to members in good standing who did not attend the meeting. The results of the vote will be tabulated by Glen Graf and Bowers CPA.

Several questions concerning the legalities of the membership meeting have been raised, and those questions may have to be answered in the court system.

"Maybe some kind of arbitration or some kind of decision can come about by the attorneys meeting and discussing this," said Simpson, who was appointed to replace Hadsell as president.

"We want it to go the right way, whichever way it is. If it means that the board is going to be taken off, I would like to see it done in the proper manner. If we're going to stay, I would like to see it done in the proper manner. Whichever way is right, I think that's the way we need to

go, and the courts need to decide that."

Officials from the Preservation Society, the group which initiated the petition, said they are following the Fort Clark Springs Declaration and bylaws and are in consultation with an attorney. But the association's attorney, Haygood Gulley, said the membership meeting was not legal.

Nolan Brandt, who served as chairman of the membership meeting, disagreed. "You have been told that this meeting is illegal and has no merit ... You have been deliberately misled by persons that want to keep you in the dark."

Nolan Brandt, who served as chairman of the membership meeting, disagreed. "You have been told that this meeting is illegal and has no merit," he said. "That is the opinion expressed by some members of the present board. We believe differently, and we also have hired an attorney that believes differently. You have been deliberately misled by persons that want to keep you in the dark."



Fort Clark Springs members cast their ballots at the Service Club on Saturday morning.



**Signs, signs, everywhere signs**  
Fort Clark Springs members were upset Saturday with the marquee which boasted "no FCSA meeting."

### Preservation Society upset with marquee announcement

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

A number of Fort Clark Springs were angered by the message on the marquee last weekend which read "No FCSA Meeting."

Though the statement was true — there was no association meeting — it was misleading because many believed the membership meeting had been cancelled.

Fort Clark Springs member Jim Cochran of San Antonio discussed the issue Saturday.

"We have been here since the charter-member weekend in the '60s," Cochran said.

"I sent my son down to get a picture of that sign a while ago.

*"We've come to a sad state of affairs. And I think that it should be changed."*

**Jim Cochran**

Security stopped him and told him that he could not take the picture. He said, "You better call the cops because I'm taking it anyway."

"That is what this thing has become. When security would tell a citizen of the United States and the state of Texas — even though we're not citizens of this Kinney — that he cannot take a picture, then we've come to a sad state of affairs. And I think that it should be changed."

## School Board approves 3-cent tax hike

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Staff Writer

Brackett ISD officials voted Monday night to increase the district's tax rate by 3 cents during their monthly School Board meeting.

The current tax rate is \$1.2675 per \$100 valuation, but that figure is increasing to \$1.2975, including \$1.21 in the maintenance and operations fund and .0875 cents in the interest and sinking fund.

"The basic reason for going up has to do with the matching state monies," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "It makes a significant amount of difference to go up to 3 cents. I have not heard anyone speak against the increase. It is a significant amount of dollars that would be generated so we have to be cognizant."

If the tax rate is approved by the school board, the average increase for an average home in Brackettville would be \$7.11, according to figures released by the district.

### BY THE NUMBERS

The following are the current and new tax rates for Brackett ISD:

Fund	2001-02	2002-03
Maint. & Operations	\$1.1800	\$1.2100
Interest & Sinking	\$0.0875	\$0.0875
<b>Total tax rate</b>	<b>\$1.2675</b>	<b>\$1.2975</b>

"Our school district has one of the lowest tax rates in the state," said Dixie Brown, the school district's business manager. "We've kept it low for many years. The maximum rate is \$1.50, and that is before debt service. The rate that we're giving includes debt service."

Stephenson said this year's tax rate will effect caps placed on the school district in the future.

"We receive matching funds from the state based on the local tax rate," he said. "When they have the local effort, the year before the new biennium, there is a cap that is placed on the amount of money that can

be matched by state dollars. The total amount of tax dollars that we generate this year will set the cap for the next two school years, 2003-04 and 2004-05.

"It increases the amount of money that we can have to \$288,596. If we didn't have it, it would be \$99,000. It gives you significantly more movement to improve your program," Stephenson added.

The superintendent said the school district tries to "pay as we go."

"We've been trying to do that by not increasing our bonds and the amount of money we pay on interest. When we make improvements, we try to look towards the future," Stephenson said.

He said the administration has studied the figures in order to plan for the future.

"You have to think about where the cap on your funds is going to be two years from now," Stephenson said. "We know that costs will not go down."

"The cap is caused by the state funding formula. I don't agree with that cap."

### Agents apprehend 84 in Brackettville

DEL RIO — U.S. Border Patrol agents made 84 apprehensions in Brackettville during the period of Aug. 5-11, officials announced.

There were 907 total apprehensions made in the Del Rio Sector, 330 in Eagle Pass, 188 in Del Rio, 160 in Carrizo Springs, 45 in Abilene, 41 in Uvalde, 26 in Llano, 21 in Comstock, 11 in San Angelo and one in Rocksprings. Agents in the Del Rio sector seized 133.32 pounds of marijuana, which was valued at \$106,656.

On Wednesday, a local Eagle Pass rancher notified agents he had found the body of a woman which appeared to have succumbed to heat exposure.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Unanswered questions

As many of you already know, I was removed as head girls' basketball coach here at BHS after 14 years.

Why? I was told that it was time for a change. Shortly after that, I was removed as head girls' softball coach.

Why? Because we took a side trip to the beach, when we went to play Pettus.

Many coaches and sponsors have taken side trips here at BHS in the past, and nothing happened to them. One coach even left San Marcos, and drove the students to Austin to play some sort of laser tag, without permission, after all this happened to me. Nothing happened to him.

Why? One, he was a football coach here, and two, the administration was not after him.

Why me? Because I made the administration mad because I appealed their decision to remove me. Also, it gave Coach Yeager the reason to finally get rid of me. I was asked to sign a bogus evaluation that was supposed to cover the last two years. I guess Coach Yeager forgot to give me a written evaluation last year.

I was also asked for my district records for the last four years. Why? I don't know. Because it is against the law to fire a coach for his or her won-loss record.

Enough about all of that for now. I would like to talk about this football-only school.

Why is it that football is the

only sport that is allowed to actively recruit coaches?

Yes, they went through the motions of trying to hire a girls' coach to replace me. But I told people a long time ago what they would do — move football coaches over to coach the girls so they could hire yet another football coach.

How many is that now? Don't we have other sports here at BHS? And how many coaches on the girls' side?

How about this new \$100,000 weight room — I mean fitness center. What's wrong with the other weight room? That's a tremendous amount of money to spend on a weight room.

Doesn't the present School Board have better ways of spending this kind of money? Maybe they could have given the teachers more than a 53-cents-a-day raise. That's what each teacher received from local funds, even though the administration made it sound like a lot more.

Last and certainly not least, has BHS changed our girls school mascot? I saw some girl athletes the other day, and they were wearing shirts that said "Lady Tigers." I was told Coach Yeager did this.

Can one man change something that has been around since BHS opened its hallowed doors so many years ago?

Go Tigerettes!

Gregg A. Nowlin



Separate fiction from reality

This was a pretty quiet week for news. Other than Saddam spouting his bravado-laced rhetoric, thereby displaying to the world his ignorance, arrogance, and complete inability to grasp reality, not much earth shaking news appeared. Maybe that is a blessing; it may also be like waiting for the other shoe to fall. We'll see which in the near future.

Speaking of Saddam — have you noticed that while most of the Near Eastern countries seem to detest the evil oaf, none of them appear willing to allow the U.S. to use their bases there to eliminate him? Have you wondered why? It's simple really; he's (supposedly) Moslem. The other Moslems don't seem to care that he has murdered several million people, most of them Moslems as well, it would be against the will of Allah to allow him to be exterminated by a servant of Satan — meaning us. That's logic for you!

I saw a show this morning about the ex-star of the TV sitcom Growing Pains, Kirk Cameron. For those of you who didn't know, Kirk, during the Growing Pains years became a Christian. The show I saw was about how his conversion to Christianity affected his relationship with his co-stars in the show. Since the show was produced by Hollywood you can imagine the slant. It was kind of like the way Christian preachers are always portrayed in the movies and on television. You know, white suits, slick hair, fake southern drawl, and the morals of an alley cat. This show couldn't attack Kirks morals, since they were apparently unimpeachable, but instead tried to portray him as misguided, withdrawn, self-righteous, and over-zealous. He supposedly ostracized himself from all his



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

friends and co-stars, caused the cute Playboy Playmate who played his girlfriend on the show to be fired, leveled false charges of pornography at the director and producer of the show, and did everything else he could to make it miserable for the rest of the cast and crew.

