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Proposal made to Edwards Aquifer Authority

San Antonio agency pursues other options of assisting district

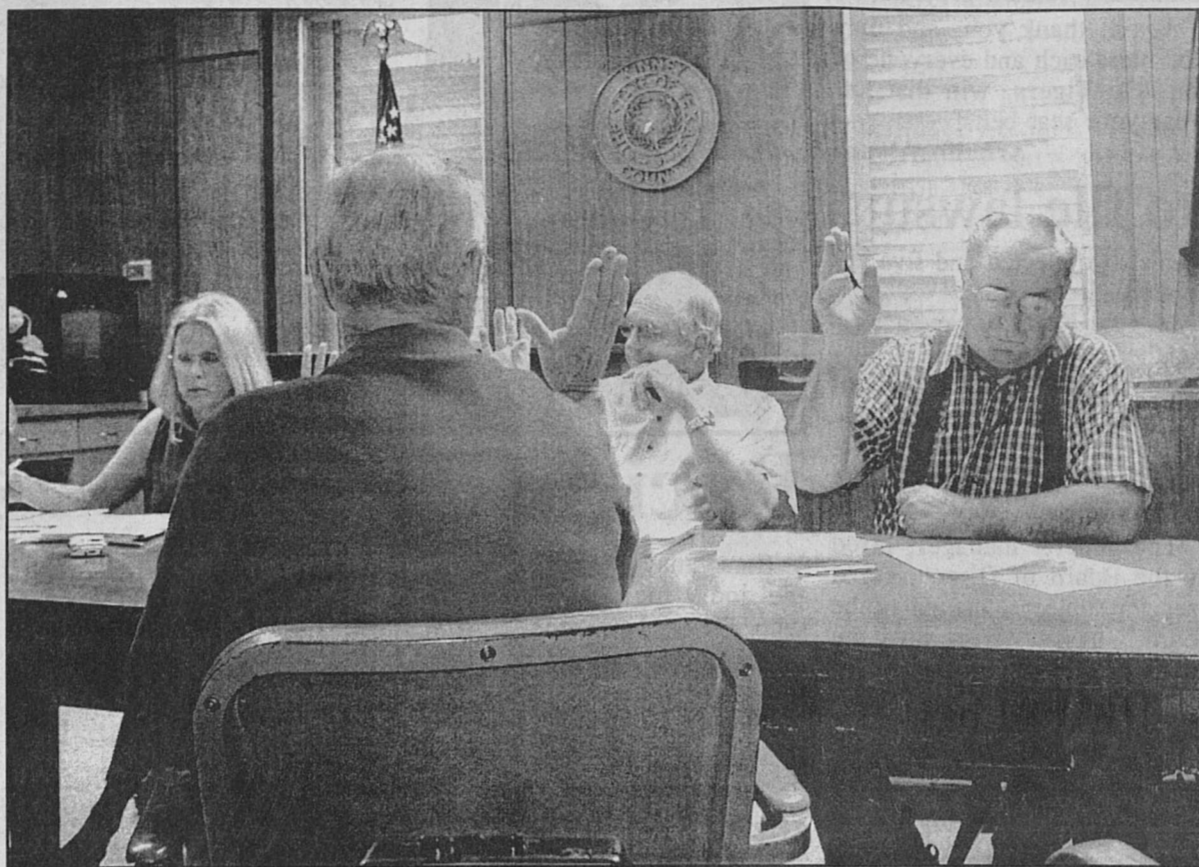
By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Members of the Edwards Aquifer Authority's Executive Committee decided Monday not to act on a proposal to provide general management services to the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District.

Officials did, however, instruct General Manager Greg Ellis to pursue other opportunities to work with the local district.

"We got a really mixed reaction from the board members," Ellis said during a telephone interview Tuesday. "If the board here is not in favor of it, it just isn't going to happen. The executive committee members did, however, express a lot of interest in doing what we can to help Kinney County get off to a good start."

"Their key consideration is that we have enough of our job here to warrant not taking on additional responsibilities. I don't think we will end up doing a full-management contract, but there may be other things that we can do."



Considering management options

Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District board members Darlene Shahan (from left), Don Hood, Hadley Wardlaw and Bob Young discussed a proposal this week for the Edwards Aquifer Authority to provide general management services of the district.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Luana Buckner, a member of the EAA Board of Directors and Executive Committee, said the agency is being faced with "many difficult issues."

"We're drafting water qual-

ity rules, finishing our Habitat Conservation Plan, we're trying to find a way to raise the cap perhaps to meet our minimum pumping requirements — and we need the general manager's

full attention," she said.

"The chairman (Mike Beldon) also made a lot of remarks about our wanting to help the Kinney County district, and

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Board members deny knowledge of contract presented to agency

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Members of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors denied knowledge Tuesday night of a written proposal given to the Edwards Aquifer Authority to provide management and general governmental services for the district.

However, Greg Ellis, EAA's general manager, said earlier that day the proposal had been submitted to the San Antonio agency by Darlene Shahan, who is the local district's interim general manager and serves on the board as the secretary and treasurer.

Ellis presented the written proposal to the EAA's Executive Committee during a meeting Monday in San Antonio.

"I had a conversation with Darlene Shahan about the possibility of us doing something to help," Ellis said during a telephone interview Tuesday afternoon.

"She apparently had a conversation with some people from the (Harris-Galveston Coastal) Subsidence District in Houston because they did this," he said, referring to the subsid-

ence district's involvement in interlocal agreements to provide general management for other districts. "She had a copy of their contract and she had made some adjustments to it. We went ahead and started working on that contract," he added.

The Kinney County directors have taken no formal action to negotiate any contractual agreements for management of the district.

Cecil Smith, chairman of the local water board, said the district was advised by its former counsel, Jace Houston, to seek an agreement with EAA. Houston serves as general counsel for the Harris-Galveston Coastal Subsidence District.

"We strictly asked what can you do for us at what price so we can look at it," Smith told the directors Tuesday night during the board's monthly meeting.

When a copy of the written agreement was produced during the meeting, members of the board denied knowledge of the proposed contract.

"I wasn't aware they had a contract from the district," Director Don Hood said. "Did any of us sign this thing? I don't know anything about it. I've

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District deletes rule concerning single commercial wells

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District deleted Rule 9.04B from the district's rules last Wednesday.

The decision came during a special meeting following a public hearing in the County Courthouse.

Rule 9.04B read: "Single commercial wells: The permit requirements of these rules do not apply to persons owning only one commercial well within the district."

Board members Don Hood, Darlene Shahan, Cecil Smith, Hadley Wardlaw and Bob Young all voted to delete the rule. Director Zach Davis did

not participate in the proceedings.

"Being as I have an amendment pending before the board, I'm going to recuse myself from participating in this," Davis told Smith, the board president, before the hearing began.

The only citizen to speak during the public hearing was Jim McDaniel. The local farmer

asked why the public notice for the hearing was published in *The Brackett News* and the *Del Rio News-Herald*.

"I'm just wondering why we're spending our tax money advertising in the *Del Rio* newspaper," he told the directors. "I feel like it's wasting money."

Officials declined to respond to McDaniel's statements.

Police chief resigns

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Arnulfo Alonzo announced his resignation as Brackettville's chief of police, a position he has held since March 2001.

Alonzo said his resignation "is based on personal matters that require my immediate attention and require my relocation to the San Antonio area."

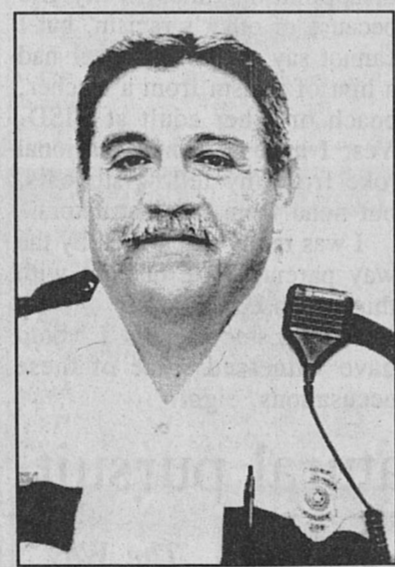
"I always had the safety and welfare of the community in mind as I conducted my business," Alonzo said in a letter.

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"I know that I probably didn't make too many Christmas lists, but that was not the reason I was hired. I hope I did you proud."

"My family and I want to thank the community for the warm welcome we received when we arrived in Brackettville."

"We will always cherish the good memories and friends that we met during our brief stay," he added.



Arnulfo Alonzo

Parents to start local LULAC chapter

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Plans are underway to charter a Brackettville chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC).

A group of Brackettville parents have been meeting weekly for a month now, discussing how they can "level the playing field" for students at Brackett ISD. Two weeks ago, LULAC officials spoke to the group and offered advice.

