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Lee to resolve FCSA lawsuit this week

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

District Judge Tom Lee was expected to announce a judgement late Wednesday, determining who is lawfully on the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors.

Lee said he would review the briefs submitted by both sides and then make a decision following a hearing last Thursday.

Fort Clark Springs General Manager Maggie Banner Kerr was the only witness to take the stand last week. Both sides questioned her on the association's

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

Saylor and Mona Miller last month appointed five new directors at a special meeting —

Nolan Brandt, John Dixon, Al Jenkins, Rozetta Pingenot and Santos Yereña.

This past summer, over 400 members signed a petition, initiated by the Preservation Society, 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 association's lawsuit claims the Preservation Society "deliberately choose to ignore

following the procedures set out in the corporation's bylaws and protective restrictions."

Attorneys for the Preservation Society said the association's rules only make one reference for the recall of directors, and the voting procedure followed that policy.

Early voting underway

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Early voting is underway in Kinney County for this year's general election.

Early voting began Monday and continues through Nov. 1 at the Courthouse.

As of noon Wednesday, 85 people voted early and 94 citizens requested ballots by mail.

"It's been a real good turnout," District and County Clerk Dora Sandoval said. "We had 40 people the first day, and that's a lot for Kinney County."

The only contested local race on this year's ballot is for justice of the peace. Incumbent Democrat John Ford is being challenged by Republican challenger Woody Massingill.

Sandoval, County Judge Herb Senne, County Treasurer Janis Floyd, Precinct 2 Commissioner Joe Montalvo and Precinct 4 Commissioner Pat Melancon, all incumbent Democrats, are running unopposed.

Here is a look at the other candidates on the ballot:

■ **U.S. Senator:** John Cornyn, Republican; Ron Kirk, Democrat; Scott Jameson, Libertarian; and Roy Williams, Green Party.

■ **U.S. Rep. District 23:** Henry Bonilla, Republican; Henry Cuellar, Democrat; Jeffrey Blunt, Libertarian; and Ed Scharf, Green Party.

■ **Governor:** Rick Perry, Republican; Tony Sanchez, Democrat; Jeff Daiell, Libertarian; and Rahul Mahajan, Green Party.

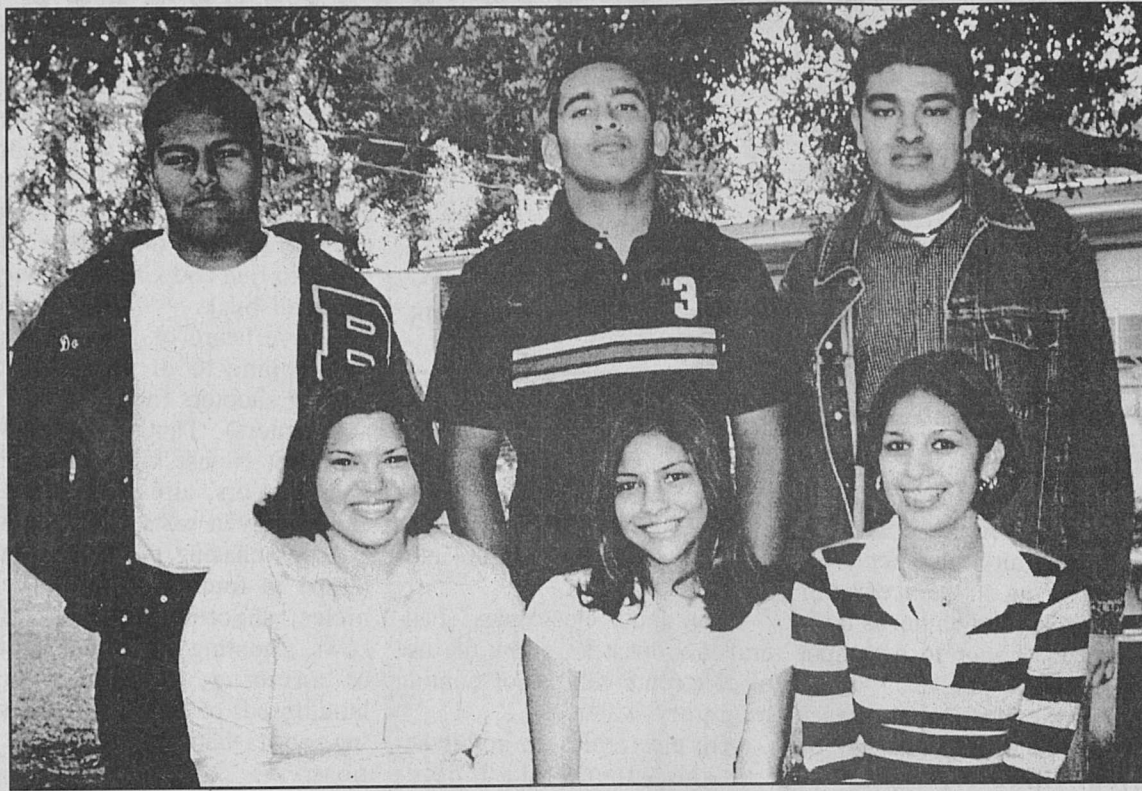
■ **Lt. Governor:** David Dewhurst, Republican; John Sharp, Democrat; Mark David Gessner, Libertarian; and Nathalie Paravicini, Green Party.

■ **Attorney General:** Greg Abbott, Republican; Kirk Watson, Democrat; Jon Roland, Libertarian; and David Keith Cobb, Green Party.

■ **Comptroller:** Carole Keeton Rylander, Republican; Marty Akins, Democrat; Bowie Ibarra, Libertarian; and Ruben Reyes, Green Party.

■ **Ag Commissioner:** Susan Combs, Republican; Tom Ramsay, Democrat; Vincent May, Libertarian; and Jane Eliseff, Green Party.

Homecoming '02



King and queen candidates are, top row (from left): Douglas Sanchez, Philip Munoz and Pedro Pacheco. Bottom row: Elizabeth Jennings, Davina Luna and Nicole Mata.

BHS Homecoming activities begin tonight with bonfire

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Brackett's Homecoming festivities begin tonight at dusk with the annual bonfire at the track.

The Homecoming parade begins tomorrow at 2:30, and will be followed by a pep-rally at five points in downtown Brackettville.

In the event of rain, the pep-rally will be held in the new gym at 2:30.

The Homecoming queen and king for 2002 will be announced Friday night at 6:30, prior to the Tigers' 7:30 game against Dilley.

Queen candidates this year include Elizabeth Jennings, Davina Luna and Nicole Mata.

Jennings is the treasurer of FCCLA and is the primary organizer of Invasion Tours for 2003. She is the daughter of Alvin and Leticia Jennings.

Luna participates in volleyball, is a cheerleader, is secretary of the Student Council, and is a member of the History Club and the Science Club. She is the daughter of David and Julia Luna.

Mata participates in cross country, track and softball, is a member of FCA, the Science Club and the History Club, and has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. She is the daughter of Ronnie and Gracie Mata.

This year's king candidates are Philip Munoz, Pedro Pacheco and Douglas Sanchez. Munoz participates in football and basketball, and is a member of FCA and the History Club. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Macario Munoz.

Pacheco is president of the senior class, is a member of Kinney County 4-H, the Science Club and the History Club, and is a probationary member of NHS. He is the son of Pedro and

Maria Pacheco.

Sanchez participates in football, track and baseball, is the treasurer of the History Club, is a member of NHS, and is an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Sanchez.

Princes and princesses this year are juniors Ashley Smith and Jaime Puente, sophomores Megan King and Charlie Slaughter, and freshmen Jessica Crane and Miles Braesicke.

Dukes and dutchesses are Sarah Meyer and Tillman Davis, Student Council; Megan McWilliams and Eli Woolsey, NHS; Kami Berg and Jeffery Tipps, band; Tammy Smith and Dietrich Davis, Science Club; Beth Ballew and Whitney Massingill, History Club; Emily Petrosky and Kody Yeager, FCA; and Samantha Pina and Gilbert Fernandez, FCCLA.

Water district grants motions for rehearing

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District granted two motions for rehearing on its rules Monday night.

The motions granted were for Native Valley Alliance and Grass Valley Water. Both groups are trying to market water from the county.