I have no way to know if any of this is true. It is a sad fact that many new Christians seem to display more zeal than common sense. However, the truth is that such an environment would have been the perfect platform for Kirk to preach from, and I doubt that this fact escaped his notice. His withdrawal from the more indulgent aspects of show business seems to me to be simply a sign of his good sense. That he didn't hang around with the crew, smoke pot, sniff coke, go to orgies, and drink too much shouldn't be a commentary on his self-righteous nature, but a concrete sign of his conversion. Kirk went on to make the movie Left Behind, form and support several Christian outreach programs, and seemingly continue to grow in his faith. I pray that he continues to do so. Even though I disagree with some of his theology, especially in respect to the validity of the "Left Behind" scenario, I do not question his faith or his motives. It is a rare and precious thing when a person in his position is given the opportunity to display his faith. It is usually the other way around. Or have you heard more about

Kirk Cameron or Eminem lately?

I fear, however, that Kirk's career may be cut short by the very faith that saved his soul. You see, Christianity is not one of the "in" things in Hollywood these days. To be accepted you have to be a member of the Church of Scientology like John Travolta and Kirsty Alley, or a Buddhist like Richard Gere, or a psychic channeler like Sharon Gless (Cagney and Lacy) or Linda Evans, or an outright atheist like Jesse Ventura. So how does it feel, all of you who are Christians, to be considered a second class human? I guess that just goes to prove that the Hollywood we've all grown to know and revile really doesn't know how to separate fiction from reality. Way to go Kirk! At least you have escaped.

By the way, there are other names for channeling and Scientology. Channeling is better called demon possession, and Scientology is merely another way of describing Narcissism. At least atheists are honest with themselves and us — they're going to hell, but they're honest. You have very few options here: Worship yourself, worship Satan, or worship God. Your call; but Hell's hot and forever is a very long time to go without a drink of water. Choose carefully! Jeremiah 23:13,14 — "Among the prophets of Samaria I saw this repulsive thing: They prophesied by Baal and led my people Israel astray. And among the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen something horrible: They commit adultery and live a lie. They strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one turns from his wickedness. They are all like Sodom to me; the people of Jerusalem are like Gomorrah." NIV

COMMENTARY

Parents shouldn't be afraid of help

By Jim Kavanagh  
Special to The Brackett News

America is stunned to say the least. We have witnessed far too much death in the last 12 months. Terrorism has torn thousands of lives apart, and America is rallying together to prevent further violent acts.

Meanwhile, another kind of violence continues to plague us — family violence, in the home — and it is all too prevalent.

In Houston, Andrea Yates prepares for trial for drowning her five young children. Across the country in Oregon, Christian Longo is believed to have murdered his wife and three young children. And Barbara Atkinson, a mother in Dallas, plead guilty to serious bodily injury to a child for having imprisoned her 8-year-old daughter in a closet without food.

As a parent and a mental health professional, my first thought is that we parents must learn that it is OK for us to ask for help when life becomes overwhelming, particularly if it involves the safety and well-being of our children. I wish someone could have reached out to these people before they became so desperate — to let them know that help is within reach.

If Andrea Yates, Christian Longo or Barbara Atkinson had been bedridden with cancer, or experiencing seizures, or recovering from a broken back from auto accident, someone would have seen to it that they received the treatment they needed to get well, and someone would have ensured that their kids were taken care of. Instead, these innocent children continued to live with parents who were sinking deeper and deeper into psychological distress.

Mental stress, anxiety and depression can be as debilitating as many physical injuries, if not more so. I'm reminded of the in-flight instructions developed by the FAA that direct adults, "in the case of an emergency, please secure the oxygen mask over your face first, and then that of your children's." The message is clear — parents must take care of themselves and ensure their own safety and well-being in order to adequately take care of their children. The fact is that parents are human. And sometimes we need relief. Not from the occasional bad day, but when life situations become so unbearably challenging and overwhelming. Parents who are emotionally stressed or severely depressed owe it to themselves — and to their children — to find ways to get assistance and get well. Our society has so many organizations that can help.

We at the West Texas Boys Ranch exist for just this reason. Our kids come to us from at-risk home environments. We and many other facilities around the country offer temporary out-of-home care for kids when their parents cannot meet their needs. We provide them with a live-in family setting with other kids and with "cottage couples" who feed, tutor and nurture them until their home environments can support them again. It's much like foster care, but we offer everything on one campus with the resources of an entire community, free of charge. There are similar organizations around the state and around the country.

I certainly do not excuse what these parents have allegedly done to their children — we must not forget those eight young and promising lives. But I do believe that the lesson to take away from this tragedy is that getting support is a sign of strength, not weakness.

Let's not allow another tragedy involving kids to have been in vain. Let this be a wakeup call for family members, friends and neighbors to find help for their loved ones experiencing severe depression and emotional stress.

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Big Mama Sez!



The fellow who jumps to conclusions is not always certain of a happy landing.

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A Texan Triumphs ... Again

Lance Armstrong is more than a hometown hero - he's a Texas legend. For the past four summers, Texans - and the rest of the world - have cheered him on to victory in the Tour de France, one of the most grueling sporting events of the modern era. Charted through some of the most beautiful yet challenging terrain in France, the 2,050-mile course takes three weeks to complete. With weather ranging from blazing summer heat to cool mountain winds, the 189 cyclists competed against man, machine and mother nature to cross the finish line in Paris, and for the fourth consecutive year, Texas' son, Lance Armstrong, led the pack.

A Survivor's Story  
Watching him coast to victory one would hardly guess that just over six years ago, Lance nearly succumbed to a deadly disease. In 1997 he was diagnosed with testicular cancer that spread throughout his body. Though weakened by chemotherapy and given only a 50-50 chance to live, he beat the odds while



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

struggling hard to keep his physical strength. His spirit triumphed and he has become one of the greatest athletes of our time.

The Foundation  
Lance has dedicated his celebrity to furthering cancer research and most importantly, promoting survivorship. Before he even knew if he would overcome the disease, he founded the non-profit Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) which has grown into one of the nation's preeminent cancer research organizations. Last year alone the Foundation awarded more than \$1.1 million in research grants to study testicular cancer and survivorship. One unique program supported by the LAF fo-

cuses on children whose parents have been diagnosed with cancer. "Wonders & Worries" offers much-needed counseling and support to help children from the ages of seven to 17 deal with illness afflicting their parent.

Lance has joined the President's special commission to combat cancer and has become a leading advocate for more cancer research. The Federal government's partnership in this battle is critical. Just this year, Congress completed its commitment to double funding for the National Institutes of Health to more than \$27 billion, which includes the National Cancer Institute.

And in April we celebrated the passage of a bill I introduced to provide more research dollars for blood cancers, which will afflict 100,000 additional Americans this year alone. Lance exudes the spirit of American triumph and Texas determination. For more on the Lance Armstrong Foundation, visit www.laf.org.

# Former Fort Clark employees file charges

A group of former Fort Clark Springs Maintenance Department employees moved last week to file unfair labor practice charges against their former employer with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

The 12 former employees allege that FCSA "unlawfully refused to bargain" collectively with them and that they were discharged in "retaliation for

their exercise of protected, concerted activities" in violation of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), according to Israel Reyna, a Texas Rural Legal Aid attorney representing all 12 employees.

"It may surprise some people to know that the NLRA protects unionized as well as non-unionized workers," Reyna said. "Thus, even though the 12 em-

ployees of Fort Clark were not unionized, they were equally protected under the NLRA. If the NLRB determines that the FCSA committed one or more unfair labor practices against them, there will be a price to pay."

"All of the employees point their finger at Maggie Kerr, the general manager, as the root of the problem," Reyna said.

The 12 employees filed a grievance in May opposing Kerr's work program that would force them to be on-call after their regular work day, seven days a week on an alternating basis. The employees complained that the work program was unnecessary because there was a volunteer on-call, after-hours program in effect that accomplished the same pur-

pose. However, Kerr was unmoved by the employees' concerns over the mandatory work program and refused to discuss the employees concerns collectively with them.

Reyna said Kerr fired all 12 employees after they walked off their jobs in protest of Kerr's wrongful actions, including the firing of their supervisor, Bob Walker. FCSA offered to rein-

state them, but they refused the offer because it did not suffice.

"After they were fired when they walked off their jobs to protest, among other things, the general manager's refusal to bargain with them as a group over a radical, oppressive change in their working conditions, they became folk heroes to the people of Brackettville," Reyna said.

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# 4 COMMUNITY

## School begins on Monday

School starts Monday! It's time to get back into the routine. Teachers and support staff reported to work this past week.

The week has been filled with classroom preparations as we get ready for the first day of school on Monday. We're excited about seeing America's future stars return to school!

BISD's School Board hosted a reception for new teachers Monday night. We welcome eight new teachers: Lisa Conoly, kindergarten; Ann Davidson, band; Leslie Dickson, high school English; Candy Hohman, first grade; Charlie Marquardt, history and athletics; Rhonda Marquardt, history and athletics; Lou Ann Patterson, fifth grade; and Manuel Triana, high school math.

### Service Awards

Service awards were presented to school employees this



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past Monday. Five-year pins went to Dusty and Bonnie Brotherton, Susan Davis, Carlotta De La Rosa, Mary M. Hernandez, Cathy Lutz, Maria Rivas and Armando Sanchez.

Adela Avila, Tomas Castillo, Mary Jane Garcia and myself received 10-year pins, while 15-year pins went to Candy Hobbs and Pam Melancon.