Lionel Juarez, the former chairman of the group, said dur-

ing a meeting last week that he had talked to Angie Garcia of San Antonio and that LULAC has offered to pay the \$50 charter fee. Individual membership fees in the local group cost \$12 annually.

In addition, Juarez said LULAC officials have spoken to representatives of the Justice Department's community relations branch who are interested in visiting Brackettville.

Some of the parents in attendance said the problems within the district were based on racism, while others said the prob-

lems stemmed from not being a member of the "right group."

"We just want answers," said Susanna Castillo, a former BHS employee, during a meeting last Wednesday. "We're going to make things happen. The only reason we're here is for the kids. Let's make a difference for everybody."

Brackett ISD Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said there were currently no formal complaints pending with him or the school district's principals.

"We would assume that what

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Judge Lee signs orders in Fort Clark lawsuit

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

District Judge Tom Lee signed temporary restraining orders Friday against 12 Fort Clark Springs members with claims to seats on the Board of Directors.

Lee held an initial hearing on the Fort Clark matter on Sept. 19. The judge is expected to issue a declaratory judgement after a second hearing on Oct. 17 at 9 a.m.

"The issue will be decided on Oct. 17," he said. "We will determine which board is the lawful board."

The temporary injunctions say that neither board "shall exercise any authority as a Board of Directors until a hearing takes place on Oct. 17."

The order states that neither board will meet before the hearing, and that none of the 12 board members "will go in or around the business or accounting office of the fort, or to have any contact with the employees

of the fort except in normal greetings, such as good morning, and the normal course of dealings between members of the fort."

It also says that none of the board members "shall involve themselves in the conduct of business of FCSA until the hearing."

Fort Clark General Manager Maggie Banner Kerr has been given limited authority to run the association until the lawsuit is settled.

Under the order, Banner Kerr cannot enter into any new contracts; she cannot pay any bill in excess of \$1,500, except those obligations that are already under contract; she cannot alter, destroy, delete, edit or change any records; and she cannot hire any new employees or fire any existing employees.

The original members of the board include Frank Cheaney, Carol Miller, Mona Miller, Jack Simpson, Tom Saylor, Glen White and Bob Williamson.

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Dancing the hula
Brackett High School senior football players Jared Hobbs (from left), Jesse Davis, Philip Munoz and Eliot Stone perform a hula dance during a recent pep-rally.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alonzo announces resignation as chief of police

I want to take this opportunity to inform the citizens of Brackettville of my resignation as your chief of police effective Oct. 11. My resignation is based on personal matters that require my immediate attention and require my relocation to the San Antonio area.

I want to thank the mayor, City Council and Mr. David Luna for giving me the opportunity to serve as your chief of police. I hope that you were satisfied with my job performance, as that is very important to me

as a law-enforcement officer. I always had the safety and welfare of the community in mind as I conducted my business.

I know that I probably didn't make too many Christmas lists, but that was not the reason I was hired. I hope I did you proud.

My family and I want to thank the community for the warm welcome we received when we arrived in Brackettville. We will always cherish the good memories and friends that we met during our brief stay.

A special thanks goes out to

Sheriff Burgess, his staff and all the other law-enforcement agencies in the area that were always supportive and available for assistance. I want to give a very special thanks to Constable Cordelia Mendeke for all her support and assistance as I feel that she went over and beyond the call of duty to assist me in community related projects.

Again, thank you, and may God bless each and everyone of you. Go Tigers, win district! Wear your seat belts!

Arnulfo Alonzo

Fort Clark GM had no authority to file lawsuit

Wanting more facts instead of rumors regarding the current upheaval at Fort Clark Springs, I read the fat dossier in the District Clerk's Office.

I was shocked!

History repeats itself! A few years ago, five members of the Board of Directors of Fort Clark Springs decided by consensus, instead of the legal route of a resolution, to sue a member of the association who allegedly libeled and slandered certain candidates running for positions on the board. Two members of the board were unaware of this action and subsequently resigned from the board in protest of this

action. This year, five members of the board, after being voted out of office by the voting membership with a margin of almost 75 percent, decided to sue the remaining two directors and their newly appointed successors. Again by consensus.

But this year, the directors realized that a resolution would be illegal, since the two remaining directors, Tom Saylor and Mona Miller, were not notified of the meeting. So they found a new twist!

They instructed the general manager to file the lawsuit and to seek a restraining order

against two elected and five appointed directors.

Maggie Kerr, not even having the authority to file a lawsuit on behalf of the association, had the audacity to challenge the will of the membership in attempting to nullify the outcome of the election!

The general manager, hired by the Board of Directors and "serving subject to the will of the board," has in effect sued the hundreds of members who voted to remove five directors because they were dissatisfied with their and her performance of duties.

Rudy Brenk



Racism does not exist at BISD

Some may recognize me as the goofy high school student who always has some comical antics up her sleeve, but sadly this is not the matter now.

I was recently looking through our splendid newspaper, *The Brackett News*, and admiring myself. By the way, I think the staff did a great job with the picture — I look fabulous.

While flipping through the pages, I saw an article on discrimination. It began by describing how some 30 parents, who had children from BISD, met officials from the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) because they felt their children were being discriminated against on the basis of race. I continued reading throughout the article. I was both shocked and extremely disappointed.

If readers don't already know, I am a multiracial student. I am both African American and caucasian, and I have dealt with my fair share of racism throughout my life. Either, I wasn't white enough, I was too black, or simply put, a mutt.

I have gone through many disappointing times in my life because of other's racism, but I cannot say that I have ever had a hint of racism from a teacher, coach or other adult at BISD. Yes, I have had the occasional joke from my fellow students, but none from my instructors.

I was really taken back by the way parents were dealing with this supposed situation.

I am a student, and I would have witnessed some of these accusations, right?



Teen Spirit

Shanae Simmons

Well, I have not. My eyes have seen nothing. Students are put out on the field or court because of their athletic ability, not their color or ethnic background.

Why would a coach stop themselves from putting an excellent athlete out there because of what they look like? Doesn't a coach's job involve a little winning here and there? I mean, why hold back from winning a game for such idiotic feelings?

I also heard a rumor that some were going to try to get coaches fired because they were white and replaced by those of Hispanic origin. I think that this in itself is discrimination.

How would these people, who have wives or husbands, children and bills to pay, be told they were let go because of their skin color?

"Oh well, I am sorry, sir, but we have to let you go because you're a little too pale for our taste."

Ridiculous! This would be turning around and doing the supposed same thing.

This really all goes back to winning games. Why would an employer hold out on hiring a highly qualified person because of their color? If there are good coaches out there who are go-

ing to help us succeed, then why hold back?

Hello, people! I think most of us here in Brackettville want to win games, and therefore, we are going to choose people who are going to lead us to victory.

I don't think coaches here are racist. Sorry for saying this, but why in the world would you move to South Texas if you did not like Hispanics? That's just like going to China with a dislike of the Chinese — it's illogical.

I think the Latin community, just like so many other cultures, has so much beauty to offer America. Why would we not all want to share and enjoy it?

I personally have never seen any racial discrimination at BISD. I have always observed the best player for the job put out to play. If you go and take a look at our football starters, they look like a small rainbow. Or maybe, turn around, and look at our varsity volleyball team. There are whites, Hispanics, blacks and hey, now there is even a black-and-white person — me. The same for our cheerleaders, too.

Maybe I am a little out of my league here. I am just another "teenager." But like most God-made men and women, I was made with eyes and ears, and I try not to block them with delusions. I just look at the facts.

I believe there are still great prejudices in America, but I don't think that we should start trying to stop it by starting with the BISD staff.

Because, honestly, from the view point of a kid, there is just nothing to stop.

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Big Mama Sez!

When you're worrying about tomorrow, you rob yourself of today

Hunting is a natural pursuit, an old and honored pastime

You know, up until just a few years ago, I had never even considered why I hunt. It was just something I had always done and seemed like a totally natural thing to do. We, at least most of us, eat meat and that meat must be killed. If you want to do it yourself, instead of letting some sweaty guy in dirty overalls brain a cow with a poleax, why not?

Then came animal rights activists — persons of small intellect, who have no life and nothing to do, and enjoy being a terrible bother to people who do.

For some reason, they had decided that those of us who enjoy hunting were ruthless, anti-social outcasts who were one step away from "going postal" and killing our entire families with our illegally obtained assault weapons. They had also decided, in direct contrast to the teaching of the Bible, that "animals are people too" and have certain "unalienable rights."

They declared war on us to the extent that bodily harm was done to persons who were perceived to be hunters. Others were followed and tormented by "activists" trying to anger them into a confrontation from which they could obtain publicity and thereby be legitimized (as opposed to lobotomized).