Director Zach Davis said the district has received at least 18 motions for rehearing, but only two were placed on the agenda. The board voted to consider the other motions at 5 p.m. on Nov. 21. They set the rehearing for the same date at 5:30.

The district's rules have been met with much opposition from local landowners.

"The rules penalize people who have been out there using water historically," said Lynn Sherman of the Native Valley Alliance. "They are unworkable. We feel they need to be

changed."

Some local landowners who have water leases with Native Valley Alliance and Grass Valley Water also filed individual motions.

"The landowners filed their own motions for rehearing because they did feel that they may have interests that are somewhat divergent from Native Valley as a whole," Sherman said.

There were some individuals without ties to the water marketers that filed motions and were not placed on the agenda, such as Wes Robinson.

"We're not connected with either one of the two (marketers)," Robinson said. We made our motion for rehearing based on the fact that the two high-production wells on our property are now worthless under the current rules.

"I'll make my additional arguments when we have the public hearing on our motion," he told the directors.

City is no longer providing employees' health insurance

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Brackettville city employees are now receiving additional financial compensation for health insurance.

The city is no longer providing health insurance for its employees through the Texas Municipal League because of rising costs.

"Our attorney talked to different people at TML about how much it's increased, and a lot of people are changing," City Manager David Luna said. "Health care is a big problem."

"The group plan is wonderful when you step into it, especially with TML. Our insurance claims were low, compared to the whole group, but you're paying for the other groups'

claims, like groups out of Houston and other places.

"It got to where we just can't afford it — \$300 a month compared to the \$98 we started at is a big chunk. We were quoted a 3 percent increase and it ended up being a 28 percent increase."

The City Council adopted an ordinance outlining changes to the employment policy for employees' health insurance during a special meeting.

Council members Tomas Gomez, Martha Ward McDonald and Johnny Samaniego voted for the ordinance and Alderwoman Francisca "Chica" Garza opposed. Mary Flores was absent.

The decision to stop providing health insurance was made during the budgeting process ■ See CITY/Page 3

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Brackettville musician doing what he loves

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Life is somewhat hectic these days for Rocco Fortunato, but he doesn't seem to mind.

Fortunato produces music albums in a wide variety of styles for artists as far away as California and Florida. He also teaches voice mechanics and coaches voice talent.

On top of that, Fortunato travels and performs as a drummer and vocalist with Billy Mata and the Texas Tradition — a musical group that is quickly rising to the top of the western swing market.

"Very few people get the opportunity to make a living doing what they love — and I have been able to do that," he said. "When I decided to pursue music as a career, I was fortunate



Fortunato

Mata's third release on the BGM Network label.

Without the benefit of any formal national distribution, the album was talked about and passed around by radio disc jockeys until it became a certified No. 1 CD on western swing-oriented radio shows.

The band has revived a lost interest in the very music that is the roots of Texas. The success of the album was not a surprise to Fortunato.

enough to be both successful and happy."

Fortunato co-produced Mata's CD "Keepin' The Tradition — A Tribute To My Heroes."

"The music is so much a part of Texas that everyone responds to it," he said. "This isn't the flavor of the week — it's the music of Texas."

In 2000, the Academy of Western Artists nominated Mata and the band for four national awards. The group performed live on the broadcast of the awards show. Mata made it into the Top 5 nominees in three of the four categories, and was named the best western swing male vocalist of the year.

Mata is currently working on a new album to be released early next year. It is being sponsored and produced by Tommy Allsup and Nashville songwriter Clyde Pitts.

Allsup took an interest in Mata after the two began performing together regularly on



Keeping the rhythm Rocco Fortunato of Brackettville is a drummer and vocalist with Billy Mata and the Texas Tradition. Photo Special to The Brackett News

Me and my hard head

Let me begin by saying that I'm not good at construction techniques. I do, however, like to work on various projects. I have to have something going on or I'll go crazy. Maybe it's too late.

I was working on my old barn. It needs to have some serious overworking or it will just disassemble.

I was in the process of heating a piece of metal with an acetylene torch. The purpose of this maneuver was to bend the metal around a piece of pipe. I was several feet up on a ladder.

After I bent the metal, I reached down to turn off the torch. I touched my bare forehead to the extremely hot metal. I heard a sound similar to bacon frying. I smelled it too.

I wondered who was cooking this late in the morning. Perhaps I could join them. Finally the true message reached my brain. After a mild oath and a quick draw back, I retreated from the



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

source of my discomfort.

I was relieved. Somewhat. I knew it was going to feel so good once it quit hurting. The pain did not go away in a hurry.

I have a small wound to remind me of my stupidity. But, in time, it will go away. I'll forget about my moment of carelessness. I'll forget just in time to do something else to injure my person.

I wonder what part or parts of my body are doomed to be the next point of damage. As long as I hit myself in the head, I won't do any real damage.

But I could be wrong.

WHAT IF TOM DASCHLE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.?



Teen Spirit

Shanae Simmons

Learning to say farewell

Have you ever had someone you thought would always be there? Someone that you could talk to, listen to, and just plain out enjoy their company? I know someone like that. She is one of the greatest best friends I have ever had. She is fabulous.

I remember recently I had to describe my best friend, and include qualities that I thought were admirable about that person. It took me a while, but, eventually, I thought up some things and made them into a small poem.

It was funny and didn't make sense in some instances, but I enjoyed writing it. I also enjoyed reading it to the class.

At that time, I was able to express my feelings for someone who had really affected my life. I also included some situations we faced together in the short time we had been friends. It was nice, and in the end, I found my vision slightly blurred by tears. I looked over and saw the same effect was taking place on my friend. She had turned slightly pink and was rubbing her eyes, trying to keep them dry.

Not too long ago, I was told some horrible news. My best friend is moving away. She will no longer be there to laugh at my dumb jokes, mock me, or make up crazy stories with me.

I remember sometimes when we would both get on our separate buses and stick our heads out of the windows and try to have eye staring contests. She is the only person I could look straight in the eye comfortably.

The bus fumes made it pretty difficult to keep our eyes open, but it was fun all the same. Finally, when that would get old, we would just stick our hands out the window and wave as our buses went in different directions until we were so far apart that we could no longer see each other.

I told her some things I have never told anyone, and she told me her own secrets.

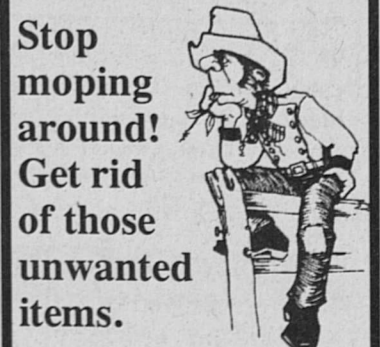
I try not to be a sissy, but my eyes get damp when I think about her leaving. About how we will no longer get to grow up together. About how she will go to another school in another state. Even how we won't get to be as close as I have always wanted us to be. This girl is a really great person.

Tomorrow night, I want anyone going to homecoming to wish her farewell. She is leaving the day after.

My best friend will be the sophomore duchess, and is one of the most beautiful people I know, inside and out. So if you see her, then tell her how great it was to know her. And if you didn't know her, then please wish her a safe voyage.

I thank her for everything she has done to make my life much more pleasant than it was without her presence. I hope she knows that she is the greatest friend I have ever had and without her I will lose a piece of myself.

I will truly miss this wonderful being, my best friend, Megan King.



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The ethics of hunting

Hunting, like every other thing in life, has a series of how-to and how-not-to rules attached. Because hunting is a sport where life is taken, the ethics involved are more complicated than, say, in tennis. It is also primarily a solitary pursuit and that further complicates the situation.

Who determines what is allowable and what is not?

The state of Texas, for instance, has ordained that while there is no closed season on javelinas, the limit is two per year. There is no tag on the license for this animal so the hunter is basically on his honor to not shoot more than two per year.

Hunting ethics, in fact ethics period, dictates that this law be obeyed. However, I know of several hunters who claim to have shot several (more than two) from a single group of the poor, blind creatures. That, in my eyes, is unethical.

The javelina is an easy target and killing a whole herd is no great feat. It is, however, wasteful and illegal.

There is hunting, and then there is hunting. I like to take a rifle and walk. I find that sitting in a blind and watching a feeder has about as much appeal as watching paint dry. I need to be moving, seeing the country, or at least be out in the open.