A 20-year pin was awarded to Bo Hagler, and a 30-year pin went to Chuck Hall.

Congratulations to all for service to Brackett ISD.

**Safe Driving**  
As school begins, we need to be cautious in our driving, especially during school hours.

Remember that the little ones are excited as they walk to school, and many times are unpredictable as they cross streets. Give them the benefit of the doubt and watch them closely. When a school bus is stopped, loading or unloading passengers, you should stop your vehicle. Never pass a school bus that is in the process of picking up or dropping off students.

### TAKS

Our staff is ready to go. We have a new challenge this year to get students ready for the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAKS). This test takes the place of the fabled TAAS. It is much more difficult. We must step up the preparation to insure student success.

Have a great year!

## KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

### Monday, Aug. 5

9:55 a.m., Michael Diaz, 24, from Del Rio, was arrested for traffic warrants by Sheriff Buddy Burgess. Michael was released on Thursday for time served.

5 p.m., Federico Martinez, 75, from Brackettville was arrested by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter for criminal trespass.

9:20 p.m., A man requested a deputy for assistance. Deputy Karl Chism responded.

### Wednesday, Aug. 7

8:50 a.m., Armando Perez, 48, from Brackettville was arrested for harassment by Chief Deputy Fritter. Perez was released the same day on a cash bond.

9:10 p.m., Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. responded to a harassment report.

9:33 p.m., A man requested

a deputy at his residence. Deputy Pena was advised.

11:45 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to an assault report.

### Thursday, Aug. 8

1:46 p.m., A woman reported a possible intoxicated driver on Highway 90 east. U.S. Border Patrol agents at the Cjine checkpoint were notified and they said everything was OK.

1:55 p.m., Maricel Garcia, 27, from Houston was arrested for failure to appear and driving while license suspended by Deputy Bobby Guidry. Garcia was released the same day for time served.

9 p.m., Travis Cody Ramsey, 23, from Humble was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie. Ramsey was released the next day on a cash bond.

### Friday, Aug. 9

4 a.m., A woman reported a man in front of the Courthouse. Deputy Pena was advised.

9:47 a.m., A woman from Spofford reported a possible break-in at her residence. Deputy Manuel Pena Sr. was notified.

### Saturday, Aug. 10

8:39 p.m., A motorist reported a reckless driver on Highway 90 east. Trooper Wylie and Deputy Pena were advised.

9 p.m., Javier Mota, 37, from Dallas was arrested for driving while intoxicated by Deputy Pena.

### Sunday, Aug. 11

6:45 a.m., DPS Trooper Tony Ashley reported a train blocking Highway 131 in Spofford. Southern Pacific was notified.

## Volunteer tutors ensure a bright future for children

The St. Henry deOsso Family Project needs volunteer tutors for its fall program. Tutors must be at least 18 years of age and be responsible with no criminal actions in their background.

They must have transportation and be willing to spend one to two hours weekly with a Brackettville child and his/her family working on basic academic skills. All training and materials needed are furnished by the Project. Children are referred by their teachers and are from the kindergarten, first, or second grades.

A good education is the key to problems of poverty and other social ills such as crime, addiction, abuse, and broken homes.

We know that early success in school means a brighter future for our children. The St. Henry deOsso Family Project is committed to providing help to families so that children can achieve those early successes that are vital to their future. The major goal of the tutoring is to empower families by helping to

develop good study skills, good reading habits, and good homework discipline. The tutors train parents and model good educational values for the children. The end result is for the parents to learn how to motivate and help their children when the tutors are not present.

The program runs for the fall semester. Tutors are trained to go into the homes of the referred children and supply books and other materials that can be used by the parents at home. Volunteers are also needed to do things other than tutoring.

If you have children's books that you would like to donate to the program, please call. Anyone interested in volunteering for this very worthwhile effort is urged to call Don and Anita Smith at 563-2285. The St. Henry deOsso Family Project is a community partnership of all volunteers dedicated to better families and better schools. The Project serves people of all faiths and operates as a non-profit effort with no budget and no money to spend.

## 4-H NEWS

**4-H Banquet**  
All 4-H members and parents are invited to the 4-H Banquet tonight at 7:30. Remember to bring a covered dish.

**Validation tags**  
The deadline for ordering state validation tags for lambs and meat goats is Monday, Aug.

19, at 5 p.m.  
**4-H Meetings**  
The annual enrollment for seniors, age 14-19, is Monday at 7 p.m., and juniors age 8-plus in third grade or 9-13 is Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. in the District Court room at the Courthouse.

## Youth Play Day is Saturday

The boys and girls Dust Bowl Arena Youth Play Day is Saturday at 6:30 p.m., 5 miles west of Brackettville.

The cost is \$5 per child. Age groups are from 6 years and under, 7-10, 11-13 and 14-18.

**Find complete results of BHS sports in The Brackett News**

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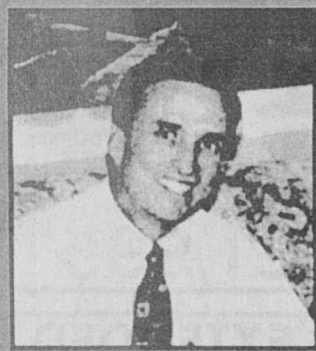
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# Rotary Club welcomes exchange student

By FRANCES McMASTER  
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club welcomed a very special guest last Thursday. Exchange student Maarten Vos had arrived from the Netherlands.

Immediate past president Bill Haenn, now serving as chair of the Exchange Student Committee, brought him to the meeting.

Haenn played host to Maarten until his first official host family, the Gilbert Ruedas family, arrived back home from vacation this past Sunday.

Yolanda Rueda, an elementary school teacher, and her family had once hosted an exchange student. She was old enough to be away from her parental home by that time, but learned from her family what an enriching experience it provided.

Maarten has been very eager

to come to America, and easily met and talked with the Rotarians. He passed around a photo album containing pictures of his family, home and school.

Maarten has two younger brothers who are twins and an older brother who is in college. His father is a judge and his mother organizes national festivals given every five years when tall ships come into Amsterdam.

Also pictured in the photo album is Maarten's dog, a border collie from England, that looks like he would be quite at home herding sheep around here.

An avid athlete, Maarten arrived at the meeting wearing an orange football jersey of the Amsterdam Admirals, the NFL Europe team for Holland. He had attended their training camp before coming to the U.S.

Maarten has met Brackett

High School head football coach David Yeager and local youngsters who are coming out for football.

When asked about differences between his experience with athletics at his homeland as compared to the local team, he said the coaches here actually coached instead of using intimidation. He was surprised that our coaches treat the players so politely.

The Rotary Club that sponsored Maarten had cards printed up for him, and he passed those out to members.

Each Rotary Club has a special small banner which are exchanged when visitors come to a meeting. Maarten has brought his sponsoring club's banner, and the local club will receive it and send one back by him when he leaves.

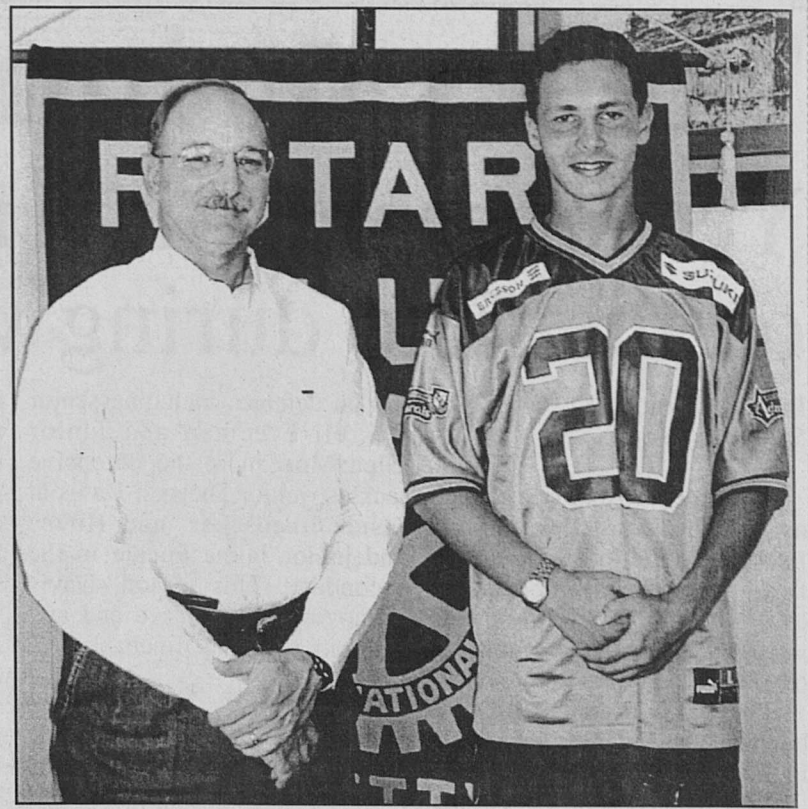
A schedule of out of town

activities he will attend was printed on the back of the weekly bulletin members received. He has already gone to the H.E.B. Camp for orientation where visiting students gather and get to meet one another. They hear talks about the cultural environment here in Texas, and each one is personally interviewed.

