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Montalvo refuses guilty plea

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

It's been over six years since Joe Montalvo was indicted on charges of theft and abuse of official capacity, but it looks like the Kinney County commissioner will finally have his day in court — again.

Montalvo, whose original December 1998 trial ended with Judge George Thurmond declaring a mistrial, rejected a plea bargain Tuesday during a hearing.

Thurmond, who has since retired as district judge, offered Montalvo a \$1 fine and deferred adjudication during the hearing Tuesday at the Courthouse.

"It would be a conviction of moral turpitude," said Rogelio Munoz of Uvalde, Montalvo's attorney, after his client rejected the proposal.

Thurmond overruled Munoz's motion to dismiss the case. He did say, however, that he would dismiss the case if a retrial was not held by the end of

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Joe Montalvo

the year.

"It has been very nerve-racking," Montalvo said on the stand Tuesday. "It has been very embarrassing."

Montalvo and former County

Judge Tommy Seargeant were indicted by the grand jury in July 1997 and arrested on charges of theft and abuse of official capacity after guard rails donated to the county were used on a privately-owned roping arena in Spofford.

District Attorney Fred Hernandez asked Montalvo Tuesday if the guard rails were still at the roping arena, and the commissioner nodded his head in agreement.

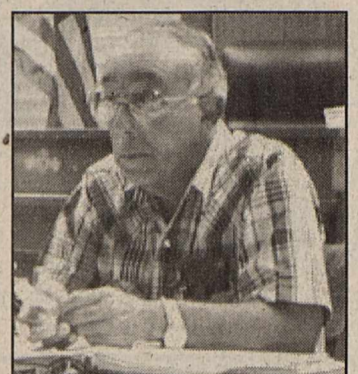
Munoz offered to return the

guard rails, but that Montalvo would not admit to guilt.

"I don't care about the guard rails," Thurmond said. "You can keep the guard rails."

Seargeant was acquitted in December of 1997. Montalvo went to trial the next month, but Thurmond was forced to declare a mistrial.

"They didn't have a hung jury in that case — one juror refused to vote," Thurmond said Tuesday. "I've never had that come up before."



Joe Montalvo



Photo by Randall Moore

Are you ready for some football?

Brackett linebackers Mark Kesteloot (34) and Glenn Morgan (10) close in on Leakey quarterback Tyler Melchiori during a recent scrimmage. The Tigers open their season tomorrow night at 7:30 when they host Lytle at Tiger Stadium. See story, Page 5.

Brackettville man indicted in conspiracy

DEL RIO — Former Brackettville resident Justin Coates is one of over a dozen men indicted by a federal grand jury as a result of a drug trafficking case that began nearly nine months ago with the arrest of Casey Bob Hutto of Del Rio.

Coates was indicted on one count of conspiracy to possess marijuana with the intent of distributing it and one count of conspiracy to import marijuana.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Dennis Green ordered last week that Coates, 26, of Uvalde, be detained until the outcome of the charges against him.

During the hearing, Senior Special Agent Donald Bynum of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement testified that Coates confessed to his part in the conspiracy.

Bynum also told the court that Coates had tipped off at least one other co-conspirator in the case, a San Antonio woman arrested earlier.

Bynum said he had counseled Coates not to notify other targets of the federal investigation, but when the woman was arrested, she told officers "she had been warned by Mr. Coates of law enforcement's intention."

"He did say he had talked to her, and that he had warned her," Bynum testified.

Mayor: City's water supply sabotaged

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Brackettville's water supply was sabotaged and city officials believe it was a former employee out for revenge.

Mayor Carmen Berlanga said she was notified of the situation by David Martinez.

"The water pump was sabotaged," Berlanga said. "The big

bolts were unscrewed. The big thing that holds them over was played and played and played until it broke the ring that holds the shaft. The water came up into the motor."

"It was deliberate," the mayor said. "The electrician said it looked like revenge."

The water pump is located within a fenced in area that was securely locked, and offi-

cial said the lock had not been tampered with.

"The electrician said it was probably an inside job," Alderwoman Mary Flores said. That fence is too high to climb over, and there were no signs that anything had been broken. He also said it had to be somebody that knew what they were doing."

City officials said they were unaware of how many employ-

ees and former employees actually have keys to the locks.

Former council member Wes Robinson suggested that the city change all of its locks and request that sheriff deputies routinely patrol the area to help prevent future problems.

Flores said the damage is the cause of the recent low water pressure citizens have been experiencing.

"The electrician said it was probably an inside job. That fence is too high to climb over, and there were no signs that anything had been broken."

Alderwoman Mary Flores

"People have been calling my house telling me that they had low water pressure. I didn't

know what to tell them. But then the mayor told me what had happened," Flores added.

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New school nutrition policy bans certain drinks, snacks

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

An amendment to last year's junk food ban in Texas schools means more students will have less access to "foods of minimal nutritional value," according to Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs.

The previous policy, which went into effect during the 2002-03 year, prohibited schools from selling junk food — like soft drinks, hard candies, gum drops and chewing gum — in cafeterias or eating areas such as outdoor commons areas with picnic benches. The ban applied to all grade levels during meal periods. But if these foods were sold outside of a food service area, such as in a hallway, or between classes, sales were not restricted.

The amended policy prohibits elementary students' access to sodas, certain candy and gum at any time during the school day. Middle school and high school students still will not be allowed access during meal pe-

riods.

"Schools must assume a more active role in providing nutritious food and in limiting access to foods of minimal nutritional value to school children in their daily care," said Susan Combs, Texas agriculture commissioner, who is responsible for the changes. "This is not the silver bullet. Eskimo Pies are OK and Snickers are OK because of the federal guidelines we have."

At Jones Elementary School, officials have gone beyond the scope of the law.

"We understand that the kids can have chocolate, but we're not allowing any type of candy," said Paula Renken, principal at Jones Elementary School.

Teachers at the local elementary used to use candy as a reward for their students.

"We had to rethink the way that we're going to reward kids," Renken said. "I have seen the teachers using more homework passes, free locker passes, extra recess and computer time — more intangible things rather than candy. I've seen them com-

ing out with fruit, crackers and things like that, rather than the sugar. It's a new mind-set."

Foods with minimal nutritional value are defined as water ices such as Popsicles, chewing gum and certain candies where the predominant ingredient is sugar. This includes hard candy, marshmallow candies and licorice.

Students can still bring these foods from home in their lunches. And it would still be possible for a middle school child to buy a soda in between classes and bring it to lunch. However, during an elementary school room party, parents would not be permitted to bring in a 2-liter of soda and share it with the entire class because that would qualify as serving students.

