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Wardlaw resigns from City Council

By J.J. GUDRY
Editor

Alderwoman Bonnie Wardlaw resigned from the City Council Tuesday in hopes of being Brackettville's next city secretary.

Wardlaw's resignation was approved by council members Mary Flores, Francisca "Chica"

Garza, Tomas Gomez Jr. and Johnny Samaniego during a special meeting Tuesday night at the City Annex.

Garza, the city's mayor pro-tem, has been running the day-to-day operations of the city since Mayor Carmen Berlanga was hospitalized early last week after suffering a stroke.

Berlanga was at Uvalde Me-

morial Hospital, but friends said she is now in San Antonio for long-term rehabilitation as a result of her stroke.

The city secretary's position has been vacant since June when the council fired David Luna.

"I've been down there since this whole mess started," Wardlaw said. "I know what's going on. With my background, I know

I can handle the job. I know I have what it takes.

"I'm going to interview and see what happens," she added.

Five people have applied for the city secretary's position, and the council will interview those applicants on Tuesday.

Wardlaw was elected to her first term on the council in last May's election.

"I have enjoyed it," she said. "I wish there wasn't so much bickering going on. I would have liked to have made some improvements, but if I'm hired as city secretary, Brackettville will see some improvements in the future."

Garza said a new council member would be appointed on Monday.



Bonnie Wardlaw



Amending the Constitution

County Clerk Dora Sandoval posts the results of Saturday's constitutional amendment election. Texas voters passed all 22 proposed amendments.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Texans pass 22 amendments

Of 587 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution, 410 amendments have been added to the document since it was first adopted in 1876.

Texas voters voted Saturday to add another 22 amendments, affecting everything from civil liability caps to home mortgage issues to property tax freezes for the elderly and disabled.

All 22 proposed amendments were passed in the state election. Tony Proffitt, a veteran Austin-based political consultant, said the campaign for Proposition 12, a highly charged tort-reform proposal, drove the results.

"Those voters said 'yes' and then just 'yes' on down the ballot," Proffitt told the *San Antonio Express-News*.

Proposition 12, which allows the state legislature to cap non-economic damages in civil lawsuits, was passed by 51 percent

of the voters statewide and 64 percent of Kinney County's voters who cast ballots.

Kinney County had 313 voters participate in the election, including 138 early voters and 175 voting on Saturday.

"We had a very low turnout, but this is normal for this type of election," County Clerk Dora Sandoval said.

"People just don't turn out for the constitutional amendment elections. I guess they're not really interested," Sandoval added.

Saturday's local turnout included 49 voters in Precinct 1, 58 in Precinct 2, nine in Precinct 3 and 59 in Precinct 4.

Kinney County voters voted against five of the proposed amendments:

■ Proposition 2, which increases from six months to two years the time period during

which a person can buy back former mineral interests that have been sold to pay delinquent taxes.

■ Proposition 3, which grants tax exemptions for six years to religious organizations for land they own or lease to build places of worship or schools.

■ Proposition 4, which allows local utility districts in nine Texas counties to develop parks and other recreational facilities by issuing bonds.

■ Proposition 9, which diverts a portion of capital gains, not just interest and dividends, from the state's education endowment to a fund for school programs.

■ Proposition 21, which allows college professors, current or retired, to be paid for serving on the board of a water district.

ELECTION RESULTS

PROPOSITION	Description	Statewide results	How Kinney County Voted
PROPOSITION 1	Would allow the state to use excess money from veterans' funds to build and maintain new veteran housing.	For 1,126,404 81.4% Against 256,544 18.6%	For 210 69.8% Against 91 30.2%
PROPOSITION 2	Would increase from six months to two years the time period during which a person can buy back former mineral interests that have been sold to pay delinquent taxes.	For 828,955 62.4% Against 499,112 37.6%	For 141 49.0% Against 147 51.0%
PROPOSITION 3	Would grant tax exemptions for six years to religious organizations for land they own or lease to build places of worship or schools.	For 729,162 52.9% Against 649,683 47.1%	For 139 45.9% Against 164 54.1%
PROPOSITION 4	Would allow local utility districts in nine Texas counties to develop parks and other recreational facilities through bonds.	For 745,658 56.4% Against 575,345 43.6%	For 134 45.9% Against 158 54.1%
PROPOSITION 5	Would allow tax exemptions for travel trailers, including those used by school districts, that are not rooted to real estate and used as a primary residence.	For 845,021 62.3% Against 510,345 37.7%	For 200 66.2% Against 102 33.8%
PROPOSITION 6	Would allow homeowners 62 and older to refinance a home equity loan using a reverse mortgage loan.	For 957,468 70.9% Against 392,547 29.1%	For 202 70.4% Against 85 29.6%
PROPOSITION 7	Would allow juries of six people, rather than 12, in misdemeanor cases heard in district court.	For 1,031,773 74.7% Against 350,082 25.3%	For 232 75.1% Against 77 24.9%
PROPOSITION 8	Would allow a qualified, unopposed candidate to take office in a state, county or district contest without an election.	For 780,252 56.4% Against 603,667 43.6%	For 132 47.7% Against 145 52.3%
PROPOSITION 9	Would divert a portion of capital gains, not just interest and dividends, from the state's education endowment to a fund for school programs.	For 655,318 50.3% Against 647,274 49.7%	For 132 47.7% Against 145 52.3%
PROPOSITION 10	Would allow municipalities to donate excess firefighting equipment to the Texas Forest Service, which could then distribute it to nearby rural fire departments.	For 1,282,684 91.7% Against 116,527 8.3%	For 285 94.1% Against 18 5.9%
PROPOSITION 11	Would allow Texas wineries to sell wine for consumption in "wet" or "dry" counties.	For 850,941 62.4% Against 512,373 37.6%	For 204 69.2% Against 91 30.8%
PROPOSITION 12	Would allow the Legislature to cap non-economic damages in civil lawsuits.	For 750,810 51.1% Against 717,805 48.9%	For 193 63.5% Against 111 36.5%
PROPOSITION 13	Would allow, but not require, municipalities to freeze property taxes for disabled and elderly homeowners.	For 1,125,928 81.0% Against 263,773 19.0%	For 261 86.4% Against 41 13.6%
PROPOSITION 14	Would allow the state to take out short-term loans and issue bonds for transportation projects, such as highway construction.	For 809,929 61.0% Against 516,834 39.0%	For 165 60.0% Against 110 40.0%
PROPOSITION 15	Would prohibit reducing future retirement benefits for public employees.	For 963,307 71.5% Against 383,238 28.5%	For 257 85.4% Against 44 14.6%
PROPOSITION 16	Would allow home equity lines of credit in the form of a revolving line of credit that would be available to the borrower when needed, rather than in one lump sum.	For 861,090 65.4% Against 455,053 34.6%	For 181 63.3% Against 105 36.7%
PROPOSITION 17	Would extend to the disabled the property tax cap currently granted to elderly homeowners by school districts.	For 1,062,532 77.7% Against 304,528 22.3%	For 237 79.0% Against 63 21.0%
PROPOSITION 18	Would allow unopposed candidates for a political subdivision to take office without an election.	For 719,482 53.1% Against 636,077 46.9%	For 168 56.4% Against 130 43.6%
PROPOSITION 19	Would repeal the Legislature's authority to create rural fire prevention districts, which are being largely phased out by the creation of emergency service districts.	For 758,429 58.8% Against 532,505 41.2%	For 145 52.0% Against 134 48.0%
PROPOSITION 20	Would allow \$250 million worth of bonds to be issued for use by military communities to enhance defense installations.	For 742,202 56.9% Against 562,979 43.1%	For 163 57.2% Against 122 42.8%
PROPOSITION 21	Would allow college professors, current or retired, to be paid for serving on the board of a water district.	For 692,112 52.3% Against 630,528 47.7%	For 141 47.8% Against 154 52.2%
PROPOSITION 22	Would allow temporary replacements for elected or appointed public officials who enter active duty in the U.S. armed forces.	For 1,067,945 78.5% Against 292,691 21.5%	For 257 85.4% Against 44 14.6%

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Brackettville commemorates signing of the U.S. Constitution

Brackettville Mayor Carmen Berlanga signed a proclamation designating Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week, celebrating the anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution.

Members of the Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution are asking citizens to take a few minutes to think about the meaning and significance of the incredible document.

Its signing on Sept. 17, 1787, completed only the first act in the drama of the U.S. Constitution. The real test was whether it would be accepted by the people.

"The first question that offers itself is whether the general form and aspect of the government be strictly republican. It is evident that no other form would be reconcilable with the genius of the people of America, with the fundamental principles of the Revolution, or with that honorable determination which animates every votary of freedom to rest all our political experiments on the capacity of mankind for self-government," Federalist Papers No. 39 says.

In some state ratification conventions, the vote was very close, especially in three of the

largest and most powerful states: Massachusetts (187-168), Virginia (89-79) and New York (30-27). But by the autumn of 1788, every state except North Carolina and Rhode Island had ratified, and the first elections of federal representatives and senators sent many of the Constitutional Convention delegates to Congress to help put the new government into operation.