Suddenly, I was forced to



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

consider whether or not I wanted to be a hunter. I pondered the question for an interminable length of time, maybe 6 or 8 seconds, before I came to the conclusion that I am a hunter, have always been a hunter, and will be a hunter until I am physically unable to perform the activity required to hunt! And I do not give a hoot what the ill-begotten sons of ignorance who call themselves animal rights activists think about it.

Hunting is a natural pursuit. It is an old and honored pastime. It is an extension of our very humanity. It is not just what I do, it is in a very true sense *who I am*.

My very first memory, at about the age of 4 or 5, was of my Grandfather LaMascus taking me hunting. I am sure it wasn't the first time. Many of the cherished memories of my misspent life are directly related to hunting. Not necessarily killing, but hunting, and there is a

huge distinction here. Hunting is the pursuit of game. Killing is what is done in a slaughterhouse.

Some of my most memorable hunts have not resulted in the killing of a single game animal.

I was on an elk hunt in Wyoming years ago with my brothers. We hunted hard for eight days without seeing a single elk. But, during that time, we had a fantastic time and enjoyed the country, the weather, and each other's company. Another time in Colorado, I spent more time fishing for the voracious rainbow trout in a nearby river than I did hunting for elk.

My brothers and I grew up together with rifles in our hands. We hunted and we learned about nature. We learned that everything in nature dies. If it isn't killed by a hunter, it is pulled down by a predator and eaten while it is still half alive, or it slowly starves to death when its teeth are worn until it can no longer eat, or it is injured and dies a slow lingering death. Nature is not kind!

From that we learned that hunting was not only natural, it was also much more humane than the death that would probably await the animal in other circumstances. Not only that, but we were benefited by the meat and the memories it produced.

I fail to see the wrong in that.

God gave us dominion over all the beasts of the field and the birds of the air. Dominion means to use as we see fit. That does not mean, "animals are people too." That is as stupid a statement as I have ever been unfortunate enough to be assaulted with. And until the liberal part of the human race gets a little common sense, I guess I'll just have to go on being a low-life Bubba with homicidal tendencies. I can do nothing else and be true to myself.

Acts 10:9-15, "About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles of the earth and birds of the air. Then a voice told him, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'"

"Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean."

"The voice spoke to him a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.'"

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Pina, Terrazas selected for pageant

Samantha Lynn Pina and Celina Ines Terrazas of Brackettville were recently selected to participate in Nationals' 2002 Miss Junior Teen San Antonio pageant competition on Oct. 20.

Both girls learned of their acceptance into this year's competition as Nationals, Inc. announced their selections on Monday afternoon.

Both submitted applications and took part in an interview session that was conducted by Patty Neidert, this year's San Antonio pageant coordinator.

The girls will be competing for their share of over \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants.

Both will be competing in the Miss Jr. teen division, one of three divisions that will have young ladies between the ages of 10 and 19 competing in mod-



Pina



Terrazas

eling routines, which include casual wear and formal wear.

Most important, Samantha and Celina will display their interviewing skills while interviewing with this year's San Antonio judging panel. Personality is the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition.

If either two win the title of Miss Jr. Teen San Antonio, she would represent San Antonio and the surrounding communi-

ties at the Cities of America Competition in Orlando, Fla. Over \$60,000 in prizes and awards will be presented at the national competition, while each winner enjoys this expense-paid trip of five nights and six days.

There is no cost to Samantha or Celina for participating in the pageant. Community businesses, organizations, and private individuals will assist Samantha and Celina in participating in this year's competition by becoming an official sponsor to either girl.

Through sponsorship, each contestant receives all the necessary training, rehearsals and financial support.

Any business, organization or private individual who may be interested in becoming a sponsor to either girl may contact their pageant coordinator, Patty Neidert, at 1-800-569-2487.

How long is your hair?

I attended a wedding recently in Round Rock. It was just the usually ceremony.

Weddings are like dances. If you're only watching and not directly involved, it can be pretty boring.

I noticed a young lady sitting in front of me at the nuptials. She was quite attractive with long flowing hair.

I began to look around. I observed a phenomenon that had escaped my attention heretofore.

This is not an uncommon occurrence, because I miss lots of things, but I want to expand on this one.

You can calculate the age

But I Could Be Wrong



Chuck Hall

Why is this?

Well, it just so happens that I have a theory. I have theory about everything.

If you want to know, just ask. If you don't ask, I'll probably tell you anyway.

Back to my supposition. I think that the length and thickness of one's hair is in a direct proportion to their intelligence. As women become smarter, their hair naturally gets shorter.

When you think about it, it almost makes some kind of weird, twisted sense. That also explains why I have become bald and balding as the years go by. But I could be wrong.

Crab salad is fit for a king

This week, we're going to make a crab salad with Louis dressing. It's a salad fit for a king!

Here's what we need: 1.5 pounds of imitation crab meat, 1/3 cup of finely-chopped celery, 1/3 cup of lemon juice, 2 tablespoons of olive oil, 1/8 cup of (coffee measure) vinegar, 1/8 teaspoon of cayenne, salt to taste, 1 1/2 tablespoons of chopped shallots or onion, 1 large avocado (2 if desired), 1/4 cup of thinly-sliced radishes (optional).

Combine all the ingredients, but the avocado, one to two hours before serving. When you're ready to serve, cut the avocados into medium-sized cubes and toss with mixture.

Place a bed of lettuce on a plate, mound salad and garnish with tomato wedges, boiled eggs or whatever you like. It serves approximately six people.

For the Louis dressing, we need: 1 cup of mayonnaise (not salad dressing), 2 tablespoons of chopped parsley, 1/4 cup of



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

heavy cream (whipped, not cool whip), 1/4 cup of chili sauce, 1 tablespoon of finely-chopped chives (if dried, 1/2 tablespoon), dash of cayenne, adjust to taste — it intensifies with time.

I found this in a treasured and much-used Mississippi cook book I received from a friend. This salad rates a "10" with or without the avocado. It's a must to marinate!

Leftover dressing is great for dip another time.

From personal experience, I suggest each person use a small amount of dressing to begin, then add as desired as it is very rich and satisfying, thus requiring less than most.

Uvalde quilt show is set for Oct. 18-20

The Uvalde Piecemakers' Quilt Show will run October 18-20 at the Uvalde Adult Activity Center at 250 E. Main (Highway 90) in Uvalde.

Admission for the event will be \$2. The hours on Friday and

Saturday will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

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KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Sept. 23
10:19 p.m., A Fort Clark security employee called to report that a golf cart had run over a stop sign. Deputy Karl Chism was notified of the situation.

10:23 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman reported that she was being harassed at her residence in Unit 15. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the residence.

Tuesday, Sept. 24
7:05 p.m., A Del Rio man reported that a friend was threatening suicide at the Cline railroad crossing. The Uvalde Sheriff's office was notified and a deputy was dispatched to the scene. The man later called back and said his friend was 8 miles outside of Brackettville with a gun to his head. Deputy Chism was notified of the situation.

Wednesday, Sept. 25
4:09 p.m., A 911 caller reported that a white Buick was driving reckless on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. A second caller said the vehicle had run off the road and hit a bar ditch. Deputy Larry Robinson responded to the call.

Thursday, Sept. 26
12:15 p.m., A man stated that his vehicle had been dented at either his residence on Third Street or at the Fort Clark Res-

taurant. Deputy Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene to check the vehicle.

10:55 p.m., A woman reported a domestic problem at a residence on N. Beaumont Street. Deputy Manuel Pena was dispatched to the scene.

Friday, Sept. 27
6:51 p.m., A 911 call was received reporting an accident on Highway 90, 11 miles east of Brackettville. Deputy Chism, Police Chief Arnulfo Alonzo, Constable Cordelia Medeke, Fire Department and EMS personnel were dispatched to the scene. Uvalde AirLife was also called to the scene of the accident.

Saturday, Sept. 28
4:20 a.m., A Border Patrol agent at the Cline checkpoint called to report that two male subjects were in custody for drug possession. Deputy Pena and DPS Trooper Tully Welch were dispatched to the scene. Welch arrested Russell Crawford, 21, and Jason Dewayne Kelly, 18, both of La Vererna, for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces. Both men were booked into the Kinney County Jail and released the same day on \$1,500 bail bonds.

10:40 p.m., A woman reported that a deer ran into her

truck on Fort Clark Road. Deputy Pena was notified.

11:25 p.m. Freddie Alonzo, 22, of LaPryor was arrested by Trooper Welch for outstanding warrants, driving while intoxicated and for speeding.

Sunday, Sept. 29
5:05 p.m., A woman reported that she had locked her keys in her vehicle at her residence on S. Beaumont Street.