There will be another orientation in January, and he will go to several other meetings, ending up with a four-day trip to San Antonio where host families will take the students to see the Alamo and to visit Fiesta Texas.

Maarten has been speaking English about five years, and he plans to learn Spanish while he is here.

Rotarians welcome him here with enthusiasm and know that everyone who meets Maarten will greet him in the same way.



Rotary Youth exchange student Maarten Vos from the Netherlands is welcomed to the Brackettville Rotary Club meeting by Dave Alexander, club president.

## A cake that is to die for

I lucked out recently when visiting with a good friend and got to taste her cake that I've heard so much about.

Believe me, it's to die for! Once you try it, you too will make it often. The name of this super divine, moist cake?

Hawaiian Surprise.

Mix together: 1 box yellow cake mix with pudding, 3/4 cup vegetable or canola oil, 3/4 cup water. Beat 4 large eggs and add to mixture. Add 1 can or box coconut pecan frosting (as used in German chocolate cake), 1/2 cup chopped pecans, 1/2 cup flaked coconut, 1/2 cup crushed pineapple-drained.

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spray large bundt pan with Pam, pour cake in evenly. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 60 minutes.

Test for doneness with wooden toothpick as time will vary with different ovens. Cool in pan at least 20 minutes, then invert onto cake plate. No frosting is necessary.

## Maverick letters latest addition to DRT Library collection

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Committee, including Pat McKelvy, registrar for the Caddell-Smith Chapter, were honored to receive "The Maverick Collection" at its monthly meeting in July.

The Maverick family has become synonymous with Texas. Their family history is intertwined in the life and growth of San Antonio.

Samuel Augustus Maverick felt such strong connections with the Alamo, having been present until days before the final assault, that he built his home at the corner of Alamo

Plaza and Houston Street where the Gibbs Building now stands.

It was in consideration of her family's attachment to San Antonio and the Alamo that Laura Maverick Graves Avery of Eugene, Ore., decided to present to the DRT Library at the Alamo 100 letters of Maverick family correspondence. Several photographs and memorabilia are also included. Avery made the trip from Oregon specifically to deliver the items personally.

The letters date from 1852 to 1895, and were exchanged by several members of the family of Samuel Augustus Maverick, San Antonio businessman, land-

owner and legislator.

Many of the letters were sent or received by Maverick's son, William H. "Willie" Maverick, and were dated from his time as a student in the Bastrop Military Institute in the years immediately before and during the war. Letters from his parents contain news of home, commentary on events and advice. His older brothers, soldiers in the Confederate service, wrote of military life in Texas camps and offered their counsel on matters of education and deportment.

Willie Maverick's own letters to family range from his school-boy days through his years in

college in Virginia and North Carolina, and express his interest in events and his occasional frustrations with academic life. Some of the most detailed letters were sent by Mary Ann Adams Maverick to her children.

Other family members represented in the papers include Lewis Maverick, George M. Maverick, Mary Brown Maverick and Laura Maverick.

The collection will be available to researchers by the end of the summer. The DRT Library is open to the general public as a research facility, but it is not a browsing library.

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# Tigers scrimmage Leakey on Saturday

## Yeager happy with enthusiasm on the field during workouts

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Sports Editor

After two weeks of practice under the hot Texas sun, Brackett head football coach David Yeager will get his first look at the 2002 Tigers this weekend when they scrimmage the Leakey Eagles.

The controlled scrimmage begins Saturday morning at 10 in Leakey.

"We're excited to go hit somebody else from a different school," Yeager said. "I think Leakey will be improved from last year. They have some good athletes. It will be good practice."

"We hope to answer some questions about some of our offensive and defensive positions, especially our offensive line, to see if we have some kids that can help us out on Friday night."

Brackett has only two starters back on offense from last year's 8-2 squad that finished second in district — quarterback Jared Hobbs and center Philip Munoz, both seniors.

The Tigers return five start-

ers on defense, including senior Terrell Freeman and junior Glen Morgan at the defensive tackles, junior Dietrich Davis at inside linebacker, and Hobbs and junior Jaime Puente in the secondary. This season, Davis is moving to defensive end and Morgan will play linebacker.

"Defensively, we will be an aggressive eight-man front," Yeager said. "We should be the fastest defense in our district. We will have a lot of speed. We have some really quick, explosive kids there."

Hobbs is an experienced leader in the Tigers slot-T offense, entering his third season as the team's starting signal caller.

"Jared is like a coach on the field," Yeager said. "He is very poised. He is really cool under pressure. He knows the offense really well, so he can get the kids in the right spots if there is a break in the huddle or on the line scrimmage. He can get us in the right play if there is a check or an adjustment to be made. Plus, he has more and

more confidence in his ability to make plays, which is really important."

Yeager has had 44 players out for summer workouts, and hopes to have more once school starts.

The head coach says he is anxious to see if the enthusiasm his team has shown in practice will carry into Saturday's scrimmage.

"I've really liked our enthusiasm," he said. "The coaching staff has done a good job of hopping around the field and getting the kids excited. There's a lot of energy on the field. Everyone is learning and having a good time."

Fundamentals have been the focus of Brackett's two-day practices.

"Right now, we're working on the execution of our offensive and defensive schemes, fundamentals and getting better in the kicking game," Yeager said.

The Tigers will host Junction in their second scrimmage on Aug. 23 before opening the season against Lytle on Aug. 30.

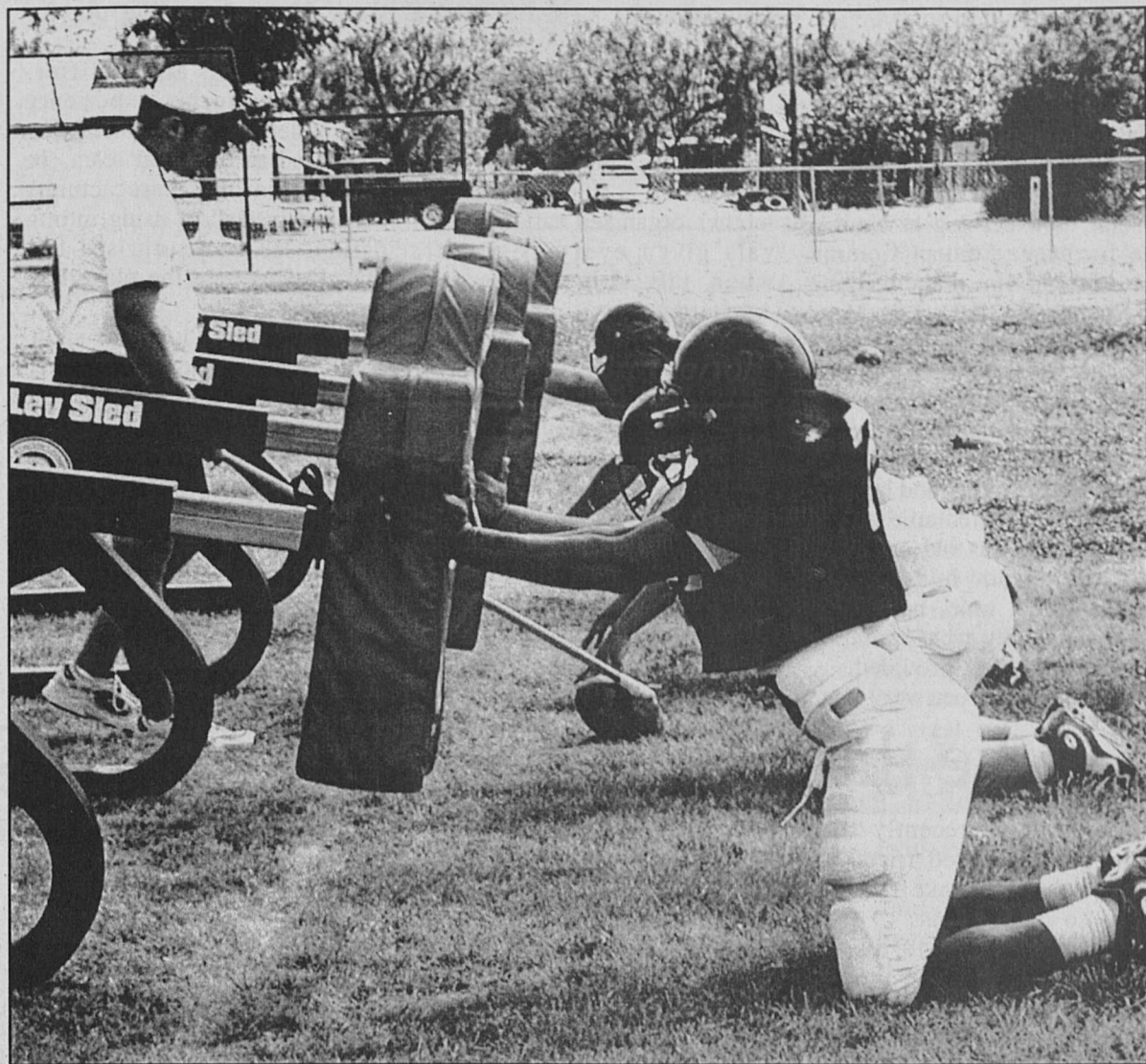


Photo by J.J. Guidry

### Firing off the line of scrimmage

Tigers football coach Rod Blount works with the defensive line on exploding off the line of scrimmage. BHS will scrimmage Leakey on the road Saturday morning at 10.