"It was done by bargain and compromise, yet notwithstanding its imperfections, on the adoption of it depends...whether or not we shall become a respectable nation," said Nicholas Gilman, a convention delegate from New Hampshire.

In the spring of 1789, the first U.S. Congress convened and George Washington was inaugurated as the first president.

The First Congress has been likened to a second constitutional convention. It created the executive (cabinet) departments and the federal judiciary, chose the site for the national capital, wrote the Bill of Rights and sent it to the states for ratification, and witnessed the first stirrings of what would become a two-party system.

The years 1787-1791 were creative, a seminal period in



Constitution Week

Brackettville Mayor Carmen Berlanga signs a Constitution Week Proclamation as Pat McKelvy (standing, from left), Louise Stone, Marj Love and Charolette Corey of the Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter of DAR look on.

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It's time to severely limit immigration into the U.S.

It is a sad day in Sweden. Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh was murdered recently in a department store in Stockholm.

The police there don't think it was politically motivated, however, even though the murder took place only three days before Sweden's Parliament was supposed to vote on whether to adopt the Euro as their common currency. Lindh was one of the leading proponents for the adoption, you see.

Two things come to mind here immediately. No. 1: An assassin murdered Lindh with a knife. Yep, she was stabbed to death! No evil handgun or firearm was used.

I find it almost impossible to believe that anyone could murder someone with a knife, but hey, let's jump on the bandwagon and demand that knives be banned and confiscated. Now that we know that knives are just as capable of being guilty of murder as guns, I see no alternative but to remove them from society so they can't force innocent people to commit acts of violence.

No. 2: It seems, contrary to the opinion of the Swedish police, who seem to be lost in the throes of denial, that not everyone in Europe wants to give up their sovereignty to a group of foreigners whose good will is at best suspect.

Did you know that the Euro is now worth more than the dollar? According to the exchange rates last week, the Euro is worth 1.1175 dollars. Also, the European Union is growing at an astonishing rate. Now Turkey, Estonia, Croatia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Latvia, Poland, Romania and others are vying for membership.

Does this frighten you? It should!

The most dangerous enemy we face now is not Iraq, North Korea or El Qaida — it is finan-



The Way
I See It

Steven R.
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cial domination from the conglomerate of European nations calling itself the European Union.

The United States is already riddled with foreign-owned industry. We have let our open-minded good will get in the way of our good sense. We are rapidly approaching a one-world government that many believe is prophesied in the Bible as the precursor to the End Times.

Yes, the United States was and is a nation of immigrants. Half of my ancestors were foreigners, so were yours. Most of us are proud of our foreign heritage. However, the time has come when we must, if we are to survive as a sovereign nation, severely limit immigration, especially illegal immigration, and to demand and enforce allegiance and compliance from those who wish to live and work here in the United States.

We cannot survive as a nation if we continue to try to absorb the millions of illegal and legal immigrants that come here each year. In a very short time, this nation will collapse under its own weight.

"Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations" (IDIC) is a grand idea. However, just like communism, it only works in a perfect environment where all the participants are interested in the good of the whole and not in personal gain. That, my fellow Americans, is not reality.

Infinite diversity is, in the real world, only a way to weaken the society that embraces it. If you throw enough totally unrelated, irreconcilable ideologies into the same pot, that pot is going

to eventually boil over.

That is where the United States is headed. Our very diversity is weakening us, and it is time to crack down!

I'm sorry that Mexico is in such a sorry shape that most of her citizens live below poverty level. But that is not our problem — it is the problem of Mexico.

Mexico is a sovereign, foreign nation that does not want our meddling in her internal affairs. No problem. Shut the door! Shut off the flow of billions of dollars of U.S. currency that is funneled into Mexico each year by illegal immigrants. Shut off the huge amount of foreign aid we send to Mexico each year to keep in her good graces.

Iraq doesn't want our help. Fine, pull all our troops out and let them stew in their own Islamic juices. I personally feel that a nation gets the government it deserves, and that unfortunately includes the U.S.

France and Germany don't agree with our foreign policies. Fine, sever all ties with them and leave them to their own devices. If history is to be believed, they'll be at war with each other in a couple of months anyway, and we can buy the left over pieces for a \$50 bill.

I am tired of being spit on by every two-bit, half-baked, third world country we try to help. I say if they don't want our help, fine! The fewer such quagmires of slime and sewage we are involved in, the more we can do things here in the U.S. that need to be done, instead of squandering our strength and national wealth trying to help ingrates who don't want our help in the first place.

Proverbs 24:21,22: "My son, fear the Lord and the king; Do not associate with those who are given to change, for their calamity will rise suddenly. And who knows the ruin that comes from both of them?" NASB

More troops needed in Iraq

Operation Iraqi Freedom was the most widely covered war in our nation's history.

For the first time, reporters and camera crews were embedded in military units beaming live pictures of the conflict back to the United States, providing real time battlefield updates. Yet round-the-clock coverage does not begin to come close to the experience of seeing, hearing and feeling the danger firsthand.

I recently traveled to the Middle East to visit our troops and assess the situation in person. What I found is troubling.

I have often traveled overseas to talk with our troops to better understand their living conditions, their needs and the threats they face.

But what I saw in Iraq was unlike anything I'd seen in the Balkans, even at the height of the conflict there.

The situation in Iraq is far more treacherous than we anticipated. Conflict continues. The battle has shifted. Following a brilliant conventional military campaign, our troops now wage unconventional warfare. Every day, they defend against guerrilla-type tactics. Americans are being ambushed and danger lurks around every corner.

That point was brought home to me in a profound and dramatic way. I was within 5 miles of the



Capitol
Comment

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United Nations compound in Baghdad when a truck bomb killed 23 people, including the top U.N. envoy to Iraq. Our leaders on the ground believe the remnants of Saddam Hussein's regime are trying to stop the progress of rebuilding Iraq. But they also believe terrorists are coming over the border from Iran, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

It is clear we are stretched too thin in Iraq. We need more troops to help restore order and keep the peace. Not necessarily more U.S. troops — troops from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and nations in the region that have a stake in the success of this mission could be immensely helpful.

The war on terrorism is ongoing and escalating.

The escalation of violence throughout the Middle East and around the globe is a clarion call to all nations of the earth. This is not just an American problem.

If terrorism succeeds against Western nations, it will be

turned on Islamic governments that are not considered extreme enough. Some of our allies in the war on terror are doing their part, but it is not enough.

Moderate Arab countries must also join in the fight. Standing on the sidelines implies silent support for terrorist activities.

A coalition of Muslim forces participating with security and reconstruction efforts in Iraq would signal not only solidarity, but a genuine desire to create a peaceful and prosperous region. It could help our human intelligence capabilities as well.

Our country has called our troops to duty and they have readily answered the call. But they are living in very harsh conditions, and they are living in danger.

If we are going to continue the high operations tempo of peacekeeping, fighting a war on terrorism while remaining prepared to fight elsewhere, we need more soldiers and the support of other nations in the Middle East. Failure is not an option.

If we don't bring this battle to the terrorists, they will bring it to us — again — on U.S. soil.

Sept. 11, 2001, is not a distant memory. It is a constant reminder of the menace of terrorism. We must stamp it out. Peace, security and the future of our civilization demand it.



Teens like to stand out, but also want to be alike

Recently, I was zoning out while at school, as usual, when I noticed a pattern. Every few people I passed, at least three of them in each group were wearing red. This was really odd to me. I saw so much red in the whole hall that I stood, amazed that everyone was matching.

That was also the day that we had a lot of twins, and these were not purposeful twins. Throughout the day I counted three pairs of girls with matching shirts, and a group of four girls who all had the same shirt on, while everyone else was in red.

If someone were to simply walk into our school, not expecting to find much, he or she would assume that there was some kind of uniform dress code. What is the use of being individuals and not having uniforms, if everyone wears the same thing?

The whole situation got my mind headed off into another direction. It could just be that we are in a small town, not being exposed to nearby shopping palaces, resulting in the same purchases from the same stores.

Then again, many students, including myself, do go outside of our small community to places like San Antonio to shop.

Next, I began to think about trends and how they were formed. Personally, this year, I thought that I would change my image from the "Tom Boy" persona to the "Punk Rocker." I couldn't wait to look like a rocked out garage band member, but in the end it didn't feel so fun.

In San Antonio, I noticed that



Teen
Spirit

Shanae
Simmons

every other kid I passed was dressed like a punk, and it did not seem as appealing to me any longer.

Occasionally, I still dress up, but nothing is permanent. I have learned to go more for comfort.

I then thought about the main fashion today — the low, under-wear revealing pants, and the shorter, low-plunging shirts, along with those extremely pointy boots that resemble something the Wicked Witch of the West would wear.

