

# The Brackett News



## Tigers' turnovers costly in loss

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### BRIEFS

#### Hearing on FCSA begins this morning

District Judge Tom Lee is expected to issue a declaratory judgement today following a hearing to determine who is lawfully on the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors.

Lee signed temporary restraining orders last Sept. 27 against 12 Fort Clark Springs members with claims to seats on the Board of Directors — Nolan Brandt, Frank Cheaney, John Dixon, Al Jenkins, Carol Miller, Mona Miller, Rozetta Pingnot, Jack Simpson, Tom Saylor, Glen White, Bob Williamson and Santos Yerena.

Fort Clark Springs General Manager Maggie Banner Kerr has been running the association with limited authority since the initial hearing on Sept. 19.

#### Lions sponsor health fair today until 6

The Kinney County Health Fair, sponsored by the Lions Club, is today at the Civic Center from noon to 6 p.m.

There will be tetanus, pneumonia and flu shots available, and United Medical Clinics will offer blood pressure screenings.

#### School day to end early on Friday

Brackett ISD will release students at 1:15 on Friday and buses will run at 1:30, district officials announced this week.

The decision was made in order to allow parents and students more time to travel to the Brackett Tigers' football game, which is slated for 7:30 in Three Rivers. The pep-rally will begin at 11:50 in the new gym.

#### Octoberfest planned tonight at theater

The Fort Clark Springs Festival Committee is sponsoring an Octoberfest celebration tonight at 6 at Post Theater.

Lots of food, fun and music will be on tap. Speaking of "on tap," beer, wine and soda may be purchased, along with meals of brats, sauerkraut, hot potato salad and apple desert.

Tickets are \$5 for adults. They are available at the Adult Center or by calling 563-3070 or 563-9229.

#### All-out drive is set for next Thursday

The Brackettville Lions Club will conduct an all-out drive next Thursday, Oct. 24, to sell quality blind-made merchandise to residents and local businesses.

Items are manufactured by blind and visually-impaired workers. The sale location will be at the side of the Bank & Trust beginning at 8 a.m.

See any Lions Club member for presale orders.

## BISD parents express concerns



Opening the doors of communication  
Rosa Rosales (left) of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) addresses the Brackett ISD School Board during Tuesday night's meeting as Superintendent Taylor Stephenson listens. A number of parental concerns were addressed.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

## LULAC visits School Board

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

United Latin American Citizens (LULAC).

Concerned Brackett ISD parents have been meeting for weeks, sharing concerns about the local school district.

The group finally got their chance to meet with the Brackett School Board Monday during the district's monthly meeting.

Parents, students and school district employees crowded into the Hunt Library for the meeting.

Tim Ward, president of the School Board said he thought the discussions were a "good thing."

"It's been very good for people to come and express their opinions," he said. "I think, when you are able to do that, often times good comes from it."

"I know that you are concerned about the education of your kids, and we are too. I don't want you to feel like we haven't heard you and that we are not concerned, because we really and truly are," he told those in attendance.

The parents' concerns were presented by Angie Garcia and Rosa Rosales of the League of

"LULAC is very influential in Texas," Garcia said. "We're not here to be radicals. We're not here to divide communities. We're here to work together because every child is important."

"We want to make it perfectly clear we're not here to get anybody's job or anything like that," Rosales added. "Some parents have told us they have addressed some issues, but they have fallen on deaf ears."

LULAC is here to extend a hand to work with you all. I know we've been called outsiders, but we've never come into any town unless we were given a call."

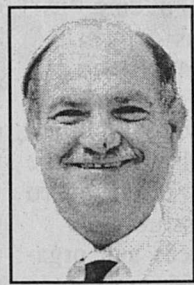
A number of parents addressed the board. Some elaborated on the concerns raised by LULAC officials, while others praised the school district.

"There is some discrimination towards the minority students," LULAC representative Rosa Rosales said. "With the majority of the issues that I see here, there is a lot of favoritism in applying rules and regulations, and there are a lot of exceptions being made."

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## Hall appointed to water board

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor



Hall

The Commissioners Court appointed Chuck Hall to the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Monday during the county's regular meeting.

Hall fills the board seat representing the city of Brackettville, which has been vacant since Henry Fuentes resigned on Aug. 30 because of health problems.

Hall and Wes Robinson were the only two applicants for the director's position.

With no discussion of the appointment, Commissioner Joe Montalvo motioned to appoint Hall, and his motion was seconded by Francie Wylie.

Nat Terrazas then motioned to appoint Robinson, but his motion died with a lack of a second.

Montalvo, Wylie, Commissioner Pat Melancon and Judge Herb Senne voted to appoint Hall, while Terrazas opposed.

"Chuck Hall has all of the qualifications," Wylie said. "He is well-rounded and knowledgeable in water and ag interests."

Montalvo added: "He has a lot of experience and knowledge, being a citizen of the county. Being a teacher, he will be more firm."

The City Council endorsed Robinson for the position last week during a special meeting.

"This position is for the city," Terrazas said. "The city wanted Wes to represent them. As far as

## City Council accepts Alonzo's resignation as chief of police

The Brackettville City Council officially accepted the resignation of Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo last week during a special meeting.

"We appreciate everything he did for us," City Manager David Luna told Alonzo.

The chief's resignation became effective on Friday.

"I just wanted to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to have served here in Brackettville as chief of police," Alonzo told the council.

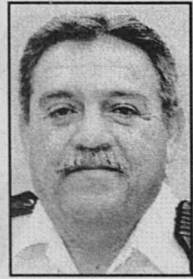
Alonzo, who served as the

police chief since March 2001, is relocating to the San Antonio area.

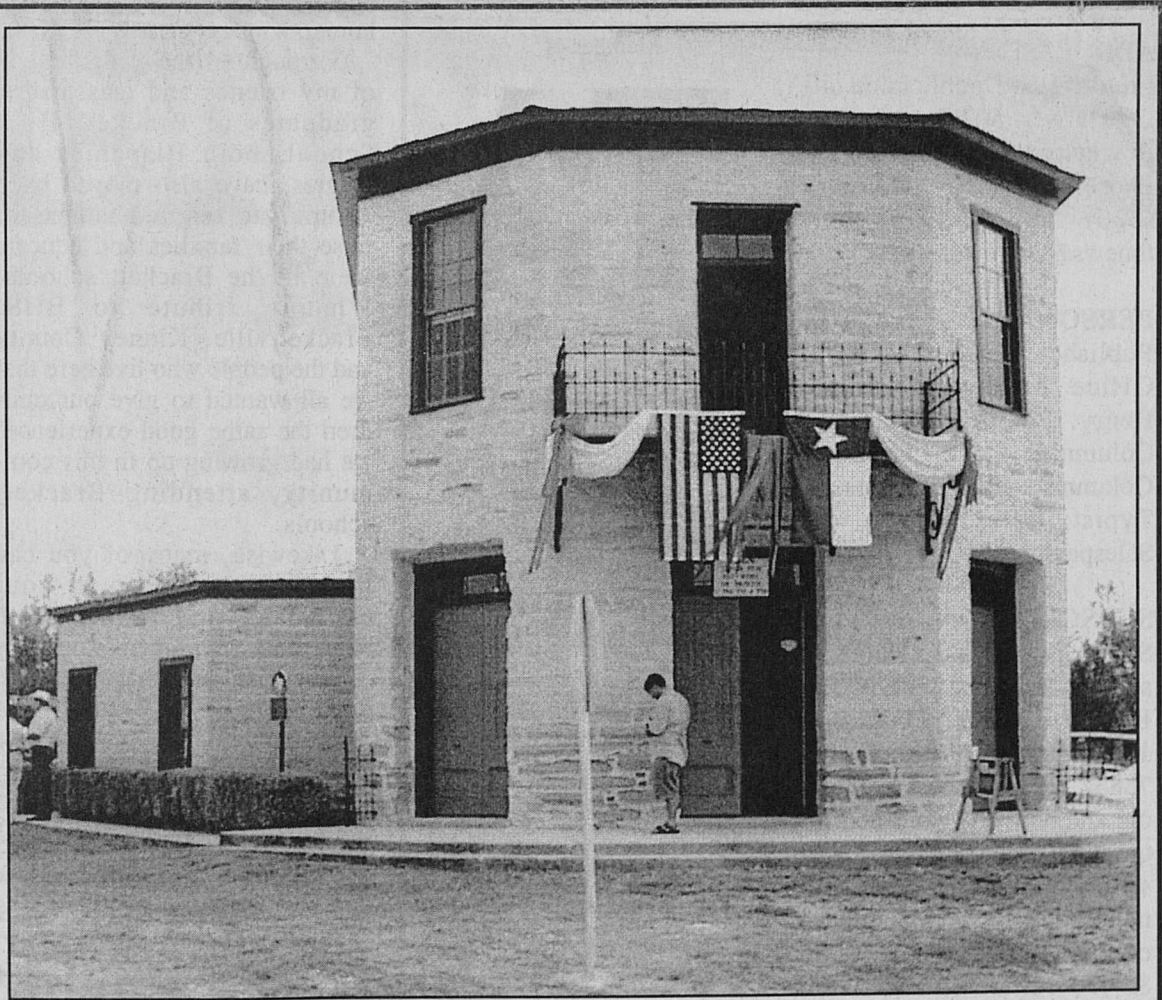
"I always had the safety and welfare of the community in mind as I conducted my business," he said in his resignation letter. "I know that I probably didn't make too many Christmas lists, but that was not the reason I was hired. I hope I did you proud."