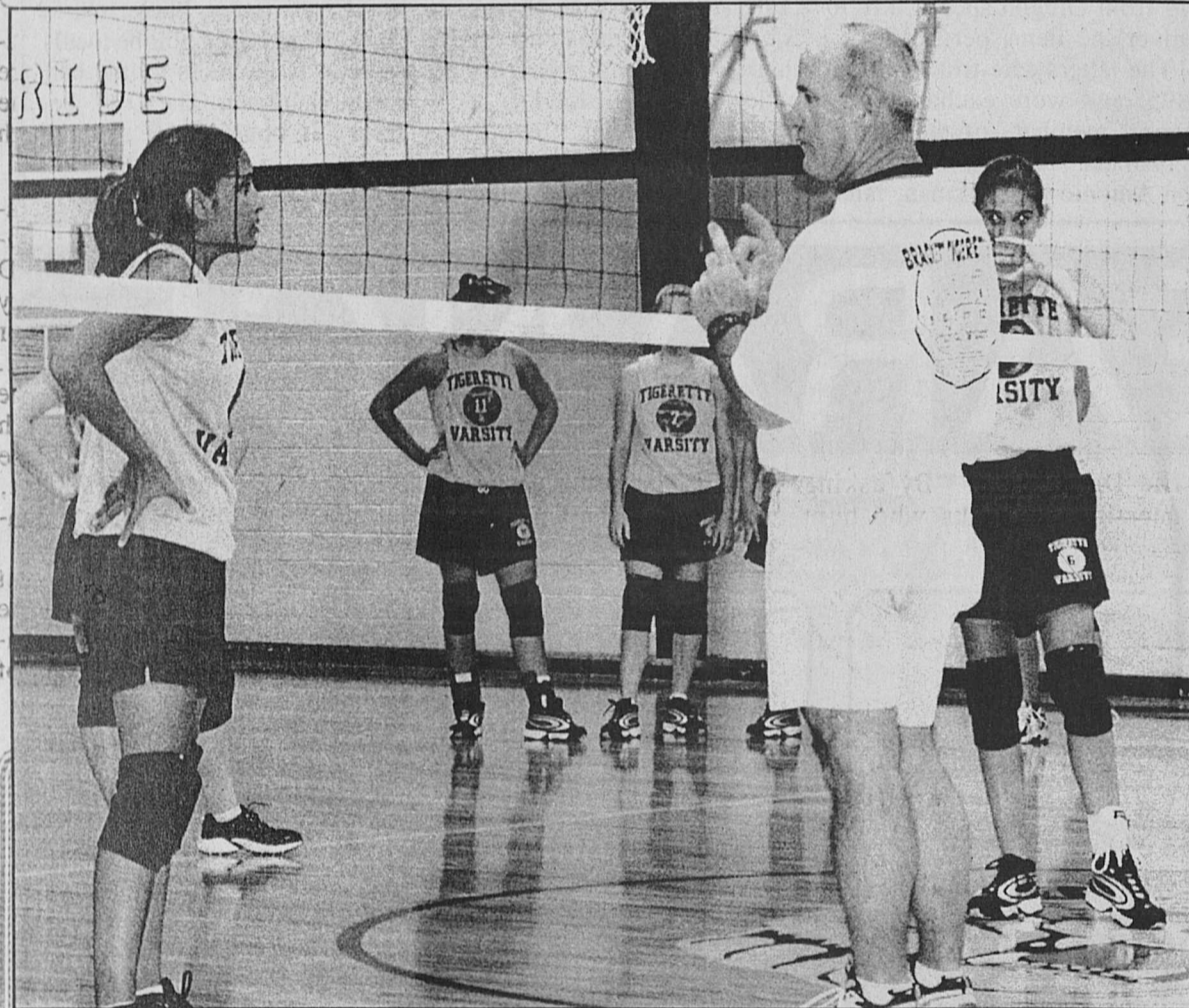


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### Giving instructions

Tigerettes volleyball coach Dusty Brotherton gives instructions during workouts this week. BHS scrimmages in Uvalde on Friday and in Del Rio on Saturday.

## BHS softball players travel to Hawaii to compete with Team All-Star USA

Two Brackettville girls returned home this summer after playing softball with Team All-Star USA in Oahu, Hawaii as part of a goodwill trip between the two states.

Celina Cano and Vanessa Castillo spent eight days in the Waikiki Beach resort area of Oahu competing against local high school teams. Team All-Star USA posted a 3-3 record, but went 3-1 in tournament play to bring home a silver medal. Games were hosted by Kaimuki High School.

The softball team was coached by Lori Reyes, the head coach at Lake Sumter Community College in Florida last year.

"It was a very good experience for everyone," Reyes said. "We faced some good competition in Hawaii. I know the girls enjoyed the trip."

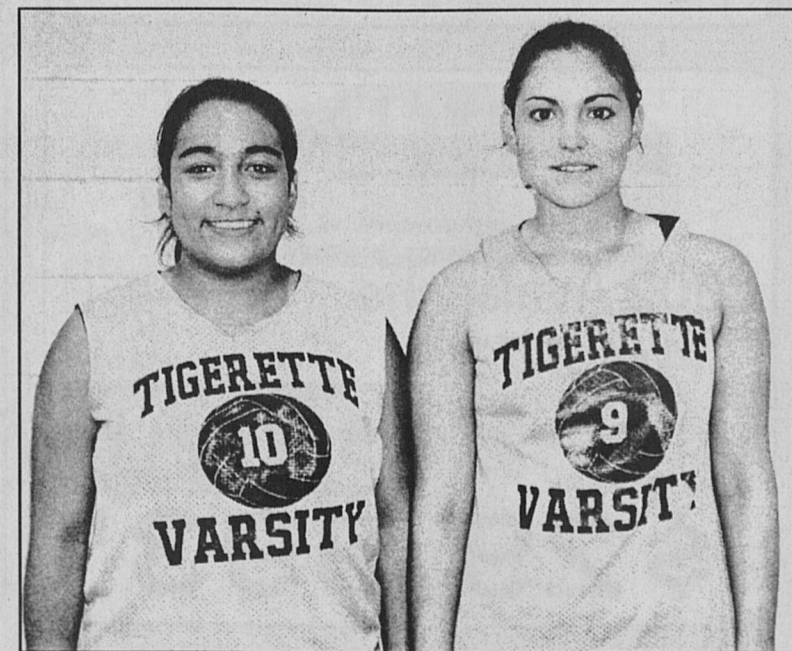
Cano played third base, while

Castillo saw action at shortstop.

"Coming in, I expected the Hawaiian girls to be good, and they were," Castillo said. "We had a good team and the girls really came together for not knowing each other before we arrived here."

Team All-Star USA trips are organized every summer by Abel "Sonny" Fonseca of San Benito. He has been taking teams off and on to Veracruz, Mexico since 1990. This was Team All-Star USA's first venture to the Hawaiian Islands.

Besides spending time at Waikiki Beach, the group of athletes visited Pearl Harbor Naval Base, the Polynesian Cultural Center and Pali Lookout. Team members also climbed Diamond Head Crater, a 0.8-mile, one-way climb 560 feet from the crater floor. They also attended a luau, went snorkeling at Hanauma Bay, and spent time



Brackettville's Vanessa Terrazas (left) and Celina Cano played softball this summer with Team All-Star USA.

shopping at the International Market Place.

Cano, 17, who will be a senior this fall, said she enjoyed meeting new people and all the sight-seeing. Besides softball, Cano also plays volleyball at Brackett High School.

"I had a really good time," Cano said. "Having my mother (Ana) and sister Lola on the trip made it even better. We all had such a good time. I especially enjoyed the Luau."

Cano and Castillo both raised money for the trip using a raffle hosted by Team All-Star USA.

Cano also expressed thanks to her sponsor, Isidrio Garza of Eagle Pass.

## Tigerettes prepare for season opener on Tuesday with a pair of weekend scrimmages

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Sports Editor

The Brackett Tigerettes will use a pair of weekend scrimmages to prepare for their 2002 volleyball season opener on Tuesday against La Pryor.

Brackett will face Utopia and Uvalde in a 10 a.m. scrimmage in Uvalde on Friday, and then scrimmage Del Rio on the road on Saturday.

The Tigerettes junior varsity and varsity teams open their season on the road Tuesday against La Pryor. The games begin at 5 p.m.

Brackett has 35 players out for the high school teams this season.