Alma Gutierrez, a first grade teacher at Jones Elementary, said her students' parents were receptive to the new statute.

"They were very excited to see that no treats were going to be coming to school," she said.

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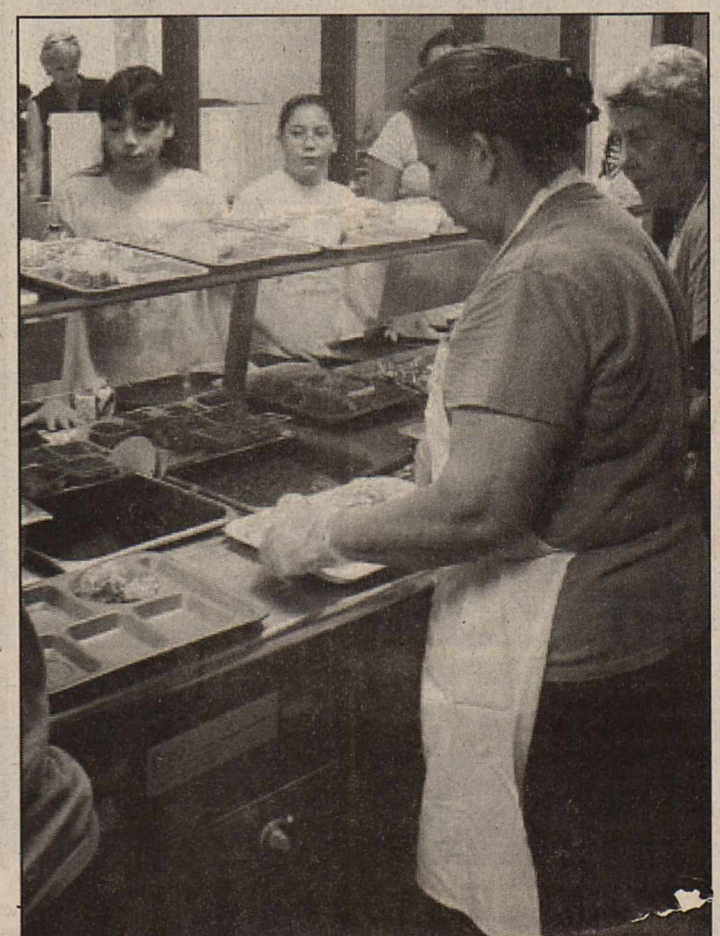


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Healthy children

Jones Elementary students will have less access to "foods of minimal nutritional value" because of an amendment to last year's junk food ban in Texas schools.

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OBITUARY

Joseph Dwane Shipman

Joseph Dwane Shipman died Sunday, Aug. 24, 2003, of complications from emphysema.

Shipman was born in Del Rio on July 23, 1930, to Charles Berry Shipman Sr., a well digger in 1930s and '40s Texas, and Telitha Cordelia "Delia" Tuckness Shipman, a home-maker and seamstress.

Through his mother's side of the family, J.D. was the second great-grandson of Joseph C. and Susannah Teague and also of Richard Hallmark and Mary Ann (Marian) Prewitt, who were early settlers in 1830s Texas in the area which is now Crockett.

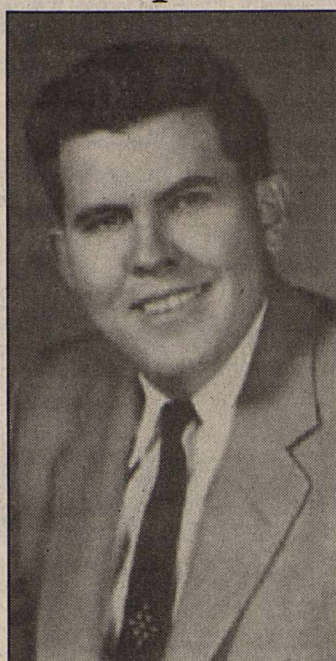
Shipman served his country many years in occupied Germany after World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

He received the National Defense Service Medal with the first oak leaf cluster and the Army Commendation Medal with the first oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device 60 and the Vietnam Service Medal.

After fulfilling his service in occupied Germany, which included the "Big Lift," J.D. went to Alaska where he became a school teacher. He later reentered the service for a second term of activity where he was a sergeant in Korea.

While later in the "Killing Fields" of North Vietnam, he was subjected to Agent Orange where he succumbed to debilitating disorders. He was later given an honorable discharge and returned home.

Shipman became totally disabled and finally had to go to the Hill Country Nursing Home in Kerrville.



J.D. Shipman

Shipman is survived by his son: Craig Anthony Shipman of Big Spring; brother: Charles B. "Chuck" Shipman and wife Lucy of Brackettville; sister: Margorie Ruth Lucchelli of San Antonio; nieces and nephews: Robert and Charollette Corey, and Herb and Janelle Senne, all of Brackettville, Jim and Yvette Lucchelli of San Antonio, Mary Beth Lucchelli of Helotes, Ruth Ann Lucchelli of Boerne, Bob Alexander Jr., Dan Alexander, Tim "Beau" Alexander, Ted Alexander and Lester Paul Alexander.

Gravesite services will be held at noon on Saturday at the old Uvalde County Cemetery, south Highway 90, in Uvalde.

Memorials may be made to Gateway Ministries Inc., P.O. Box 1449, Brackettville, TX 78832.

New policy bans certain drinks, snacks

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"There was a little concern about parties, but we can always find nutritious snacks at home," Gutierrez added.

If an elementary school has soda machines available to students, it must change the content to juice, tea or water. Students at Jones Elementary, do not have access to any vending machines.

Middle schools and high schools cannot have carbonated beverages that are larger than 12 ounces. Existing contracts for 20-ounce bottles will be permitted, but when the contract is up, the school must trade the 20-ounce bottles for 12-ounce cans.

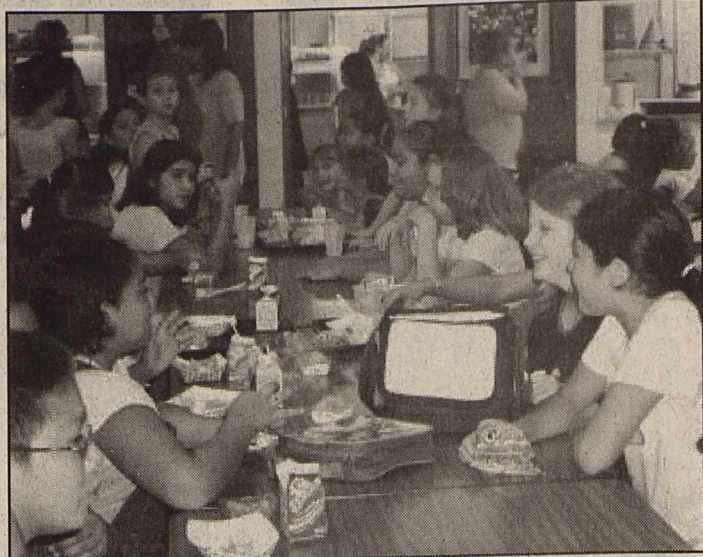
Brackett ISD currently has five vending machines, which do contain 20-ounce bottles, and are available to only secondary

students. The district is not under any long-term contracts for vending services.