Alderman Johnny Samaniego asked during Tuesday's regular meeting if the city was going to advertise for a new chief of police. Mayor Carmen Berlanga said it was "a little premature" to discuss whether the position would be filled.

"That will probably be taken up with the council at a special meeting," Berlanga said.



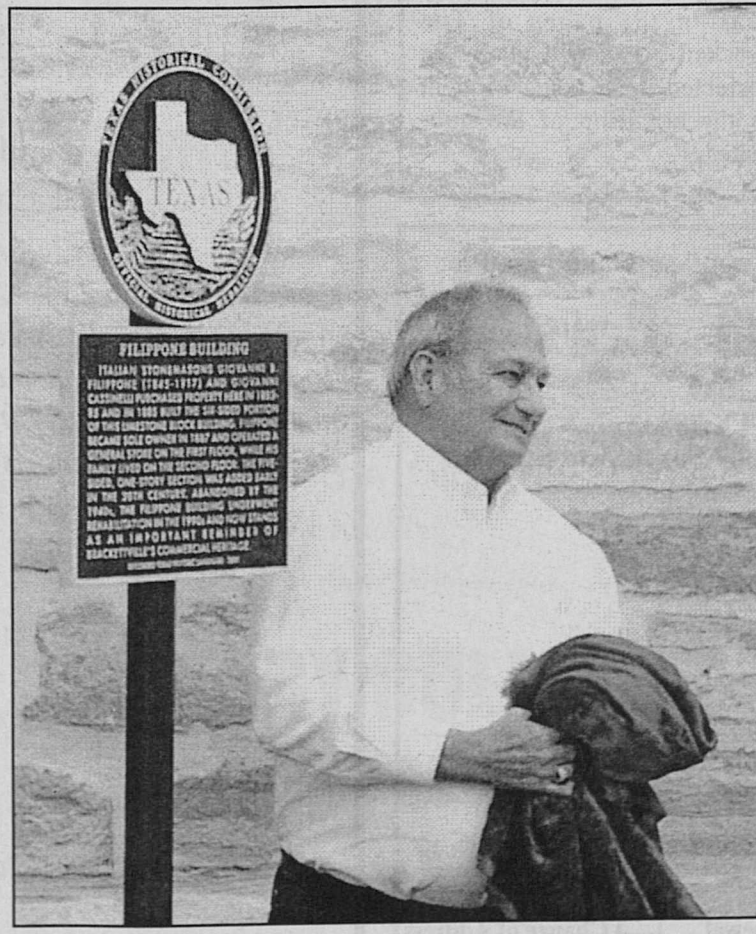
Alonzo



Photos by Jewel Robinson

### Marker dedication

Ernest Filippone (left) unveils the new historical marker at the Filippone Building (above) Saturday during a special ceremony. The Filippone Building, now home of the Kinney County Heritage Museum, was once a family-owned general store. The two-story, six-sided limestone building, with a stucco-over-limestone addition on part of one side, is located at the intersection of El Paso and James streets. In 1984, the city of Brackettville bought the building from Rufus Moore, the grandson of Giovanni Filippone. The building was restored over a period of several years and was given to Kinney County in 1993 to house a museum, which is now operated by the Kinney County Historical Commission.



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## The story of the two wolves

I heard a story about an old Cherokee who was teaching his grandson about life.

"A fight is going on inside me," he said to the young boy. "It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves.

"One is evil — he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, doubt and ego. The other is good — he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, enthusiasm and faith.

"This same fight is going on inside you — and inside every other person, as well."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "How do I know which wolf will win?"

The old Cherokee simply replied: "The one you feed."

Nobody is worthless. Not even me. I can at least serve as a bad example for others.



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

Parents often use me as a threat to their offspring for any improper behavior.

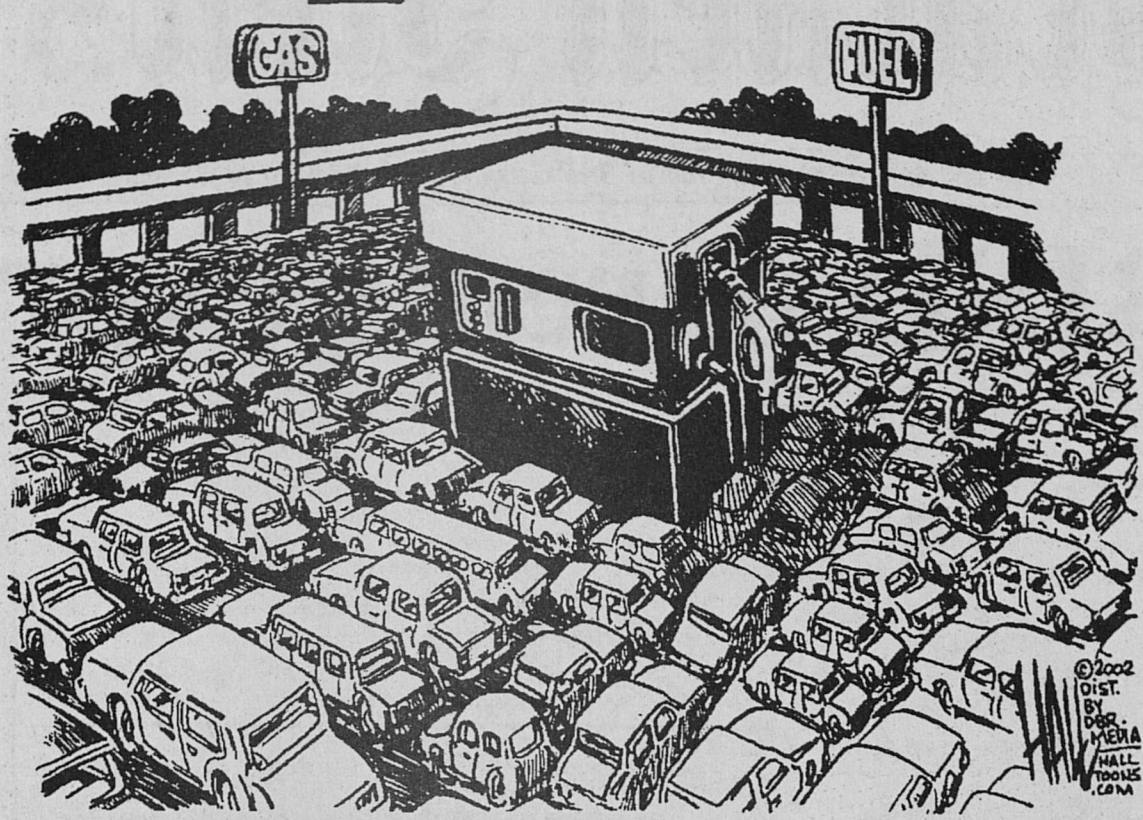
Mothers warn their disobedient children, "Do you want to grow up and be like Chuck Hall?"

