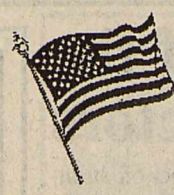


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Emergency Program

Kinney County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is sponsoring a program on how to handle an emergency when you have no plan. The program will be held next Monday, 6:30 p.m. at the EMS center.

Speakers will be Carol Calk and Judy Hillis from Utopia. In '01-'02, the City of Utopia was isolated from the rest of the world by flood water.

The American Red Cross, FEMA and other agencies were unable to provide assistance until the flood waters receded.

With no emergency plan in place, four local ladies stepped up and handled everything from opening shelters, providing food for emergency workers and citizens, and coordinating volunteers.

Join the LEPC next Monday to hear these ladies tell how their "seat-of-their-breeches" approach solved their immediate problems and laid the foundation for future emergency management. All members of the public are invited to attend.

Kinney County EMS thanks participants

The Kinney County EMS Department would like to thank all the parties involved in last Saturday's Extrication and Mass Casualty Workshop.

"The day was a remarkable success," say Steve Burch, EMS Director.

"The Emergency Medical Technician students performed very well and all shared the learning experience," Burch added.

Burch acknowledged the following: Kinney County Commissioners Court and Judge Senne, Nathan Collins, EMT-P and his staff, KC EMS staff, Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department, Airlife Paramedic Dan Oakes, Christopher Ring and his staff, Norma Aguirre, Alma Gutierrez, Robert Aguirre and Ramon Gutierrez, Jesus "Chuy" Aguirre, Ron and Elaine Ledoux of LEPC, Brackett ISD, Chase Ward and all of the "victims".

"If I have forgotten anyone, rest assured I have not forgotten you in my heart. Lastly, all the EMT students for their dedication, time and efforts. I am very proud of all of you."

"I would like to thank the citizens of Kinney County for their support and good will during the year since I came here. I am proud to call this my home," Burch added.

Smith makes dean's list

Tammy Lynn Smith, currently attending Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi, is a Dean's List Recipient for Spring of 2004.

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I sat in church last Sunday with my grandson Ty. I had waited for a long time to relish the moment...He is living proof, and a constant reminder, that God answers our pleas.

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It's hard to fool people who know you well. Together, we hold each other accountable.

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Tigerettes win local tourney in a Nail-Biter!

By **Darin Koenig**
Sports Writer

The Brackett volleyball team won the Brackett volleyball tournament in dramatic fashion last Saturday.

"We won our tournament by beating Utopia in a dog fight," said Coach Rhonda Marquardt.

The varsity team jumped out to an early lead in the championship, claiming the first two sets 26-24, 25-18. However, Utopia refused to go down to the Tigerettes in straight sets. Utopia won the next two sets by scores of 25-22, 25-21, leading to the dramatic fifth set. The two teams traded points until Utopia ran off five straight points. With the Tigerettes down 12-14 in the deciding match, the ladies rallied to score four straight points and write a dramatic conclusion to the tournament to win 16-14.

Brackett earned their way into the championship with convincing wins over Cotulla's junior

varsity squad, as well as, Comstock. In the opening game of the tournament Brackett defeated Cotulla in straight sets, 25-12, 25-6, 25-12.

The team followed this victory with an equally impressive performance against Comstock. They rolled to a 25-15, 25-13, 25-16 victory in the semifinal game. In the other semifinal Utopia beat D'Hanis 25-18, 25-15, 25-17, to set up the dramatic championship game.

In the tournament BHS was led by Courtney Frerich with 24 kills, while Ashley Castillo had 16, and Shanae Simmons had 15. Frerich also led the team with 13 blocks, while Castillo contributed six, and Timmeke and Shanae Simmons each had four. Castillo also led the defense with 17 digs, Stephanie Bonner and Jessie Crane contributed 10 and 5, respectively. Bonner led the offense with seven aces, while Crane, Castillo, Kara Yeager, Tanya Molinar and Shanae Simmons were instrumental in the victory. ■ See Tigerettes/Page 8