"Although it has not been fully decided, we would like to keep the machines and stock them with alternate selections, such as fruit drinks and other items that would bring us into full compliance with the law," said Bobby Templeton, Brackett ISD superintendent.

Templeton said the high childhood obesity rate — which has doubled in the last 20 years, according to the Department of Agriculture — is justification for the more stringent rules.

"There are a lot of obese kids in school these days," he said. "Years ago, it wasn't as big a problem. Now it's time to do something about it. I think it's a great thing."



Lunch time

Jones Elementary students enjoy a healthy lunch at the Brackett ISD cafeteria on Wednesday.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Aug. 18

5:23 p.m., David Joe Beard, 64, of Austin was arrested by DPS Trooper Marcos Hernandez for driving while intoxicated. Beard was released the following day on a personal recognizance bond.

8:15 p.m., A Fort Clark man reported three truck-loads of individuals on his property.

8:49 p.m., A man reported that he had no water at his residence on E. Veltman Street. City officials were notified.

11:15 p.m., Lewis Earl Garner, 84, of Markel was arrested by Trooper Hernandez for driving while intoxicated. He was released the following day on a personal recognizance bond.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

2:56 a.m., A man reported water overflowing at the city water tower. City officials were

notified.

8:45 a.m., Thomas Glenn Gomez III, 19, of Brackettville was arrested by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess for reckless driving. He was released later the same day on a personal recognizance bond.

7:06 p.m., A Stop N Shop employee reported that someone driving a maroon Crown Victoria drove off without paying for gas.

8 p.m., David Rivas, 18, of Del Rio and Fentin Edgar Criswell, 55, of Ore City were arrested by Constable Bobby Guidry. Rivas was arrested on a warrant for possession of marijuana. He was later released for time served. Criswell was arrested on a warrant for driving while intoxicated, second offense. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he was

still being held at press-time.

Wednesday, Aug. 20

11 p.m., The Val Verde Sheriff's Office reported a possible break-in at a local ranch on Highway 90, west of Brackettville next to Mud Creek Road.

Thursday, Aug. 21

9:17 a.m., A man reported a two-vehicle accident with no injuries, east of the Cline checkpoint. The Uvalde Police Department was notified of the situation.

1:54 p.m., A Union Pacific employee reported a deceased body 2 miles from Spofford.

7:39 p.m., A man reported some kids going inside a house on Rufus Alley.

8:05 p.m., A woman reported that she didn't have water at her residence on E. Second Street. City officials were notified.

Friday, Aug. 22

12:37 a.m., A 911 caller reported a one-vehicle rollover on Highway 90, west of Loop 166. Airlife personnel was dispatched to the scene.

2 a.m., Sergio Manul Athaydu, 34, of Del Rio was arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch for driving while intoxicated. He was released later the same day on a \$1,500 bail bond.

8:41 a.m., A broken window was reported at Super S Foods.

2:43 p.m., A Wisconsin woman requested that a deputy check on her house on Rufus Alley. She said she had been notified by a neighbor that some children were going inside her residence.

4:57 p.m., Deputy Ring reported that water was flowing from the water tower on Thorn and Beaumont Street. A City employee was notified.

BRIEFS

Water board denies e-mail request

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District has denied a request that citizens be made aware of future meetings by e-mail on advice from attorney Brian Sledge of Austin.

"He said you could possibly have one individual who could check downstairs (of the courthouse for agendas) and notify everybody," said Don Ralston, the district's general manager.

Melanie Jones replied: "It's really sad that we're paying a man hundreds of miles away \$200 that is coming out of our profits. I think that you could have the courtesy to e-mail us about the meetings. It doesn't cost you anything, and you could get some use out of that computer you bought."

"Again and again, we come across a non-accommodating board. I just don't understand why this happens with this board over and over again. We are your tax-base. You work for us. You should remember that," she added.

Early voting in election begins today

Early voting for Texas' Sept. 13 constitutional amendment election begins today and continues through Sept. 9 at the County Clerk's Office. The office will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day. The office is open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Voters are asked to bring proof of identification.

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Tigerettes claim title in BHS tournament

It took four games, but the Tigerettes claimed a 25-22, 25-6, 21-25, 25-18 victory over Utopia Saturday in the championship game of the Brackett Invitational volleyball tournament.

Brackett served 94 percent for the tournament.

"We were extremely excited about winning this tournament," Tigerettes coach Rhonda Marquardt said. "One of our goals at the beginning of the season was to win a tournament. By playing together and never giving up, these ladies accomplished that goal already. Now it's time for new goals."

Ashley Castillo paced Brackett's offense with 11 kills and Amanda Davis had 11 assists. Valerie Terrazas had 25 service points, including four aces, and Shanae Simmons finished with three blocks.

In the semifinals, the Tigerettes defeated the D'Hanis Lady Cowgirls 19-25, 25-20, 25-14.

Castillo finished with eight kills in the match, while Davis had nine assists. Simmons had five blocks and Ashley Smith pitched in two aces.

Brackett opened the tournament with a 25-15, 25-13 win over Stacey.

BRACKETT TOURNEY RESULTS

Following are the results of Saturday's Brackett Invitational volleyball tournament:

■ **First round:** Utopia defeated Comstock 25-13, 25-21; Brackett JV defeated Leakey 23-25, 25-22, 25-14; Brackett defeated Stacey 25-15, 25-13; D'Hanis defeated Utopia JV 25-13, 25-13.

■ **Consolation semifinals:** Leakey defeated Comstock 25-17, 25-13; Utopia JV defeated Stacey 25-22, 23-25, 25-11.

■ **Semifinals:** Utopia defeated Brackett JV 25-11, 25-12; Brackett defeated D'Hanis 19-25, 25-20, 25-14.

■ **Consolation final:** Leakey defeated Utopia JV 17-25, 25-16, 27-25, 26-24.

■ **Third place final:** D'Hanis defeated Brackett JV 8-25, 25-21, 25-23, 27-25.

■ **Championship:** Brackett defeated Utopia 25-22, 25-6, 21-25, 25-18.