That surely should scare them back in to conformity with the rules of decent society.

If you don't find my column in the paper some week, don't blame the fine folks at the newspaper office. It's not their fault. Sometimes I simply don't have a worthwhile thought to write about. Usually, I write about it anyway, worthwhile or not.

But I could be wrong.

## AMERICA'S DAILY PILGRIMAGE...



Teen Spirit

Shanae Simmons

### Everyone needs love

Have you ever felt alone? Like no one wanted you or that you were not worthy enough to be accepted?

It is surprising how many have. It is actually quite sad.

I remember a fellow student of mine who had this problem. I was in elementary and she was in my grade.

Her name was Linda. I remember her name because it was always the butt of some cruel and stupid joke. She was constantly teased and ridiculed.

Linda was a slow learner and had been held back a grade. I always thought she was weird and smelled different, but I never took the chance to become friends with her.

I thought about how I didn't want to be seen with Linda. Do you have any idea of what social life? But, hey, I was in elementary, what social life did I have?

It is sad how I always made up excuses about why I wasn't nice to her. Well, she looks different, or everyone would tease me. Because of being cowardly, I stopped myself from possibly meeting one of God's most special gifts given to the world.

I went a few years dodging communication with Linda or laughing at other's horrible jokes. I feel extremely guilty today because of it.

Linda had a mental disability. She almost died at birth and about four times during her childhood. She had something wrong with her brain, and there was a possibility that she would die from it at anytime. Me, being another stupid kid, did not think about this. I just went along with everyone else. I pitied her, but I was so glad that it was her and not me.

How horrible, right? I remember how everyone would laugh at her and call her gay and stupid.

One time we were out at recess and I remember hearing screaming. Horrible, horrible screaming. It was Linda.

Some boys were surrounding her and hurling balls at her head while screaming some of the most dirty cuss words I have ever heard. She cried and begged them to stop, but they laughed and laughed. She was hit in the face many times.

Linda ran, trying to protect her body with her hands, but she couldn't run quickly enough to escape injury. She finally fell to the ground and cried while they drew in closer and hit her repeatedly with the balls.

The boys were merciless. They laughed and finally left her alone once boredom set in.

I remember looking at her, while she laid and cried alone on the hard ground — all by herself without a friend in the world. I felt horrible and I didn't know what to do, but I don't remember ever helping her.

That kills me so much. It kills me that I was a little kid following the crowd and didn't protect the defenseless or help the weak. It hurts to think about what kind of people are out there who do the same without guilt. Kids, who enjoy hurting, ridiculing or leaving out other kids who are not much different from themselves.

I am glad to say I am not one of those kids now and I plan to always help those in need.

There are many people who need to feel that they are needed or wanted. Adults, and teenagers alike.

I have even felt those moments of depression when life seems to have no purpose, but that is not true in the least. If it weren't for me, who would be writing these fantastic articles? Everyone needs to be loved.

I believe everyone has a purpose and we need to help them find it.

## Success for children's futures is goal of the entire community

Lloyd Lee Davis is writing as a guest columnist while Steve LaMascus is on vacation.

By LLOYD LEE DAVIS  
Contributing Writer

When Steve LaMascus asked me to write something for his column while he enjoyed a hunting trip in Idaho, I told him I'm not a writer.

He wouldn't take "no" for an answer but said, "write whatever is in your heart," so I'm going to give it my best shot.

I have lived in Kinney County for a half-century now, with only brief absences to pursue my education and work. More than 20 years ago, I chose to leave the city and corporate aviation to begin a business and raise my family in the place where I grew up, my childhood home, Kinney County, Texas.

Throughout the years, many of my friends and classmates, graduates of Brackett High School, both Hispanics and Anglos, have also moved back "home" to begin businesses, raise their families and educate them in the Brackett schools. What a tribute to BHS, Brackettville, Kinney County and the people who live here that we all wanted to give our children the same good experiences we had growing up in this community, attending Brackett schools.

Likewise, many of you can look around and count your classmates and friends from years past who are raising their families here and share the same good memories of Brackettville.

Every day, families continue

### COMMENTARY

to choose to move to Brackettville and Fort Clark from surrounding towns — Comstock, Sanderson, Del Rio, Quemado, Eagle Pass, Laughlin AFB, Uvalde, Mexico and many other places — to escape problems in their schools and cities, and enroll their children in BISD. They know and we know that Brackett schools at all levels are of the highest quality.

Are we perfect? No, no more perfect than anything or any of us can be perfect in this imperfect world. But we are 100 percent better than hundreds of schools throughout Texas and the nation.

Our schools are filled with competent, compassionate teachers, administrators, support staff and parents, both Hispanics and Anglos, who share common hopes and dreams of success for their future and the future of their children.

These hopes and dreams can only be realized by "accentuating the positive and eliminating the negative;" by building "us" up, not tearing "us" down.

The "us" is all of us who live in Brackettville, Fort Clark and Kinney County, whose children attend Brackett schools and are willing to work together to make them successful.

Outside influences and organizations do not seek to improve our schools or Brackettville, but rather to further their racist agenda, divide us, tear us apart, eliminate our common bond, destroy our community spirit and then walk away, satisfied

that their mission is accomplished and that they have earned their salaries.

They will not be living in the ruins, but we will, and our children will.

Our children will not have the opportunity of good experiences and memories of BHS and Brackettville. They will be anxious to leave the bitterness and division surrounding our community and seek their hopes and dreams elsewhere.

As I read the column in *The Brackett News* (Oct. 3), written by Shanae Simmons, BHS sophomore student, I was impressed by the wisdom of her words and was reminded how innocent children see so clearly what adults refuse to see because of their own prejudices.

It is parents and adults who perpetuate racism and prejudice by modeling such behavior for their children.

Kinney County is made up of a variety of cultures, languages, races and backgrounds, which can make life much more interesting — but only if we get along by showing respect for each other.

If we work together as friends and neighbors, Brackettville and Fort Clark will continue to be a wonderful place to live and raise our families.

Matthew 18:2-4, "So Jesus called a child to come and stand in front of them, and said, "I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven. The greatest in the Kingdom of heaven is the one who humbles himself and becomes like this child."

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## Center provides services rarely found in rural areas

By FRANCES McMASTER  
Contributing Writer

Linda Parker discussed the wide ranging services of the Hill Country Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center in Kerrville last Thursday during the Brackettville Rotary Club meeting at Las Moras Restaurant.

Parker, the executive director of the center, was welcomed to the meeting by Tully Shahan, the Rotary Club's program chairman for October.

Paula Paddock spoke about services in Brackettville, and Collette Gayle showed slides to accompany Parker's talk.

The center is a non-profit organization that operates 10 community-based mental health centers

and nine mental retardation centers covering 19 counties. It was established in September of 1997.

The centers are located in rural or semi-rural counties where services found in urban areas are not available.

Services range from 24-hour crises stabilization to laboratory monitoring and individual case management.

Professionally-trained mental health professionals are on staff. Patient's eligibility is assessed for dangerousness, substance abuse and domestic violence.

The center recognizes that to be able to function well in life, each individual needs a sense of power and uniqueness and should have positive role models.

Each person needs to be able to solve problems and know how to resolve conflicts. With this in mind, each individual is helped to devise a wellness strategy.

The center provides at least two support resources in the community, such as church, Alcoholics Anonymous or the National Association for the Mentally Ill. Medication is provided free of charge by the pharmaceutical companies for indigent patients.

A great deal of time and thought has gone into business planning and accountability. The center has performed with fiscal efficiency.