Of course, you have to have the old vintage look — something that looks like it cost nothing, and was bought at Goodwill, when in reality it was bought from some big time store with more green than most sensible people would spend.

I guess that teen-agers are, in this case, somewhat insensible. It all has to do with the way you look, and how far you are willing to go to make yourself look better, or like everyone else. Most of the time, people will wear things they will never even touch again after a few years.

I know that today's "trends" will seem so outrageous in the future that adults of my generation will wonder why the heck they wore what they did. I bet many of you are still kicking yourself for wearing those acid-

washed, jeans along with your enormous hair, or in some cases mullets.

Don't get me wrong, I usually pay attention in what I get, picking out what I think is nice. I make sure that nothing is revealing, that my pants are a few sizes bigger, for room to grow wider and taller, some enlightening saying on my shirt, and a nice pair of flip-flops.

It's not that I want to look good — I just don't want to look bad. That is bad, according to my standards. I want to look quite relaxed, and I believe that is the sign I convey.

My sister once asked if I was comfortable because I always am "comfortable-looking." From that point on, I decided I liked that portrayal, "comfortable-looking."

I then thought about if I were to die, and someone had to describe me in my eulogy, a description like that would be desirable. Maybe along with some other things like cool, smart, funny, great, but "comfortable-looking" would suffice.

I guess that in the end, I am not sure why everyone dresses the way they do. People want to stand out and be different, yet they all want to be alike at the same time. It boggles the mind.

There are some comfortable people out there like me and then there are the fashionable. In the end, one wonders about these fads that make the fashionable and where they come from. Maybe, we will never know. Personally, I am betting subliminal messages, but that's a whole other column.

Events of Sept. 11 remembered

It's hard to believe two years have passed since the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. We will all remember where we were that morning. Whether you were near ground zero or in Castroville, Texas, we all had the same fears racing through our heads.

What was happening? Who was behind it? Would my city be next? We prayed together, we stood together side by side, not as Republicans or Democrats, but as Americans, ready to do what was necessary to get through this crisis.

People across the country asked what they could do to help. Phone calls poured into New York, Washington and Pennsylvania with offers to help and send money. America was facing its ultimate modern-day challenge and meeting it.

In the following days, we committed ourselves to doing whatever it took to respond. The president focused like a laser beam on the effort to eliminate



Weekly
Report

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Bonilla

those on the other side of the world who were responsible.

This tragedy showed the strength of our country. Our nation's leaders told us to go on with our lives and we did. We resumed our regular schedules as best we could — tending to our children, shopping, going to football games and becoming reacquainted with our friends and family to once again understand what's really important.

Here in Washington, there are many of us who remain focused on the fundamentals that preserve our way of life — strengthening our military, our intelligence operations, our federal agencies that watch our ports of entry for killers trying to en-

ter our country.

In the days since Sept. 11, 2001, we have created a Department of Homeland Security to ensure that all of our agencies — the FBI, Customs, the Border Patrol, the DEA — operate in synch.

This year alone, we funded \$29.4 billion to strengthen our homeland. This funding will assist firefighters, emergency management and law enforcement officials. It will also implement passenger and baggage screening, highway and air security, and training, as well as modernizing our nation's borders.

Our nation has made great strides since Sept. 11, 2001. On this important date, I encourage everyone to remember the past so as to make us stronger in the future. We will never forget Sept. 11. Today we should feel proud that this generation, like those past, is every bit as committed to doing whatever it takes to preserve freedom, justice and the American way.

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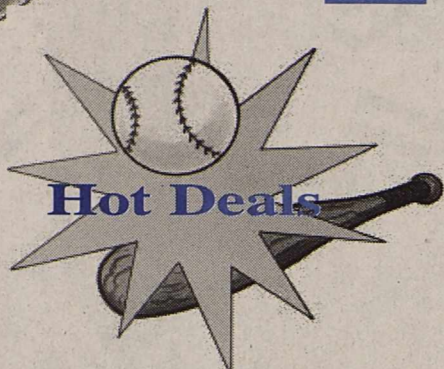
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2763A	2003 GMC Sierra Ext. Cab	\$23,500
2930BB	2002 GMC Sierra Ext. Cab	\$20,500
2955A	2002 GMC Sierra Ext. Cab	\$25,000
2761A	2001 Nissan Frontier	\$17,500

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2825A	2002 Chevrolet Tahoe	\$26,500
2560A	2002 GMC Yukon XL	\$26,500
2907A	2003 GMC Yukon	\$30,500
2809A	2003 GMC Yukon	\$31,500
P7325	2003 Ford Explorer	\$22,500
2516A	2001 GMC Yukon XL	\$23,000

CARS

P7281	2003 Cadillac Deville	\$30,995
2816A	2001 Oldsmobile Aurora	\$16,995
2749A	2000 Nissan Altima	\$10,995
2916A	2002 Ford Mustang	\$14,995
2780B	1999 Pontiac Sunfire	\$5,995
3027A	2002 Pontiac Grand Prix SE	\$12,995
P7251B	1999 Chevrolet Malibu	\$6,995
2782A	2001 Pontiac Grand Am	\$9,995
P7384	2003 Buick La Sabre	\$16,500
2195A	2001 Cadillac Seville STS	\$26,500
3005A	2002 Nissan Altima	\$17,500
3073A	2002 Pontiac Firebird	\$17,500
P7266A	2001 Pontiac Sunfire	\$8,500
2713A	2002 Toyota Camry	\$16,000

2003 SEVILLE #1928

MSRP\$45,920
BROWN DISC.....\$9,000

\$36,520

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MSRP\$24,165
REBATE\$3,000
BROWN DISC.....\$1,300

\$19,865

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BROWN DISC.....\$1,900

\$17,550

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BROWN DISC.....\$1,644

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OBITUARY

John Adam Tlumac

John Adam Tlumac succumbed Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2003, at Dimmit County Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Tlumac was born Aug. 24, 1918, to John Tlumac and Anna Yanoscak Tlumac in Duluth, Minn.

The family moved to New Jersey when John was young. He left high school in the 11th grade to work in the automobile body industry. He started at a small family shop and later worked for a Cadillac dealership as body shop manager for over 30 years.

Tlumac carried on the family hobby of playing the accordion. At first, he was in a band as a second income, and later just for family and friends entertainment. He wasn't happy unless he could play some lively tunes for everyone when there was a get together.

Tlumac married Dorothy Geleng on Sept. 30, 1939, and was married for 55 years when she preceded him in death.

Also preceding Tlumac are his parents: John and Anna; two sisters: Mary and Anna; and his brother: George.

Survivors are his daughter: Sandra Herman and husband Bill of Carrizo Springs; brother: Albert of Huntington Beach, Calif.; sister, Lucille Zoltek and husband John of Somerville, N.J.; three grandchildren: Chris Herman and wife Carmen of Chula Vista, Calif., Debbie Bonner and husband Vic, and Jennifer Rivera and husband Jorge, all of Brackettville; nine great-grandchildren, and numerous nephews, nieces and friends.

Tlumac is to be cremated and the ashes later buried at Church in Brackettville.