Stephanie Bonner paced the Tigerettes with four assists and three kills. Smith had 16 service points and Castillo had five aces. Castillo and Simmons each had two blocks in the contest.

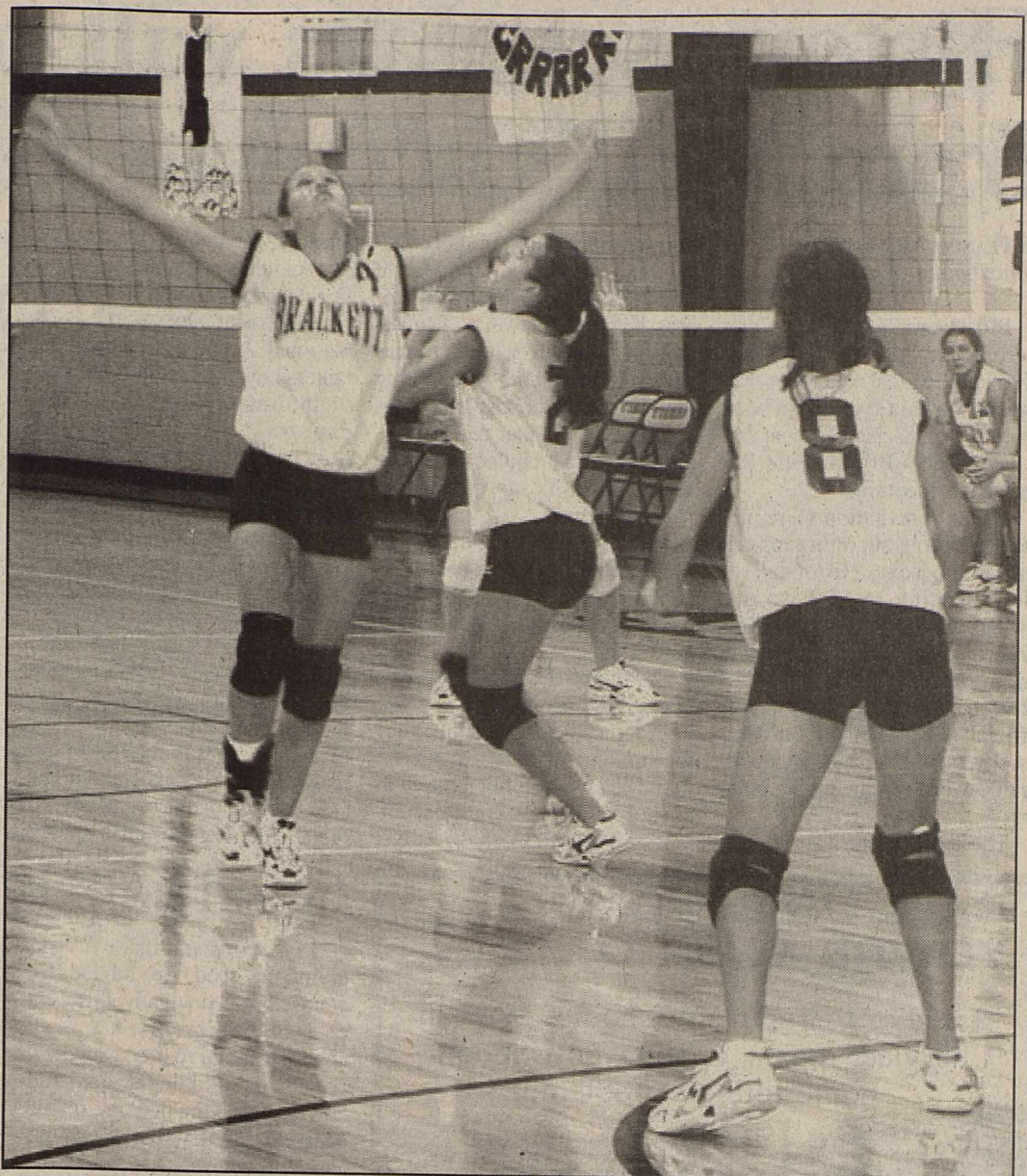
Brackett improved to 5-0 on Tuesday with a 25-12, 25-9, 25-12 win over Comstock on the road. The Tigerettes served 98.6 percent in the contest.

Castillo led BHS's offense with six kills, Bonner and Simmons each had five, and Smith and Stacey Castilla had four apiece. Brandy Smith finished the contest with 10 assists,

Davis had five and Beth Ballew pitched in two. Emily Petrosky served four aces in the match, Bonner and Davis each had three, Ballew and Castillo had two apiece, and Terrazas and Ashley Smith both had one.

Petrosky led the defense with 14 digs, while Ashley Castillo had 13 and Terrazas finished with 11. Simmons had two blocks and Davis added one.

The Tigerettes resume action Friday, competing in the Devine tournament. Brackett will then face Eagle Pass on the road next Tuesday at 7.



Setting up the offense

Brandy Smith (4) sets the ball for Beth Ballew (2) as Ashley Castillo (8) looks on in the Tigerettes' win over D'Hanis Saturday in the Brackett tournament.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Tigers open season tomorrow

By J.J. GUIDRY
Sports Editor

The Brackett Tigers ended their 2002 campaign on a high note, defeating the district champions from Freer. They're hoping to pick up where they left off Friday night when they host Lytle at 7:30 in their season opener.

"Our kids are anxious to strap it on, go against new faces and not beat each other up," Tigers coach David Yeager said. "They are ready to start the season."

The Pirates, coming off a 3-7 season, are rebuilding under new head coach Bryan Bippert, who was 14-25 in two previous stints at Lytle.

"We changed quite a few things about the football program," Bippert said. "Every-

thing has been a positive so far. Everybody is just excited."

Last year, Brackett scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns and held Lytle to only one first down in the second half en route to an 18-3 victory on the road.

"Coach Yeager does a great job," Bippert said. "He runs a good program. One of the things we know coming into this game is he is going to have a disciplined group of football players so we can't make a lot of mistakes, especially this early in the season."

"Last year, it was a pretty good game for a while. Lytle made a few mistakes at the end of the game, and that pretty much was the difference. We can't let that happen this year," he added.

The Pirates are returning 12

lettermen, including five offensive and six defensive starters.

Lytle is led by senior quarterback Chad Tilley, senior fullback Tim Jass and senior tailback Kenny Carrillo, who rushed for 526 yards and three TDs on 91 carries last year.

"They have a big fullback, and they like to get the ball to him," yeager said. "They also have a quick quarterback."

"They're running a multiple wishbone offense, so they're very option oriented. They do a good job of reading the veer. The quarterback may give it, he may pull it or he may pitch so we have to play sound defensive technique. Everybody has to do their assignment and get to the football," he added.