Parker was chosen as a feature presenter at the National Behavioral Healthcare Confer-

ence. In addition, a case study from the center has recently been presented in the "National Journal of Disabilities" and in a chapter of the book, "How to Deliver Accountable Care."

Contract quotas have increased and recruitment and retention of staff is becoming increasingly difficult, so donations are eagerly sought.

"Mental and emotional problems don't cease to exist just because we find them inconvenient," Parker said. "We need to face our responsibilities in this area."

The center delivers high quality, cost-efficient services to help the disabled function as well as possible and so that they can live a high quality life within the community.



**Founding member**  
Agnes Vondy (left), a founding member of the Kinney County Historical Commission, visits with Warren Outlaw during the marker dedication ceremony Saturday.

## Spam a time-honored tradition

This week's featured food is time-honored spam, introduced to us in "The Big War" (World War II).

We still love it today, whether hot, cold, original or new variety style.

It's important to pick a well-marbled spam. If you need some help, only ask anyone over age 60.

### Rack of Spam

Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees on broil, score the spam lengthwise (use a sharp knife), making cuts about a half-inch deep. Make only three cuts.

Next, force strips of cheese — your choice — into the cuts so that the top of the spam fans out.

Make a sauce of a 1/4 cup of catsup, 1 teaspoon of regular mustard, 1 teaspoon of Worcestershire and a few drops of Tabasco.

Turn oven to 450 degrees to get the oven really hot.

Spoon the sauce over the top of the spam, and place it in the oven for eight to 10 minutes to brown, and to also melt the cheese.



*Goodies*  
From G.G.

**Vada Baldree**

Slice cross-ways to serve. I serve it with pork and beans, bringing back memories.

Would you enjoy one more variation for this economical staple?

Here goes.

### Barbecued Spam

Punch holes into the spam (a fork works well), and spread 1 teaspoon of liquid smoke on it and place in 300-degree oven for 20 to 25 minutes.

Remove and drain excess juice and coat spam with a 1/2 cup of barbecue sauce. Return to the oven for 10 minutes.

Slice thin and serve with warmed barbecue sauce.

Corn on the cob and white beans sure would be good with this.

## Goebel explains layout of fort

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club met last Thursday at the Fort Clark Springs Adult Center.

There was a short social time before the meeting began and Halloween goodies, coffee and juice were served.

President Ella Chambers called the meeting to order.

During a short business meeting, Pat Strothers agreed to be the scrapbook chairman for this year. Last year's scrapbook was presented to Ruby Cheaney, who was last year's president. She said that she would take it home and enjoy it and then return it to the Garden Club Library, which is located in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center.

Committee reports were given. Charlene Simmons agreed to be the chairman for the annual Garden Show, which will be on Saturday, April 5, at the Fort Clark Service Center. The theme this year will be "Flowers Around the World."

Rosie Mattingly has a map

of the memorial trees that have been planted. She and her committee will set a date and go to each tree and put up the signs that will tell who each tree is dedicated to.

The business meeting was closed and Joe Goebel was introduced as the speaker. He explained the geological layout of Fort Clark and identified where and what those locations were.

Goebel said that is the reason that one needs to know which geological area that you live in so that you can landscape your property and gardens with the right kind of plantings. For instance, the pool area is ideal for magnolia trees, banana plants and cypress trees, that is why they thrive there. They will not thrive any other place on the fort very well.

It is wise to get some help on finding out what kind of plants will thrive in the area where you live, or if you are trying to plant trees and grasses.

## BRIEFS

### Arts Council plans non-profit projects

Plans are rampant with determination to bring cultural events for the aesthetic growth for the children of Kinney County. The Kinney County Arts Council met last Tuesday at the Adult Center on Fort Clark.

In order to match funds with the Texas Commission on the Arts, the Arts Council plans non-profit projects for financing this endeavor. Ella Chambers, president, and Kim Schmidt, vice president enlisted ideas for the project.

Presently, in lieu of the Annual Christmas Parade of Homes, the Wainwright home will be decorated in its entirety for Christmas. Tickets will be \$1 with the opportunity to buy baked goods. There will be a tag sale on unusual items and a silent auction.

Other members in attendance were Dee Curry, Woodie Hornburg, Lisa Stuart and Gertrude Trautwein.

The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14 at 5 p.m. at the Adult Center.

### DRT to host history forum tomorrow

The Caddell-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will serve as hostesses for the 12th Daughters of the Republic of Texas History Forum tomorrow at Alamo Hall in San Antonio.

The forum is sponsored by the DRT Library Committee. There will be four presenters for the sessions, which will conclude with lunch at the Menger Hotel.

"Canary Islanders Soldiers and Franciscans" will be presented by Dr. Felix D. Almaraz Jr., "The Ranch Origins of Tejano Culture" is the topic selected by Dr. Andres Tijerina, "Jose de la Luz Saena and his World War I Diary" is what Dr. Emilio Zamora will speak on, and John Wheat will conclude with a presentation on "Pastores, Corridos, Conjuntos, and Contantes: The Origins of Tejano Music."

# A CLEAR CHOICE

## PUBLIC SERVICE

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**WHY** did Henry Cuellar request *compensation pay*, expecting taxpayers to pay his salary as Secretary of State, *even after he left?*

**WHY** did Henry Cuellar suddenly *quit* the Texas Legislature, leaving his district without representation as *a critical legislative session* began?

**WHY** did Henry Cuellar pass *laws that benefitted his business?*

**WHY** did Henry Cuellar *give up* our seniority in the State House and now wants to take away our seniority in the US Congress?

**WHY** is Henry Cuellar supported by Hillary Clinton and Ted Kennedy?

**HENRY CUELLAR**  
**TOO MANY QUESTIONS**  
**TOO LITTLE TRUST**





**Putting on a performance**  
Members of the Brackett High School band perform Saturday during the dedication ceremony of a historical marker at the Filippone Building.

Photo by Jewel Robinson

## LULAC meets with school trustees

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Three Hispanic high school students addressed the trustees and denied any racism or favoritism within the district's classrooms and athletic programs.

BISD superintendent Taylor Stephenson discussed the district's nondiscrimination policy during the meeting.

"This board, this administration, this staff and this school district, with the parents, believe in equal educational opportunities for the kids," he said. "We have nondiscrimination policies. We try to abide by them, and we have for many, many years. We will continue to do that."

The concerns Rosales spoke of included the district's hiring process, the lack of Hispanic teachers and administrators, applying rules to all students, favoritism, the location of the School Board election, a drug-testing policy only for certain employees such as bus drivers, cheerleader uniforms, scholarship opportunities, the color card system, unprofessional teachers, changing the girls' mascot of Tigerettes, cafeteria facilities, non-certified teachers, the discipline of employees, student harassment for the color of their clothes, equal treatment for injured athletes, awareness of rules concerning make-up

work, student awareness of grade-point averages, the GT Program and special education facilities.

Ward said the district would look into the claims, adding that everyone could make a difference within the school district.

"We can leave this place with a positive attitude that what we gained from it was a desire to make our school better, to make every child accessible to every educational benefit that they are entitled to," he told the group.

"We can all make a difference. It's not just one person, it's not just the board, but it's every one of us that can make a difference."

## Parents voice concerns

The School Board's meeting Monday night was a good one. Parents who have been encouraged to bring their concerns to the school system did that. The crowd of about 50 or so was pretty evenly split between those who wanted change and those who supported the school district.

Tim Ward, board president, allowed all to express their concerns, but asked that teachers' and students' names not be used.

The board then spent a couple of hours listening. They will study the issues at a later date.

Most eloquent were student speakers who defended the school system as being one where prejudice does not exist, and where coaches encourage and develop the best in students. Greg Gonzales, Evaristo Villarreal and J.P. Pineda did an outstanding job speaking up for what they believed in.

My take on the matter is that parents should bring their concerns to the folks who can help them solve the problems — the school staff.

The School Board has policies



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to deal with complaints that stress taking complaints to the teacher, then to the principal, then superintendent and then to the board.