I move very slowly, looking more than walking. Sometimes I will sit in a makeshift blind on a trail or a hidden spot on a hill or outcropping, or even lay hidden on the edge of an oat field, but I would rather eat soap than sit in a carpeted, enclosed blind.

Is it ethical to hunt from a vehicle? I don't think so, at least not unless you are handicapped, but many people hunt no other



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

another state or paying big bucks for a hunting lease. The last time I checked, you could buy a whole herd of Spanish goats for less than it costs for a deer lease, and they are a lot easier to find and kill than a wily whitetail buck.

I have heard of guides using an airplane to drive game to waiting shooters (notice I didn't say hunters). That is not hunting, that is just killing, and it gives hunters, already under attack, an even worse reputation.

So does chasing pronghorn antelope in four-wheel drive vehicles, shooting up a herd of cows, shooting over your limit of anything, road hunting, hunting out of season, trespassing, and a hat full of other actions.

What are hunting ethics? Heck, I don't know anymore than you do. I do know this, though, the definition of ethics is whatever the public wants it to be. If your peers think of what you are doing as unethical, it probably is!

So let's try to portray a law-abiding and wholesome image to those people out there who do not hunt, but who do understand that hunting is part of human nature and an important tool in wildlife management. Then maybe our grandchildren will be able to enjoy the outdoors in the same way we do.

Genesis 27:2-4, "Isaac said, 'I am an old man and don't know the day of my death. Now then, get your weapons — your quiver and bow — and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die.'"

Probably. Is it unethical? That depends on your point of view. Bears are baited; geese are not. Quail are baited; doves are not. The gist of the argument is this: anything that gives you a distinct, unfair advantage over the game you are hunting is at best questionable. You have already pitted that animal's senses and cunning against your intelligence and mechanical devices.

If you just want to kill something there are far cheaper ways to go about it than traveling to

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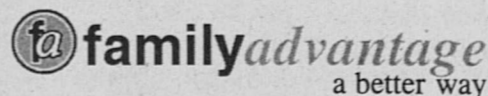
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BISD celebrating Homecoming

BISD celebrates Homecoming 2002 this week. There will be a bonfire Thursday night at 8 at the track. On Friday, we will have our traditional parade at 2:30, and a downtown pep-rally following the parade.

It's a fun time at BISD with students dressing up all week long. The community is invited to the bonfire, parade and ball game. We would be happy for ex-students to visit the schools this Friday. The presentation of our homecoming court will occur before the ball game. Be there early for this special time.

We hope that Brackett ex-students will come home to see their friends. We are a small community where everyone knows your name. So, be there for the fun and especially for the ball game Friday night.

The Tigers will play Dilley.

We're 1-1 in district play and Dilley is 2-0. We need to win. Dilley is always a formidable opponent!

Tigerettes Volleyball

Congratulations to the BHS volleyball team for a win at Dilley this past week. We are hoping to beat Dilley Tuesday night to sew up second place in the district.

BHS Band

Congratulations to our school band for their hard work this school year.

Jeffrey Tipps has done a huge amount of work putting together a marching drill, and the music to make it go together. He deserves a pat on the back.

Also, Kami Berg, drum major, has worked hard to help young students learn.

Thanks to those parents who continue to support our school



Making A Difference

Taylor Stephenson

band and its efforts to stay an integral part of the school curriculum. We need more students to take band. We need more parents to encourage their own kids to stay in band. Music plays an integral part in our schools and in our education. With more students, we can score higher at regional contests.

New Eagle Scout

We have a new Eagle Scout — Cody Robinette. Cody passed his oral examination with flying

colors this past week. We're proud of the work that Cody has done. Check out the play equipment at the Church of Christ.

Formal recognition will be given this spring. Cody is not registered for band, but goes to all of the after-school rehearsals. He is one of the soloists in the school band.

Grade Notices

This week, parents will receive notices of concern for students who are scoring 75 or below in a school subject.

Parents should take note immediately that there could be a problem when the six weeks ends that would keep students from participating in extra scholastic activities. Call the school and ask the secretary to set up a conference with the teacher. Our teachers ask for your help! Have a great week!



Saluting the flag

The BHS cheerleaders salute the flag during the national anthem prior to the start of a football game.

Fortunato enjoying career

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the weekly KVOO radio show, "The Lincoln County Symposium Of The Air," hosted by Larry Scott.

Allsup was the original Buddy Holly "Cricket" who "lost" the coin toss to Richie Valens to ride the ill-fated airplane that took Holly's life.

Allsup went on to be a producer for many famous acts, including Bob Wills himself and Asleep At The Wheel.

Allsup and Leon Rausch, Bob Wills' lead singer after Tommy Duncan, currently produce the original Bob Wills' Texas Playboys reunion band and include Mata as a featured singer whenever they perform.

"Billy Mata is the real deal," Fortunato said. "Allsup knows that. He sings the music from the heart, like Bob Wills did. This album will give Billy national exposure."

Though Fortunato is a native of Pennsylvania, he is no stranger to the swing music he performs.

"My Dad was, and still is, a piano player," he said. "Swing was in the house I grew up in."

"Dad had a master's degree in music composition and specialized in writing vocal arrangements for Andrews Sisters style close harmonies," he added.

Fortunato has lived in Texas for 22 years, and has been a member of Mata's band for the last 13 years.

"Most people think Northerners are Yankees. Down here in Texas, the definition of a Yankee is 'anyone north of me.' Years ago, I used to be regarded as a 'Damn Yankee.' Then I enjoyed a much higher status of just a 'Yankee,'" Fortunato joked.

Prior to joining the Texas Tradition, Fortunato toured the United States with Valentino and The Shahan Express.

Valentino had an RCA recording contract under the management of Happy Shahan. The group was based in Brackettville at Shahan's Alamo Village.

Fortunato's Shahan Express band-mate, Glenn Shankle, went on to become the steel player for Neal McCoy and is currently playing for Correy Morrow.

"I came to Brackettville because of Happy Shahan," Fortunato said. "I hung my hat here, but I was on the road for 10 years. We travelled the country and played six nights a week for 47 weeks a year."

"When I got back, Brackettville seemed like a really nice, quiet place to live. It restored my sanity. I haven't wanted to leave since," he added.

City is no longer providing employees' health insurance

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The basic insurance will cost \$44.95. An upgraded policy is \$101 and the gold policy is \$140, so it's right in line with the old rates. That's for the entire family. We passed that information out to the employees.

"The city is providing employees with health insurance they can purchase on their own."

"They can put the money away for health purposes and draw interest, or they can buy insurance," Luna said.

"With the money they're going to get, they will be able to purchase insurance. There are a few of them interested in it."

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Tuesday, Oct. 15

9:55 a.m., A woman said she locked her keys in her truck at the Senior Apartments on W. Spring Street. Deputy Gary Robinson was dispatched to the scene to assist the woman.

6:30 p.m., Rebecca Cruz, 26, of San Antonio was arrested by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess on an outstanding warrant out of Travis County for possession of a controlled substance. She was booked into the Wackenhut Correctional Facility in Del Rio.

Wednesday, Oct. 16

7:30 p.m., Albert Anthony Soliz, 34, of San Antonio was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashly on an outstanding Justice of the Peace warrant out of Kinney County. Soliz was released the following day after paying his fine.

Thursday, Oct. 17

8:45 a.m., A woman said she locked her keys in her vehicle at Jones Elementary School. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene to assist the woman.

10:04 p.m., A 911 caller reported a light-colored pickup, pulling a trailer, weaving all

over the road. The vehicle was traveling north on Highway 277 near the west gate of Laughlin Air Force Base. Del Rio DPS officials were notified.

11:53 p.m., A woman said there was someone in her backyard at her residence on E. El Paso Street. Deputy Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the location, but was unable to find anyone.

Friday, Oct. 18

9 p.m., Miguel Benamine Guarro, 32, of Fort Worth was arrested for possession of 2 ounces of marijuana by DPS Trooper Tully Welch. He was released the next day after posting bond.

12:40 p.m. Alan Bailey White, 20, of Paris, Texas, was arrested by Trooper Welch for driving under the influence and minor in possession of alcohol. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held as of press-time.

Saturday, Oct. 19

6:30 a.m., A woman reported that her neighbor on Fort Street was hammering all night and keeping her awake. A deputy was dispatched.