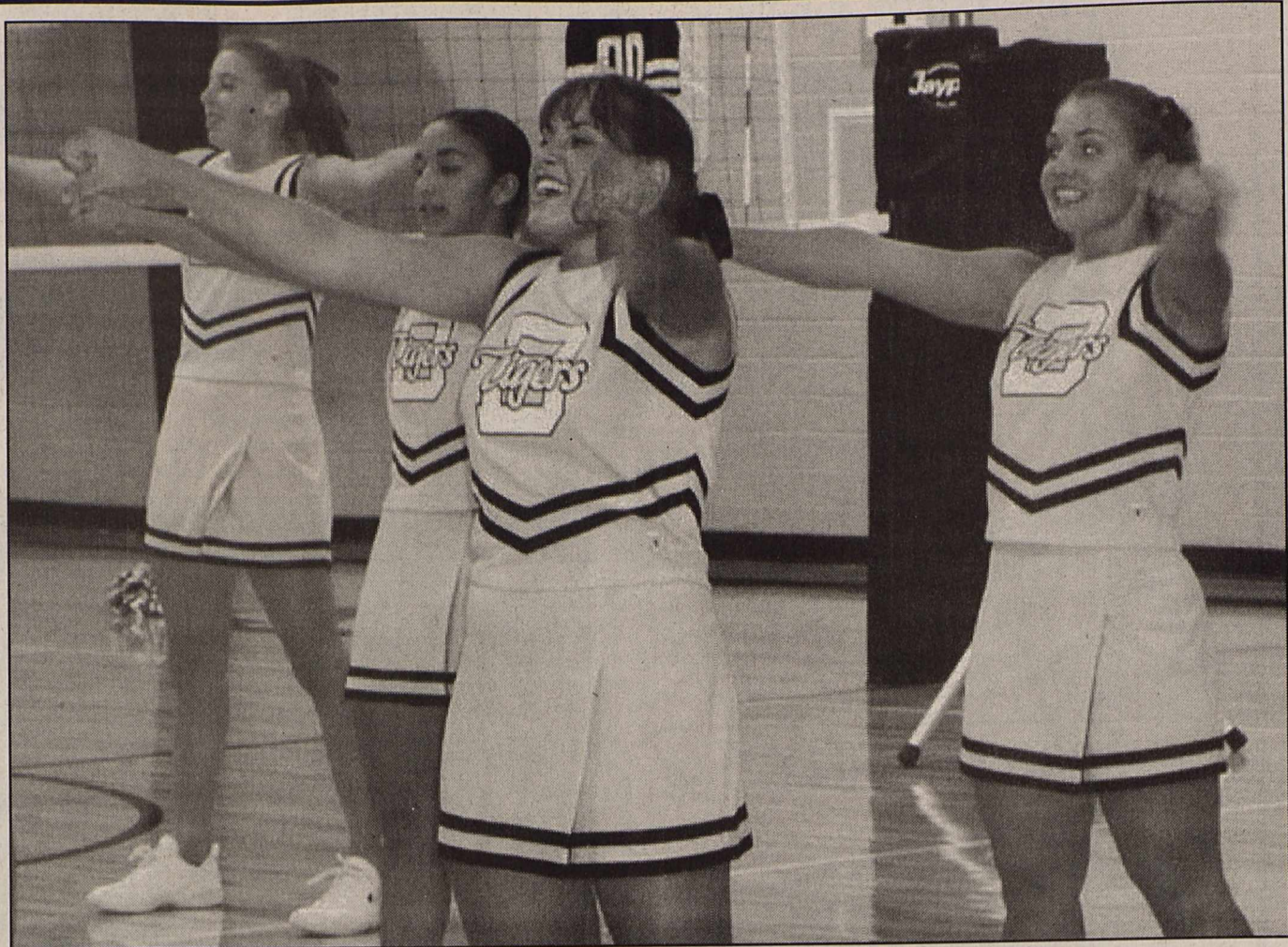


Photo by J.J. Guidry

Cheering on the Tigers

Brackett High School cheerleaders Courtney Frerich (from left), Lola Cano, Dana Bonner and Caitlin Wylie cheer on the Tiger football team during a recent pep-rally at the Tiger Gym.

BRIEFS

'Fall of the Alamo' celebration slated for Oct. 11 at shrine in San Antonio

The fifth annual "Fall of the Alamo" will be celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 11, on the Alamo grounds. It will begin at 10 a.m. and runs until 5 p.m.

It is a free event which brings living historians to the Alamo to demonstrate the daily lives of the citizens of the Republic of Texas during the period from 1835-1846. It is a perfect opportunity to get a glimpse of Texas as it was in the days of the Lone Star Republic. Activities will include living historians in period dress, cooking and food demonstrations, children's games, sewing and quilting, music of that era, frontier medicine, period military drill and period documents on display.

Demonstrations by participants are designed to meet various components of the Texas Education Agency's new Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for social studies.

The members of the Caddell-Smith Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, encourage local Texas history students and teachers to participate in this exciting event.

Predator control meeting announced

There will be a predator control meeting at noon on Tuesday at Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs. The financial issues of the Kinney County Wildlife Management Association will be discussed at the meeting. Anyone interested in attending the meeting should RSVP the Kinney County Extension Office at 563-2442 or Stan Conoly at 563-2929.

Plans being made for BHS bon-fire

Brackett High School officials are making plans for the school's annual bon-fire during Homecoming Week, Oct. 13-17. Brush and lumber only can be taken to bon fire site at the track stadium between 3 and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, until the day before the bon-fire.

Boosters to host community mixer

The Brackett Athletic Booster Club will host a community mixer at 7:30 on Wednesday night at Tiger Stadium. Fans will be able to meet the Tigers, Tigerettes and 2003 Tiger Band. Deserts will be served.

Local lodge to present award tonight

Las Moras Masonic Lodge will hold an open meeting tonight at 7, upstairs at the lodge building, to present the Golden Trowel Award. The public is invited to attend.

Community should be proud of rating

Last week *The Brackett News* published a story about the FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) System and how our school district received a "superior" rating.

This rating is one that not many schools are able to get, and it represents an outstanding achievement by "the school."

I would like to take just a line or two and remind readers that "the school," in this case, consists of nine individuals.

Those nine individuals are the members of the Board of Trustees: Henry Lutz, Lloyd Lee Davis, Sara Terrazas, Jim McDaniel, Ronnie Hobbs, Sondra Meil and Mark Frerich, former superintendent Taylor Stephenson and former business manager Dixie Brown.

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These men and women have taken care of your money as if it were their own and have done a job that everyone can really be proud of.

In the case of the Board of Trustees, this effort was done with very little thanks and absolutely no compensation.

On behalf of the staff and students of Brackett ISD, we thank all of you and hope to continue your good work and exceptional stewardship.

This school is a wonderful organization, partly because of the long hours you have put in and the care you have taken with the school's money. Thanks again.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Sept. 8

4:38 a.m., U.S. Border Patrol agents at the Cline checkpoint reported a group of intoxicated individuals. DPS Trooper Marcos Hernandez was dispatched to the scene. Agents witnessed a small green car approaching the checkpoint at a high rate of speed. The vehicle swerved into the opposite lane of traffic, suddenly swerved back, hitting the traffic cones, and continued to swerve wildly until it skidded to a stop in the middle of the east-bound lane. Hernandez arrested Juan Antonio Barrera Lira, 39, Sergio Martinez Aguilar, 49, Belia Ruiz, 49, and Celia De La Cruz, 50, all of San Antonio. Lira was charged with driving while intoxicated and reckless driving. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time. Aguilar, Ruiz and De La Cruz were all charged with public intoxication and for open containers. They were all released later the same day.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

8:21 p.m., A woman reported a grass fire on Highway 90, about a half-mile east of Laughing Air Force Base. The Val Verde Sheriff's Office was notified of the situation.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

12:30 p.m., A woman reported loose goats on Highway 90 West, near the entrance of the Bader Ranch.

4 p.m., Victor Escamilla Enrizes, 27, Ricardo Garcia Jr., 23, and Anthony Rene Ramirez, 28, all of Del Rio, were arrested DRS Trooper Tully Welch for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces. All three individuals were released the next day after posting \$1,200 bail bonds.

4 p.m., Antonio Lazaro Porifrio, 27, of Mexico was arrested by Trooper Welch on a fugitive arrest warrant out of Montgomery County. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

8:55 p.m., A woman reported two illegal aliens at Ora's Drive Inn. Deputy Sheriff Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene. He found the two men, who claimed they were working for the owner of the property. The individuals were turned over to Border Patrol agents.

Friday, Sept. 12

12:04 a.m., A woman reported that an alarm was sounding at Jones Elementary School.

1:19 a.m., A woman reported that a vehicle was speeding back and forth on Gove Street.

5:00 p.m., Pedro Hernandez Dita, 31 of Mexico, was arrested by Trooper Hernandez on a fugitive warrant out of Austin. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

10:20 p.m., A man reported that he had a confrontation with another man at a local bar. He said that after he returned to his residence, the other individual kept driving by his house and honking his horn.

Saturday, Sept. 13

1:06 a.m., Delbert Dennis Harris, 57, of Brackettville was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley for driving while intoxicated. He was released later the same day on a personal recognition bond.

9:20 a.m., Danny Billings, 45, of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Welch for driving with a suspended license. He was released later the same day on a personal recognition bond.

8:20 p.m., A woman reported that she had gone to pick up a friend at the Rock Ledge Manor on Fort Clark when an elderly

lady from a neighboring apartment came out of her residence and threatened her. She accused the teen-ager of seeing her husband and threatened to slit her throat. The elderly woman then swung at the complainant, striking her on the side of the face. Deputy Sheriff Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene. He spoke with the woman's husband. He said his wife was in her 80s, was off her medication, had a few drinks, was mad at him and slipped out of the apartment without him noticing. He said he could no longer control her.

9:30 p.m., A woman reported that a wild animal was at her residence on W. Fulton Street. A city employee was notified of the situation.

Sunday, Sept. 14

A man reported that he had locked his keys inside his vehicle on Spring and Lackey Street. He said that his dog was inside the vehicle.

3:10 p.m., An EMS employee requested assistance in opening a locked vehicle at the EMS building.

4:18 p.m., A woman reported a dead fox in her front yard at her residence on W. Fulton Street. The woman said the fox attacked her dogs and tried to attack her daughter. A city employee was notified of the situation.