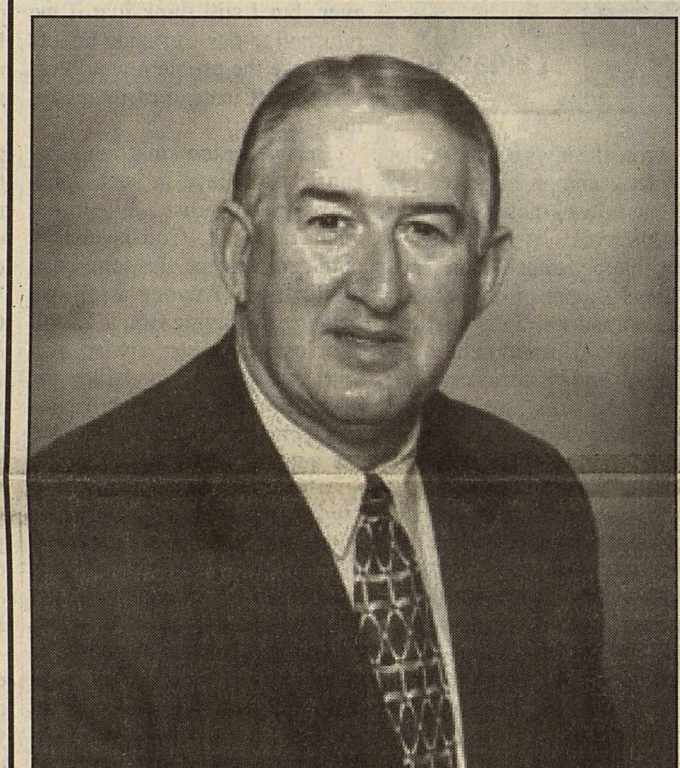


Volleyball Champs

Photo by Danielle Moore

From Left: Back Row - Ashley Castillo, Kristin Meyer, Emily Valenzuela, Whitney Hobbs, Brandy Smith, Courtney Frerich. Middle Row - Kara Yeager, Timeka Simmons, Tanya Molinar, Divina Pena, Julian Ashabranner. Front Row - Jessica Crane, Shanae Simmons, Stephanie Bonner.

Hubert to be warden of detention center



Warden Mickey Hubert
Mickey Hubert, native of Palestine, Texas, will be the warden of the Kinney County Detention Center.

By **Cindy Edwards**
Contributing Writer

When the Kinney County Detention Center goes in to operation this fall, it will be under the watchful eye of Warden Mickey Hubert. A native of Palestine, Texas, Hubert has a wealth of professional and personal experiences to draw upon. He received his degree in Criminology & Corrections from Sam Houston State University, and served a tour of duty in Viet Nam, while in the U.S. Marine Corps. Beginning in 1972 with the Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) in his home town of Palestine and continuing through all the other TDC facilities rising to the rank of

Warden in 1984. His out-of-state experience includes facilities in both Louisiana and Mississippi. Warden Hubert also worked as an investigator for the District Attorney's office in Anderson County, and was twice elected Sheriff of that county before resigning to work in the private corrections sector.

According to Hubert, the Kinney County facility is classified as a "Medium Security" facility, but he says, "They are all maximum security to me". Most of the inmates to be incarcerated locally will come from the Del Rio area, and are Federal Marshall's prisoners. The warden says that local residents should not be concerned at the lack of high fences and barbed

wire around the perimeter of the detention center. "The Federal Marshals won't allow them outside the secure area, and that means the building," Hubert said.

As was previously reported, the local detention center is a new design, and the private corrections industry is very interested in emulating its design. Hubert says the new prison will be easily managed with a quality staff of approximately sixty employees. Two-thirds of these employees will be correctional officers. The remaining positions include the assistant warden, human resources staff, business manager, receptionist, and supervisory staff.

Food service positions will be contracted out to a firm whose primary business is correctional food service, with local residents experienced in the industry filling the necessary positions.

Salaries are to be comparable with those for like positions in Val Verde County, according to the warden. The facility will operate on twelve-hour shifts, which allow staff to accumulate numerous overtime hours.

The warden plans to hold a job fair in the near future, to recruit the quality staff necessary to make the detention center a model of success. The date is tentatively scheduled for September 8, with the location still to be determined.

Construction is nearing completion, with October 15 being the anticipated date. The center should be fully operational sometime between November 1-15.