Kick-off is slated for 7:30.

J.V. Tigerettes win over Comstock

Brackett's junior varsity volleyball team evened its record to 2-2 Tuesday after posting a 25-14, 25-14 victory over Comstock on the road.

The Tigerettes finished fourth in the Brackett varsity tournament last Saturday.

Brackett's J.V. opened the tourney with a 23-25, 25-22, 25-14 win over Leakey before falling to Utopia 25-11, 25-12 in the semifinals. D'Hanis defeated the Tigerettes 8-25, 25-21, 25-23, 27-25 in the third place finale.

■ **Junior High:** The Cubettes split a double-header with Eagle Pass Junior High Monday in their season openers.

The eighth-graders won 26-24, 25-19 behind 100 percent serving from Erica Rodriguez, Capri Creech, Whitney Gum and Anita DeLeon.

"Julie Castillo, Heather Baggett and Bailee Allen also played well," Cubettes coach Tiffany Blore said.

The seventh-grade team dropped a 23-25, 25-5, 25-11

decision.

Becca Mann was the top server with six points, Bianca Martinez scored four, and Natalie Aguirre and Bianca Terrazas each had 3 points.

"Natalie Aguirre, Bianca Martinez, Bianca Terrazas, Summer Allen and Esna Herrera all had great passes," BJH coach Michelle Frerich said. "The girls looked excellent, having had only seven practices before their first game."

The junior high teams return

to action next Thursday, hosting Del Rio Blue. The action begins with the seventh-graders at 5.

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History scholars will profit from Neal's accurate research

By FRANCES McMASTER
Contributing Writer

Bill Haenn discussed "Valor Across The Lone Star; the congressional Medal of Honor Recipients on the Frontier," a book written by Charles M. Neal Jr., at last week's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting.

Haenn's invitation to review the book came out of his appearance at the Texas Historical Society meeting in El Paso last spring where he showed the Lt. French Diary. This resulted in an invitation from the *New Mexico Historical Review*, the official publication of the University of Mexico, to do a 500- to 600-word review for its readers.

The Texas Historical Association,

an important publisher, issued the Neal book, and Haenn said it is expensive and an impressive piece of work. The author was a high school teacher who spent 25 years researching the book, and the last half of its contents covers that research. A biography is included on every recipient in Texas during the frontier period.

Neal's father served in the Fifth Cavalry Division at Fort Clark in the 1940s, so Neal lived on the fort as a young man during its days as a guest ranch. Fort Clark, therefore, plays a strong role in the book.

Haenn said there is an amazing amount of detail about the four Medal of Honor recipients buried in the Seminole Cemetery. He added that he had

added five names to his own list of recipients who had served at Fort Clark from Neal's research.

Neal spent a lot of time at the National Archives, where containers housing massive amounts of information are kept. Neal explored small boxes of McKenzie's hand-written dispatched-dusty bundles tied with ribbons. As a result of Neal's meticulous research, many inaccurate stories have been replaced with facts, names and places.

During the 1870s, many Indian wars took place as Indians left the reservations and pushed into the Texas panhandle. During this time, many requests for medals were submitted. Many lacked a lot of detail about the actual circumstances. Many of the incidents reported sounded

like John Wayne movies.

After 1875, no more wars took place in Texas, although one occurred in 1891 outside of Brownsville across the Rio Grande. In the 1960s, an official investigation began to validate the incidences and the merits of the requests. Some were revoked. Later, some of these were reinstated. Each delivery of a medal is carefully recorded to assure that they are given to the right person.

History scholars will profit from Neal's uncompromising accuracy in his research. Rotarians benefit from Haenn's unrelenting interest in history.

The Rotary exchange student will be the focus of today's meeting as he is expected to have arrived in Brackettville.

Safety-lock tops can be a challenge

Do you get as frustrated as I do with these safety-lock (adult-proof) tops on products?

Now granted, I see the wisdom for them. But in my home where the youngest visiting grandchild or great-grandchild is 5 years old, it's a vexation to say the least.

My latest struggle came today with the bleach jug. Just before digging out my poultry scissors to cut the blame thing open, I recalled one day when that little inner cap separated. The inner one doesn't lock!

Getting out a table knife (not a paring knife), you insert the blade between the two lids and pry them apart. It's easier to do while holding the lid on its edge or a flat countertop. It takes a little doing, but it is well worth the effort.

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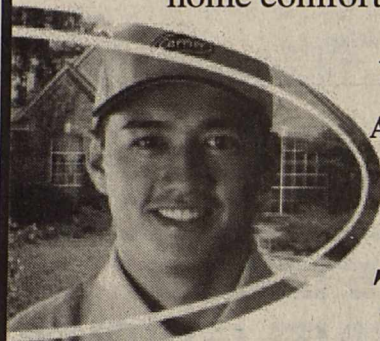
Add soda and baking powder to the flour and oil mixture. Mix buttermilk with beaten egg. Add half of this liquid to the mixture and beat on medium speed for two minutes. Add remaining mixture and beat two more minutes. This batter will be thin.

Pour batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle the reserved nut topping evenly on top of the batter.

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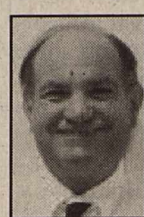
Good help is hard to find

I have a friend that's always giving me good, free advice. He counsels me on many different areas of expertise. He knows all about financial matters, medical concerns, and legal dos and don'ts of varying detail. And the best part is that it's all at no cost, whatsoever. It's free!

But lately I have begun to question some of his guidance. I have started wondering how he got so smart. How does he know so much about the law, health, and money when he doesn't have a degree in any of those subjects?

If I hadn't gone to college with him for a short time, I might even suggest that he had never entered any sort of school house.

And there's another thing. If he knows so much about capital riches, then how come he isn't loaded? If he is so knowledgeable on lawful points, why does he use an attorney? And if he possesses such intelligence



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

around medication remedies, why isn't he as fit as a fiddle.

The whole truth is, he's struggling for cash just as much as I am. He's on all kinds of prescription drugs. And he continually worries about being sued.

And one last concern: If his advice is so good, then why is it free? I don't know. I only remember my grandfather telling me, "You get what you pay for."

I guess many fine folks mean well, even my buddy Ted. It's just that sometimes I can't help but wonder if free help isn't worth just exactly what you pay for it. But I could be wrong.