Once again, I don't think that an outside group will help our school or our community. I believe that concerned parents will help the system because they are here to build rather than to tear down.

We aren't a perfect school system. We are a good one. We want to get better every day.

I know that our students expect us to keep prioritizing instruction and to be the best that we can be. I hope that I can spend more time trying to improve our system in coming months.

### Early Dismissal

Brackett's Tiger football team travels to George West tomorrow night for its second district skirmish. School will turn out at 1:15 and buses will run at 1:30 so that parents and supporters of the team can make the long trip. The pep-rally will begin at 11:50 in the new gym.

### Fighting Tiger Band

The band will not go because their regional marching contest will be held Saturday in Hondo. Our school band is scheduled to march at 3 p.m. Bands will march all day and into the evening. For those of you who haven't seen a marching contest in years, you would enjoy going to the high school stadium in Hondo.

### BHS Athletics

The Tigerettes played a district volleyball game Tuesday evening in Dilley. Cross country will be at the Uvalde Invitational Saturday.

### Cool Weather

The cool weather has given us all a taste of fall. We're expecting more rain this next weekend. Have a great week!

## County Commissioners appoint Hall to water conservation district board

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as qualifications, Wes has been involved in this from the beginning. No disrespect to Mr. Hall, but Wes knows a lot about the issues the water board is facing."

City Manager David Luna said the county not taking the city's recommendation was "like a slap in the face."

"My understanding is that there wasn't enough time to take a deep breath of air before it was over with," he said. "They pretty much had their minds made up."

Robinson was at the City Council meeting Tuesday night and thanked the aldermen for their support and recommendation.

"Although it didn't turn out

*"Chuck Hall has all of the qualifications. He is well-rounded and knowledgeable in water and ag interests."*

Francie Wylie



the way we expected it to, I honestly believe that Chuck Hall will do a good job for you," Robinson said.

"It's unfortunate that the decision was obviously pre-ordained prior to the meeting. I think everybody that was in there knows that."

During the meeting, Alderwoman Mary Flores asked why the county did not take the city's

recommendation.

"We don't have a reason why," Mayor Carmen Berlanga said. "The meeting started at 9 and Judge Senne jumped ahead to the agenda item. They were going to allow the candidates to speak, but they were not there. Wes walked in a few minutes later and they refused to acknowledge him. It was all done by 9:06."

### KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

#### Monday, Oct. 7

6:47 p.m., A woman reported that someone had run over a gas meter at the corner of Ramale Alley and Brown Street. City officials were notified of the situation.

7:25 p.m., A man called to report that a storm had blown the roof off of his shed and had caused damage to a neighboring residence on E. Veltman Street. Constable Cordelia Medeke was dispatched to the scene.

7:45 p.m., Constable Mendeke called to report that two men were fighting on Third Street. She said she spoke to both individuals.

8:27 p.m., A man called to report that the storm had blown the roof of his mobile home off on Sheedy Street. Constable Mendeke and EMS responded to the scene.

9:30 p.m., A man reported that he hit a cow on E. Spring Street. Deputy Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene.

#### Friday, Oct. 11

10:35 p.m., A Uvalde Police Department employee called to report a vehicle was

stuck at the railroad crossing by Farm Road 1572. Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. was dispatched to the scene. Pena said the situation was resolved and that the vehicle was not on the tracks.

10:42 p.m., A woman reported that an individual had locked their keys inside their vehicle at the Crazy Chicken. Deputy Pena was notified of situation.

12:45 p.m., A man reported that a vehicle had run off the road into a ditch on Highway 131. There were no injuries. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

#### Saturday, Oct. 12

1:45 a.m., Mary Angelina Carrillo, 26, of Liberty Hill was arrested by Deputy Pena on an outstanding warrant out of Travis County for assault and family violence. She was booked into the the Wackenhut Correctional Facility in Del Rio.

4:31 p.m., A Fort Clark security employee reported a suspicious person walking along the Oaks area. Deputy Bobby Guidry was notified of the situation. The man was out exercising.

6 p.m., Josephine Viasana, 25, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Chism on a warrant from Pecos County for burglary of a habitation. She was booked into the Wackenhut Correctional Facility in Del Rio.

#### Sunday, Oct. 13

12:35 a.m., Todd Campbell, 22, of Austin was arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch for driving while intoxicated. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail.

12:50 a.m., Kermit Lovett Gomez, 20, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Pena for public intoxication, minor in possession of alcohol and two outstanding warrants from Bexar County. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail.

5:08 a.m., A Val Verde Sheriff's Office dispatcher reported that Del Rio Border Patrol agents found a 21-year-old Brackettville man 2 miles east of Laughlin Air Force Base. The man had been thrown out of a vehicle, but was not cooperating with medical personnel. Local law enforcement officers notified the man's family of the situation.



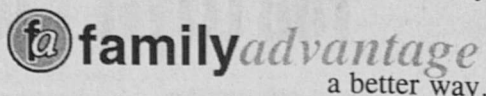
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### High School

#### All-A Honor Roll

Seniors: Kami Berg, Robert Franklin, Maria Martinez, Jose Pineda, Tammy Smith.

Juniors: Elizabeth Ballew, Chestin Clark-Hatley, Hector Febres, Sarah Meyer, Ashley Smith, Beau Watkins.

Sophomores: Juliann Ashabranner, Tiliman Davis, Cody Robinette, Shanae Simmons.

Freshmen: Alana Conoly, Cassandra Gomez, Rachel Swinson, Brand Wylie.

#### A-B Honor Roll

Seniors: Laura Gonzales, Davina Luna, Megan McWilliams, Douglas Sanchez, Eliot Stone, Domingo Villarreal, Victoria Ward.

Juniors: Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Stephanie Coronado, Allison LaMascus, David Latimer, Emily Petrosky, Arnold Pinales, Star Smith, Angelica Talamantes, Blanca Talamantes, Ashley Thourout, Elijah Woosley, Caitlin Wylie.

Sophomores: Stephanie Bonner, Jaclynn Duncan, Courtney Frerich, Monica Gonzalez, Whitney Hobbs, Megan King, Brandon Kluzek, Whitney Massingill, Kristin Meyer, Oscar Sierra, Emmanuel Talamantes, Evaristo Villarreal, Kody Yeager.

Freshmen: Dana Bonner, John Braesicke, Ashley Castillo, Joe Chacon, Jacquelyn Conoly, Jessica Crane, Martin Flores, Kimberly Glass, Liliana Hernandez, Cassandra Mata, Mason McWilliams, Tanya Molinar, Yasmin Pena, Rossio Reyes, Isabel Rivas, Charles Rose, Timmeke Simmons, Soraida Talamantes, Tye Taylor.

### Middle School

#### All-A Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Laura Meyer, Joshua O'Neill.

Seventh grade: Bailee Allen, Heather Baggett, Meghann Davis,

### BISD HONOR ROLL

Maricela Lozano, Conrad Moore, Bianca Stewart, Anolda Watkins.

#### A-B Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Justin Calk, Dolores Cano, Alison Carroll, Robert Davis, Rachel Lethco, Ivan Pinales, Austin Shewbart, Micheal Stephenson, Kara Yeager.

Seventh grade: Jesus Balderas, Kaden Berg, Amber Castilla, Julie Castillo, Doolie Fernandez, Daphne Hunt.

### Elementary School

#### All-A Honor Roll

Sixth grade: Laura Adams, Brooke Bowlin, Katie Braesicke, Becca Mann, Harmony Pettett, Graciela Rocha, Laura Swinson.

Fifth grade: Cheyenne Billings, Cody Clark, Brooklyn Gose, Andy Schmidt.

Fourth grade: Cody Blankenship, Katie Bowlin, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Sarah Davis, Stella Guajardo, Haley Hale, Ayland Letsinger, Sofia Lozano, Manuel Pena, Janine Rex, Sahara Rodriguez, Tiffani Rodriguez, Susu Seargeant, Joshua Smith, Sammie Stewart, Roberto Torres, Erica Villanueva.