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Book provides pictorial history

By FRANCES McMASTER
Contributing Writer

"Fort Clark and Brackettville: Land of Heroes," a pictorial history by William Haenn published by Arcadia, an imprint of Tempus Publishing Inc., has just been released.

It is only fitting that an area as rich in history as Fort Clark and Brackettville should have an accurate descriptive accounting of its past. However, such an undertaking was a formidable task.

Not just one era of historical importance needed to be described, but significant layers of time had to be separated out. Research revealed abundant information to be validated.

The advent of photography provided hundreds of old pictures, many of which had never been published, and these became the framework for the book.

Haenn was given access to photos belonging to troopers once stationed at the fort, or their descendants, pictures from private collectors of historical memorabilia, and photographs from longtime residents of Brackettville.

Other photos were discovered in the Library of Congress, the National Archives of the U.S. Army Signal Corps and pioneer photographer Eugene O. Goldbeck.

Haenn is a retired lieutenant colonel who served in the U.S. Army for 25 years. He came to Fort Clark in 1987. His interest

in history dates back to childhood.

When he crossed the Las Moras Bridge and entered the fort, he felt like he had come home. The well-preserved buildings and the familiar pattern of Army posts appealed strongly to him. He felt he belonged there and has said he never intends to leave.

Haenn has always been interested in heroes, and many well-recognized heroes learned their soldiering at Fort Clark to become later known in their Army careers. Among these are Stuart, Longstreet, Sheridan, Sherman, Bullis, Patton and Winwright.

Haenn also began to discover the unrecognized ones — the soldiers who made history, such as the Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts and their little-known four Medal of Honor recipients who lie buried in Kinney County.

The captions to the pictures he has selected for the book relate interesting stories about these heroes and engender them with life.

As the author so aptly puts it, "If geography is the stage, then history is the play."

The book begins with "the spring and its role since archaic times."

Haenn paints a verbally colorful picture of the Las Moras Spring as an ancient camping ground for visitors for thousands of years, even before the Spanish conquistadors named the spring for the surrounding

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mulberry trees.

The fort was established to protect the spring and the travelers on the "lower road" to the West Coast during the gold rush days.

He describes the changes that occur in the fort as time moves on — the post Civil War through World War II and the accompanying development of the town of Brackettville with its symbiotic relationship to the fort.

Of interest to local readers will be the changes in the Brackettville business district. Familiar names appear on building signs, and some of the structures still exist, though changed somewhat.

Haenn has the knowledge and experience needed to appreciate the smallest details of the pictures he accumulated. His observations were not dominated by his interest in the military. However, he captures in words the very human essence of those people who posed for the old photos, no matter how formal and self-conscious they might appear.

His unrelenting inspection picked up changes over time and he used clues to identify backgrounds, such as trees or an off-colored stone in a house. He doesn't miss the dog that lazed while troops stood at attention or a bicycle stashed in some brush while the soldiers posed for a photograph.

Among other sources, Haenn

draws upon the diaries and letters of Lt. Francis Henry French, written from 1883 to 1888, to give the reader a picture of life on the fort during that period.

Of special interest are pictures from the 1887 production of the Mikado by officers and ladies on the fort in full costume.

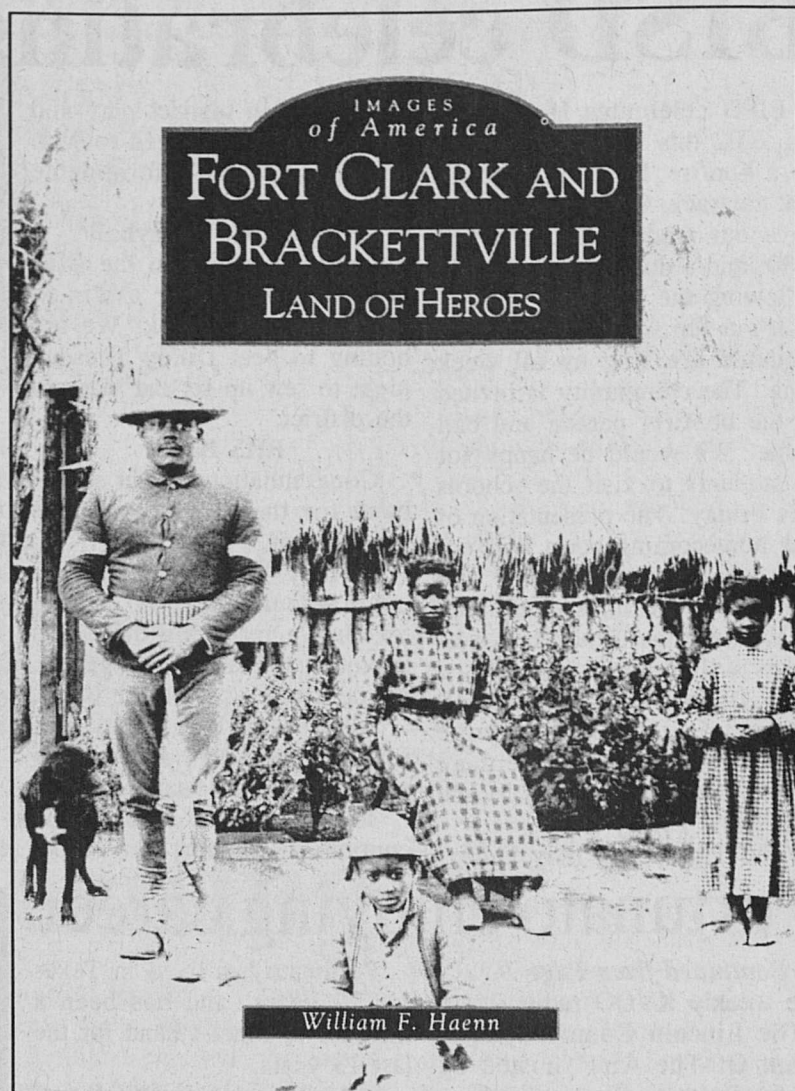
Change is of interest, but sameness is also fascinating. Almost identical pictures of a new Army recruit being given a traditional blanket toss are shown — one taken in 1890 and one in the 1930s.

One photograph of a practice march taken by an Army photographer in 1895 is shown next to a drawing of the same view done by Frederic Remington, then a correspondent/artist for Harpers periodical, which was published in its January 1896 issue.

The story does not end with the fort being deactivated. When it became available for sale, the Texas Railway Equipment Company, a subsidiary of Brown and Root, bought the property.

At the time, 1,500 buildings were sold for salvage, but Annabelle Dahlstrom, wife of the owner of the company, became the heroine who saved it. She convinced her husband to save 80 historic buildings. Herman Brown, head of Brown and Root, shared it with others as the "Guest Ranch."

Without the fort, the town of Brackettville was imperiled. Its survival was in doubt until another hero, Happy Shahan, con-



vinced John Wayne to film "The Alamo" on the Shahan Ranch.

The book includes photographs taken during the construction of the Alamo replica, as well as the actors. It also shows photos from subsequent films made at Alamo Village.

The core of determination and patience that fueled this monumental task was Haenn's deep love of history and his appreciation of the "deeds of a legion of unsung heroes, as well as the

fort and town's historic past."

William Haenn is not only a fine historian, he is a talented writer as well. He has given a priceless gift to Fort Clark and Brackettville. The book serves, as he intended, "as a testament to American soldiers throughout the country."

"Fort Clark and Brackettville: Land of Heroes" is available at Sutler's Store on Fort Clark and bookstores in nearby towns.

Smiths honored

By FRANCES McMASTER
Contributing Writer

Rotary is an international service organization, and among its many humanitarian efforts are projects that enhance family life and those that promote education. For the first time, the Brackettville club bestowed a Community Service Award to honor local citizens who do outstanding work for the betterment of the community.

The committee charged with selecting the recipients reached a decision quickly. The two persons chosen are outstanding, and the volunteer work they do is in keeping with Rotary ideals.

Dr. Don Smith and his wife, Dr. Anita Torres Smith, have worked tirelessly for four years to institute and run the St. Henry de Osso Family Project, a program designed to empower families.

The project is a ministry of the Teresian Sisters. However, it is a nondenominational enterprise and works with everybody without regard to beliefs or circumstances. Sister Hortencia Coloma of Uvalde founded the project and inspired the Smiths to start the program here in Brackettville. Coloma, a special guest at the meeting, has worked with them to build it.