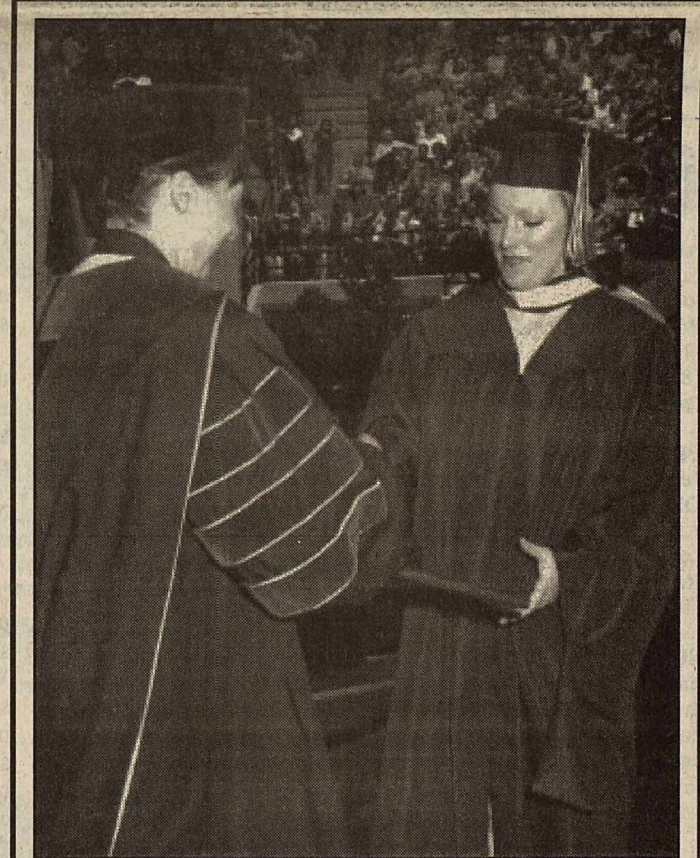
Hubert plans for his new staff to have all procedures down before the detention center opens. He told the Brackett News that he intends for some staff members to dress in inmate's clothing, and be treated as inmates

during the initial processing and booking procedure to be training new inexperienced staff. Hubert said his intention is to have the facility in full operation for one week prior to receiving any prisoners. This will familiarize employees with all procedures to minimize the chances of any mistakes when the time comes for the center to open.

With an estimated annual payroll topping the \$1 million mark, most Kinney County residents are thankful the center is

finally becoming a reality. Hubert said, "This community has waited a long time for this. I could not have asked to be more welcome than this community has made me feel." He says that from the first time he visited the area, the people of Brackettville/Fort Clark have been friendly and helpful. "I'm excited about being here and I plan on staying," Hubert concluded.

■ **Editor's Note:** Watch this publication for upcoming advertisements on the Job Fair planned for next month.



Receiving a Masters

Brenda Lois Weathers, daughter of Charles and Billie Foust, received a Master's Degree in Education on May 15, 2004 from Texas State University. She is now employed as a third grade teacher at Gidden Elementary School in the Leander School District.

Baker assists in State Guard medical exercise



Baker assists in exercise
From left: Roger Baker, Dora Jaramillo, RN and Donna Whitaker, RN.

BROWNSVILLE - A local United Methodist pastor participated in Operation Lone Star, a two-week medical and dental training exercise combining the efforts of local civilian health professionals and military medical personnel from across the United States.

The exercise concluded operations in early August after providing more than 13,000 patient visits at clinics set up in Brownsville, La Joya, and Rio Grande City.

Providing spiritual support for the operation was the Reverend Roger Baker, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Brackettville.

Baker, a captain in the Texas State Guard, serves as the state chaplain for the Texas Medical Reserve corps, one of several participating agencies.

"This is different from traditional hospital chaplaincy, says Baker. "We don't have patients

awaiting surgery, and we don't have an inpatient ward."

Chaplain Baker focused his efforts on providing spiritual guidance to the nearly two hundred soldiers, sailors, and Marines assigned to the operation. Baker conducted prayer services at the headquarters at the Weslaco National Guard armory, counseled physicians on ethical issues, and even managed to spend a little time preaching during impromptu prayer gatherings at the clinics.

Operation Lone Star provides free dental and medical services to those who lack access to traditional preventive healthcare.

The clinics offer a variety of free medical services, including adult dental care, sports physicals, immunizations, diabetic screening, high blood pressure screening and pharmacy services. Last year, the project provided more than 6,200 children and adults.

Examine for yourself the behavior of our directors

It's about selling Fort Clark Springs water after all, isn't it?

Over the past year I've attended several meetings and presentations where members of the "Exploration Committee" circulated questionable reasoning for creating a municipality on Fort Clark Springs.

With the future of FCSA at stake, I am now convinced that this campaign has a far more sinister purpose!