5:19 p.m., A man reported that he had locked his keys in his vehicle at the parking lot at the Fort Clark Springs pool.

7:05 p.m. A child called 911 and said that his mother and her boyfriend were arguing and fighting with each other at their residence on E. Rose Alley. Chief Alonzo was dispatched to the scene.

8 p.m., A man reported that he had lost his cell phone the previous day between 10 and 11 p.m.

10:26 p.m., A man called to report that his wife had taken his vehicle. He believed she went to either Del Rio or their home in Big Lake. Deputy Pena responded to the call. The man told the officer that his wife had found him at his ex-wife's apartment on First Street. He said his wife assaulted him, and then took his vehicle and left.

Judge Lee signs orders in Fort Clark Springs lawsuit

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Saylor and Mona Miller last month appointed five new directors at a special meeting — Nolan Brandt, John Dixon, Al Jenkins, Rozetta Pingenot and Santos Yarena.

This past summer, over 400 members signed a petition, initiated by the Preservation Soci-

ety, requesting a special membership meeting, which was held on Aug. 10, to recall the directors. The majority of the members voting chose to remove Cheaney, Simpson, White, Williamson and Carol Miller, and to keep Saylor and Mona Miller.

The lawsuit filed by the asso-

ciation states that the association "notified the membership of the proper procedure to call a special meeting and to hold a recall election" and that the individuals "deliberately choose to ignore following the procedures set out in the corporation's by-laws and protective restrictions."

EAA pursues other options of assisting water district

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told Greg to continue discussions with them and see if there was another way. He even suggested the possibility of some financial help so they can get up

and running. It's to our benefit to see Kinney County be successful with their district.

"We're partially pumping out of the same aquifer. We understand y'all have a lot of issues

there with folks wanting to transport water outside of the district. Historically, those large volumes have not been pumped out of the aquifer, so it may have an impact," Buckner added.

Brackett High receives Gold Performance Acknowledgment

Brackett ISD continues to receive honors and recognition. This week, Brackett High School received a Gold Performance Acknowledgment.

BHS received an exemplary school for gold performance in attendance rate, and improvement in mathematics and recommended high school program participation.

We're proud of these new honors and will present them publicly at the next school board meeting.

Michelle Frerich, school counselor, encourages every high school student to take the recommended or distinguished high school graduation plan. By completing these plans, students avail themselves of the best that this district offers.

Our schools are fine ones with outstanding teachers. This year, I am



Making A Difference

Taylor Stephenson

proud of performance from Jones Elementary, which achieved the rank of recognized again. This is quite an honor.

Brackett High School received the award of exemplary again this year. This is the highest rating in Texas.

These ranks are a testimony to the superb teachers and students that we have in Brackettville. It begins

with a fine school board that establishes a climate to be the best that we can be! Last year, Brackett High School was recognized as one of the Top 10 schools in Texas by the Texas Monthly magazine. We're still proud of that achievement.

Ag Day

Ag Day was a big hit with our elementary students. Agriculture is a major industry in our country and certainly in our county. Our students enjoyed seeing bees making honey, cows being milked and sheep being sheared. They liked the leather products and enjoyed petting the rabbits.

There were many more exhibits, but these were open when I made my tour of Ag Day. Thanks to all who had a part in this day of learning. Have a great week!

Parents to start local LULAC chapter

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complaints may have existed have been resolved at the level with the teacher, which is where it should be resolved," he said. "We don't have any complaints pending now, and we've had very few in the last year."

"I don't know why an outside group feels like it could solve a problem better than local groups.

"My board meets once a month. I'm in my office for 10 or 11 hours every day to help resolve problems," Stephenson added.

Castillo said the group hopes parents will be more active in communicating problems with Brackett ISD officials.

"A lot of parents are scared to go up to the school because they can't speak English," she said. "We want there to be an open-door policy. We don't want them to be intimidated. We want people to know it's OK to go talk to a teacher, and if you don't get an answer, it's OK to go to the principal."

The group formed after Gregg Nowlin was demoted as the high school head girls' basketball and softball coach. Nowlin, the new chairman of the parents' group, subsequently resigned and was hired by the San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District in July.

"We came together because

of what they did to Coach Nowlin, but he has let it go and we've all moved on," Castillo said. "We're here because of the kids, and he is here as a parent."

Since the Sept. 18 meeting with LULAC, copies of a defamatory letter were sent to select citizens in Kinney County to cast doubt on Nowlin. The letter was allegedly written by Nowlin to a fellow employee several years ago.

Nowlin denied writing the letter during last week's meeting.

"It is a complete fabrication," he said. "Whoever wrote it obviously doesn't know me. They're trying to scare me off and they're trying to hurt me."

BRIEFS

Fort Clark clean-up planned on Saturday

Full charge ahead for the Calvary Brigade to annihilate the "eye sore" enemies of Fort Clark Springs. The attack date is scheduled for Saturday at 9 a.m.

The troops' assemblage at Shafter Hall armed with weapons of nets, trash spears, dust rags, brooms, mops, shop vac and other armory will activate their strategic talents to improve the surface cosmetic appearance of FCS.

Battle stations are volunteered by the trooper, taking into consideration the individual's interest and ability. There are assignments for all, from the hot shot jumpers to the creaky crawlers.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Validation dates are announced

The time is here for validations for anyone who is interested in exhibiting an animal in this year's stockshows, both major and county, Kinney County Agent Robert Elledge has announced.

Officials will be validating animals on Saturday, Oct. 5, and Oct. 12 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Ag Shop. For more information, call 563-2442.

Support group set to meet tonight

The Kinney County Cancer Support Group will meet tonight at 6:30 at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall, located at the corner of Ann and Veltman streets. The meeting will feature a potluck and a speaker.

The group is open to all cancer survivors, cancer patients and also caregivers of cancer patients. For more information, call Pat Sitzes at 563-9515.

Booster Club meets

The Brackett Athletic Booster Club will hold a meeting on Wednesday at 5 in the Jones Elementary School. The meeting is open to anyone interested in Brackett athletics.

Newly elected officers are: Stacy Ashabranner, president; Julie Nowlin, vice president; Kandace LaMascus, secretary; Phyllis Meyer, treasurer; and Leslie Yeager, co-treasurer.

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never seen it. I have no knowledge of it."

"They (EAA) gave it to their executive committee and you don't know anything about it?" local farmer Jim McDaniel asked Hood.

"I don't know anything about this contract," Hood said. "I don't have any idea who wrote it."

McDaniel replied: "You ought to find out who wrote it and throw them in jail. They're acting on your behalf."

"We want some answers. We've been misled so many times, we want some answers — honest answers. We want to know now," he added.

Smith then interrupted the exchange, saying: "Hollering and screaming isn't accomplishing nothing. I'm going to personally find out what all went on and I will let you know."

Director Hadley Wardlaw added: "I don't think anybody on the board knows where it came from. None of us know."

Local businessman Wes Robinson told the board members the lack of knowledge concerning the proposal "reflects very poorly on all of you."

"You've talked over and over again about the requirements of a general manager and advertising for it. Apparently, over the last three-week period, this proposal has been going out to somebody that I can guarantee the general public does not want to manage our conservation district," he said.

"I would just urge you to please be careful in doing these types of things. You need to think about it real carefully. Please make every effort to be above board."

The directors first discussed advertising for a general manager and establishing job requirements for the position in August, but no formal action has been taken.

"I haven't seen an advertisement for a general manager yet," McDaniel told the board. "It's still not on the agenda. You've talked about that for three or four meetings. When are

you going to do that?"

"We don't like what we have now. We want somebody that is impartial that we can trust to tell us the truth," he added.

The issue was brought up during the public-forum portion of the meeting by Director Zach Davis, the only board member who was not aware that EAA had been contacted about managing the district. He first learned about the proposal when an EAA director gave him a copy of it Saturday night.

"I think we have a problem," Davis said. "This is pretty serious when all board members are not abreast of what's going on."

"The problem is this board never acted on soliciting (a contract) with EAA. We've talked about needing a general manager ... but we need to go through the proper protocol and advertise for the general manager."

"When did I miss this meeting?" he asked.

Hood replied: "There wasn't a meeting."

Smith said the discussions were "not a secret."

"I don't know why Zach didn't know about it," he added.

The proposal called for the water district to pay EAA \$36,000 annually for management and general government services, as well as additional costs for a part-time employee at the Kinney County office.

"I can't see anything the matter with it," Hood said of the proposal. "All their going to do is co-manage the district and save us some money. I think that would be cheap. That would eliminate a whole lot of pressure that's on this board. These people are in the management business."

The district only has \$12,000 budgeted for a general manager.