Smith describes it as "a unique network of Christian volunteers who are dedicated to recognizing the power and worth inherent in every human being." Its major goal is to "promote wellness, holistic growth, and full empowerment of families and individuals."

The volunteers who work in



Community Service Award winners

Rotarian Ella Chambers (from left) and club president Dave Alexander welcome Don Smith, Oscar Sierra III, Anita Smith, Lois Carlson, Tilda Sierra and Sister Hortencia Coloma to last week's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting. Don and Anita Smith were presented with the Rotary Club's Community Service Award.

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the project go into homes to provide tutoring to students referred by the school and to teach parents how to help their youngsters with homework. When appropriate, they offer counseling designed to help the family function better.

Families of children who are referred for tutoring must often struggle with problems of employment, language and living conditions. They want to improve their conditions and help their children succeed in life, but often find themselves without the resources to make it happen.

Smith said education is the key to a better life for the next generation. When one person in the family begins to make progress, it often motivates others. If the children can get an education, the family has an opportunity to move into a better life style. The result of helping

one child means empowerment of the whole family.

The committed work of the volunteers means the possibility of whole neighborhoods being helped, and this can create a more wholesome community.

The program has been designed around the goals of the St. Henry de Osso Family Project and has been developed and refined by the Smiths. The children with whom they are presently working are in kindergarten through second grade. The Smiths and the project volunteers consult regularly with Paula Renken, Jones Elementary School principal, and the teachers who are involved.

Tilda Sierra and her teenage son, Oscar, who is also a volunteer, attended the Rotary meeting along with volunteer Lois Carlson.

The Sierras and Carlson represented 15 other volunteers

who give their time in the program.

The volunteers spoke of how rewarding they find the work to be. Oscar helps with other children of the family while his mother works with the parents.

Carlson remarked that being bilingual was helpful, but not necessary, and that families are encouraged to retain their ability to speak more than one language. During the spring, the project will present classes for parents at the school.

Darlene Shahan, committee chairman, presented each of the Smiths a plaque from Rotary in their honor. Committee members Ella Mae Chambers, also a volunteer for the project, and Frances McMaster were present.

Rotary's motto "Service Above Self" is certainly personified in Dr. Don Smith and Dr. Anita Torres Smith.

DRT sponsors Texas history essay contest

Each year, the Caddel-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas join other chapters in the state in offering schools, teachers and students the opportunity to participate in its Texas history essay contest.

The topic for the fourth-grade contest this year is "Susana and Angelina Dickinson, Survivors of the Alamo." "The three Navies of Texas — Their Battles, Ships, and Leaders" is the topic selected for the seventh-grade contest.

The first, second and third place winners in each grade from the area will be invited to read their essays at the March, 2003 DRT meeting, which will be held on a Saturday. First place winners will receive a cash prize of \$50, second place wins \$30 and third place wins \$20.

The first place winners will be eligible for a scholarship at the time of their graduation from high school, as well as having their essays submitted for state competition.

Last year's seventh grade winner

from the Caddel-Smith Chapter won the regional and state competitions.

Any seventh grade teacher of Texas history is invited to enter the Outstanding Texas History Teacher Contest. The applicant should submit his or her thoughts about teaching Texas history, the manner of instruction in the classroom, innovations conceived and executed, and response of the students.

The winning teacher will be invited to attend the DRT Convention in May to be held in Austin where

he or she will receive a monetary award of \$400, which will be presented at the historical evening dinner.

The purpose of these contests is to stimulate interest in the early history of Texas in the schools. A goal of the organization is to "perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas."

For more information about the contest, contact local chairman Mary Seaver.

Dessert topping makes a nice gift for holidays

The busy holidays will soon be here. We enjoy having special foods so why not start getting ready now?

This dessert topping will be one you'll get raves on and want to use all year long. It makes a nice gift too.

Here's what you need: 1 cup of sliced pineapple tidbits, well drained; 1 cup of sugar; and 2 ounces of brandy, rum or bourbon.

Mix the ingredients in a 1-gallon jar or crock that has a large mouth, cover loosely and put in a cool spot. Do not cover tightly — gasses can cause an accident. Stir lightly once or twice a week.

At the end of two weeks, stir in 1 cup of sliced peaches, drained and cut in half; 1 cup of sugar; and 2 ounces of spirits used in the first step. Repeat the directions above.

At the end of this second week period, add 1 cup of Maraschino cherries, drained and cut in half; 1 cup of sugar; and 2 ounces of spirits as above. Cover and continue to stir gen-



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tly once or twice a week.

At the end of eight weeks, you may begin to use the fruit, but do not let the supply in the jar get below 1 1/2 cups, or fermentation might stop.

Continue to add fruit, sugar and liquor in the same sequence every two weeks. Follow all of the steps to keep the fruit alive.

After eight weeks, you can use 1 1/2 cups to make another complete starter to give to a friend.

Yield after eight weeks is about 16 cups. This is delicious topping for ice cream, custards, sponge or angel food cake.

Important: It's best to use long wooden spoon or paddle for stirring fruit.

Red Hatters topic of meeting

The Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Pat McKelvy on Oct. 7 with Arlys Simpson presiding.

Final plans were made for the Halloween party, which was held on Monday with a costume contest and a potluck dinner. Several Winter Texan members were warmly welcomed back. The progress on the current fund-raiser was updated.

Following the business meeting, McKelvy read some interesting facts on life several hundred years ago.

For example, do you know why most people married in June? Because it was shortly after their annual bath in May. However, due to the fact the bride didn't want anything to spoil her best day, she carried flowers "just in case."

And the expression, "Don't throw out the baby with the bath water" came from the custom of one tub of water for family bathing — Dad was first, followed by the rest of the family in order, with the baby last. Enough said — the sisters agreed things are much better today!

Guest Patsy Callnan spoke on the origins of the Red Hatters group. Started in Arizona by two friends who purchased antique red hats and wore them to lunch, the group spread through fun and word of mouth. Now it exists in countries all over the world.

They found the poem "Warning" and decided to add purple dresses to the red hats.

The only rule of the organization is that there are no rules. Anyone who wants to present a poem or reading can do so. Otherwise, no other program is planned — it is just a time for friends to get together for lunch and fun.

The local Red Hatters group meets for lunch at noon on the first Wednesday of the month at Barbara's Table.

McKelvy served hot chicken sub sandwiches, chips, cookies and lemonade to the following members: Jan Chism, B.J. Eckenrod, Luella Gilliland, Shirley Hadsell, Hawkins Huey, Doraline Kellar, Clara McCord, Lynn McNew, Janie Meredith, Alicia Raymer, Mylo Unruh and Bobbie Waddill.

Tigers top Longhorns in OT

By J.J. GUIDRY
Sports Editor

GEORGE WEST — Kody Yeager scored a 1-yard TD in overtime to lift the Brackett Tigers to a 27-21 win over the George West Longhorns Friday in District 30-AA football action.

The Tigers (4-3, 1-1) resume action tomorrow night at 7:30 as they host Dilley (4-3, 2-0).

Last Friday, Brackett racked up 20 first downs and 300 yards rushing, while George West had 12 first downs and 247 yards on the ground.

Jared Hobbs ran for 113 yards on 15 carries. Tony Rosetti tallied 100 yards and two touchdowns on 19 totes. He scored on runs of 3 and 1 yards, respectively.