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PROGRAM
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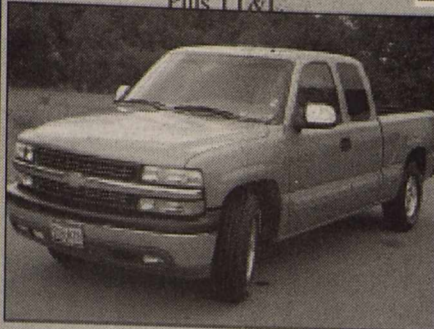
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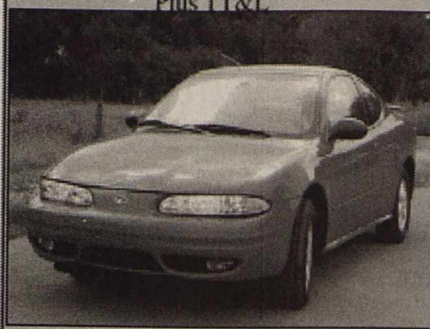
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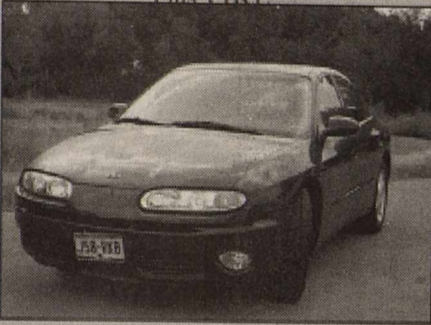
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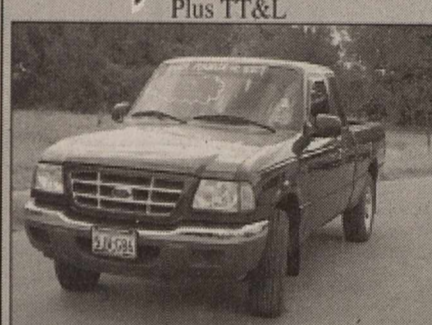
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Tigers look to keep perfect record intact

Brackett hosts Cotulla tomorrow night at 7:30

By J.J. GUDRY
Sports Editor

Brackett has enjoyed a lot of success in the young football season, but the Tigers may face their toughest task to date when they face the Cotulla Cowboys Friday night at 7:30 at Tiger Stadium.

The Tigers are fourth in South Texas in scoring, averaging 44.7 points per game. Brackett's offense is averaging 326 yards a game, including 268 yards per contest on the ground.

But Cotulla's defense is ranked third in South Texas, allowing only 147 yards per outing. The Cowboys are giving up an average of 72.3 yards rushing and 74.7 yards passing a game.

"Cotulla is a very good football team," Tigers coach David Yeager said. "The thing I notice on tape is they are big, fast and physical on defense. They will hit you."

"We will have to continue to improve in all phases in order to have a chance against them. They will have twice the num-

bers we will have so I feel our strength and conditioning will be a key in order for us to compete with Cotulla. They will be the best team we will have faced this year so far," he added.

Brackett is 3-0 overall with wins over two 3A schools. The Cowboys will be the third 3A team the Tigers face this year.

The Tigers' offense is led by junior signal-caller Kody Yeager, who is 9-of-14 passing for 174 yards with five touchdowns and no interceptions.

Fullback Glenn Morgan has rushed for 248 yards and four TDs on 37 attempts, while tailback Tony Rosetti has 246 yards and three TDs on 30 carries.

Coach Yeager credits a lot of Brackett's offensive success to its linemen — Whitney Massingill, Eli Woolsey, Jason Smith, Rolando Ortiz, Gumardo Martinez, Lito Escamilla, Oscar Sierra, Tony Jamail, Arnold Pinales and David Samaniego.

"Our offensive line has made continued progress from the first game," Yeager said. "They are continually getting better. We are only as good as the offen-

sive line."
The Cowboys are 2-1 on the season. They lost their opener to Blanco 22-3, before bouncing back with wins over West Campus, 57-6, and Dilley, 14-7.

After winning only one game in 2001, Cotulla won four of its first five games last season and finished 6-5, earning only its third playoff appearance in 43 years.

Cotulla's offense is averaging 203 yards per game, rushing for 302 yards and passing for 307 in three contests.

The Cowboys offense is led by sophomore quarterback Carlos Miranda, who has completed 9 of 20 passes for 94 yards with one interception. Backup Dustin Overstreet is 9-of-18 passing this season for 168 yards with four touchdowns and two interceptions.

Senior Isaac Saldívar is Cotulla's leading receiver with three catches for 65 yards.

The Cowboys' ground game is led by Henry Ayala, who has rushed for 188 yards and four TDs on 41 totes.



Nowhere to run to, nowhere to hide
Sabinal quarterback Nathan Meyer (10) tries to find a way past Brackett linebacker Mark Kesteloot Friday night during the Tigers' 53-0 win over the Yellowjackets. Brackett returns to the gridiron tomorrow night against Cotulla.

Photo by Danielle Moore

Brackett blanks Sabinal in 53-0 romp

SABINAL — The Brackett Tigers racked up 375 yards of total offense Friday night, rolling past the Sabinal Yellowjackets in a 53-0 shutout.

Brackett jumped out to a 40-0 halftime lead and never looked back, improving to 3-0 on the season. The Jackets fell to 0-3.

Mark Kesteloot rushed for 100 yards on nine carries and scored on touchdown runs of 15 and 49 yards, respectively.

Tony Rosetti ran 11 times for 95 yards. He crossed the goal line from 3 yards out for a score.

Glenn Morgan carried the ball eight times for 54 yards. He scored on a 4 yard run and caught a 21-yard TD pass from Kody Yeager.

Yeager finished 4-of-6 passing for 64 yards. He threw a 9-yard scoring strike to Noe Talamantes and a 13-yard TD pass to Dietrich Davis. Talamantes finished with two receptions for 30 yards.

Cody Edwards scored the Tigers' other touchdown on a 3-yard plunge.

Edwards rushed for 23 yards on only two carries, while Talamantes finished with 20 yards on six totes.

Tigers-Yellowjackets game report

Tigers 53, Yellowjackets 0

Brackett13 27 6 7 - 53
Sabinal0 0 0 0 - 0

First Quarter

Brackett — Tony Rosetti 3 run (Mark Kesteloot kick), 4:07. Drive: 55 yards, eight plays. Brackett 7, Sabinal 0.

Brackett — Glenn Morgan 21 pass from Kody Yeager (kick failed), 2:50. Drive: 21 yards, one play. Brackett 13, Sabinal 0.

Second Quarter

Brackett — Noe Talamantes 9 pass from Kody Yeager (pass failed), 10:56. Drive: 34 yards, seven plays. Key play: Tony Rosetti 24 run on 4th-and-9 to Yellowjackets' 9. Brackett 19, Sabinal 0.

Brackett — Dietrich Davis 13 pass from Kody Yeager (Mark Kesteloot kick failed), 9:00. Drive: 17 yards, three plays. Brackett 26, Sabinal 0.

Brackett — Mark Kesteloot 15 run (Mark Kesteloot kick), 5:10. Drive: 30 yards, four plays. Brackett 33, Sabinal 0.

Brackett — Cody Edwards 3 run (Mark Kesteloot kick), 2:25. Drive: 23 yards, two plays. Key play: Edwards 20 run to Yellowjackets' 3. Brackett 40, Sabinal 0.

Third Quarter

Brackett — Glenn Morgan 4 run

(kick failed), 4:20. Drive: 84 yards, 11 plays, 7:40. Noe Talamantes 11 pass from Kody Yeager on 3rd-and-16 to Yellowjackets' 9. Brackett 46, Sabinal 0.

Fourth Quarter

Brackett — Mark Kesteloot 49 run (Mark Kesteloot kick), 5:25. Drive: 55 yards, five plays. Key play: Kesteloot's TD came on a 4th-and-4 play. Brackett 53, Sabinal 0.

TEAM STATISTICS

	BRA	SY
FIRST DOWNS.....	18	8
Rushing.....	15	4
Passing.....	3	4
Penalty.....	0	0
THIRD DOWN EFF.....	5-7	1-11
FOURTH DOWN EFF.....	2-2	1-3
TOTAL NET YARDS.....	375	92
Total Plays.....	45	46
Avg Gain.....	8.3	2.0
NET YARDS RUSHING.....	311	16
Rushes.....	39	23
Avg per rush.....	8.0	0.7
NET YARDS PASSING.....	64	76
Completed-Att.....	4-6	8-23
Yards-Pass Play.....	10.7	3.3
Sacks-Yards lost.....	0-0	4-29
Had intercepted.....	0	0
PUNTS-Avg.....	0-0	6-14
TOTAL RETURN YARDS.....	0	71
Punt Returns.....	0	0
Kickoff returns.....	0	71
Interceptions.....	0	0

Fumbles.....0 0
PENALTIES-Yards.....6-40 2-10
FUMBLES-Lost.....2-1 2-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

Brackett — Mark Kesteloot 9-100, Tony Rosetti 11-95, Glenn Morgan 8-54, Cody Edwards 2-23, Noe Talamantes 6-20, Kody Yeager 2-19, Tillman Davis 1-0.

Sabinal — Jerod Hawkes 2-28, Justin Puente 1-4, Taylor Parker 4-3, Jeff Scott 5-2, Lee Batot 6(-1), Nathan Meyer 5(-20).