"We're excited about getting the season started," BHS head volleyball coach Dusty Brotherton said. "Scrimmaging Utopia,

*"Workouts have been going really well. We have been focusing a lot on fundamentals. The girls have really responded well, and we are looking forward to opening the season."*  
**Dusty Brotherton**

Uvalde and Del Rio will give us a great opportunity to evaluate our talent and see where we are at going into the season.

"Workouts have been going really well. We have been focusing a lot on fundamentals. The girls have really responded well, and we are looking forward to opening the season," he added.

The Tigerettes are coming off a 14-8 campaign after finishing second in conference last season.

Brackett returns only one starter from that team — senior defensive specialist Vanessa Castillo, who earned second team all-district honors.

Other returning lettermen include seniors Celina Cano and Davina Luna, juniors Beth Ballew, Allison LaMascus and Sarah Meyer, and sophomore Stephanie Bonner.

"Celina, Stephanie, Sarah and Allison all got some good playing time in the playoffs last year, so we feel like we have a good nucleus of players coming back."

Newcomers to the varsity team this year are juniors Stacey Castilla, Amanda Davis and Stacy Terrazas.

## Local soccer teams prepare for season

Over 30 boys and girls from Brackettville are currently signed up to play soccer this fall.

The participants range in age from 4 to 13. There are two teams, the Tigers in the under-10 age group (U10) and the Cubs in the under-8 age group (U8), which are comprised of only Brackettville players. These two teams will have all of their practices in Brackettville and will compete in Del Rio as part of the Del Rio-Laughlin Youth Soccer Association, beginning Sept. 7.

Eunice Blankenship and Julie Bruce are coaching the Tigers, and Becky and Silver Resendez are coaching the Cubs.

Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter has graciously offered the Soccer Club the use of the field across from Burger and Shake as the practice field for the Tigers and the Cubs.

Other Brackettville players will play on DRLYSA teams, including the Avanti Avengers (U12), the DRMS Clinic Sidekicks (U14) and an as-of-yet unnamed U6 team.

On July 31, a group of interested parents gathered and formed the Brackettville Soccer Club "to provide a safe, enjoy-

able means for the children of Brackettville to enjoy playing soccer."

The Soccer Club also committed "to grow to the point that we may stand by ourselves in association with STYSA (South Texas Youth Soccer Association)."

Officers elected include Ken Sellers, president; Blankenship, vice president; Barbara Graham, secretary; Yvette Clementz, equipment manager; Becky Resendez, U8 age-level coordinator; Bruce, U10 age-level coordinator; Carol Pettett, U12 age-level coordinator; and Kathleann Klusek, U12 age-level coordinator.

Two team sponsors are still needed for the Tigers and the Cubs. Each sponsor will need to donate \$300 that will be used for team uniforms. The sponsor's name will be a part of the uniform. Additional donations are being accepted to help the Soccer Club purchase the requisite equipment to maintain the practice field and assist the team coaches with their coaching needs.

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■ **Mourning dove:** Central zone (north of U.S. 90), Sept. 1 through Oct. 29 and Dec. 26 through Jan. 5.; south zone (south of U.S. 90), Sept. 20 through Nov. 3 and Dec. 21 through Jan. 10.

■ **White-winged dove:** Special south Texas zone, Sept. 7-8 and Sept. 14-15.

■ **White-tailed deer:** Archery, Sept. 28 through Oct. 27. General: Special youth season,



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Oct. 26-27; north zone, Nov. 2 through Jan. 5, south zone, Nov. 2 through Jan. 19. Late antlerless and spike: North zone, Jan. 6-19; south zone, Jan. 20 through Feb. 2.

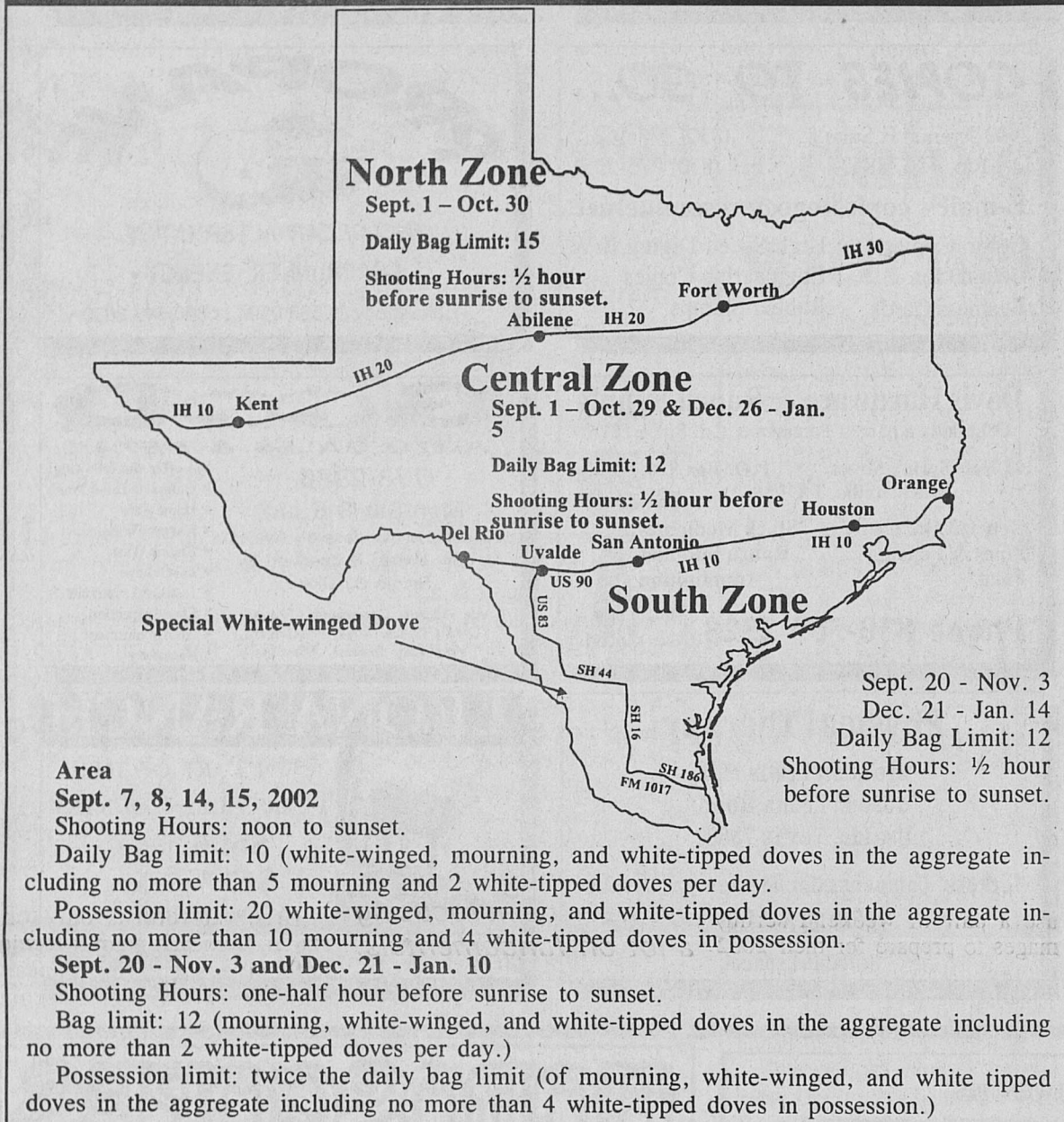
■ **Mule deer:** Archery, Sept. 28 through Oct. 27. General: Panhandle (36 counties), Nov. 23 through Dec. 8., southwest panhandle (seven counties), Nov. 23 through Dec. 1.; Trans-Pecos (19 counties), Nov. 30 through Dec. 15.

■ **Quail:** Statewide (all counties), Oct. 26 through Feb. 23.

■ **Rio Grande turkey:** Same dates as archery and general whitetail seasons listed above.

For more specific information, pick up a copy of the Outdoor Annual available wherever hunting licenses are sold.

## 2002-2003 DOVE HUNTING SEASONS



Jared Hobbs (from left), Dietrich Davis and John Wylie killed four bobcats, two foxes and a raccoon in a two-hour hunt recently on a ranch east of Brackettville.

## Public input sought on future of hunting

AUSTIN — The first step toward ensuring a healthy future for hunting in Texas is up to Texans. By attending upcoming public meetings around the state or participating in an online survey, citizens can help shape the strategies needed to maintain the state's hunting heritage.

"The fact is a smaller percentage of Texans are participating in hunting today," said Robert Cook, executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "By asking questions of folks who hunt regularly or used to hunt and even those who've never hunted, we can better understand the problems and barriers causing this lower participation rate. Then we can start working

on solutions that remove those obstacles to hunting participation and increase public support for hunting."