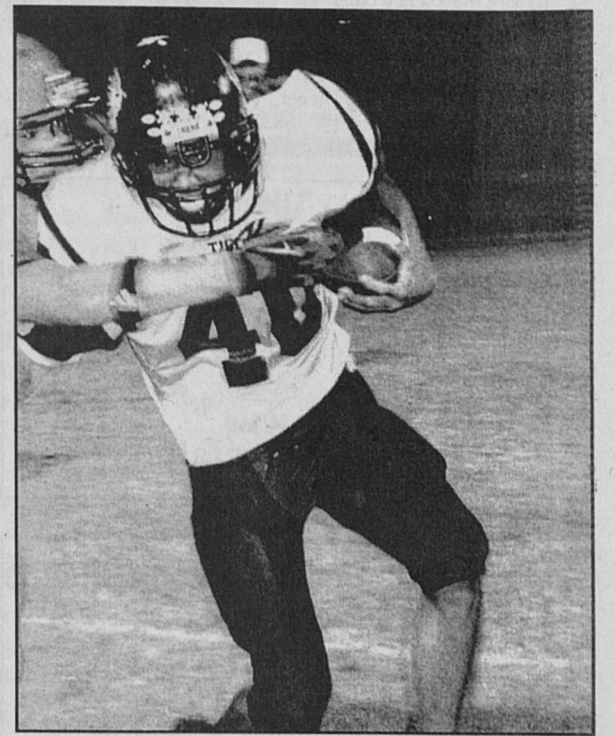
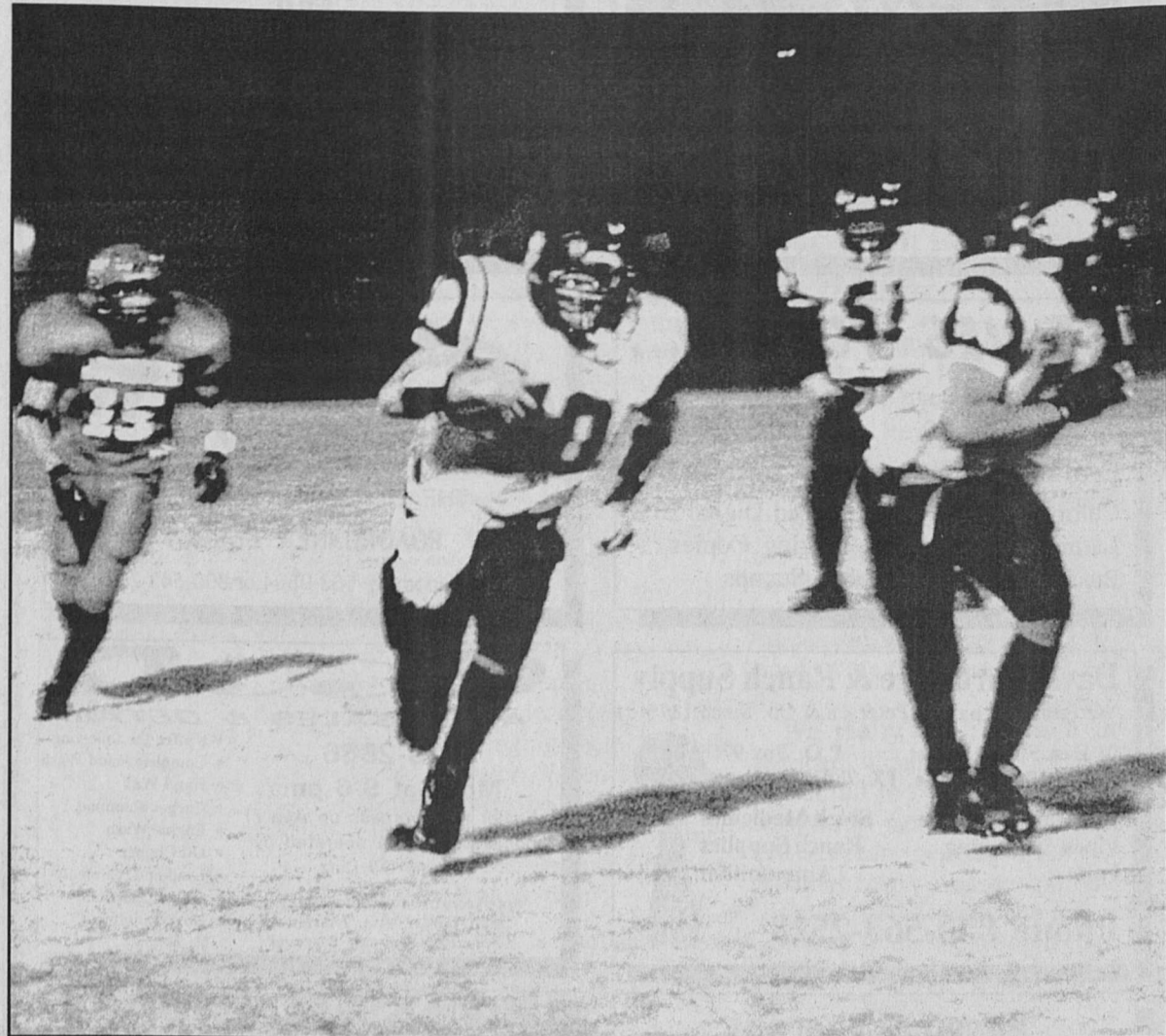
"We adopted our budget the other day, and I don't see \$36,000 appropriated in our budget for this," Davis said.

"A figure was presented to them. Obviously, there have been some negotiations," he added.

Late rally lifts Sonora over Brackett

Broncos top Tigers 30-13

By J.J. GUIDRY
Sports Editor



Tigers running back Noe Talamantes (40) fights for extra yardage against Sonora.

SONORA — The Broncos scored two touchdowns in the last three minutes of regulation Friday night as Sonora topped the Brackett Tigers 30-13 in high school football action.

Both teams are 3-2 after the non-conference contest. The Tigers are open this week. They host Natalia at 7:30 on Oct. 11 in their District 30-AA opener.

Brackett was trailing 16-13 in the fourth quarter, but looked to be gaining momentum. The Tigers moved the ball 54 yards down the field to the Broncos' 26-yard line before fumbling for their fourth turnover of the game.

Three plays later, Sonora's Juan Rodriguez ran 60 yards to score. Chris Martin scored a 26-yard TD 41 seconds later to ice the Broncos win. Rodriguez finished with 150 yards on 21 carries, while Martin ran for 92 yards on nine totes.

The Broncos rushed for 265 yards in the contest, but 157 of those yards came in the last four minutes of regulation. Brackett had 235 yards on the ground on 50 attempts.

Tigers quarterback Jared Hobbs returned to the lineup and ran for 66 yards on nine carries. Tony Rosetti rushed for 64 yards and two touchdowns on 16 carries, while Eliot Stone had 49 yards on eight attempts and Jaime Puente tallied 42 yards on 12 carries.

Dustin Martin scored on a 1-yard plunge with 7:08 left in the second quarter to give Sonora an early 6-0 lead.

Brackett's Doug Sanchez recovered a fumble

on the Broncos' 2 to set up Rosetti's 2-yard TD that tied the game at 6-all, but Sonora led 9-6 at intermission after Zedekiah Snodgrass booted a 22-yard field goal with three seconds remaining in the second period.

The Broncos went up 16-6 in the third before Rosetti scored on a 17-yard run to cut Sonora's lead to 16-13.

Finding an opening

Brackett senior quarterback Jared Hobbs (10) looks for running room behind senior tackle R.C. Franklin (55) during the Tigers 30-13 loss to Sonora on Friday. Hobbs returned to Brackett's line-up after missing one game with an injury to his ankle.

Photos by Javier Cervantez

Tigerettes edge Comstock

It took three games Saturday, but the Brackett Tigerettes battled to a 15-12, 15-17, 15-9 victory over Comstock in high school varsity volleyball action at Tiger Gym.

The Tigerettes faced Dilley on the road in a district contest Tuesday, but results were not available at press-time.

Celina Cano and Amanda Davis paced Brackett with 12 and 11 service points, respectively.

Davis also tallied 14 assists, while Allison LaMascus posted 11 and Valerie Terrazas had

five. Shanae Simmons finished the contest with nine kills, while Stephanie Bonner pitched in five and Stacy Castilla had four.

Bonner, Cano and Beth Ballew each had three kills in the match.

Simmons also had four blocks and Castilla added two.

The junior varsity Tigerettes picked up a 15-1, 15-6 win against Comstock.

"Vanessa Williams and Caitlyn Wylie both had outstanding games," Brackett coach Bonnie Brotherton said.



AMANDA DAVIS

Cross country team takes third at UTSA

By J.J. GUIDRY
Sports Editor

SAN ANTONIO — The Brackett Tigerettes cross country team finished third out of 28 teams in the 2A-A division of the Whataburger-UTSA Invitational Saturday.