Third grade: Tariq Cherradi, Jon Michael Clements, Megan Cronin, Lauren Duncan, Brittany Hale, Jeffrey Herrera, Steven Lowrance, Salvador Pacheco, Nevada Payne, Joel Talamantes, Joelson Terrazas, Shandel Villarreal, Ashley Wardlaw, Daulton Woodson.

Second grade: Ryan Clark, Meghan Flores, Selina Gerardo, Austin Pettett.

First grade: Judy Adams, Korlee Allen, Wyatt Blake, Arturo Castillo, McKenzie Castillo, Clarrisa Cruz, Edgar DeLeon, Clay Flores, Hannah Johnson, Steven Maldonado, Anthony Martinez, Peter Martinez, Paul Resendez, Dustin Sanchez, Shelby Shuster, Gabriel Walker.

#### A-B Honor Roll

Sixth grade: Ray Aguilar, Summer Allen, Emily Calk, Sam Childress, Serenity Gammill, Veronica Garza, Cristi Gomez, Stephanie Gonzalez, Jared Harris,

Jessie Jones, Miranda Letsinger, Bianca Martinez, Maribel Rivas, Jesus Rodriguez, Mariana Salmon, Veronica Talamantes, Bianca Terrazas.

Fifth grade: Crystal Bartlett, Chris Blake, Cynthia Bland, Steven Brinker, Brayen Chacon, Shaun Davis, Taylor Dunbar, Amanda Flores, Ivy Garcia, Sarah Gonzalez, Ramon Gutierrez, Lauren Hernandez, Elena Molinar, Elidia Molinar, YeMi Moore, Paul Novel, Jay Proulx, Raul Rivas, Dulce Rodriguez, Michael Rosetti, Miranda Salmon, Brianna Secamilla, Isaac Talamantes, Nydia Talamantes.

Fourth grade: Celina Calvillo, Bianca Cruz, Damien Falcon, Mike Flores, Clarissa Garcia, Vincent Garcia, Valeria Garza, Abigail Gutierrez, Adrian Juarez, Abraham Maldonado, Angel Maldonado, Abran Muniz, Brenda Pacheco, Arcli Reyes, Victor Roman, Icela Rueda, Becky Salazar, David Villarreal.

Third grade: Colton Childress, Francisca Flores, Adam Garcia, Kristi Gonzalez, Amanda Herrera, Emily Holmes, Banner Kerr, Cindy Mata, Kelsey Molano, Ernesto Ortiz, Yanira Perez, Megan Resendez, Natasha Samaniego, Reece Smith.

Second grade: Balente Aguilar, Jorge Billarreal, Daniel Brinker, Brooke Brown, Calli Campos, Adam Castillo, Cesar Castillo, Austin DelBosque, Daniel Falcon, Bianye Flores, Crystal Garcia, Briana Garza, Sariah Guartuche, Rolando Gutierrez, Alexandra Herrera, Ethan Justice, Erbey Martinez, Jonathan Pinales, Juan Ramos, Adam Resendez, Jose Rivas, Edith Rodriguez, Selene Talamantes, Marissa Villarreal, Vanessa Villarreal.

First grade: Mikaela Castillo, Kyra Cronin, Jose Falcon, Dolores Garza, Marisol Gomez, Seth Graham, Greg Juarez, Juan Lopez, Alexis Martinez, Isauero Rivas, Marlinda Rivas, Alberto Rocha, Taylor Salazar, Haley Smith, August Stephenson, Saul Talamantes, Landon Tuck, Clarissa Valdez, Damian Villarreal.

Read The Brackett News to find out what's going on!

**BRIEFS**

**Tigerettes sweep Dilley in doubleheader**

DILLEY — The Tigerettes picked up their first district win Tuesday as Brackett swept a doubleheader with the Dilley Lady Wolves in volleyball action. The varsity claimed a 16-14, 15-8 win.

"It was a great team effort," Tigerettes coach Bonnie Brotherton said. "Sarah Meyer, Ashley Castillo and Shanae Simmons all played real well."

In the junior varsity game, Brackett won 10-15, 15-8, 15-4. "Courtney Frerich and Timmeke Simmons both had great matches," Brotherton said.

**Cross country team takes second at N.C.**

BARKSDALE — Juliann Ashabranner claimed top honors with a time of 12:57 Saturday to lead the Brackett Tigerettes to a second-place finish at the Nueces Canyon Invitational cross country meet.

Three other runners finished in the Top 10 for Brackett. Senior Tammy Smith came in eighth after turning in a time of a 13:43, freshman Ashley Castillo was ninth with a 13:46 and senior Nicole Mata was 10th with a time of 13:48. Freshman Jessica Crane placed 17th with a 14:39, Brandy Smith finished 19th with a 14:46 and sophomore Clarissa Aguire was 39th with a time of 19:46.

The team will travel to Uvalde Saturday before competing in the district meet the following week.

**Eighth grade volleyball wins consolation**

DEL RIO — Brackett's eighth graders claimed consolation honors Saturday in the Del Rio volleyball tournament.

The Cubettes opened the tourney against Eagle Pass Junior High and lost in three games. They rebounded to defeat Comstock 15-13, 15-4 and Del Rio Grey 15-3, 15-3. In the second game of the Del Rio match, Laura Meyer served 15 straight to win the game.

On Monday, Brackett posted a 17-15, 15-6 victory over Eagle Pass Memorial. Laura Meyer served 100 percent, while Kara Yeager served 90 percent and Lola Cano 80 percent. Emily Valenzuela posted three kills, Yeager had two kills, and Meyer and Lisa Morgan each had one.

"Kara Yeager, Emily Valenzuela and Laura Meyer all had good passes, and Danika Schmidt and Maricela Talamantes also had good hits," Cubettes coach Tiffiny Blore said.

**Seventh grade tops Eagle Pass Memorial**

Brackett's seventh graders claimed a 15-5, 5-15, 15-5 victory Monday over Eagle Pass Memorial. Bailee Allen paced the Cubettes with 14 service points and Erica Rodriguez had nine. Rodriguez also had 14 passes and Daphne Hunt pitched in 12.

On Saturday, the Brackett Gold won consolation honors in the Del Rio tournament this weekend. They opened with a 16-14, 15-11 loss to Eagle Pass Junior High. Hunt, Julie Castilla and Amber Castillo each had seven points. The Cubettes then defeated Del Rio White 15-5, 15-9. Meghann Davis scored 11 points in the match. In the consolation finals, the Gold topped Del Rio Blue 15-11, 9-15, 15-8. Hunt and Rodriguez each had 13 points.

The Brackett Black opened the tourney against Eagle Pass Memorial and fell 8-15, 15-12, 15-5. Whitney Gum converted on 18 serves and Ashley Stephenson scored nine points. The Cubettes then lost to Del Rio Blue 11-15, 15-8, 17-15. Gum finished the contest with 15 points and Capri Creech had 11. Creech also had 24 passes, and Anolda Watkins finished with 21.



Photo by Javier Cervantez

**Crossing the goal line**  
Natalia's J.R. Marquez scored on a 3-yard plunge Friday in the Mustangs' 24-7 win over the Brackett Tigers.

**Turnovers stifle Tigers in 24-7 loss to Mustangs**

Friday was one of those nights for the Brackett Tigers.

Brackett fumbled the opening kickoff for their first of five turnovers against Natalia.

The Mustangs took advantage of the Tigers' miscues en route to a 24-7 victory in the District 30-AA opener for both teams.

Brackett jumped ahead 7-0 at the 9:36 mark in the second quarter when Eliot Stone broke loose for a 33-yard touchdown run.

Three minutes later, Natalia tied the score at 7-all on Mark Saldana's 46-yard TD run.

J.R. Marquez then crossed the goal line on a 3-yard plunge with 48 seconds left in the half to put the Mustangs up 14-7 at intermission.

Natalia iced the victory with two more scoring drives in the last 5:32 of the contest. Both drives began within the Tigers' 20 after Brackett turned the ball over on fumbles.