Mark Kesteloot came off the bench to spark the Tigers' offense in the fourth quarter. He rushed 13 times for 77 yards, including 56 yards in the final stanza. He also scored on a 5-yard run to tie the game at 21-all with seven minutes remain-

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District 30-AA				
Team	Dst	Sea	PF	PA
Dilley	2-0	4-3	153	117
Freer	2-0	2-5	109	132
Brackett	1-1	4-3	131	119
Natalia	1-1	2-5	74	104
George West	0-2	1-6	60	122
Three Rivers	0-2	0-7	95	179

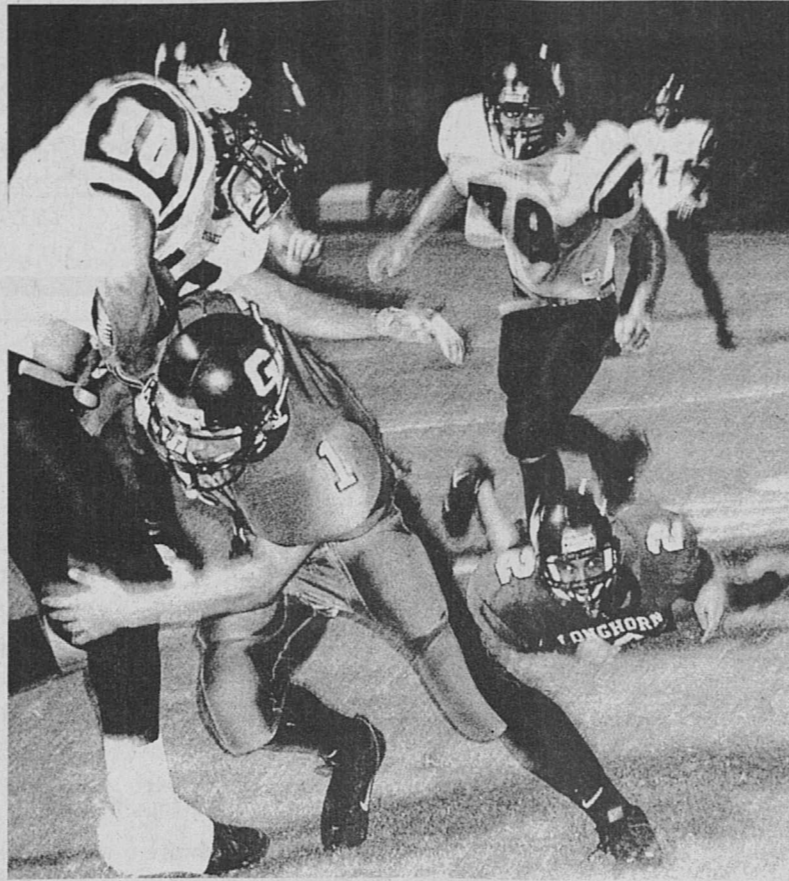
Friday, Oct. 18
Brackett 27, G. West 21 (OT)
Dilley 28, Natalia 13
Freer 26, Three Rivers 15

Friday, Oct. 25
Dilley at Brackett, 7:30
Freer at Natalia, 7:30
G. West at Three Rivers, 7:30

ing in regulation. Yeager was 3-of-3 passing for 53 yards. Rosetti had all three receptions.

Alex Lopez led the Longhorns with a game-high 138 yards rushing on 18 attempts. He scored on TD runs of 53, 15 and 34 yards, respectively.

Rosetti and Tillman Davis each intercepted a Thomas Ham pass. Rosetti also recovered a fumble.



Fighting for yards
Brackett running back Jared Hobbs (10) fights for yards against George West's Roland Perez (1) Friday night.

Photo by Javier Cervantez

BRIEFS

Cubettes get sweep

DEL RIO — The Brackett Cubettes closed their seasons in fine fashion Monday, sweeping a doubleheader against Del Rio in junior high volleyball action.

The seventh graders finished their season with a 7-11 record after posting a 10-15, 15-4, 15-9 victory over Del Rio White.

Erica Rodriguez was the Cubettes' top scorer with 14 points, Daphne Hunt scored 12 points and Bella Tallamantes had six. Julie Castillo finished the contest with 17 passes, Bailee Allen finished with eight, and Capri Creech and Meghann Davis each had six.

The eighth-grade team finished the season 13-2 after edging Del Rio Blue in three close games, 15-17, 15-11, 15-11.

"Emily Valenzuela had a great game hitting the ball," Brackett coach Tiffiny Blore said. "Emily and Kara Yeager both did a good job of passing the ball."

Yeager finished with 18 points, Laura Meyer had 15, Lisa Morgan scored seven, Nadine Terrazas had three and Valenzuela added two.



It's A Girl!

Jose Manuel and Maria Alicia Duran would like to announce the birth of their daughter Anahi Marie Duran. She was born on September 11, 2002 at Val Verde Regional Hospital. Grandparents are Maria Elena Martinez, from Brackettville and Jeronimo and Rosa Duran, from Del Rio.

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Discussing strategy
Dusty Brotherton (center) and the Brackett Tigerettes' volleyball team will close the regular season Saturday with an 11 a.m. road game against Natalia.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

OUTDOORS

License log new requirement for deer hunters

As you come upon that freshly killed buck this fall, the adrenaline still flowing, something as simple as filling out a deer tag can become quite confusing. At least, that's what Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens have observed in the past.

"Under the old system, the various tags could be confusing," said David Sinclair, TPWD law enforcement chief of wildlife enforcement. "One tag was for a one-buck county in the West Zone or a three-buck county, and one was for a one-buck county in the East Zone or a two- or three-buck county, so it was confusing to know which was the right tag."

Hunters will notice the 2002-03 hunting license has been simplified and includes five generic white-tailed deer tags — three can be used to tag a buck or antlerless deer and two are antlerless only.

"Now, in addition to filling out a generic carcass tag, the hunter will complete the harvest



A Little on the Wildlife Side
Henry Lutz

log on the back of the license," Sinclair said.

Hunters should also be aware of the documentation requirements for a harvested animal that leaves their possession prior to reaching its final destination such as a meat processor or taxidermist.

According to Sinclair, it is legal to give, leave, receive or possess any species of legally taken wildlife resource, or part of the resource, that is required to have a tag or permit attached, or that is protected by a bag or possession limit if the wildlife resource is accompanied by a wildlife resource document from the person who killed or

caught it. No wildlife resource document is required when the entire carcass of a deer (including head, which may be skinned or unskinned) is given to, or transported by another person, if the tag from the hunter's license and other required permits remains attached until the carcass reaches its final destination and is finally processed.

An example of a wildlife resource document can be found in the October Annual of hunting and fishing regulations available where hunting licenses are sold.

Also new this year is the elimination of a requirement that an unskinned head must accompany a carcass as proof of sex. Hunters can go ahead and preserve a cape in camp for taxidermy purposes as long as the head (skinned or unskinned) with antlers attached is present with the carcass and other tagging and documentation requirements have been satisfied.

For additional information, call TPWD at 800-792-1112.

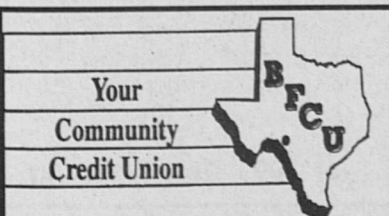
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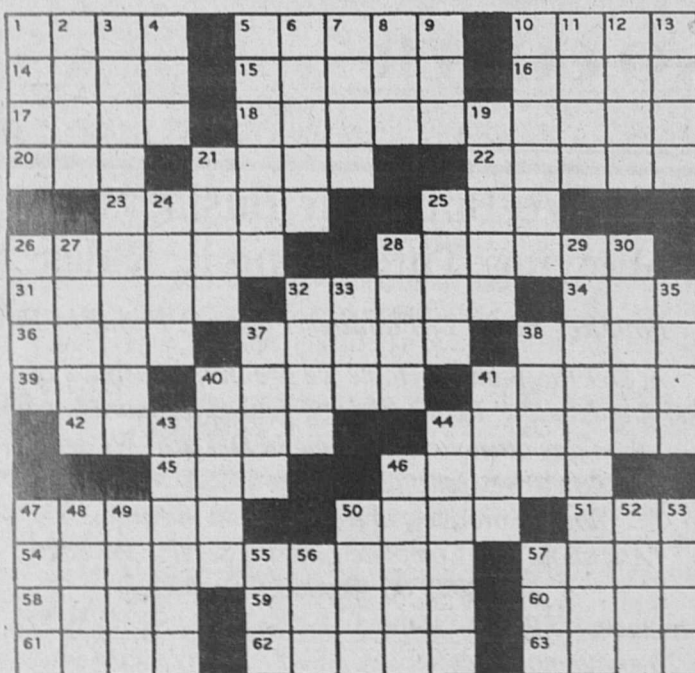
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- ACROSS**
1 Mexican food
5 Edward Everett and Alan
10 One-dish meal
14 President Arthur's middle name
15 After ___ in some way
16 Animal shelter
17 Wander
18 Items stocked by a mechanic
20 Beverage
21 Article
22 Weather condition
23 Burdened
25 With 13 Down, Diamond Lil's por-trayer
26 Empty
28 Fir
31 Poetic works
32 Place for open discussion
34 Chapped
- DOWN**
1 Fruit concoction
2 Skin balm
3 Member of a riding militia
4 Digit
5 Rush
6 Colorado resort
7 Rich soil
8 Go wrong
9 Thérèse of Lisieux
10 Zodiac symbol
11 Rent
12 Diminutive suffix
13 See 25 Across
19 Song of praise
21 Part of March and every other month
24 Mr. Gutherie
25 Manhandle
26 one's time; be patient
27 Venerate
28 Fastener
29 Final
- battle**
30 Name for a First Lady
32 Toward the bow
33 Miner's discovery
35 Refuses to
37 Daybreak, to a poet
38 Timetable abbrs.
40 Ties
41 Tight
43 Long, vehement speech
44 ___ sauce
46 Poem division
47 Poker item
48 Ring of light
49 Russian city
50 Saucy
52 Monthly bill; abbr.
53 Jim Nabors' role
55 Houston
56 Barn noise
57 Suffix for exam or hero