Santa Rosa posted 140 points to win the 2A-A division, while Karnes City was second with 146 points and Brackett was third with 154.

Junction came in fourth with 186 points, Odem was fifth with 188, Comfort finished sixth

with 191, Rocksprings was seventh with 200, Poth came in eighth with 293, Yorktown was ninth with 321 and Industrial finished 10th with 346.

"This was a good test to determine where we stood in our region and the results were outstanding," Tigerettes coach Jennifer Harris said.

Juliann Ashabranner and Ashley Castillo both finished in the Top 10 to lead the Tigerettes.

Tiffany Chandler of Yorktown won the girls' 2A-A division with a time of 12:54, edging out Ashabranner, who was

second after being clocked at 12:55.

Castillo, a freshman, finished 10th after turning in a time of 13:41.

Tammy Smith clocked in at 14:14 for a 31st-place finish and Nicole Mata came in 50th with a 14:33. Jessica Crane was 67th with a time of 15:03, Brandy Smith was 107th with a time of 15:51, and Divina Pena was 170th with a time of 18:44.

The Tigerettes will travel to Corpus Christi Saturday to compete in the Corpus Christi Invitational at Texas A&M.

BRIEFS

Cubs run past Colts en route to 44-6 win

Brackett coach Ricky Creel said it was a "total team effort" last Thursday when his Cubs beat the Sonora Colts 44-6 in junior high football action.

Fermin Villanueva posted consecutive 100-yard games. He finished with 100 yards and two touchdowns on seven carries. Cesar Ortiz tallied 30 yards and a TD on five carries, while Seth Frerich had 27 yards and a touchdown on six totes. Josh Acosta ran for 22 yards on six carries and Travis Bonner had 21 yards on two carries.

Robert Davis ran for a touchdown and threw a 57-yard TD pass to Ivan Pinales.

Villanueva led the defense with 11 tackles, Ortiz finished with six tackles and Joey Castillo had five. Cesar DeLeon recovered a fumble.

The Cubs resume action today with a 5 p.m. road game in Natalia. The J.V. plays at 6:30.

Cubettes split with Eagle Pass teams

The Brackett Cubettes split a doubleheader with Eagle Pass Monday in junior high volleyball action.

Brackett's eighth graders (8-1) claimed a 15-6, 15-3 victory. The team avenged its only loss of the season, which was a 15-3, 14-16, 15-10 decision to the Lady Eagles in the championship game of the Eagle Pass tournament.

Kara Yeager led the Cubettes with six aces, Lisa Morgan had four, and Cynthia Jaso, Laura Meyer and Emily Valenzuela all had two.

The seventh grade team lost 15-10, 15-11 Monday.

Erica Rodriguez led Brackett with 10 passes and Whitney Gum converted on six serves.

Brackett hosts Del Rio Blue at 5 in its last home games.

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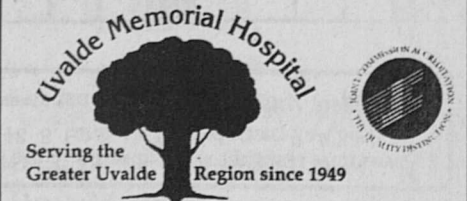
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ROARING TWENTIES

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

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. What is the title of the late Richard Nixon's presidential memoirs?
2. Which Pole tilts toward the sun between June 21 and September 21?
3. What do you call a group of bears?
4. What was the second James Bond novel to become a movie?
5. Who was the last ruler in the Egyptian dynasty of the Ptomelies?
6. What is the belt of low pressure around the equator called?
7. How many stars did the U.S. flag have in 1912?
8. According to the ancients, what were the four great elements?
9. What cocktail contains gin, honey and lemon juice?
10. Who buy cornerblocks?

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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
You begin the week with an incredibly buoyant, optimistic attitude. This will carry you over a bit of a rough patch midweek. This weekend, time with family is rewarding.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
What's going on behind the scenes will be to your ultimate benefit. Something you've been hoping for comes to fruition. Celebrate this victory over the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Something you've been worried about proves to be very minor. This frees you up to concentrate on truly important matters. Later in the week, romance sizzles.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Procrastination just won't get that job out of the way. Apply yourself, no matter how distasteful you find it. By week's end, you achieve success.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
You're trying to sidestep a touchy issue with a loved one. Stop being so evasive. If you meet this head-on now, you'll avoid larger problems later.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Miscommunication and misunderstandings mar the beginning of the week. Be sure you're very clear when expressing yourself. Over the weekend, exercise frugality.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
This isn't the time for self-doubt. Be your normally assertive self. Later in the week, a career opportunity takes you by surprise.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
While it's okay to spend some money spiffing up your home, do be careful with finances. Major purchases aren't recommended at this time. Later in the week, social activities are pleasurable.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Your versatility is an asset. However, you have a tendency this week to let this set you off in too many different directions. This weekend, a loved one needs your attention.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
A friend who's been at cross purposes with you finally sees things your way. Clear the air completely now. This will regenerate a failing relationship.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
It's unlike you to be impulsive. However, this week, you indulge yourself. Just be sure you don't make a purchase that's too large for your budget.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Your lack of energy could be a sign of a physical ailment. Schedule an appointment with a physician. This will relieve your mind.

Roaring Twenties Solution:

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God cares for all of his children

The turmoil in Israel and Palestine grows with every news report. There seems to be no end in sight, other than the complete removal of the Palestinians from their status as neighbors to Israel. The world waits for some sanity in the face of escalating violence in the birthplace of Judaism, Islam and Christianity.

Depending on your perspective, you either stand with the Israelis in their defense against the terrorism perpetrated against its innocent civilian population by extremists, or you stand with the Palestinians as they defend themselves against armed forces incursions into their homelands by the Israeli military.

I feel quite sure that both the Hamas terrorists and the Israeli prime minister believe they are doing what is necessary to protect their loved ones and their political viability against the unreasonable demands of their enemy.

The moral question facing Palestinians, Israelis and Americans, whether theological or philosophical, is now, as it has been for thousands of years, what constitutes an appropriate

reason for using violence to secure peace.

The Just War Theory was first posed by St. Thomas Aquinas in his "Summa Theologicae." In effect, it outlined what the moral justification for war was and what activities are permissible (morally) in war. It is a long and involved treatise that can be examined at www.utm.edu/research/iep/j/justwar.htm for those who are interested.

It seems to me that the curse of humanity is that we have not yet come to a clear understanding of God's will for our relationship with others, especially those who threaten us.

For the writers of the Old Testament, it was necessary to see God as a Warrior King who offered protection and love for His people by leading them into war and bringing them through it successfully. When they won battles, it was because God was on their side. When they lost battles, it was because God was not happy with them.

In the New Testament, there are many fewer battles won, so the emphasis switches to: God stands with us through persecu-



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tion and death to bring victory only at some later time and place. So we read the writings of John in Revelation as a hope that one day God will win out over evil (violence) and remove us from its presence.

So what does God really have to say about violence as a means to secure peace and safety from those who would be violent toward us? Is God against it or for it?

We really don't know with any level of surety. We can only be faithful to our reading of the Scriptures. So, it seems to me that our peace of mind, if not our safety of body, is assured by our faith that God cares for all of God's children whether they are Afghani, Israeli, Palestinian, Iraqi or American.

Should one day we Ameri-

cans be the oppressed, the incarcerated, the dominated or the victims of violence on a massive scale, I know God will be with us just as God was with the victims of the Holocaust and the ethnic cleansing of Bosnia.

I know that God wants me to be at peace always, and that it is primarily my own doing when I am frightened enough to be violent in response to any threat.

One of my very favorite songs rings in my heart whenever I see or read about violence. It is not an argument for or against the Just War Theory. It is a simple truth as I believe God wants us to hear the truth. I hear its closing words now:

"Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."

Visit us at First United Methodist Church for worship this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. as we attempt to find the love of God that will protect us when nothing else is able.

Put others before yourself

"It's just not fair!" How many times have we heard this from our children or thought it ourselves when something didn't seem to be the way we wanted it? Even God's world doesn't always seem to be fair, if we view it from an earthly perspective.

Matthew's gospel is probably the most familiar example of apparent unfairness. Remember the story of the landowner who hired laborers for his vineyard?

He sent the first ones out at dawn, after agreeing on the daily wage. As the day passed, he continued to hire other laborers and at the end of the day, paid all of them the same wage. Of course, the ones who worked all day complained.

The landowner replied, "I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?" (20:1-16a)

Our accepted norms of behavior and our reward systems are often turned on their heads when we consider God's ways. We have a society that makes upward mobility a treasure to be sought after with everything we have — get ahead at all cost.