**STANDINGS**

District 30-AA				
Team	Dst	Sea	PF	PA
Dilley	1-0	3-3	125	104
Natalia	1-0	2-4	61	76
Freer	1-0	1-5	83	117
Brackett	0-1	3-3	104	98
George West	0-1	1-5	39	95
Three Rivers	0-1	0-6	80	153

Friday, Oct. 11  
Dilley 28, Three Rivers 8  
Freer 31, George West 13  
Natalia 24, Brackett 7

Friday, Oct. 18  
Brackett at Three Rivers, 7:30  
Natalia at Dilley, 7:30  
Three Rivers at Freer, 7:30

Eder Valera scored on an 18-yard TD run and Micah Fenwick booted a 29-yard field goal for the Mustangs.

Stone led Brackett's ground game with 42 yards on six carries, while Tony Rosetti rushed for 34 yards on 15 carries and Jared Hobbs tallied 20 yards on five totes.

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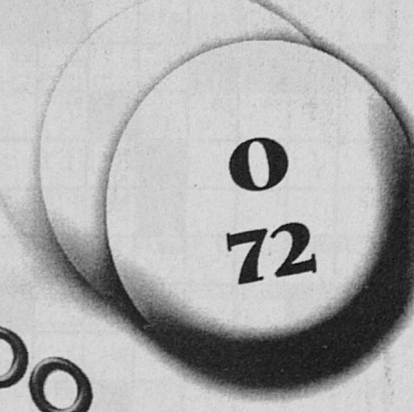
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| 8 Type of anesthetic              | 41 Musical number                   | <b>DOWN</b>                     | 30 Harbor scavenger         |
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**Trivia Time by Walter Branch**

1. What religious book begins: "I, Nephi, having been born of goodly parents..."?
  2. What writer moved to Vermont after the Soviet Union threw him out in 1974?
  3. What sauce is made by the McIlhenny Company of Avery Island, La.?
  4. In what kind of building was Andrew Jackson the first president to be born?
  5. Who gave sports fanatic Fidel Castro a satellite dish so he could watch U.S. baseball games?
  6. Who gave the first televised presidential press conference in the U.S.?
  7. Who co-starred with Humphrey Bogart in four movies during the 1940s?
  8. What former actor said in 1979, "Liberalism is no longer the answer. It is the problem"?
  9. What beverage did Louis Pasteur first pasteurize in 1864?
  10. What is the term for the side of a right triangle opposite the right angle?
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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| Oct. 18.....Tino Gomez      | Oct. 22.....John Clasen       |
| Oct. 18.....Jose Sandoval   | Oct. 22.....Dorothea Clements |
| Oct. 19.....Carolyn Oblak   | Oct. 22.....Philip Fardahl    |
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| Oct. 20.....Monte Estes     | Oct. 23.....Catherine Webb    |

**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

- ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Put a lid on that temper this week. Blowing up won't solve matters. Once you're in control, you can address this issue.
- TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Some neglected domestic chores need your attention. If you look, you'll find your cupboards as empty as Mother Hubbard's! It's time to stock up.
- GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You made a commitment and now it's time to honor it. While a bit inconvenient for you, it's best to keep your word. This shows everyone you're a person of integrity.
- CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Before blurting out your ideas, be sure to completely formulate them. The devil is in the details on this one. You don't want to miss anything important.
- LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your career is on the upswing. However, this doesn't mean you can feel free to be chummy with bigwigs. Maintain a professional demeanor.
- VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A financial windfall comes your way. However, keep this a secret for now. Some might be tempted to try to take advantage of your good nature.
- LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Slow and steady wins the race, so the saying goes. This applies to those trying to lose weight. A fad diet won't get you what you want.
- SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Teamwork is essential this week. By week's end, your success is guaranteed. Over the weekend, judgment is off concerning money issues.
- SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) It's a good time to go over that investment portfolio. Although things are shaky now, you still could shift things around to your advantage. Be patient!
- CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) It's a good week to shake things up in your normal routine. This diversity fends off boredom. This weekend, a family outing recharges your batteries.
- AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You love to travel, so an opportunity to do so is right up your alley. However, this is most likely in connection with business. By week's end, plans fall into place.
- PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Meetings and conferences go well this week. A legal issue finally gets cleared up to your satisfaction. This weekend, educational pursuits are favored.
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**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

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| 5. Bogota       | 15. Oslo     |
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| 7. Buenos Aires | 17. Paris    |
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| 9. Canberra     | 19. Santiago |
| 10. Dublin      | 20. Vienna   |

# Live each day to the fullest

It's a matter of life and death! When Moses asked God, who He was, God answered: "I am, who I am!"

You are, who you are, and I am, who I am, but I wonder, do we truly know who and what that is?

Do you know who you are? Do we really know how to live and how to die? Are we prepared to meet the rest of our lives head on? Are we prepared to meet death head on?

These two things, life and death, are predestined by God and we must — we will participate in both of them. You and I simply have no choice! We will face our tomorrows until we are forced to embrace death.

Death is a part of life. As soon as we are born, we are old enough to die. We know the very moment of birth that death awaits us, sooner or later. The only questions are when and where and how.

Let's face it, life is hard! Life is filled with suffering and heartache and finally death. We must realize this and accept it, or life will defeat us.

The real question is: How will we accept life?

As I see it, there are only three options, and the real joys of life depends on which one we choose. There is the way of rebellion, the way of resignation, and the way of reconciliation.

We can grimly and bitterly accept life and that, I guarantee, will make us losers. We can blindly and childishly accept life and we will still end up losers.

We can reconcile ourselves to suffering and heartache and the fact that life must go on and we can be winners — real winners.

The facts about life and death, should teach us, if nothing else, to live each day to the fullest. Since life is so fleeting and uncertain, with no guarantee of a tomorrow, we must make the most of every day that God does give us, because that is all we have or need.

This means that real happiness can be found even in the smallest and simplest of things in life. Unfortunately for many people, finding true happiness is more of a dream than a reality. They are always grasping after it, but are never quite catching it.

If we are wise, we will real-



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ize that happiness is found all around us every day in the little things of life. Things like a quiet dinner with family and friends, a long leisurely walk along the creek, enjoying the monarchs and the October flowers.

If we cannot find happiness in the little things, we will most likely never find it at all.

To me, it is tragic that so many of us go through life without expressing our deep feelings for one another. We should live our lives so that there will be no regrets over lost opportunities or broken relationships.

If we are wise, we will remember the shortness of life and the nearness of death and we will have no regrets and we will make the most of every day.

In conclusion let me say, death is always a troubling ex-

perience. No matter what the circumstances, no matter how long you have expected it, no matter how young or old the person is, it's always distressing.

When Jesus told his disciples that he was going to die, he told them: "Let not your hearts be troubled."

For the past three years, He had been their leader, their teacher and they loved him. They had given up everything to follow him — their families, friends, occupations, everything. Their hopes and dreams rested on him and now, he was going to die, going to leave them.

Jesus reassured them and us, when he said, "I am the way (without me there is no going), the truth (without me there is no knowing), and the life (without me there is no growing), no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (Johns 14: 1-6)

Here then is God's prescription for a troubled heart. You must believe in the Saviour. You must believe in Heaven and you must believe in the Resurrection. It's a matter of life and death!

## 'Sneak' some extra time with God into your day

I recently read a fitness article listing several ways we can "sneak" more exercise into our daily lives.

Some of the suggestions: Do housework to fast music, park further away from the store, carry one bag of groceries at a time from the car into the house, take the stairs and stretch during TV commercials.

These ideas made me wonder if I could just as easily "sneak" some extra time with God into my day. So I began to look for such hidden opportunities.

Now, some of my most comforting moments with God come in what might seem the most unlikely situations:

■ Brushing my teeth and preparing for bed (either reviewing the day that just past or the one I'll be waking up to in the next few hours).

■ The few minutes before a movie or play starts (I pray about a specific problem I need to have more patience or guidance with).