The effort to create a municipality on the grounds of the Fort Clark Springs Association is a hoax, pure and simple! The ancient wisdom of "wolves in sheep's clothing" and "beware of Greeks bearing gifts" is all too obvious here. There is treachery at work.

All FCSA members in good standing should understand the fiduciary duties of our elected officers and directors. "Fiduciary" refers to integrity and fidelity. It contemplates fair dealing and good faith. Generally speaking, it applies to any person who occupies a position of peculiar confidence.

Our officers and directors are fiduciaries of the FCSA, and as such, owe certain fiduciary duties to the corporation. First is the duty of care. Simply stated the duty of care requires an of-

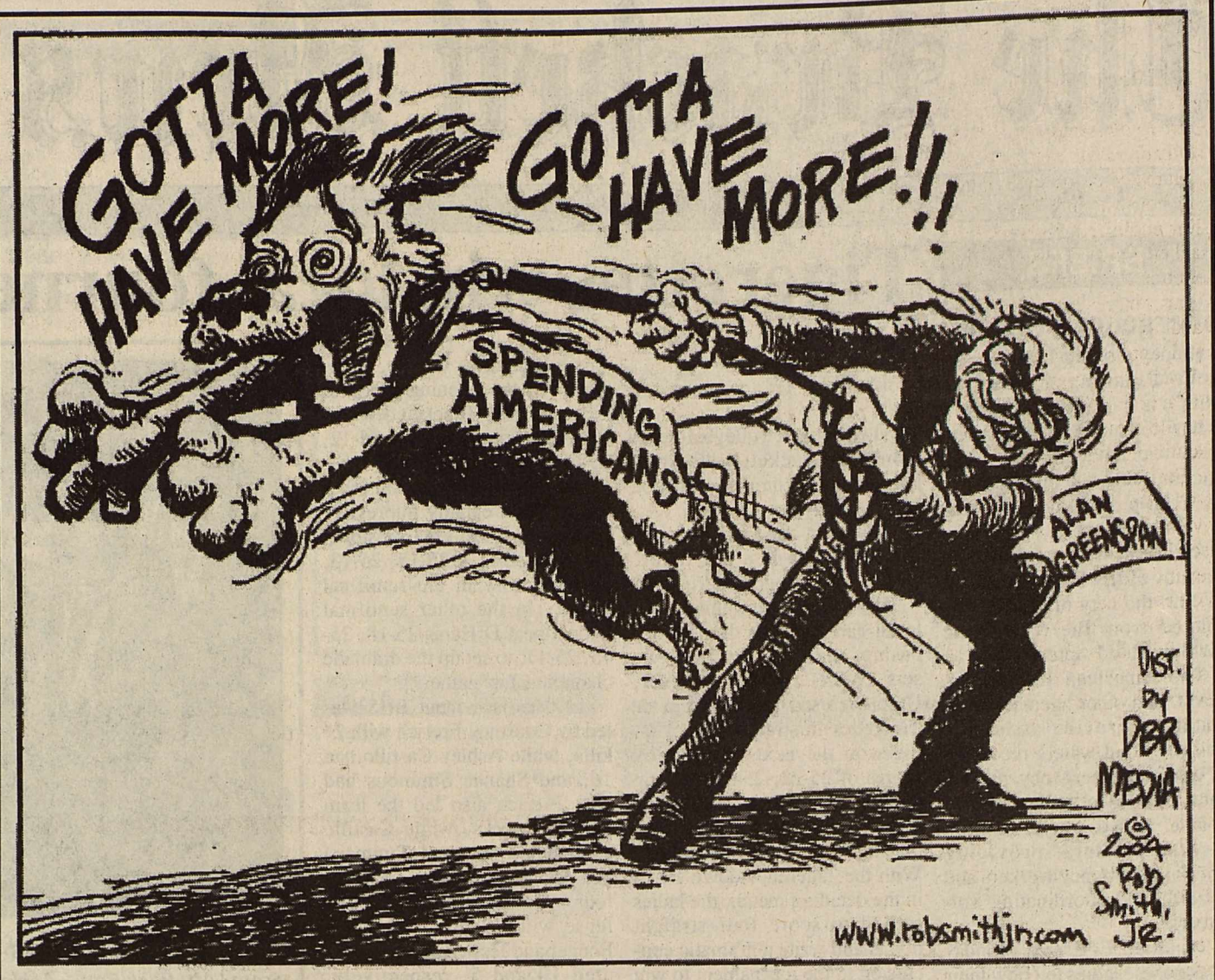
ficer or director to act on an informed basis while managing the affairs of the corporation. Second is the duty of loyalty. A director or officer fulfills the duty of loyalty by acting in good faith and not allowing personal interests to prevail over the corporation's interests.