Trivia Time Answers (c) 2001 DBR Media, Inc.
Walters; 10. Arthur C. Clarke; 11. 1, 2, 2. Gordon; 3. Z; 4. Ralph was a bus driver, and Ed worked in the sewer system; 5. The comma; 6. Hungary; 7. Aquinas; 8. Switzerland; 9. Barbara

ROARING TWENTIES

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

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- How many avenues radiate from the Arc de Triomphe?
- What is Dick Tracy's brother's name?
- What letter is at the left end of the bottom row of a typewriter keyboard?
- Respectively, what did Ralph Kramden and Ed Norton do for a living?
- What is the most commonly-used punctuation mark?
- What country did the Soviet Union invade in 1956?
- For what astrological sign is the Water Carrier a symbol?
- What is the most mountainous country in Europe?
- Who was the first woman to anchor a TV network evening newscast?
- What sci-fi writer played a part in the development of radar?

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| Oct. 24....Lito Escamilla | Oct. 28.....Linda Martinez |
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ASTROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Travel and business alliances are favored this week. Perhaps the two go hand-in-hand. You end the week exhausted but satisfied.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Financial affairs are complicated but are looking up this week. When opportunity knocks career-wise, be sure to answer. Something new and exciting is in the stars for you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An issue with a friend comes to a head this week. However, this is resolved peacefully and with no ill will. By week's end, you look forward to some rest and relaxation.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's time to implement all those plans you've been making. Take things slowly at first. This week-end, avoid a tendency to overspend on pleasure pursuits.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You have very clear goals in mind. However, achieving them isn't that easy. Work hard, and your perseverance will pay off.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A bigwig is extremely touchy as the week begins. This isn't a good time to initiate any long-winded discussions. Wait until next week for this.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Don't lose sight of your wallet when out socializing. You don't want to lose anything of importance. Later in the week, good news reaches you by phone or e-mail.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Keep financial plans under wraps for now. Only discuss these with a trusted friend or relative. Over the weekend, you're out and about for fun with your family.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're a veritable silver-tongued orator this week. Take advantage of this to press your case with bigwigs. Later in the week, a domestic dispute is easily resolved.

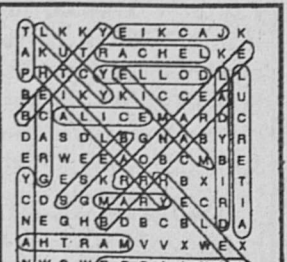
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) If signing any legal agreements, use caution. Be sure you have the proper counsel and know all the requirements. During the weekend, you'll be doing some shopping for your home.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You need to approach an overly sensitive co-worker with kid gloves this week. This person is taking even the slightest things to heart. However, by week's end, everyone's back on an even keel.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're wildly popular this week. Thus, your company is sought after by friends and acquaintances. Such a prominent place in the spotlight, though, makes you a bit ill at ease.

Roaring Twenties Solution:

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| 1. Alice | 11. Lady Bird |
| 2. Barbara | 12. Lucretia |
| 3. Bess | 13. Lucy |
| 4. Betty | 14. Marjie |
| 5. Dolley | 15. Martha |
| 6. Eleanor | 16. Mary |
| 7. Grace | 17. Nancy |
| 8. Helen | 18. Pat |
| 9. Hilary | 19. Rachel |
| 10. Jackie | 20. Rosalynn |



Church hosts youth forum Sunday

How hard it must have been for Jesus' disciples after he ascended. Not only did they lose a friend, a dinner companion and a source of comfort, but they also lost their guide in how to deal with uncomfortable situations.

You might remember that they needed Jesus to correct them when they thought children should be seen, not heard. They also needed his guidance when the woman who had been hemorrhaging touched the hem of his cloak. After all, children and women — especially the unclean ones — were less than property to males of that period.

How hard it must have been for the disciples to change their ways when their contemporaries were still living in patriarchal bliss with the added surety that Jews were God's chosen people! Yet, Jesus' call upon them was to see God's children differently than ever before.

Women, clean or unclean, even prostitutes, were valued by God for more than childbearing.

Children were meant by God to be cherished and loved, for their simple way of looking at things was far more appropriate than the best legal mind.

Samaritans, those half-breeds held contemptible by the Jews, were valuable enough that they should be cared for in their infirmities just as a Jew might.

Jesus was no racist, but his disciples might have been had they not been at his side to hear his parables, watch how he treated others and emulated his politically incorrect behaviors.

Of course, their self-appointed brother, the apostle Paul, was also instrumental in helping them overcome their misunderstanding of the relationship of The One True God to the people called Gentile.

And here we are today, some



First United Methodist Church

Rev. Ken F. Sellers Jr.

day at 12:30 at Slaton Hall on James Street.

We invite the youth of Brackettville to come and voice their insights on the issue of racism in Brackettville from a Christian's perspective.

Shanae Simmons has agreed to join us and expand on her newspaper column of Oct. 3.

A spaghetti lunch will be served. There is no agenda except that which the youth bring with them.

We respectfully ask that parents and other interested adults allow their youth to discuss this timely and sticky topic for themselves, free from bias imposed by the adult community.

Visit a church this Sunday. Find out what God wants you to do to help heal community tensions and personal prejudices.

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

2,000 years later, still trying to understand how God wants us to look at our relationships with each other.

I am not involved in the school district or the new LULAC group, but if we are to be assured that racism or the use of the topic isn't to control us through fear or intimidation, we must be able to sit down and look it in the face. We must do this with each other, listening as much as we talk.

As a beginning step, the First United Methodist Church is offering a Youth Forum on Sun-

Jesus is your treat

Fear, horror and evil tricks are themes submitted by the world during this season, but with God, it is always a season for finding treats and treasure in his living word.

"I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil (great wealth)." (Psalms 119:162)

God will not trick you with his word; it is always a treat.

"Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints." (Prov. 2:3-8)

Finding the treasure God's word is free to all and brings happiness and longer life.

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding." (Prov. 3:13-18)

"For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth. I love them



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that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures." (Prov 8: 11-21)

"For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death." (Prov. 8:35-36)

The treasure is yours for the taking, just seek after it.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." (Matt. 7:7-8)

The gift of Jesus Christ and his blood that was shed for all our sins is your best treat. He is the one who will bring you wisdom with understanding. He is your treasure. He is your treat.

"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him." (Psalm 34:8)

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

A faithful friend is beyond price

Katie was glad to be home. She was a little later than usual, but decided not to bring her work home.

As she stepped into the house, the quietness projected an unwelcome mood.

David was playing a video game on TV.

"Hi, Mom," he said. "I'm sure glad you're home."

"Where's Cathy?" Katie asked.

"She's in her room," David answered. "I wouldn't go in there if I were you. She'll bite your head off."

"What happened?" Katie asked.

"I dunno," David responded. "She's been that way since she got home."

Katie decided that Cathy needed a woman-to-woman talk. She knocked on the door and slowly entered.

Cathy was sitting on the bed, obviously sullen, staring at her books.

"What happened, sweetheart?" Katie asked.

In a tone of voice that would melt stone, Cathy responded: "I didn't make the team, Mom. No more basketball."

Katie decided that Cathy's self-pity didn't need feeding.