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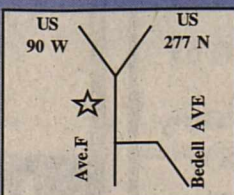
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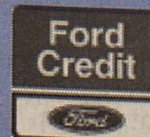
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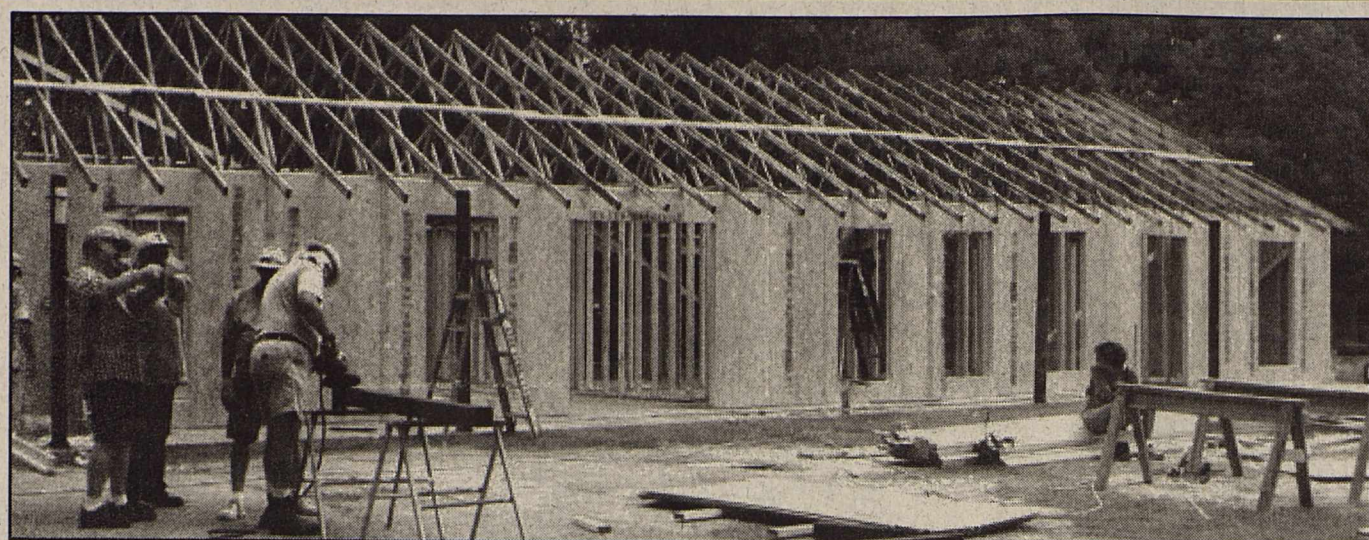
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Jesus' commitment is absolute

Recruiting volunteers and keeping committees going is a difficult part of leading any volunteer group. That's true of churches, too.

By the end of a year, most volunteers are worn out and ready for a well-deserved rest. Sometimes seeing that pastor approach with a committee nomination list is almost as painful as waiting for a tax audit!

I am truly delighted at the energy and volunteerism I see all around us in Kinney County. I'm sure you've seen it too — in the thrift shop run by the Lions, in the meals delivered to homes, in the medical professionals who could earn far more by practicing outside of Kinney County. We have a wonderful spirit of shared effort in our area.

Our recent Fourth of July Parade was entirely a volunteer effort. When we needed money to send baseball and volleyball teams to competitions outside the local area, we all pitched in.

We have law enforcement professionals and legal experts, chefs and administrators, artists and educators who could live elsewhere and make more money. But they chose to give to this county through their selfless service to all of us. Even

some of our children have taken this a step further, donning a uniform and serving our country wherever they are needed. What a wonderful way to reflect God's love in their lives!

Sometimes, when I am looking for a volunteer, I hear the disheartening lament of those who've already served many times. "Let the younger ones do it — I've done my part" is a typical response.

Asking these long-time volunteers to participate on yet another committee might be asking too much.

Of course, in a community with a large senior population, the "younger ones" — people around my age range, say 40 — are notably missing. Our needs and expectations sometimes don't really match the reality of the situation.

Those people with free time to volunteer are the ones who most likely have a lifetime of volunteer experience already behind them.

I was contemplating this when I wondered, "What if Jesus had only washed Peter's feet?" Would the Savior of mankind have been content for each disciple to wash the feet of one other disciple?



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That certainly would be a fair way to do it — everyone would get a chance to serve and to be served.

Just think of it, no one could complain they had been abused or taken advantage of, and no one would feel left out.

The burden would be shared evenly. Or Jesus could have appointed a "foot washing committee" and had disciples take the washing duties in rotation for a year.

But that wasn't the way the Son of Man did it. From the account we read in the Gospel of St. John (13:1-12), we see that Jesus washed the feet of all the disciples — and that included the feet of the one who was to betray Him, Judas Iscariot.

Jesus was unwilling that any should go away unwashed, just as He told us that our Father in heaven was unwilling that any of His "little ones" should perish (Matt 18:14).

Jesus did many other things that night to demonstrate the total commitment a Christian should have. When he gave the dipped bread to Judas, he was bestowing upon him a special sign of affection practiced in the east at that time. John's Gospel noted that it was at the moment when Christ gave him this special token of love that Satan entered into Judas.

As we enter the fall, so many things will ask for our time — schools, churches, service clubs, etc. As Christians, we need to remember that Jesus' commitment to us is absolute and without exception or imperfection. He loves us!

We will all be asked to serve in various ways the next few months, and many times we'll feel we've already served our fair share. My prayer is that we can emulate the giving of Jesus, who gave more than was asked and who served even those who betrayed Him. It is in giving of ourselves that we show the love of Jesus to the world.

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The key to freedom is judging yourself

When things look darkest, the Light shines brightest. When all things look like they are lost, God has them in the palm of his hand. When the devil thinks he's got you, God enjoys turning things upside down and laughs at the devil.

God will never leave you, nor forsake you. He is an ever present comfort in time of trouble.

God is the Father who loves to give good gifts unto his children. When they ask for bread, he will not give them a stone. When they ask for fish, he will not give them a serpent. (Matthew 7:7-11)

When they knock on his door, he will open it to them. Try knocking on his door. He will open it.

The key to freedom from darkness is forgiveness. (Mat-



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thew 7:1-5)

The key to freedom is judging yourself by shining the light of God's word on yourself. Start with forgiving others of what they have done to you and don't stop with them. Forgive yourself. If along the way you discover you have blamed God, forgive him too.

When things seem in chaos, it is the fault of the devil — not God. God does not cause chaos. It is the devil who goes about to devour whom he can, to kill, steal, and destroy. (1 Peter 5:7-

10) "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." (1 Peter 5:6-7)

When you are a child of God, through Jesus Christ, he will lift you up and set you free.