Examine for yourself the behavior of some of our officers and directors and determine if that behavior passes the test of fiduciary duty.

Water is the reason Fort Clark and Brackettville came into being, and the single most important reason we continue to exist here. In the summer of 1996 the water levels in Las Moras Spring dropped so low that the creek dried up killing all the fish and we were forced to buy water to fill the swimming pool. It was nature's wake up call. Protect and conserve this most precious of resources for there are always people who would have us sell our soul to the devil!

William F. Haenn

Editor's note: The Brackett News received two letters from William Haenn, last week. We mistakenly ran the wrong letter, which was also edited for length, our apologies to our readers and Mr. Haenn.



God is beginning to speak louder

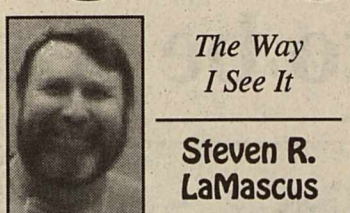
Did you see in the news that Europe is being lashed and pounded by horrific summer storms? France seems to be catching the worst of it. Four people are confirmed dead from the storms there and several more are apparently missing in flooding that is expected to continue.

The storm front started out small, primarily impacting England and France, but according to the news reports I saw, is spreading out "to include virtually all of Europe except Greece, Italy and Spain."

This made me think. Why not Greece, Italy, and Spain? And why is France the hardest hit? Well, you think what you want, but I tend to believe that God is beginning to speak louder and more forcefully. You see, it is well known that France is the least Christian nation in Europe, and England is quickly leaving behind her Christian origins as well.

On the other hand, Greece is home of the Greek Orthodox Church, Italy is, of course home of the Roman Catholic Church, and Spain has always been strongly Christian.

Now others will tell you that this is a common natural phenomenon and that there are rational scientific explanations for such occurrences. I say that since



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

God wrote the laws of nature that it is just common sense to believe that he uses those same laws to do his work. It is not always purely happenstance that natural things happen. Earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, lightning, and other "natural phenomena obey God's will and he does occasionally use them to punish those falling away from the narrow path. For proof I refer you to Noah and the flood.

"The European Environment Agency, an EU-wide network of environmental data collection, said in a new report on global warming caused by greenhouse gases that in the future there would be "more frequent and more economically costly storms, floods, droughts and other extreme weather."

Imagine that! As the world, and especially the "more civilized and urbane" Europeans, fall farther and farther from God and His Son, the weather follows right along, getting worse and

worse and causing more and greater disasters. We can call it anything we like, global warming, meteorological crests, whatever, but I still think that if we returned to our Christian beliefs en masse the problem would resolve itself instead of intensifying.

But we're too smart and scientific to believe in such spiritualistic nonsense. We know what causes it. God is just an outdated concept of a long-dead civilization. Anyone who still believes in a living God is a fool; and Jesus was just a wise man who lived in ancient Israel and was killed because he preached concepts that threatened the status quo of the day.

The modern scientific theories for everything seek to demystify the biblical stories. Sodom and Gomorrah, if they existed at all, were really destroyed by a natural cataclysm, an earthquake. The fire and brimstone were really just natural deposits of tar and oil that were ejected by the earthquake and caught fire somehow.

The walls of Jericho were likewise destroyed by an earthquake, not an act of God. When the children of Israel crossed into the Promised Land and God made the Jordan River dry up,

that wasn't supernatural, that was, again, an earthquake that simply blocked off the Jordan long enough for the Tribes to pass across. The 10 plagues of Egypt are also explainable by natural causes. And so on and so forth, ad nauseam.

What all these scientific explanations fail to address is the timing of each incident. God is nature, and, therefore, nature obeys God. When the Jordan dried up it was by God's hand! When Jericho fell it was by God's hand. The 10 plagues were caused by God's hand. And each took place at exactly the time specified by God. Today we are being warned that we are not smarter and more powerful than God! Ignore the warnings if you will, but the time will come when you say, "Lord I was just kidding, I really did believe in You and Jesus, please, help me." And He'll say, "I never knew you."