In St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, he said: "Never act out of rivalry or conceit;



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Lynn McNew

rather, let all parties think humbly of others as superior to themselves, each of you looking to others' interests rather than to his own." (2:3-4)

This is the image of Jesus emptying Himself. This is what we are called to imitate. When we empty ourselves and become more and more like Jesus, we then share in His glory. God is not unfair — He is generous. He is willing to give life to anyone — not only those who seem to be the best, smartest, richest, etc.

Maybe if we were to pattern our lives on Jesus' concepts, if we put others before ourselves, all our lives would be better. If we would take the time to look at others and see them as people of God, not as enemies, not as someone who has something we want, the disagreements and jealousies would lessen. Maybe we would realize that God's way is fair and just.

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

God's presence helps us not feel alone

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
By Rev. Nathan Lafrenz

around to help.

When we try to live our lives without the presence of God it is like being alone on top of a bull. It is inevitable that we will fall. Why is it that we choose to handle the terrifying ride of life without God?

The rodeo was in Del Rio this past weekend and watching the bull riding competition caused me to think about my relationship with God. Now you must be thinking, what could bull riding have to do with one's relationship with God?

Now bear with me. You have all seen bull riding — some unfortunate soul is tied to the back of a bull and must last a few seconds on the back of the bull before being thrown and probably trampled by the bull's hooves and horns.

I wonder what it must feel like being buffeted and thrown about on the bull's back for those terrifying seconds. One must feel really alone. No teammates are

God's presence helps us in all aspects of the bull ride of life. God's presence helps us not feel alone. He cushions the buffeting caused by the storms of life. And when we fall as we invariably do, He is there to catch us in His Holy arms. Let us not try to ride through life alone without the presence of God.

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The struggle for wealth often blinds one's eyes

"More coffee, Mr White?" Susan said as she picked up the cup.

"Sure, Susan," he said, glancing up from his paper. "Thanks."

Business in the coffee shop was slow this morning so Susan decided to make some conversation with her customers.

Noticing the headlines, she asked: "What do you think of all the corporate scandals, Mr. White?" She pointed at one particular article, hoping to engage in small talk.

"Well," White replied, "I think that a lot of people are getting hurt by some corporate CEO's who are concerned only with themselves. It has really hurt the markets and a lot of pension plans are going down the tubes."

Folding his paper and laying it aside, White continued: "I lost some money. I don't know if it will ever get back to where it was a few years ago. I hope they put some of those big guys away forever. Lock them up and throw away the key. They got away with millions. I think they're crooks."

Susan thought for a minute. "You know, Mr. White, I see all kinds of people here in the shop. Most of them are business people. Some are professionals, like lawyers.

"There's a homeless guy that sometimes sits out in front



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on the sidewalk. Some of my customers will buy a cup of coffee or a snack and take it out to him.

"Most of them don't pay any attention. It's like they never see him. I think those high-fallutin CEO crooks are like that. They are so wrapped up in their own money that they never see the people down below who do their work."

"Susan, you know something?" White responded. "You're pretty smart, and philosophical too. And you're right."

"A very wise man once said, for the sake of profit many sin and the struggle for wealth blinds the eyes. Unless you hold fast to the fear of the Lord, suddenly your house will be thrown down. (Sirach 27:1-3)."

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.

God is calling all of his children to come home

When you were a child playing in someone else's yard, you could always tell when it was time to come home. One of your parents would holler for you or whistle for you and, if you were alert and obedient, you would hear it and come running.

You ran not only because you feared your parents judgment and wrath if you were not obedient to come when called, but also out of love and respect for them, knowing that under their roof you had shelter.

If you were rebellious and did not come when called, you faced their wrath and the consequences of your own choices. Your privileges were reduced and your relationship of trust had to be worked on to be restored.

In the evil world of these times, children who don't listen to the their parents' wisdom of ter wind up dead or in prison. Those that do listen become blessed with fulfillment and success.

God is calling both those children who have been faithful and those children who wish to become faithful, back home again.

Psalm 107:2-14, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy, and gathered out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,



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and He delivered them out of their distresses. And He led them forth by the right way, That they might go to a city for habitation. For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness. Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, bound in affliction and irons because they rebelled against the words of God, and despised the counsel of the Most High, Therefore He brought down their heart with labor; They fell down, and there was none to help. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their chains in pieces."

Jesus is in the business of saving, redeeming and restoring relationships. His blood has paid the price for all sin and iniquity once and for all. Right now, God is whistling for all his children to come home. His arms are wide open and he calls, "Beloved, come on home."

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Never thirst with a faith in Jesus Christ

We are ending a long hot summer. The heat makes us thirsty, and we attempt to quench our thirst with many different things. Nearly everyone agrees, water is the best thirst quencher of all.

In the state of Texas, there is over 10 million spiritually thirsty people, trying in vain to quench their spiritual thirst with a wide variety of sinful choices.

Let's you and I take a trip back in time, to Jesus's day. Let's go to Sychar, Samaria. Let's visit Jacob's well, around 12 noon and witness that much talked-about conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan women.

But first, let me give you some background information. The Judeans (Jews) and the Samaritans were not on friendly terms. There was a mutual dislike and distrust for one another.



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The average Jew, when traveling, would if at all possible, avoid entering into Samaria by crossing the Jordan and travel on the east side.

So, it must have been a shock to the Samaritan women to see Jesus at the well, and an even greater shock when he asked her for a drink of water.

She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?"

She knew that Jews believed

that they would become ceremonially unclean if they used a drinking vessel that had been handled by a Samaritan, since they believed that all Samaritans were "unclean."

Jesus answered her, saying: "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." He continued by saying, "Everyone who drinks this water (from the well) will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water welling up to eternal life."

She was the only person (before his trial) that Jesus specifically told that he was indeed the much-awaited Messiah.

You can read the whole story for yourself in John 4:5-39.

The part of the story that most people miss is the powerful les-

son that Jesus taught his disciples. He gave them (and us) a much greater understanding about knowing and doing the will of God. In doing so, Jesus crossed all barriers of ethnicity, religion, gender and socioeconomic standing to share living water with that Samaritan woman. He was intentional. He was bold, He was loving in this encounter. Her life was forever changed and the lives of those who heard her story.

One last thing that I want you to know. When Jesus said, "come to me" (John 7:37-38), He didn't say come to religion. He didn't say come to a system or a certain doctrine. He said, "come to me!" This is your personal invitation to come to God, an invitation to come to the savior.

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THE MIDDLE RIO Grande Development Council is accepting applications for a Division Funds Manager. This position will be headquartered at the Carrizo Springs Central Office under the direction of the Workforce Director. Primary responsibilities will include the development of detailed and summary financial reports assisting the director in managing all grants. Work includes supervising and/or coordinating the work of technical and clerical workers. Oversees high level administrative and financial operations of the agency division. Works under minimal supervision with extensive latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgement. Applicants must have a minimum of three years accounting experience in federal and state funded programs. In addition, applicants must possess a degree from an accredited four-year college or university in Accounting or related concentration. One year of direct experience may be substituted for each 30 college hours or two years of related experience may substitute for each year of direct experience. This position requires some travel within and outside the region. The salary range for this position depending on experience is \$25,470 - \$32,507. All qualified persons interested in applying for this position may submit a resume, an application, and transcripts to the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, 307 West Nopal Street, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, to the attention of Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Executive Director. Application deadline for this position will be open until filled. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For more information you may call the Personnel Office at (830) 876-3533 or our VOICE TDD (830) 876-1260.

COOL TRAVEL JOB. Entry level positions, 18+, no experience necessary, 2 weeks paid training, transportation, lodging provided. \$500 signing bonus to start. Success Express Sales, Inc., toll-free, 1-877-646-5050.

HELP WANTED

JOIN OUR TEAM and make a difference. In the Texas Army National Guard you can get money for college and career training. Call 1-800-GO-GUARD.

HOUSE FOR SALE

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath home for sale - price reduced to \$88,000. 2000 sq. ft., beautiful rock fireplace, new carpet, fresh paint inside and out-great location 830-563-9965 or 830-563-2626.

LEGAL NOTICE

I WILL NO longer be responsible for any debts incurred by anyone other than myself. Larry D. Isaacs.

MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

2Bdr./1Bth., A/C, Kitchen, Wet Bar, \$8,000 Cash OBO. Call 775-6765

By Owner 1997, 3Bdr./2Bth., 16x80. Financing available. Call 830-775-6899.

HUNTERS' SPECIAL - 2Bdr/1 Bth. As Low As \$5,000. Hwy 90E. Call 774-7711

PET SUPPLIES

Stop scratching and gnawing on dogs and cats. Promote healing and hair growth. Apply Happy Jack Skin Balm(TM), ItchNoMore(R), and Tonekote(TM). At TSC Tractor Supply. www.happyjackinc.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CITY OF Brackettville will no longer accept tires effective October 1, 2002.