PASSING

Brackett — Kody Yeager 4-6-0 64. Sabinal — Nathan Meyer 6-15-0 68, Jerod Hawkes 2-8-0 8.

RECEIVING

Brackett — Noe Talamantes 2-30, Glenn Morgan 1-21, Dietrich Davis 1-13.

Sabinal — Joe Medina 2-4-1, Lee Batot 4-17, Taylor Parker 1-11, Nathan Alejandro 1-7.

PUNT RETURNS

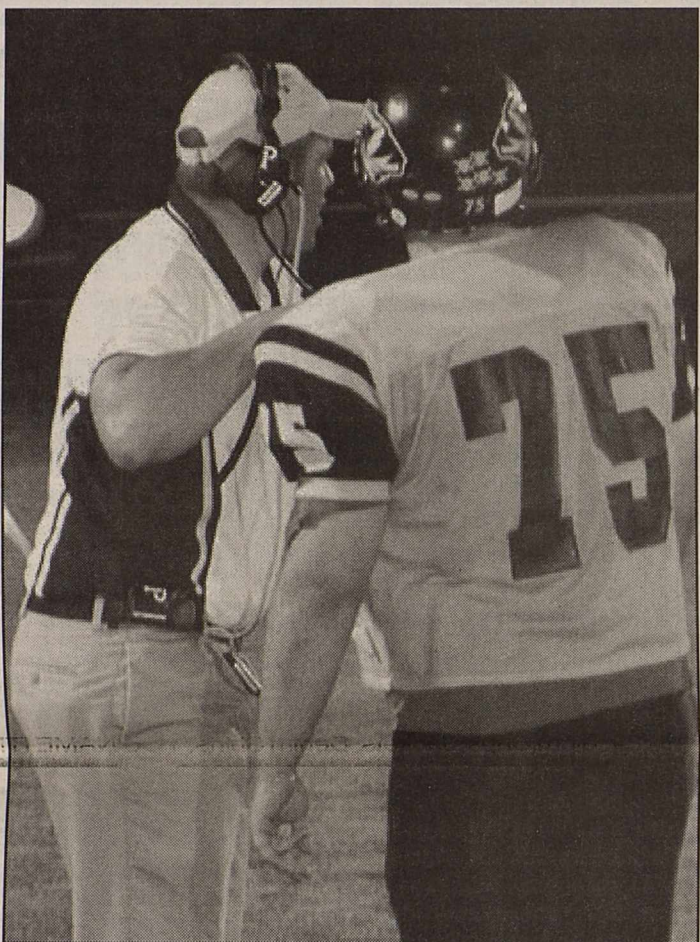
Brackett — None.
Sabinal — None.

KICKOFF RETURNS

Brackett — None.
Sabinal — Joshua Morgan 6-47, Lee Batot 1-24, Taylor Parker 1-0.

INTERCEPTIONS

Brackett — None.
Sabinal — None.



Sideline instruction
Brackett assistant coach Rod Blount gives instructions to defensive lineman Jason Smith (75) during the Tigers' 53-0 victory over Sabinal on Friday.

Photo by Danielle Moore

Tigerettes top Lady Eagles in five games

LEAKEY - It took five games Tuesday, but the Brackett Tigerettes rallied for a 27-25, 28-26, 20-25, 23-25, 15-13 victory over the Leakey Lady Eagles in volleyball action.

The Tigerettes, now 8-7 on the season, served 90 percent in the match, while Leakey served 94 percent.

Ashley Castillo paced Brackett's offense with nine kills, while Beth Ballew pitched in eight, Shanae Simmons had seven and Stephanie Bonner finished with six. Amanda Davis and Brandy Smith had 16 and 11 assists, respectively.

Simmons also had four blocks. Valerie Terrazas served six aces, Ashley Smith had two and Emily Petrosky added one.

On Saturday, the Tigerettes took second in the Utopia tour-

namant after falling to the Lady Buffalos 25-8, 25-16, 20-25, 25-13 in the championship game. BHS served 86 percent in the contest.

"Utopia is always a very tough game for us," Brackett coach Rhonda Marquardt said. "We are looking forward to playing them again and hopefully serving a better game, which should make a difference. Also, next time all of us will be ready for the game. Stephanie Bonner was out all last week and we have really missed her."

Castillo had six kills against Utopia, Ashley Smith finished with five, Stacy Castilla had two, and Ballew, Davis and Simmons all had one apiece. Brandy Smith tallied six assists, while Davis had five and Ballew added two.

Terrazas chipped in six aces.

Castillo led the defense with nine digs, while Terrazas had seven and Brandy Smith had four.

Brackett opened the tournament with a 25-20, 25-7 win over Leakey. The Tigerettes served 90 percent in the match.

"We started out slow, but came together in the second game," Marquardt said.

Castillo and Ashley Smith each had five kills in the match, and Simmons had one. Smith also served seven aces, while Davis had two and Castillo and Terrazas both added one. Davis also had five assists and two digs, while Brandy Smith had three assists and Terrazas picked up two digs.

Last Friday, the Tigerettes lost a two-hour marathon on the road against Sabinal, falling 23-

25, 22-25, 25-17, 25-19, 15-13.

Simmons led BHS' offensive attack with six kills. Castillo finished with four kills, Ballew and Castilla each had three, and Courtney Frerich and Ashley Smith both added two. Castillo and Ashley Smith each served six aces. Petrosky had three and Terrazas added one. Davis and Brandy Smith had seven and six assists, respectively.

Defensively, Simmons had seven blocks, while Castilla and Castillo both had one. Terrazas also picked up nine digs.

"We struggled a lot with their low ceiling," Marquardt said. "Our passes could've been better."

The Tigerettes resume action tomorrow night when they host Cotulla. They will then travel to LaPryor on Tuesday.

J.V. remains unbeaten with 22-0 shutout win

The Brackett Tigers continued on their path to a perfect season last Thursday as they won their third-straight game with a 22-0 shutout victory over the Sabinal Yellowjackets in junior varsity football action at Tiger Stadium.

"We are playing great defense, only allowing eight points in three games," Tigers coach Rod Blount said.

Running back Clyde Adams rumbled 133 yards on 17 carries to lead Brackett's powerful ground game.

Adams scored on touchdown runs of 1, 12 and 4 yards, respectively, and also ran in a two-point conversion.

Frank Hidalgo ran for 50 yards on only six attempts. He also ran in a two-point conversion.

Tigers quarterback Robert Davis was 2-of-2 passing for 57 yards. Adams had a 45-yard reception, and Ramiro Pena caught a 12-yard pass.

"We played well in all phases of the game, even special teams," Blount added.

Joaquin Rivas and Clay Threadgill both blocked punts for Brackett.

The Tigers resume action tonight when they face the Cotulla Cowboys on the road. Kickoff is set for 6:30 at Cowboys Stadium.

Tigerettes finishes eighth in cross country meet

Julianne Ashabranner led the Tigerettes to an eighth-place finish among 20 teams Saturday at the Southwest Texas Invitational cross country meet in San Marcos.

Ashabranner finished seventh in a field of 120 runners after being clocked at 13:23.

Rachel Swinson was 45th with a time of 15:27, Jessi Crane was 58th with a 15:43, Lola Cano was 73rd with a 16:16, Tanya Moli-nar was 75th with a time of 16:26 and Divina Pena was 84th with a 17:25.

In the high school boys' division, Justin Calk finished 113th in a field of 170 with a 21:59.

J.V. Volleyball

The Tigerettes cruised to a 25-15, 25-11 victory over Utopia on Tuesday.

Julianne Ashabranner and Tanya Molinar both served 100 per-

cent to lead the scoring for Brackett. Courtney Frerich had five kills and two blocks, while Timmeka Simmons and Kara Yeager each finished with five assists.

Freshman Volleyball

Brackett came out on the short end Friday, falling to Sabinal 25-19, 16-25, 25-19 on the road.

Laura Meyer paced the ninth-grade Tigerettes with "great serving," according to coach Bonnie Brotherton.

Junior High Football

The Brackett Cubs battled the Sabinal Yellowjackets to a 22-22 tie last Thursday in the season opener for both teams.

Fermin Villanueva paced BJH with 235 yards rushing on 23 attempts. He scored three touchdowns and ran in two conversions.

Ben Maldonado ran for 16 yards on four carries and had a

ROUNDUP

13-yard pass completion.

Travis Bonner was 2-of-4 passing for 21 yards and rushed for 14 yards on four carries. He also intercepted a pass on defense.

The Cubs resume action today with a 5 p.m. road game against Cotulla.

Eighth Grade Volleyball

It took three games, but the Cubettes pulled out the win Monday, defeating Del Rio White 22-25, 25-17, 26-24.

Capri Creech, Elva Garcia and Ashley Stephenson all served 100 percent in the contest, while Chaito Sanchez was 18-of-19 serving for 95 percent.

Daphne Hunt and Erica Rodriguez each had two aces in the match, while Creech and Sanchez both had one.