Luke 13:24-25, "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'" NIV

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Big Mama Sez!



Arguments often bring out more spite than light!

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You never out grow a good birthday party

The room is quiet in anticipation as little hands and feet shuffle. Everyone wants to see. What is it? Is it that new game system or that action figure that parents have heard about non-stop? The paper is slowly peeled back and a gasp falls over the crowd, a mixture of joy and envy fill the room.

For those who remember their childhood well, this scenario might ring familiar. Of course you remember, those birthday parties where everyone is wearing a goofy coned hat, and watch as one child in the middle of all, unwraps his or her gifts. Suddenly, you realize that they got the coolest present imaginable, and even though you begged your own parents, they just didn't seem to understand the need you felt for that bike that you know the Gods made for incredible speed and grace, or that collector card that, though expensive, would somehow change your life if you owned it.

Yes, this was the case "back in the day", but of course over the years your level of maturity rose and once reaching young adulthood and older, these trivial experiences were supposed to have desisted right? Wrong.

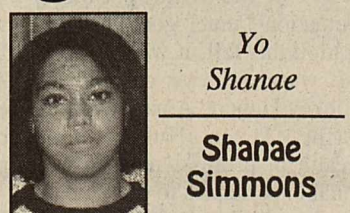
A few weeks ago, I attended the birthday party of a friend of mine who turned 18. After going to my share of piñata bashing balls, I realized that I was slowly growing out of these childish activities. Me, Shanae Simmons, 17 years old and knower of all (I bet you, along with my grandparents are laughing at that statement), had grown out of birthday parties with bal-

loons, clowns, and cake (well maybe not the cake part). I hadn't been to a true birthday party in some time, and wondered what to expect for age appropriate entertainment.

The evening started out well enough, my friend and I wore matching outfits, socialized with the other attendees and got ready for the "big" game of the evening. We all stood in line to receive specially enveloped directions for a scavenger hunt we were to embark upon. All were split into pairs, sent to drive off and given the impression that whoever returned first was the winner. We all raced off, got into our cars, and ripped open the envelopes with haste. Inside read a statement that described how this was not a real scavenger hunt but instead a surprise for the Birthday Girl. We were all to drive around aimlessly for awhile while she read fake scavenger hunt instructions and collected items with her partner. The plan itself was quite ingenious.

My partner and I then took off and I sat and wondered what the surprise could be. Maybe we were going to hide behind furniture and jump out at her when she arrived, or maybe we were going to set up some extra décor, or maybe her parents sent out for a celebrity singer of some kind to come and sing "Happy Birthday" to her (OK so I was grasping.)

On our way back to her home, I noticed that there was someone in front of us who I didn't recognize. We drove down her road, and parked, still wondering who it could be. Suddenly, everything fell into



Yo Shanae

Shanae Simmons

place, my mind quickly calculating as my mouth hung agape. It's not that I didn't recognize the person driving, what I didn't recognize was what they were driving.

Standing beautifully in front of me was the most impressive thing I had ever seen, a small, white Miata. My friend had gotten a convertible for her 18th birthday. Tears filled the corners of my eyes as I repeatedly praised God. Through the haze of excitement, I recall even kissing it a few times.

Before anyone realized, all the parties had returned and were touching the exterior of the most awesome surprise ever. Now we had to wait for my friend's return and see who gets to ride with her in her new car. Finally the time came, and as she drove up in her older brother's former mode of transportation, we all smiled as we stood around her new baby, decorated in a bright red ribbon. After parking, she would not leave the truck she sat in, too surprised and shocked.

Eventually she came out and when she did she seemed to be in a drunken state, crying and thanking and hugging random people who had nothing to do with her little dream boat.

At that moment, it seemed like we had all traveled back in time when Jimmy down the

street got the killer gift we all wanted, and we, though seniors, had made it back to having the mentality of a third grader, feeling the grandeur of the gift radiating off behind its wrapping and wishing only to touch it with our grimy little hands.

All of these unraveling events were caught on camera and I bet if you compared birthday tapes of our younger years and now, the similarities would have been uncanny. There was joy, surprise, and some envy. Everyone else whispered about how they would have loved to get something like that for the birthday, or how crummy their cars were, and I couldn't help but remember how I didn't even own a car, or how I didn't have a license and I would be able to vote soon.

But though those feelings were evident amongst the crowd, I couldn't help but jump up and down and giggle like a little school girl. I mean, it wasn't like an enemy of mine received such a great gift, one of my best friends did.