REAL ESTATE

COLORADO RANCH SALE. 35 acres - \$59,900. Magnificent mountain ranch at 8,000' elevation. Mix of meadows with spring-fed ponds, aspen, and pines. Stunning views, virtually surrounded by federal lands. Nearby Telluride. Must see! Good terms. Call Colorado Land & Ranches, 1-866-353-4809.

HURRY, LAKE LOT sacrifice. 5 acres - \$19,900. Beautiful lake access parcel. Electric, gated entrance. Perfect Getaway, retirement, or horse property. World class fishing. Surveyed. Low \$ down. Won't last. Call Texas Land & Ranches, 1-888-676-5253.

NEW MEXICO MOUNTAINS. 140 Acres - ONLY \$49,900. Gorgeous grasslands, mature tree cover, 6,300' elevation. Mountain views, year-round roads and electric. Perfect for horse lovers. Adjacent to national forest. Excellent financing. Call today. This won't last. SW Properties of NM, Inc., 1-866-350-5263.

SIERRA VISTA. WEST Texas near Sanderson, 152+ acres, rough canyons. Deer, Javelina, birds. \$1350/down, \$262/month. Ranch Enterprises, 1-866-286-0199, www.westtxland.com

100 ACRES - \$39,900. Trophy whitetails (5 deer limit). Tree covered hills and draws. Abundant turkey, quail, small game. Good access. More acreage available. E-Z terms. Call 1-866-899-5263, Texas Land & Ranches.

LIQUIDATION SALE - 6 acres - \$29,000. Top of hill country. Security fenced and gated. Perfect for horses. Adjoins game land. Deeded hunting rights. Stocked fishing ponds. E-Z terms, low down. Owner must sell! Call Texas Land & Ranches now, 1-888-565-7592.

Congratulations Alexandra

I would like to acknowledge a very special young lady. Her name is Alexandra Arreola, my chief deputy. She is the mother of two beautiful young boys, J.T. and Roman. Alex attends S.W.T.J.C. three nights a week and maintains an average above a 3.5. On 9/30/02 Alex was inducted into the Phi Theta Kapa in Del Rio, Texas.

I want to say how proud I am of Alex for continuing her education and for doing an excellent job as my chief deputy. Congratulation, Alex and May God Bless you always.

Your Boss and friend, Dora Elia Sandoval
County/DistrictClerk

4-H Garage Sale

Saturday, Oct. 5

8 AM to Noon

at Happy Shahan Park

LIONS' THRIFT STORE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2002

NEW STORE HOURS: 9 am to 12 pm

Halloween items, Maternity Clothes and a Surprise Sale

For information or assistance please call:

Norma Conner: 563-2072

Mary Dixon: 563-2747

Tom Saylor: 563-3382

Peter Pohl: 563-9281

REAL ESTATE

O'Rourke Realty
Elsa & Paul O'Rourke
830-563-2713
Rentals Available

3 bed, 2 bath doublewide in Unit 35. 12 x 24 Sunporch, lots of oaks, 2 car covered driveway.

Doublewide in Unit 35, 3 bed, 2 baths. 12 x 24 Sundeck, lots of oaks, 2 car covered driveway. Beautifully cared for. 2 lots \$70,000.

3 bed, 2 bath, doublewide, partially fenced, on one lot Unit 27. \$72,000.

20 x 35 Bldg. in Spofford, 2 lots: Could be used for storage. \$8,000.

2 yrs. old Townhouse, metal roof, 2 bed, 2 baths, tile and carpet. Close to creek and woods. \$59,900.

7 Commercial lots on Spring St. in Brackettville. \$28,000.

Townhouse efficiency, \$20,000.

orourke@the-i.net

REAL ESTATE

LAND BARGAIN: BEAUTIFUL N.E. Texas piney wood acreage. Private lake and horse stables. As low as \$24,900. Call Texas Land and Lakes, 1-800-707-8988.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

KINNEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Court is currently accepting bid proposals for repairs resulting from hail damage on all county owned buildings. Proposals must be submitted specific to each building which includes the following: Courthouse, Nutrition Center, Jail, Annex Building, Civic Center, JP Office, Road & Bridge Department, Swimming Pool Concession, Baseball Park Concession Building, EMS Building, Library, Fritter Room, Filippone Building and roofs of other associated outbuildings. Sealed proposals addressed to the Kinney County Commissioners Court must be received on or before 9:00 a.m., Monday - October 28, 2002. Mail or deliver proposals to County Judge, Herb Senne, P.O. Box 348, Kinney County Courthouse, 501 S. Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Discounted proposal for multiple bid awards may be submitted and will be considered. Proposals shall be in conformance with the bid specifications available at the above address. The Kinney County Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to select the proposal most advantageous to the county, and reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals received. Respondents awarded bid(s) must provide indemnification. Invoiced payments will be made only after completion and certification of work performed.

KINNEY COUNTY LAND CO

P.O. Box 1035
Brackettville, TX 78832
830-563-2446 830-563-2447

• Unit 15 lot 160, 161 (160 Bliss Circle) FCS 3bdr, 2bth manufactured housing enclosed porch, partially furnished, POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCED!

• Unit 36 lot 39, FCS 2 Br, 1bt manufactured housing.

• Unit 27 lot 2 blk O FCS Eagle way 2Br, 2Bt 1180 sq. ft. custom built screened in porch.

• Brackettville - Old Stagecoach House corner of El Paso & Fort 1 bdr/1 bth. FOR SALE OR LEASE.

• Acreage - 80.03 Acres Tract #303 Leona Ranch.

• 3104 AIRPORT RD. 2br/2bt enclosed porch, patio, storage, fenced b/y 2 car carport all electric.

Have Buyers - Need Listings! Same name new owner

Ken Barnett - Pat Owens - Melissa Davis
info@kinneycountyland.com

LAS MORAS REALTY

DEBBIE TRANT
BARBARA VOSS



830-563-2997

104 A-E Spring

Fort: Stone home with 1,942 sq. ft. offers lovely setting among mature oaks. Open floor plan, FP, 2 bd, 2.5 bath, office/3rd bd. Great workshop! Country living near town on 25.95 acres. Quality constructed 3/2 brick home, 2,400 +- Sq. ft., freshly painted inside & out, includes cute guest house!

Unit 27: price reduced on 16' x 75' custom 3/2 mobile home with jacuzzi, lovely kitchen cabinets. Shed, fenced yard, carport, \$45,000. Ranches & small acreage available.

View listings: www.realestatetxkinneycounty.com



Tejas Properties

Agents: Phyllis & Les Meyer

615 Hwy 90 EAST

830-563-9911

Homes in Fort Clark Springs, Historical and Recent Construction

* New Listing -3/2carports, large yard, plus a 16x20 Office/Storage, in town, near school.

* 3/2 MFH, 1430+sq. ft. on Fairway Circle.

* The Oaks, 2/2/2 Beautiful Home with sunroom, 2 lots and huge oaks.

* 2/2 Home with carport, Ward St. in FCS, excellent condition.

* New Listing -3 Historical Stone Buildings and 4 Commercial Lots on Ann St. -\$28,900.00

* New Listing-1005 acres, flowing well, west of Brackettville.

We have ranches of all sizes available!

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RESORTS/VACATIONS

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LIVE MUSIC

an acoustic jam session featuring
Tres Hombres & Friends

Wednesday, Oct. 9
7 p.m. ~ FCS
Las Moras Lounge

Rio Grande Electric Co-op ANNUAL MEETING



Saturday, October 12
10:00 A.M.

Carrizo Springs High School
(FM 1556)
Carrizo Springs, TX

Arts & Crafts (8:00 A.M.)

Displays (8:00 A.M.)

Health Fair (8:00 A.M.)

Free Continental Breakfast

Free Steak Lunch

Door Prizes

Grand Prize Drawing: "Retired" RGEC Pick Up Truck

Arts/Crafts and Displays are Open to the
General Public. All other events are
"RGEC Members Only".

Area Hotel/Motel/RV Park Discounts Available.

Call 1-800-749-1509

Answers to Crossword Puzzle

POP	CABS	PLACES
MAIL	ORAL	PHONE
ISLE	NERO	ARBITE
STEADFASTLY	TIDS	
CADDIE	SIEGE	
ARMS	TRUSTS	
METAL	APSE	TRITAL
ALAS	STEER	DEBIT
ILLIA	TEAR	CEDED
MALICE	REDO	
GRAVE	EMERGE	
AHA	MEASUREMENT	
SETUP	SARL	CSAR
ARTE	EGAD	BTTE
POSTER	DIALTE	ESS