The Cubettes will compete in

the Eagle Pass tournament on Saturday, and then host Comstock on Monday.

Seventh Grade Volleyball

The Cubettes used a strong serving game to pick up a 25-10, 26-24 victory over Del Rio White on Monday.

Becca Mann led the way for Brackett, converting on 18 serves, including six aces. Natalie Aguirre, Bianca Martinez and Maribel Rivas all had two aces each.

"Natalie Aguirre and Bianca Terrazas both passed the ball well," Cubettes coach Michelle Frerich said.

"The girls played well together and communicated better. They are learning to call the ball and work as a team," she added.

The seventh graders will play in the Eagle Pass tournament this Saturday, and then face Comstock Monday in a home game.

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DRT chapter welcomes 19 new members

The Caddel-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas honored 19 new members in an impressive welcoming ceremony last Thursday at the Uvalde Country Club.

"The purpose of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas is to perpetuate the memory and spirit of our ancestors and to encourage research and preservation of Texas' rich history, especially during the period of the Republic," chapter president Pat McKelvy said.

Registrar Louise Stone told the newcomers: "Your eligibility for membership has been certified by the registrar general of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas by verification of proven lineal descent from an ancestor who served the Republic of Texas."

She then charged them to work zealously to promote the success of the organization and the spirit of unity of the chapter and to conscientiously discharge their duties as members with charity for all and malice toward none.

To commemorate the occasion, McKelvy presented each of the honorees present with two symbols that are synonymous

with the pride, joy and beauty of Texas: the state flag and the state flower, the Bluebonnet.

She encouraged the new members to always remember their heritage, theirs by right of birth, not only as an honored member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Caddel-Smith Chapter, but as individual Texans.

Chaplain Nettie Ollre quoted from Job 8:8-10: "Ask the former generations and find out what our fathers learned, for we were born only yesterday and know nothing, and our days on earth are but a shadow. Will they not instruct you and tell you? Will they not bring forth words from their understanding?"

New members honored were Francis Powell Karasek of Pearsall; Mary Robinson Troxclair of Knippa; Mary Dale Stitts Brewer of Llano; Madaline Lincecum Barta, Joann Diffenderfer Wagner and Linda Buckbee Weatherford, all of Leahey; Barbara Nieson Woodman, Dorothy Gaye Buttles Martin and Deloise Moffett Reagan, all of Uvalde; Katherine Harrell, Barbara Fritter Lomax, Alta Miller Dutton, Caroline Whittle Anderson,

Marcy Anderson Epperson and Sandra Hoover Harris, all of Rocksprings; Judy McFadin Burleson from Barksdale; Ellen Haynes Tonne and Kathy Tonne West, both from Hondo; JoAnn Morgan Broski of Cottonwood, Calif.; and Asheley Louk from Bakersfield, Calif.

Prior to the welcoming ritual, the chapter business meeting was called to order. Ollre led the invocation. The pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag was led by Franci Plunkett, and the pledge to the Texas flag by Mary Dale Brewer.

Deloise Reagan reminded members of the objects of DRT. The next Texas Honor Day is Texian Navy Day on Saturday.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by secretary pro-tem Mitzi Powell and treasurer Ernestine Carson gave the financial report. Other officer reports were given.

Members were reminded of the District VII Workshop, which will be held in Corpus Christi on Saturday, Oct. 25, and that the Native Texan license plates are now available.

The chapter voted to amend the budget to include the cost of binding the minutes and year-



New members

Pat McKelvy (center), president of the Caddel-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, welcomes 19 new members as Louise Stone (left), registrar, and Nettie Ollre, chaplain, look on.

Photo Special to The Brackett News

books from the past 25 years.

Upcoming events include the Fall of the Alamo all day on Saturday, Oct. 11, and the exciting fund-raiser "An Evening with the Heroes" at the Hyatt Regency

Hotel that evening. The 14th Texas History Forum sponsored by the DRT Library will be on Oct. 17.

The chapter's next meeting is on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 11 a.m.

at the Uvalde Country Club. DRT President General Mary Walker will be the guest speaker.

Prospective DRT members are welcome to attend the meeting.

Digging up bones

Every once in a while, I used to say something that my mother didn't like and she'd ask, "Are you getting smart?" I never dared say it, but I always thought, "Not me, Mom, I'm as dumb as ever."

I tell this because I don't want anyone to think this column is a sign of me getting smart.

I do have a serious question. I truly want somebody to answer this for me.

When archeologists are digging for the remains of former civilizations, looking for traces of past ages and signs of ancient life, why do they have to dig?

Why are those remnants of yesteryear buried? Why are those particles underground? Why are they deep in Mother Earth?

I have three theories. But to tell the truth, none of them makes any sense.

One possible explanation would be that the Earth is getting bigger. Tara firma is growing. Dust settles on an old pot and the expanding world causes it to be several feet underground before you know it.

But wait, a physics instructor once told me that matter and energy could neither be created nor destroyed. He said that they had even made it into a law so nobody would try.



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

I thought I had destroyed some things as a kid growing up, but he insisted that I had not. Boy, I wish my Mom could have heard that lecture. I took some whippings for nothing.

So if the Earth can't increase in size, what else could explain this strange occurrence?

Well, maybe things settle because the Earth moves. The natural shifting of the globe makes relics go beneath the soil.

But wait, again, that doesn't work. Grandma used to sift things out of the wheat flour by simply shaking a small bowl. Some of those things were alive, too. Items came to the top when she shook things.

I guess it's time for my final thought. Maybe, just maybe, people back then knew that one day we'd want to know what the ancients were like so they buried a few articles for future generations.

Some of my articles need to be buried. But I could be wrong.

Quesadillas are easy and fast to prepare

We enjoy quesadillas frequently as they are easy and fast to prepare, plus they have a less bread count than sandwiches.

This recently tried one takes a bit more doing, but the necessary items are on hand most of the time. I hope you'll try it.

California Quesadillas

- 6 (10-inch) flour tortillas
- 2 cups shredded or chopped cooked chicken
- 6 slices bacon, cooked and drained (crumble or leave whole)
- 2 cups grated colby or cheddar cheese
- 2 large avocados, sliced
- vegetable oil (optional) for frying

Lightly oil a heavy skillet or spray with cooking spray. Place



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one tortilla in the hot skillet. Immediately top one side of the tortilla with chicken, bacon, cheese and avocado. When the tortilla crisps and the cheese melts, flip or fold the unfilled side over the filled side. Then, turn the entire tortilla over, browning on both sides until crisp.

To serve, cut in half with side dishes of sour cream, tomatoes, salsa and additional avocado if desired.

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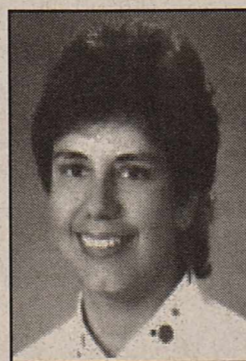
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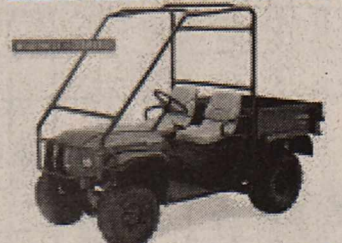
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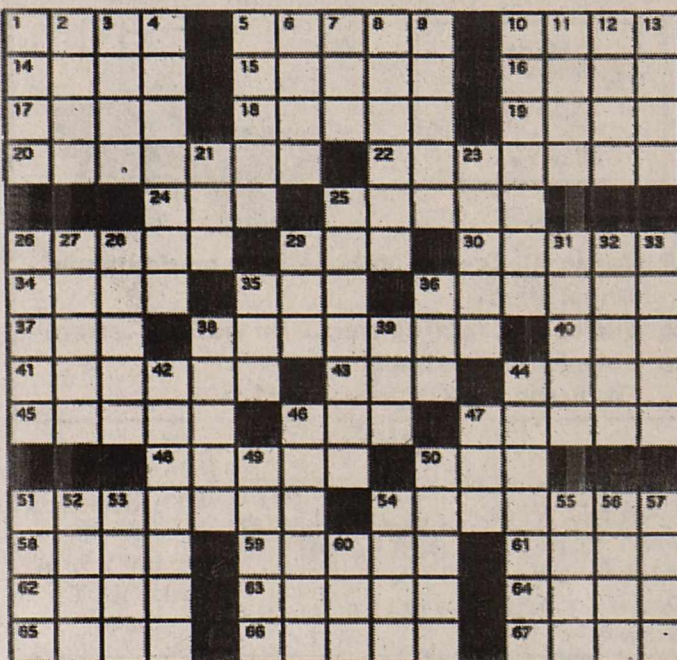
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ASTROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You set out with definite goals in mind for the week. Don't be distressed if you don't accomplish them all. There's always time next week! LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You lose patience with someone who's being very indecisive and wishy-washy.

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Christians are on a mission

Have you noticed there's a lot of talk about mission lately?