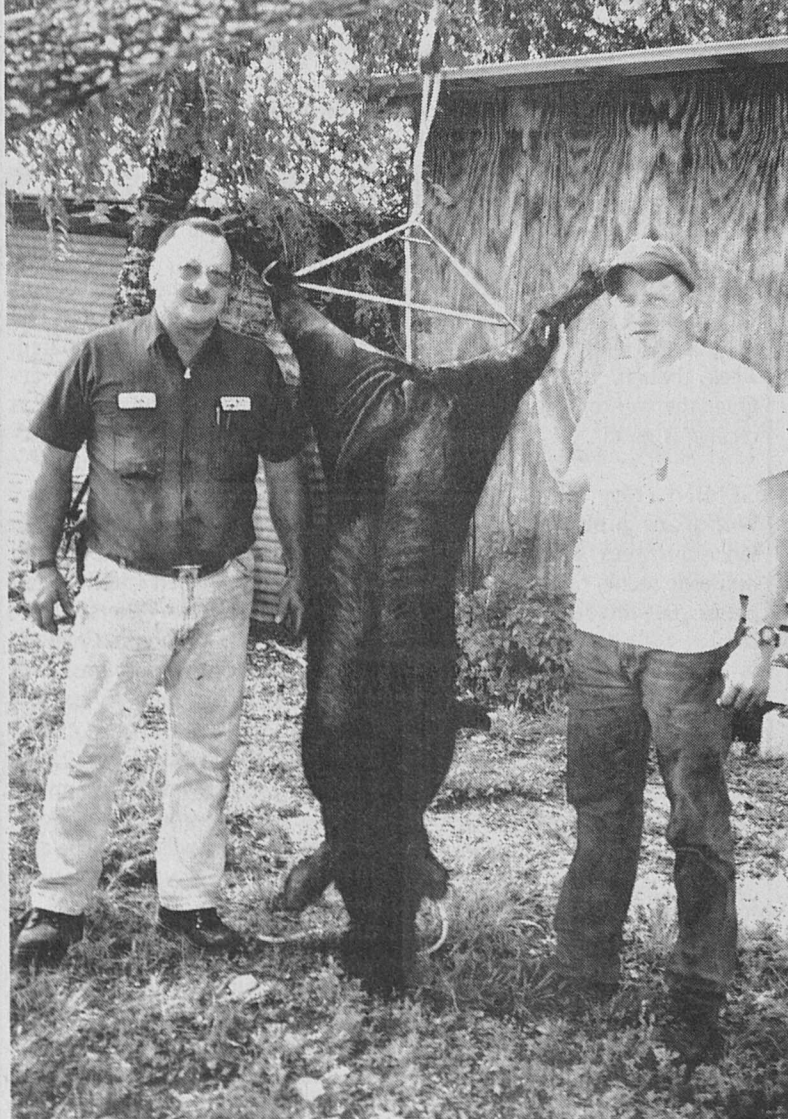
TPWD reports indicate a stabilization or slight increase in hunting participation over the past three years, but officials are concerned that the proportion of hunters among the general population in Texas is not keeping pace with population growth.

Studies have indicated that there are many factors operating alone or in concert to inhibit participation. For example, according to TPWD hunter survey data, the hunting population is largely male, white and aging. Researchers have concluded that a serious decline may begin soon as aging hunters start

retiring from the sport and insufficient numbers of youth are being recruited to off-set the loss, despite the efforts of youth hunting programs.

"Effective wildlife conservation depends on the healthy future of hunting," said TPWD Wildlife Division director Gary Graham. "Hunting is a major tool of wildlife management. For instance, income from the sale of hunting licenses, with matches from the federal excise taxes on hunting equipment, fund most TPWD wildlife conservation activities."

Hunters contribute about \$3.2 billion per year to the Texas economy, which is income critical to the survival of many rural communities.



Tom Ertle (left) and Brent Smith are shown with the wild hog Smith killed. The wild hog, which weighed over 450 pounds, was killed on the Richard Smith Ranch, approximately 12 miles north of Brackettville.

## First-ever whitetail deer auction set for September

The first-ever live whitetail deer auction will be held at the Fourth Annual Texas Deer Association Convention and Banquet in San Antonio on Sept. 13. Texas is the leading state in the nation for deer hunting and is being spearheaded by the Scientific Breeders in Texas, licensed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

The Scientific Breeders are at the forefront of breeding the best genetics in the nation. The auction will feature the best deer genetics that Texas has to offer.

The convention will be a two-day affair held at the Omni Hotel on Sept. 13-14. There will be seminars on everything you ever wanted to know about deer and they will run all day on Friday and Saturday.

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**THANK YOU**

Maria B. Ward and Douglas C. Ward, Sr. and the Gomez family would like to thank Camrillo Cruz and family and the numerous family members and friends that donated and attended the fundraiser for Maria B. Ward during the time of her illness. Our prayers will always be with all of you.

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24 Welcome benefit
25 Assemble
27 Like sea water
30 Vault's support
31 Implore
34 "Wanna make \_\_\_?"
35 Thin porridge
36 Eur. country
37 Look at with pleasure
41 Forest
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22 Stood
43 Prescribed amount
44 Ferdinand V or Alfonso XIII
45 Football team
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49 Unkind
50 Item of value
53 Smut
54 Strange
57 Joys
60 Easier to handle
62 Sour
63 Good buy
64 Papal garb
65 Swirling waters
66 Places for irises
67 Rejuvenate
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5 Textbook division
6 John
7 Not well -done
8 Sault
9 Word with spoon or kettle
10 Gush forth
11 Knowledge of traditions
12 Son of Zeus
13 Disarray
19 Cold and severe
22 Soil loosener
24 Scraps
25 Computer attachment
26 Robert \_\_\_
27 60 Minutes personality
28 White poplar
29 Like a cracked cup
30 Lay stress on
31 Curved-horned animal
32 Uneven
33 Kelly and Hackman
35 Elfish one
38 Cards of the future
39 Famous tele-vangelist
40 Ancient home
46 Indian weight
47 Synagogue soloist
48 Does an usher's job
49 Pharaoh's nemesis
50 Attached dwellings: abbr.
51 Smack
52 Poison remedies
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54 Muscat's place
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59 Charles or Bolger
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1. Amsterdam; 2. Salt; 3. Aunty; 4. Leslie Hornby; 5. Heinrich Himmler; 6. Three-quarters; 7. Nescaya; 8. Henry Kissinger; 9. Shells and mollusks; 10. Steven Weed

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

Today's Category: FAMOUS INVENTORS

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- 1. Where is Dam Square?
2. What seasoning is mentioned over 30 times in the Bible?
3. What was Goldfinger's first name?
4. What is Twiggy's real name?
5. Who was the head of the Gestapo?
6. What fraction pure is 18-carat gold?
7. What was the first instant coffee?
8. Who said, "Power is the ultimate aphrodisiac"?
9. What does a conchologist study?
10. Who was with Patty Hearst the night she was kidnapped?

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August 15.....Daniel Woods
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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Confusion reigns early in the week. Don't let this fluster you too much. By week's end, you're able to see clearly what needs to be done.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You're thrown a bit of a curve this week where work is concerned. Take this in stride. Your quick, creative thinking will save the day.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A change of travel plans isn't what you'd anticipated. However, you must deal with another person's schedule as well as your own. Later in the week, a financial matter takes precedence.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
You continue your weekend socializing as the week begins. By mid-week, though, you're all business. Over the weekend, the news you receive is good.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You need to be very clear this week when communicating your wishes to others. Don't leave any room for doubt. Over the weekend, you make progress with domestic chores.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Workplace problems are a nuisance this week. However, on the domestic scene, things couldn't be better. Let this serve as your ballast.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
You're waiting for an answer from an important party. It won't be forthcoming right away. Have patience; you'll hear what you want by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Co-workers are on the same page with you. Take advantage of this good will. You'll be able to accomplish everything you want by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week to talk turkey with your mate. Together, you can reach a mutually acceptable compromise. This weekend, a child's needs come first.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Although you love to socialize, you're also one who can go it alone quite happily. This is one of those weeks. Friends are too busy with their own matters, but you're understanding about this.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A problem in romance has you a bit out of sorts. Give this person enough space to sort things out. Forcing the issue won't serve you well.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You have a tendency to believe everything a friend says this week. This advice is unreliable. Trust your own instincts, and you'll be okay in the long run.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

- 1. Bell
2. Bessemer
3. Braille
4. Dunlop
5. DuPont
6. Edison
7. Fish
8. Fulton
9. Galileo
10. Goodyear
11. Gutenberg
12. Howe
13. Marconi
14. Morse
15. Otis
16. Pullman
17. Schick
18. Watt
19. Whitney
20. Zeppelin

Grid showing the solution for the Roaring Twenties puzzle, with words circled in the grid.



# Balance the love in your relationships

I have just been blessed to spend three and one-half days at a spiritual retreat.

The hours were too long, the food was too much and the music was too loud (only sometimes). Yet, I was indeed blessed.

Unless you work full-time in the church, I suspect that you have too little appreciation for the many ways in which God is blessing you.

As a pastor, I am made aware of how God is acting in the lives of parishioners, neighbors, friends and family. As a pastor, many tend to share with you the pains, the healings, the struggles, the successes, the fear, the joy, the good, and the bad. And in each of those instances, there is a revelation of how God works within all that happens to bring about God's good purpose.