"I'm so sorry, Cathy. You've worked so hard over the last two years."

"I know how you feel. When I was a junior, I was rejected for the girls' volleyball team. That ended my aspirations for athletics."



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"I felt like a loser, but I knew there was more to life than volleyball."

"I know that feeling, Mom," Cathy answered. "I'll get over it. It just takes some time. I was bumped by Lori. She's just a better basketball player than me."

"I'm going to support the team anyway because I know they need the best to win. Tomorrow I'll tell Lori how proud I am that she made it. I want to be her friend."

Katie looked deep into her daughter's eyes. She saw something of her own reflection and she knew that Cathy would make it in life.

"Cathy," she said, "your friendship with Lori will be more important to you than basketball."

"A very wise man once said that a kind mouth will multiply friendships. A faithful friend is beyond price." (Sirach 6:5, 15)

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.

Blessed is the man that trusts in the Lord

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord; My heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found an house and the swallow a rest for herself. Where she may lay her young, even thine altars. O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee. Selah.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

They go from strength to strength, everyone of them in Zion appeareth before God.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob, Selah.



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Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed. For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will be withheld from them that walk uprightly.

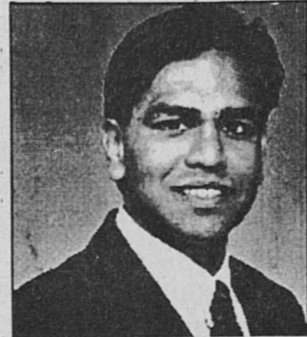
O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee. (Psalm 84)

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Lessons from teen-agers

When you read the newspaper last week, I hope you read Shanae Simmons' column. And when you did, I hope your reaction was similar to mine.

This young lady has a way with words — she says what's on her mind and in her heart. Shanae is one of the many young people that I admire.

I have had the opportunity in the last two years to work with a number of high school students in a theater setting, and I am proud to say that Brackett High School has many fine young people.

My children attended small high schools, not Brackett, unfortunately, and I find that kids in small schools tend to stick together. They work together on many different projects and they support each other's endeavors.

The high school students that I work with are polite, dependable, honest and very capable of solving problems facing them.

They are involved in school activities, and yet, dedicated to their studies and to their various churches. I have scheduled many rehearsals around church activities and studying for tests.

I admire their dedication. I don't hear these kids complain very often.

Case in point, several of these young people went to Austin with me last Saturday. We left at 4:45 a.m., after most of them had arrived home about 2 a.m. from a football game in George West. They just took their pillows and blankets and slept in the van.

Not once did I hear them say, "I'm too tired, I don't want to do this." Instead, they



St. Mary Magdalene Church

Lynn McNew

took advantage of another opportunity to learn.

I admire their courage. It took courage and belief in their ideals for several young people to speak out at a School Board meeting against what was being said by a group of parents and professional adults.

Do we have problem kids? You bet we do. However, I am beginning to think we have more problem adults!

Do they drive too fast? Yes, but so do I sometimes.

Do they play their music too loudly? Well, my husband's hearing isn't what it used to be and his music is usually louder than I like it.

Point is, there is good and bad in everything and everyone and I think Kinney County has more good than bad.

And I think some of us adults could take a lesson or two from some of our young people.

Lord, I thank You for the many wonderful young people in our community. Guide them and guard them as they go about their daily lives. Help us all to learn the lessons of cooperation and honesty that only You can give.

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

God bless you! And God bless our teen-agers.

Confess past sins that haunt you

Our Redeemer Lutheran
By Nathan Lafrenz

The effort of government and business to cover up wrongdoing is not new.

Ever since Adam and Eve, people have tried to cover up sin or to misdirect attention by transferring the blame elsewhere.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam blamed Eve for his disobedience, and Eve blamed the serpent. The cover up of sin doesn't work.

The writer of Proverbs 28:13 declares, "He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy."

The right way to deal with sin is to repent of it and confess it to God.

In faith, we lay that sin on Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God,

who made atonement for the sins of the whole world. Because He has taken away our sin, we forsake it, leave it behind, and no longer worry about it. Not the cover up of sin, but the open acknowledgment of it in repentance and faith opens us to God's forgiving grace.

The psalmist in 32:1 exclaims, "Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered," indeed not covered up by deceit but fully covered by the forgiveness Jesus has earned.

If you are haunted by past sins, confess them and know that God has dealt with them by covering them with the forgiving blood of Jesus Christ.

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NOTICE OF SALE, The State of Texas County of Kinney: By virtue of an order of sale dated the 3rd day of October, 2002, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Kinney County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on the 3rd day of October, 2002, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in November, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Courthouse door of Kinney County, in the City of Brackettville, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Kinney and the State of Texas, to wit: No. 3112, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Julia G. Servantes, et al Lot 4 and the West (1/2) of Lot 5, Block VI, Maverick Addition to the City of Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas; No. 3118, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Juan Ramon Falcon, et al; Tract 1: Lots 3, 3 1/2, 4, 4 1/2, 5 and 5 1/2, Block W, Original Town of Brackett, Kinney County, Texas; Tract 2: Lots 10 and 11, Block K, Original Town of Brackett, Kinney County, Texas; Tract 3A: Lots 6, 6 1/2, 7 and 7 1/2, Block W, Original Town of Brackett, Kinney County, Texas; Tract 3B: Lots 8, 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2, 10, 10 1/2, 11, 11 1/2, 12, 12 1/2, 13, 13 1/2, 14 and 14 1/2, Block W, Original Town of Brackett, Kinney County, Texas; No. 3190, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Grover Neuman, et al; Lot 125, Fort Clark Springs, Unit 15, situated in Kinney County Texas according to the map or plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3220, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Rocio R. Auero, Lot 74, Unit 15, Fort Clark Springs situated in Kinney County, Texas, as shown by a Deed of Record in Volume A-93, Page 348 of the Deed of Records of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3230, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Armando C. Gonzales and Enriqueta Gonzales, et al; A 0.46 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the Francisco Salinas Survey #282, Abstract #554, situated in Kinney County, Texas, as shown by a Deed of Record in Volume A-110, Page 577 of the Deed Records of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3231, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Nellie Jo Goodloe, Lots 8 and 9, Block IX of the Maverick Addition to the City of Brackettville, situated in Kinney County, Texas, as shown by a Deed of Record in Volume A-89, Page 252 of the Deed Records of Kinney County, Texas; or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time prescribed, from the recordation of the deed, in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs. Dated this the 3rd day of October, 2002, at Brackettville, Texas. Leland K. Burgess, Sheriff, Kinney County, Texas

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE Development Council announces the availability of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Grant Funding for Fiscal Year 2003 in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Regional funding available this year is up to \$98,000.00. Eligible project categories under this grant include: Local Enforcement, Source Reduction and Recycling, Citizens' Collection Stations, "Small" Registered Transfer Stations, Household Hazardous Waste Management, Technical Studies, Local Solid Waste Management Plans, River and Lake Clean-ups, Texas Country Clean-ups, Educational and Training Projects. Eligible applicants are: Cities, Counties, Public Schools and School Districts, General and Special Law Districts and Regional Planning Commissions (Councils of Governments) in the Middle Rio Grande Development Council service delivery area. Please note that as per Texas Commission on Environmental Quality guidelines applications for the collection and/or transportation of MSW are not eligible for funding furthermore, as a matter of policy the MRGDC Board does not solicit applications for soft costs. For more information on this request for project proposals, and/or a copy of an application packet, please contact: Marco A. Lopez, Solid Waste Coordinator, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, TX 78834, phone (830) 876-1286. Proposals shall be accepted until 5 P.M. - November 10, 2002.

KINNEY COUNTY IS requesting bids on a 2003 Ford F-250, Diesel, 4-Door, 4x4 Pickup with short wheelbase. Specifications for the bidding will be available by contacting the Cooperative Extension at 830-563-2442. Bids will be accepted until November 8, 2002 at the Kinney County Judge's Office, P.O. Box 348, Brackettville, Texas, 78832 and opened at the Regular Commissioners Court Meeting that will be held on November 12, 2002. All bids may or may not be accepted and should be submitted to reflect lease purchase options and an annual payment plan.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle

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Unit 15 lot 48, FCS 3 bdr/2bth 1120 sq.ft. manufactured housing \$29,500.

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