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:36)

Lift up your hands that hang down. Praise his holy name. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. (Hebrews 12:12-13, Psalms 100:4)

"Behold, the eye of the Lord

is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee." (Psalms 33:18-22, 103:1-6, Psalm 105:3, 145:21)

"Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop; but a good word maketh it glad." (Proverbs 12:25)

This good word is that Jesus has set you free. He has given you beauty for ashes, oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. (Isaiah 61:3)

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An apology is the first step to forgiveness

"I noticed you and Sharon didn't speak at church today. Is something wrong between you all, Colleen?"

"It's nothing, Mom," she replied. "Really, it's nothing at all. I'm mad at her and she won't speak to me. It was just a little thing. She has no right to treat me this way."

June looked intently at Colleen, trying to read her thoughts. She chuckled to herself thinking back to her own pre-teen years.

"Sounds like something happened," she said.

"Mom, it was nothing. It should just go away," Colleen said.

"Sounds like Sharon sees it differently. Maybe you need to apologize for something?" June asked. "An apology would clear the way for restoring your friendship."

"But Mom, let me tell you what happened and you'll see what a little thing it was," Colleen begged.

"Look, honey, this is between you and Sharon," June said. "I don't need to know the details. A sincere apology will get things back on track."

Colleen rolled her eyes and looked at the floor. Options to her mother's suggestion were racing through her mind.

"Why do you always have to be right, Mom?" she whined.

June giggled: "Because I re-



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member what it was like when I was 12. And your grandma gave me the same advice."

June's eyes brightened with her smile: "And you know what? Grandma was right."

"Mom, will I be right someday?" Colleen asked.

"Yes, sweetheart. But to be right, you must first listen to good advice and be willing to do what is right. If you apologize to Sharon, you will do what is right and you will restore your friendship."

"Long ago a very wise man said that forgiving our friends is how we are able to receive forgiveness from God. (Sirach 28:2)

"It would be well if you prepare a small gift for Sharon and give it to her when you apologize."

"The wise man said that a good word and a gift are offered by the kindly person." (Sirach 18:14-16)

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"And it came to pass, that as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

"And he said unto them, when ye Pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You'll need to slow down a bit this week. Remember the old adage: Haste makes waste. While you're doing a lot of juggling, everything eventually gets done. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An introspective mood hits you the beginning of the week. Try to avoid letting this lead you into a minor depression. Focus on the positive instead. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You get a welcome breather mid-week from the usual grind. Use the time to merely relax and recharge your energies. Over the weekend, a group outing is most pleasant. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're tempted to be a couch potato this week. Get up and get moving! There's much to be done before you can rest. LEO (July 23 to August 22) Any legal dealings should be handled with care. Be sure to read all propositions carefully. You don't want to sign onto anything you're not aware of. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You settle into your routine quite nicely this week. Don't let a minor mishap spoil this. That's just what it is - trivial! LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Take advantage of an upswing in your energy. You'll be able to tackle those tasks you've been dreading and putting off. This weekend, a family visit keeps you hopping. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're pleased this week at the cooperation you get on the job. Co-workers are more than willing to pitch in. Later, a personal matter takes precedence. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You have a tendency this week to indulge in daydreaming. This could cause you to make careless errors on the job. Tap into those powers of concentration with some self-discipline. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While things don't go exactly as you'd planned, they still fall into place quite nicely. Adapt to what's going on, and you're more successful. A weekend social event is formal, so be sure to dress properly. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're reading too much into what's really an unimportant matter in the long run. Sometimes, that awesome mind of yours can see problems where there are none. Avoid this! PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You rightfully feel that you've been burning the candle at both ends. Take some time this week to rest. Your mind and your body will thank you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mayor Berlanga deserves a second chance

Re: Bonnie Wardlaw's comments in the Aug. 14 edition of *The Brackett News*.

While I admire her spunk and "get go attitude," Ms. Wardlaw really needs to put her obviously clear personal feelings of rage aside and try to concentrate on helping the council sort out the most pressing of all matters before the mayor. Getting mail delivered door-to-door seems to be one item of least importance and should require the least of Ms. Wardlaw's zest at this time.

What the citizens of Kinney County don't realize yet is the new problems that will arise by getting mail delivered to their mail boxes; i.e. theft of mail, theft of credit cards, checks, general vandalism of boxes,

etc., but that's another story. Mayor Berlanga was elected by the town — over and over and over. Remember, David Luna hauled his butt outta there pronto.

Mayor Berlanga, on the other hand, although tempted to do the same, decided to stay put and try to get the city back in the black. If she had run, one would be saying, "If she didn't have anything to hide, she would have stayed put."

Well folks, that's what she is doing. Stand back and give her a chance to redeem herself without the cloud of David Luna hanging over her head.

Take a good look at what she has accomplished in these short weeks since the scandal, despite

the tremendous pressure she is under at this time, not only from the state, and yes, even from out of state, on her. Let's face it folks, it took a lot of (guts) for her to stick around and take all the heat by herself.

Leave all the campaigning and jockeying for her position for a later time. Now, pull together for the city.

Besides, why would you want a new mayor at this time? You all wouldn't be able to tell what the new mayor's mistakes are because they will always fall back on that easy crutch: "It was Mayor Berlanga's fault, it was David Luna's fault and we just inherited it."

Terry Martinez
North Miami Beach, Fla.



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God is eternal and unchanging

I just got an e-mail from a friend. It was regarding a note I sent out to several people the other day about a new TV show called "Nip 'N Tuck," a truly disgusting excuse for supposed entertainment. I'm sure that anyone who claims to be liberal, or enlightened, or a member of the New Wave, will absolutely love it. It is obscene and without a single "redeeming social value."

Another new show that I see listed but refuse to watch is called "Boy Meets Boy." It is about the wonderful, idealistic world of the practicing homosexual. I'm sure it too is going to be a big hit on the East and Left Coasts. Where to start, where to start?

I quit writing this column for some time. I was tired and overwhelmed with things happening in my own life and honestly didn't feel like there was enough interest to justify the work.

I also didn't feel that God was leading me to write anymore. Maybe he knew I needed a break, or maybe I just wasn't listening.

Recently, however, I have been feeling more and more compelled to resume. The world is continuing to swirl down into the proverbial toilet, and the good ol' U.S. of A. is leading the flush.



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMarcus

My life, while it will never be back to normal, has hit a plateau, and is back to a level that doesn't require all my energy to survive. So here goes!

Why are we so scared to speak out? Several of our religious denominations are sliding into the liberal slime pit. One is accepting homosexual bishops into the church, others are thinking about honoring "homosexual marriages." Why are the rank and file Christians remaining silent?

The Church, *people*, is not the hierarchy of clergy, or the guy standing in the pulpit on Sunday morning, or any other group of "religious leaders."