God uses all that happens to you and I to reveal God's self and God's love of God's creation. I don't always see the good that God makes of the bad until later, but in retrospect, it is so evident.

Before this retreat, I was focused, as many of you were, on the happenings at Fort Clark Springs with the board and their critics.

I was saddened by the struggles of people on both sides of the issue because the few (again on both sides) were intent, or so it seemed, on hurting the many.

The depth of anger and pain expressed in hurtful and ugly ways shook me.

I wanted everyone to accept that God expects us to treat each other as God treats us — with love and respect. I wanted everyone to be just and fair in ne-



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gotiation of a solution. I was struggling with what God wanted my role in this local issue to be.

As usual, God took me aside and corrected me. During this past weekend, I was once again immersed in individual and communal relationships which called for discerning God's call to discipleship and God's gift of grace.

Once again, God offered answers and I listened a little instead of taking charge as I usu-

ally do.

There are so many more critical issues in everyday life than who is on the board at Fort Clark Springs, how the general manager manages to make some happy, and how can we build Fort Clark back to what it was when we invested in it.

Above all else, our focus must be on how we are walking with God as evidenced by how we are walking with God's children. We must see our love for God reflected in our love of others.

I am again reminded that Jesus responded to the lawyer's question about the greatest commandment by saying, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, "You shall love

your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:37-40).

There are three entities mentioned in this great quote about love — God, others and self. Perhaps, when our love of God is not reflected in our behavior with others, the love of self is what is out of balance, too much or too little.

Our true blessings come out of a proper balance of loving self, God and our neighbors. Let us count the blessings we receive from our neighbors and our God, rather than what we feel are curses.

Visit us at First United Methodist Church for worship this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. Help us continue to seek to balance the love reflected in our relationships.



**Empowering Families**

**Dr. Donald Smith**

## Find comfort in the truth

Jason stood for several moments in silence. He struggled with what was going on inside his mind. Dave looked up at his son and broke the silence. "Something you need to say, Jason?" he asked.

Jason looked at his shoes and then at his dad. "I know who did it, Dad," Jason said, picking up in the middle of his thought.

"Did what?" Dave asked.

Hesitantly Jason said, "I know who painted the graffiti on the north wall of the school."

"Do you realize the seriousness of what you're saying Jason?" Dave asked. "I'm not sure. But it's tearing me apart. I have to tell someone," Jason replied. "Sit down here, son. Let's talk about this." As Jason sat down beside his dad, he felt a comforting arm on his shoulder. Dave continued, "I'm proud you trust me, son. But before you tell me who it was, let's talk about what you have to do." "I know I'll have to tell the school principal," Jason said as he searched his dad's eyes for approval and courage.

"It was Larry and Steve. I saw them do it. I know they'll deny it. If I say anything, they'll probably come after me. It'll be my word against theirs."

This was a proud moment for Dave. He knew the struggle that Jason was battling. He remembered incidents like this in his own life. "You're right, son," he said. "They will deny it and will probably threaten you. It'll be your reputation for honesty and integrity that'll win this for you. Standing up and doing the right thing will make it much less likely Larry and Steve will follow through on their threats, but that's a chance we take. "Long ago a very wise man said that the truthful witness saves lives but he who utters lies is a betrayer (Proverbs 14:25). To do nothing would be the same as lying and would betray your own integrity and your school."

**Editor's note:** This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.

## Be part of the solution

We have been away for several weeks and, upon coming home, I have found something happening in our community that is very distressing.

First, I hear and read about people at Fort Clark Springs arguing and fighting with each other. Then the paper has articles about the Groundwater Board in dissension and disagreement. Finally, Carolyn Rutherford writes an article concerning criticisms leveled against the EMS.

Everyone has a right to his or her own opinion, but when expressing opinions becomes critical and hurtful to others, this is wrong.

Psalm 12 tells us: "Everyone speaks falsehood to his neighbor, with smooth lips they speak and double heart. May the Lord destroy all smooth lips, every boastful tongue."

It is OK to disagree, but not to be disagreeable.

The people in our community who dedicate their time and expertise to serving on the FCS Board of Directors, the Groundwater Board, the City Council, the Commissioners Court or are trained as EMS personnel are, hopefully, working for the betterment of our community.

They were elected or appointed to various boards because they expressed a belief in



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**Lynn McNew**

this beautiful place where we live and a desire to see it continue to grow and prosper.

When their personal agendas come before their service to the community, this is not good.

We have all heard the expression: "If you are not part of the solution, then you must be part of the problem."

We all need to look within ourselves and decide if we are spreading rumors and criticizing others for the sake of being cantankerous, or if we are working to be helpful and life giving to our community.

Psalm 12, Verse 8 says: "You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation."

Let us all pray for a sense of community and well being; a desire to work together in peace and harmony.

You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God Bless You.

## Equip students spiritually with new blessings calendar

While you are equipping your children with school supplies, don't forget to equip them spiritually.

Make your children or grandchildren a "Back to School" blessings calendar that they can either carry with them in their notebook, or that they can put in their desk.

Get a 3-by-5-inch yearly calendar from the craft store, the small 3-by-5-inch or use the one page calendar found on the back of your check-book statement register.

Glue it on the bottom of a piece of paper (colored, white, wallpaper, wrapping paper, etc.), leaving about a 1- or 2-inch border around the calendar at the bottom.

Then either print, script, type or print from your computer certain scriptures that will be a blessing and strengthen them each day.

You might want to use the New Living Translation which is easy to understand.

Glue this above the calendar (leaving a half-inch space above the calendar, and balancing spaces on the three other edges.



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"I am a son/daughter of God" (John 1:12-13).

"God had not given me the spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7).

"I trust in the Lord with all my heart. I do not depend on my own understanding. I seek God in all I do. He directs my paths" (Proverbs 3:5).

"The Lord gives me knowledge, understanding and wisdom. He protects me" (Prov. 2:6-7).

"No weapon formed against me shall prosper and every tongue that shall rise against me in judgment shall be brought to justice" (Isaiah 54:17).

### HEALTH

## TMA physicians link arms with other health groups to battle prostate cancer

Prostate cancer is the No. 2 cancer killer of American men — the disease killed approximately 31,000 American men in 2001. It is the second most common cancer to strike men in the United States. To combat this deadly disease, the Texas Medical Association announces the creation of the Action Plan on Prostate Cancer for the State of Texas, a tool to help physicians reduce the impact of prostate cancer in the Lone Star State.

Action Plan is a blueprint for attacking prostate cancer, a deadly disease that will strike more than 10,000 Texas men this year.

The plan was a collaborative effort of TMA's Physician Oncology Education Program (POEP), the Texas Cancer Council, the Texas Department of Health, and the American Cancer Society. Funding for the plan came from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The booklet is a guide to existing resources for education, testing, treatment, and support for improving the outcomes for prostate cancer patients in Texas. The Action Plan also pinpoints resources in need of further development. "The publication of this plan is an important milestone for Texas men that will result in improved outcomes for men with prostate cancer," said Dr. Philip Huang, chief of the TDH Bureau of Chronic Disease and Tobacco Prevention.

The plan includes specific recommendations to achieve five goals:

■ Raise public awareness by increasing the availability, use, and effectiveness of prostate cancer information.

■ Increase the number of men who participate in "shared decision-making" with medical professionals.

■ Increase access to and utilization of quality prostate cancer care.

■ Enhance health care professionals' knowledge, skills, and practice in prostate cancer.

■ Enhance quality research and data collection to augment the action plan.

Organizers sent the guidebook in advance of Prostate Cancer Awareness Week to all Texas medical schools. Additionally, physicians specializing in critical care medicine, critical care surgery, geriatrics, hematology/oncology, palliative medicine, pain medicine, radiation oncology, surgical oncology, and urology received the guide.

For a copy of the Action Plan, please contact Andy Miller, project director of the POEP, at (512) 370-1673 or by E-mail at andy.miller@texmed.org. The plan can also be accessed on the POEP Web-site at www.poep.org.

TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing more than 37,000 phy-

sician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 119 component county medical societies around the state. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

## Praise the Lord



**St. John's Missionary Church**

**Rev. Bill Adams Sr.**

"O Praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him all ye people. "For his merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. "Praise ye the Lord." Psalms 117.

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**St. Andrews Episcopal Church Welcomes You**  
Corner of Fort & Henderson

Sunday Services 10:45 am  
Eucharist: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday  
Morning Prayer: 2nd, 4th Sunday

## God Created the Church to be a Family for ALL His Children.

**Sunday Schedule:**

Bible School at 9:30 am  
Choir Practice at 10:15 am  
Worship at 10:45 am

First United Methodist Church, "Home Away from Home"  
Child care available upon request. 563-2823

## First Baptist Church (SBC)

Corner of Ann and Veltman  
**Pastor: R. D. Holloway 563-2245**

Sunday: Bible study for all ages 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
Adult/Youth/Children Discipleship Training 6 p.m.  
Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Wednesdays 7 p.m. Bible Study

### Welcome!

**Church of Christ**

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