It used to be a term with a specific meaning for Christians, but that's changed. We have "Mission Control" at NASA, we have mission statements (even our church has one!), and even a minor-league baseball team — the San Antonio Missions.

Remember when "mission" just meant going out and sharing the good news?

For those raised in churches with a strong missionary tradition, the word "mission" might resurrect memories of pennies collected for overseas missions or perhaps a youth missionary trip into Mexico.

Most of us were certain that Matthew 28:19-20 was the original mission statement of the church: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV)

For some, this passage limits the role of the church strictly to activities that teach obedience to Jesus and the making of disci-

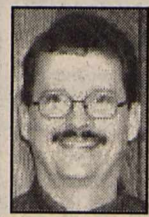
ples. But if we look more closely at what Jesus taught, and try to become examples of His teaching.

I think mission can have a broader definition, which includes almost any act of compassion and assistance for God's children. Do you remember Matthew 25:34-36?

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'" (NIV)

Shouldn't this passage be in our daily definition of mission? I would include any act that shows compassion and assists God's children in a beneficial way.

Of course, these brief passages don't discuss motives, but Jesus clearly taught that acts such as these, if meant as acts of worship, should spring from hu-



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mility as shown in Mark 10:42-45: "Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all." (NIV)

"Lord, it's hard to be humble" as the old Mac Davis song says. And we're not perfect in every way, either. But by giving ourselves in humility to each other, we can reflect the love of Jesus Christ.

Visiting the sick? There are plenty of those in Kinney County, and I see people getting visits every day.

Feed the hungry? They do it every day at lunchtime at the Senior Center and also at the food pantry at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church.

Helping the stranger? Just ask Bob and Charolotte Corey at Gateway Ministries about the people they've helped get down the road.

Clothe the naked? Have you seen how local Christians worked together to make sure that all our school children had the clothing they needed to start school?

How about the work of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes? I saw more than 60 youth reading Bibles and praying last week.

Each of these humble acts are part of the "mission" in our own community.

Mission has another part, too — praying for those who need clear and convincing evidence of the truth of the Gospel.

The idea of God's overwhelming love for us is difficult to grasp. Only the personal witness of the Holy Spirit can convince the unbeliever. So I think we must pray for that witness to come to each potential believer.

At First United Methodist, we're finding new ways to have a "mission" in our community. We want to share Jesus' love with everyone and tell the good news of what God has done for us in Christ.

Join us for worship on Sunday morning at 10:45 and bring your Bible ... 'cause we're on a mission!

Follow the commandments

"Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end."

"Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; I shall observe it with my whole heart"

"Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies and not to covetousness."

"Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way."

"Establish thy word unto thy servant who is devoted to thy fear. Turn away my reproach which I fear; for thy judgments are good. Behold, I have longed after thy precepts; quicken me in thy righteousness. Let thy mercies come also unto me. O Lord, even thy salvation, according to thy Word. So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me; for I trust in



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thy Word. And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments. So shall I Keep thy law continually for ever and ever. And I will walk at liberty; for I seek thy precepts. I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed. And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

"My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes." (Psalm 119:33-48)

Praise the Lord!

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING REHEARING OF THE KINNEY COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a Rehearing on Rulemaking on Monday, September 29, 2003, at 4:00 p.m., in the District Courtroom of the Kinney County Courthouse located in Brackettville, Texas. At any time during the hearing and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the Board of Directors may meet in executive session below for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (551.071). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during an open meeting.

REHEARING ON RULEMAKING

1. Call to Order
2. Public Hearing on District Rules appealed by pending Motion for Rehearing, including but not limited to extension of application filing deadline of October 1, 2003, receive and consider public comments on District Rules, and possible action to repeal, amend, and/or adopt certain District Rules.
3. Executive Session on matters referenced above, pending or contemplated litigation, attorney-client privileged matters, and/or a settlement offer pertaining to the rules challenge under the pending motions for rehearing.
4. Discussion and possible action concerning matters reviewed during Executive Session.
5. Adjourn.

ISSUED this 16th day of September, 2003, in Brackettville, Texas.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above NOTICE OF RULEMAKING REHEARING of the Board of Directors of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District, is a true and correct copy of said Notice. I have published a true and correct copy of said Notice in the Brackett News and will post said Notice on the bulletin board in the Kinney County Courthouse, located in Brackettville, Texas, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and District rules. A true and correct copy of the said Notice was furnished to the Kinney County Clerk, in which the above named political subdivision is located.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2003

Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District

By: Donald D. Ralston, General Manager

'Ichabod' — our national slogan?

When the children of Israel turned their hearts away from God and his commandments, they lost their battles to the Philistines, they lost the ark of the covenant and the glory of the Lord departed from Israel.

This is where the name Ichabod comes from. (1 Samuel 4:1-22)

Let not the attack on God's 10 commandments become the Ichabod of our nation. It is not an attack simply against a block of stone, but it is an attack on the existence of Jehovah God, Jesus Christ.

It is a sign of the times when the stone monument with the 10 commandments was removed in Alabama in spite of the fight to stand against it by Alabama's Chief Judge Roy Moore.

It is time for those who believe in Jesus Christ to cry out to God and stand up for what is right. It is time for our nation to repent of its ungodly ways and



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return to what our nation was built upon. We were not known as a Buddhist nation, nor an Islam nation — we have always been known as a Christian nation. (Jeremiah 3:21-25)

God is ready to forgive and strengthen us. Nothing can remove his word from our hearts.

Even though the monument no longer sits in the public's eye in Alabama, it will be thought of and it will continue to convict those who no longer look upon it, because the word of God is written on their hearts.

Whether or not they heed it determines their eternal life, whether in the lake of fire with

Satan and his minions or with Jesus Christ in his loving glory.

The 10 commandments stone has become a martyr in of itself. Its presence will be felt even larger than it had been before. It's removal does not remove the truth and power of God's word.

Jesus is the living word of God and just because there are those who do not believe in him, does not mean he will simply cease to exist.

"Therefore, it is also contained in the Scripture, 'Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.'"

"Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,' and 'A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.'"

"They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they

also were appointed." (1 Peter 2:6-8)

And as Isaiah said before: "Unless the Lord of Sabbath had left us a seed, we would have become like Sodom, and we would have been made like Gomorrah." (Romans 9:27-33)

Jesus Christ, the Living Word, is our seed and our cornerstone. His word is written on our hearts.

"You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; you are manifestly an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart." (2 Corinthians 3:2-3)

Let true freedom ring. Let your voice be heard in prayer and action. God's seed, his remnant will be saved. (1 Peter 2:6-10)

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

HEALTH

Expert says too few are being vaccinated against flu

AUSTIN — Not enough people in this country are receiving flu vaccines, and deaths and hospitalizations are surging as a result, a national expert on influenza told Texas physicians.

"This is an alarming situation that really challenges the medical community to find better ways to deliver vaccines," said Dr. W. Paul Glezen, head of the preventive medicine section in the Department of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine at Houston.

Ideally, 160 million doses are available.

Glezen sees hope on the horizon, though, in the form of a nasal spray flu vaccine expected to gain FDA approval next year. He spoke to several hundred doctors during an education session at the Texas Medical Association Winter Conference.

The flu is spread primarily by school children and working adults, Glezen said. Already, schools throughout Texas have

been closed from the influenza B/Hong Kong flu) outbreaks in recent weeks.

A study released in January by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed a substantial increase in the number of flu deaths during the past 20 years despite an increase in the supply and rate of flu vaccines.

The average number of deaths caused by the flu virus increased from 20,000 in the 1970s to 36,000 in the 1990s, the study reported.

Glezen said that due to an aging population, rapid transmission of the flu virus, and increased urbanization, hospitalizations also are up dramatically, particularly among infants and the elderly. Without intervention, these trends will continue.

Rates of vaccinations are not where they need to be. Only 67 percent of persons ages 65 and older, the highest risk population, receive annual flu vaccines.

Children with asthma and other respiratory ailments also should be given flu shots, but the rate in this group is a dismal 9 to 25 percent. Even health care workers are remiss in getting necessary vaccinations, with barely one-third having annual inoculations.

Glezen said new strategies are needed to offer greater protection against flu and its complications, and those remedies are on the horizons.

Clinical trials of a nasal spray vaccine, known as the cold-adapted influenza vaccine-trivalent (CAIC-T), are promising. One of the major trials is taking place in Central Texas in Temple-Belton, Bryan-College Station and Waco. The trial involves children 18 months to 18 years.

Early results show that children receiving the nasal vaccine are protected for two years against variant strains of flu. Studies also show annual immu-

nization of school children significantly reduces the incidence of respiratory illness among adults in a community.

By making it easier for children and working adults to be vaccinated, Glezen says enormous progress can be made, including substantial medical cost savings, decreased absenteeism, and fewer flu hospitalizations and deaths. The nasal spray vaccine is anticipated to gain FDA approval next year, Glezen said.

The flu season in Texas typically runs from November to March. Health officials urge vaccinations at any point during the flu season.

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