You, the person sitting in the pew, and all those other believers sitting around you are the Church. The Church, in the Bible, is not a group of priests on the order of the ancient Jewish priests, who tell the rest of us what God wants us to do.

We know what God wants us to do. He tells us in His Word, the Holy Bible! If you want to

know what God thinks or what he is telling you, don't go ask a priest or a preacher or anyone else, go read it for yourself in the Bible — that's why he gave it to us!

And, furthermore, if anyone tells you that God has changed his mind and that homosexuality, or pedophilia, or adultery, or any other moral perversion, is OK as seen in the light of modern society, he is a liar and is not a messenger of God!

And it is your duty as a believing, obedient Christian, to tell him so. Tell him at first gently and in private. Next, take another believer with you and both of you tell him. Finally, tell him in front of the entire Church. If he refuses to listen, have nothing to do with him until he repents and changes. That's what the Bible says! That's what God means!

God is eternal and unchanging, and if society disagrees, it is society that is wrong, not God.

Joshua 24:15 says: "If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

We should all give ourselves a 'hand'

"Come on now, you're going to hit it back in their face, and it's going to be beautiful. This is your court and we have to show them who's boss."

For those who do not already know, the varsity volleyball team won the Brackett tournament. At this moment, we stand tall, proud and undefeated.

For those who also do not know, I am a total nut. I am one of the most talkative girls on the team, especially on the court. Do not be misunderstood, my talents are not having good insight, or the ability to yell across to my teammates, warning them that a ball is soon to be found at their feet, but I talk to my hands. Yes, my hands. Many find this very odd. I was once asked why I prayed on the court during a game, and I replied in an as-a-matter-of-factly way that I was not praying, but cheering my hands on to get the job done.

I do my praying before my feet are on the court, but I do my cheering while my face and hands are about 5 inches away from the girl across the net.

I mention distance to show that I am not very far from my opponents, and not only do my hands get a boost of enthusiasm,



Teen Spirit

Shanae Simmons

but my dear opponent stands in front of me dumbfounded.

I know most think that a crazed maniac stands before them, as I speak powerfully to my hands, lit with vitality, my eyebrows moving up and down madly, hoping to convey my seriousness, but I am really just a human being with some incredible hands, especially when they're told what to do.

I do not take hand-talking lightly. It is not just some trivial, superstitious practice that I do, but more like a well needed pep-talk. I guess that if I donated half of my time cheering on the team as I spend on encouraging my hands, we would have better communication, but at least my friends have a reason to pay attention to the game, rather than converse with one another, which they still do anyways.

After games, people often come up to me, not to talk about

watching me, but about watching my hands. People are constantly wondering what the deal is, but it is just heartening for them. Without, who knows how sad and unworthy they would feel?

OK, so hands are not really living, breathing objects, just appendages to a whole. And so maybe they don't have ears to hear my constant jabbering or mouths to reply, but none of that matters. When I am telling them what to do, trying to boost their ego, trying to get them to show their power, or trying to help them prove that they are a worthy and important part of the team, maybe, just maybe, they are not the only one hearing the message. I am not saying anything, but maybe the whole pep-talk idea has a lot to do with my own self-confidence and desire for self-worth.

Who knows, at least I can say that I was not being stingy by giving out compliments and advice for the day. In the end, I am just a generous teammate who doesn't mind giving her partner's a little boost every now and again. It's definitely worth it, because without my hands, I would be ... handless.

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Pursuant to 152.013 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas publishes the proposed salaries, expenses, and/or allowances of each elected County official and the amount as follows:

Official	Total Comp. (FY 2002-2003)	Prop. Total Comp. (FY 2003-2004)	Prop. Salary (FY 2003-2004)	Other Prop. Allow. FY 2003-2004	Proposed Allow. Footnotes
County Judge	47,887.12	48,076.12	31,971.36	16,104.76	*1,2,3,4
County Attorney	48,117.23	48,177.23	29,667.23	18,510.00	*1,3
Co./Dist. Clerk	30,707.22	30,767.22	29,667.22	1,100.00	*3
Tax Assess/Collectr	24,296.00	24,356.00	23,156.00	1,200.00	*3
Co. Treasurer	23,832.00	24,061.00	23,156.00	905.00	*3
J.P.	26,224.00	27,625.00	26,224.00	1,401.00	*3,4
County Sheriff	31,332.00	31,968.00	31,080.00	888.00	*3,5
Constable	21,076.00	21,724.00	20,520.00	1,204.00	*3,5
Comm. Pct. 1	11,369.00	11,369.00	10,415.00	954.00	*4
Comm. Pct. 2	11,654.00	11,690.00	10,415.00	1,275.00	*3,4
Comm. Pct. 3	11,369.00	11,369.00	10,415.00	954.00	*4
Comm. Pct. 4	11,369.00	11,369.00	10,415.00	954.00	*4

*1 State Supplement
 *2 Juvenile Judge Allowance
 *3 Longevity Compensation
 *4 Travel Allowance
 *5 Cell Phone Allowance

The salaries and allowances as proposed will be discussed at the regular Budget Hearing that is set for Monday, September 8, 2003, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. at the County Courtroom in the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas. The Commissioners invite the public to attend and participate when the Public Officials' salaries, expenses, and allowances will be discussed and set on said date.

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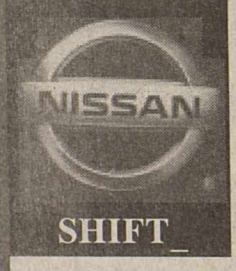


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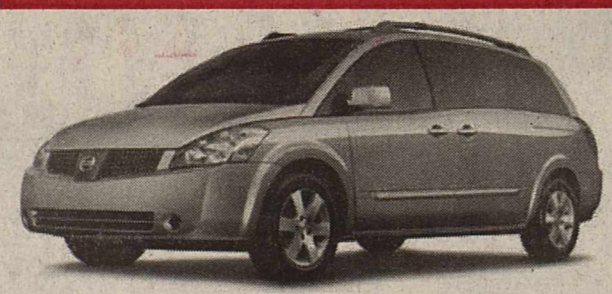
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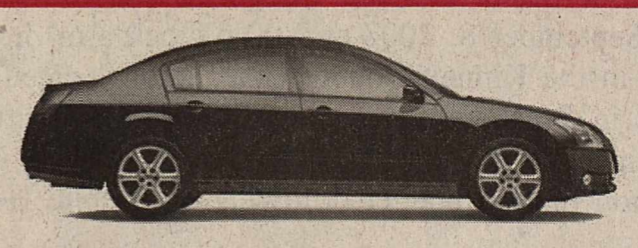
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