■ In the waiting room of the doctor's office (we've been trying to find the cause of my chronic cough, so I have visited various doctors lately and I have a lot to talk to God about there).



St. Mary Magdalene Church

Lynn McNew

Now, I really look forward to these times, like a visit to a beloved Friend.

Yesterday, while driving home, I was fretting about a topic for this article, about the upcoming play I am directing, and about sewing projects I seem to be neglecting.

I prayed to God: "What am I going to do?"

He always helps me focus on one thing at a time, so as not to feel overwhelmed. All the jobs will get done — hopefully on time and calmly.

And the best part of these "sneak" chats with God? They can be anytime, any place.

Loving Father, thank You for being there whenever we need You, with Your love, Your guidance, and mostly just to listen.

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

### Take responsibility for your actions

"But Dad, it wasn't my fault," Jeffrey yelled.

"Sit down, son. We can talk without getting emotional," John calmly said.

"But Daaad ...," Jeffrey didn't get to finish the thought.

John calmly but firmly put his hand on Jeffrey's shoulder. Jeffrey lowered his head and became sullen. Again, John spoke, this time his tone was stern.

"Listen carefully, Jeffrey. In a minute you can tell me your side," John continued. "The principal's note says that you and Steve were caught fighting in the hall. Both of you were on the floor. You will be in the alternative program for one week. Now let me hear your story."

Jeffrey began: "Dad, that's not the way it really was. I was trying to break up another fight and Steve jumped me. It wasn't my fault."

Jeffrey's eyes pleaded with his dad to believe him.

"Are you saying the principal lied?" John asked.

"Well," Jeffrey said, hiding his embarrassment. "Not exactly. She just didn't see it all. But I wasn't fighting. It was Steve."

"Jeffrey, right now, there's one infraction — fighting," John said. "If you don't tell the truth, you are adding a second infraction to the first one. The school will punish you for



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fighting, and I will punish you for lying."

Jeffrey put his elbows on his knees and lowered his face into his hands. The two sat in silence for a few moments. John patiently allowed his son to collect his thoughts.

"Dad, I'm sorry," Jeffrey said. "Steve did start it, but I should have known better than to let myself get into it."

"Son, you're taking responsibility for your actions. That's the right thing to do. While you're in detention, use your time to think about how to control your feelings so that you can avoid fighting with kids like Steve."

"A very wise man once said avoid strife and your sins will be few. A quarrelsome person kindles disputes and the flame becomes a fight." (Sirach 28:8-11)

■ *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.*

### Will is strengthened by faith

Your will is strengthened by the measure of faith that you have in the power of God's word. Your will determines your choices. You can say it with assurance, even in the midst of trials and tribulations, because you know that you know that God's word is true and does not return to him void. It will accomplish what he has said it will do. (Isaiah 55:11)

Your will to make right choices is strengthened because even though "Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." (Psalms 34:19)

"For thou, Lord, will bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield." (Psalms 5:12)

"He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him; he will also hear their cry, and will save them." (Psalm 145:19)

Even as you are using your will to make right choices, God is using his will to bless you.

Your will is molded into righteousness when you are able to sincerely say to the Lord, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10)

That way, his will takes precedence over yours and your choices will be the right ones. Thus you use your will to forgive others, to love and to be happy.

You can choose to say "I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people that have set themselves against me round about."



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(Psalm 3:6)

You can choose to be filled with faith no matter who is planning evil towards you, because you have placed God first, "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord: in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up." (Psalm 5:3)

"I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high." (Psalm 7:17)

Your will is strengthened because you "are persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

And, in the end, you can say "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety." (Psalm 4:8)

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

### There are other ways to solve the problems at Fort Clark

Today, the court decided which group of Fort Clark neighbors can legitimately lay claim to being the Board of Directors.

Does anybody really think that this issue stops here and now?

This whole event reminds me of the manner in which the Sadducees, the Pharisees and the Scribes stayed after Jesus. They couldn't agree with him, for it went against their upbringing.

They had been taught to honor the letter of the law, the Torah, given by God to Moses. Yet, here this new, young Rabbi was, saying that God was more interested in God's children living the intent of the law.

Boy, how we have become like those who listened to Jesus' every word, looking for a means of trapping him into saying something for which he could be sued.

We read every word with

care in our unabridged dictionary so that we can be assured that only our reading of the law is given credence.

Perhaps, in retrospect, Judge Tom Lee should have sent these two parties into binding arbitration, which would have cost a lot fewer dollars to all property holders on the fort.

Or better yet, he could have used an older tradition for settling disagreements that has long been dormant — the David and Goliath method.

Judge Lee could have told the two groups to select their best warrior.

Then, he could have set a time and a place where neither warrior had an advantage. Then, he could have ordered them to battle it out.

The winner's group could rule the Fort. The loser's group had to go home.

Of course, this wouldn't do in this day and age because bloodletting by we older folk is



First United Methodist Church

Rev. Ken F. Sellers Jr.

so vulgar (and tiring).

So, instead of swords, or knives, or slingshots, or guns, etc., the judge could have ordered the combatants to use insulting words at 24 inches (any closer and spittle would be too large a factor).

Face to face, the adversaries would have to deliver their best verbal abuse until one of them hollered "neighbor!"

Of course, there would have to be additional rules of encounter created to keep the contest fair, like: no eating garlic, no smoking cigars, no using simple swear words that every kid

knows, and no envisaging your opponent as your spouse or an in-law.

If Judge Lee's ruling is to be appealed, please let it be to a court that will use the David and Goliath method.

If they want to save a few bucks, they can even call me and I will read up on Solomon and see if splitting the baby in half might be a feasible solution.

#### Youth Forum

Attention youth: Coming up on Oct. 27 is a Youth Forum on Racism, featuring Shanae Simmons.

A spaghetti lunch will help whet your appetite for a spirited review of the youth perspective on a current local controversy.

Visit a church this Sunday. The judgment we all deserve, God alone can provide in perfect abundance.

If you have no church home, come visit us at First United Methodist Church for worship this Sunday at 10:45 am.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District. Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a Hearing on Rules on Monday, October 28, 2002, at 1:00 p.m., in the District Courtroom of the Kinney County Courthouse located in Brackettville, Texas. HEARING ON RULES: 1. Call to order. 2. Public Hearing and Possible Action on the Adoption of Motion to delete the clause "by November 1, 2002" from rule 10.03B. 3. Adjourn. I the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Hearing of the Board of Directors of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District, is a true and correct copy of said Notice. I have posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board in the Kinney County Courthouse, located in Brackettville, Texas, and said Notice was posted on October 14, 2002, and remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours immediately preceding the day of said meeting: a true and correct copy of said Notice was furnished to the Kinney County Clerk, in which the above named political subdivision is located. Dated this the October 14, 2002. Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District By: Darlene Shahan, Sec/Treas.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS for Construction Services will be received by the Brackett Independent School District at the School Administration Office Board Room located at 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas at 3:00 p.m. on October, 24, 2002 for Air Conditioning of the Cub Gymnasium Brackett Independent School District. Proposals shall include the information requested in the Contractors Qualification Statement Form. Proposals will be publicly opened and amounts read aloud. The District will evaluate and rank each proposal in relation to selection criteria in proposal within 30 days. Contract Documents may be examined and obtained with a deposit of \$25.00 at the following locations: Office of Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent, 400 Ann St., Brackettville, Texas 78832. John S. Graves & Associates, Inc., Architects; 202 Hornby Place; Uvalde, Texas 78801. The Owner reserves the right to waive formalities, reject any or all proposals, and award the contract for the most advantageous proposal. Each proposal shall include a Certified Check or Bid Bond of a satisfactory Surety Company in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of proposal. 100% Performance and Payment Bonds will be required.

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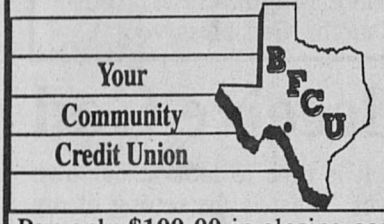
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