I was not only happy for her, but I knew that she wouldn't leave me out of the action, and I was the second person to ride with her (after her boyfriend) in her shiny, fantastic, surprisingly sleek, birthday gift.

Yes, that birthday party really rocked, and made me realize maybe I am really not much older than I was a few years ago.

Another thing I realized was that even though you don't own something doesn't mean you can't enjoy it, so with that I have concluded that I am actually the second luckiest girl in the world next to a good friend. Happy Birthday pal.

Water Texas responds to inquiry

Editor's Note: The following letter is Water Texas' response to an inquiry from Peggy Swafford, editor of The Bugler.

Thank you for your inquiry in response to my letter to the editor published this week in the Brackett News. You are correct: the letter was published, at least in part, in response to Bonnie Wardlaw's statement claiming that I approached her about a contract that would give "the Fort access to the City of Brackettville water supply" and insinuating that I have served as the Fort's "legal advisor."

Clearly, Ms. Wardlaw must have me confused with someone else. I have never met with her (never even met her, that I know of); never had a discussion with her (not even over the telephone); and wouldn't know her if she stepped on my foot. I have never served as the legal advisor to the Fort and have never had any discussions with anyone about the Fort getting access to the City of Brackettville's water supply — nor, would I.

I have, however, had a number of meetings with governmental entities and public officials throughout the County. However, these meetings have only concerned water development in Pinto Valley (from an aquifer that is separate from that used by Brackettville and the Fort),

and they have never included Ms. Wardlaw (unless she was in the audience listening).

I have made presentations on the Pinto Valley project to the Brackettville city council, the Kinney County Commissioners court, the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District, the Fort Clark MUD board, and the membership of the Fort Clark Springs Association. Each of these meetings was duly posted and was open to the public. In fact, the meeting with the Fort Clark Springs Association occurred the day before Easter, but, nevertheless, I was there to answer any questions that the Fort's membership might have.

In addition to these public meetings, I have had a few individual meetings with leaders of the city, Fort Clark MUD and the Fort Clark Springs Association, including Tom Saylor. The purpose of each of these meetings was to share the current status of our project and our latest scientific information regarding groundwater in Kinney County. We have attempted to share our scientific information with everyone, and Mr. Saylor and the Fort Clark Springs Association are no exception.

Regarding meetings with the City, I had a meeting with the former City Manager, David

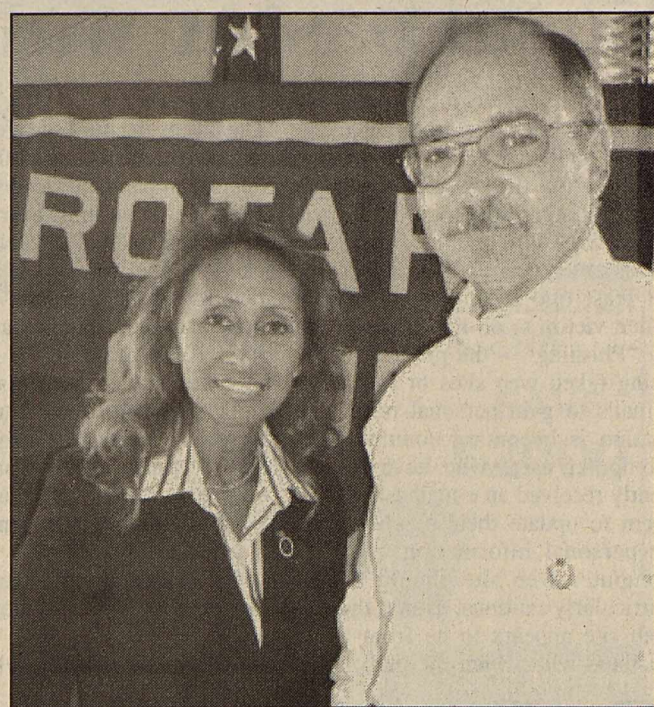
Luna — long before Bonnie Wardlaw was elected to the city council; and I had a meeting with former Mayor, Carmen Berlanga, and Alderwoman, Mary Flores — just days before Bonnie Wardlaw resigned from the city council. Bonnie Wardlaw was not present at either of these meetings. Importantly for us and for the City of Brackettville, the last meeting involved my company, WaterTexas, presenting a check to the City of Brackettville to pay the cost of repairing one of its water wells that had been vandalized. A picture on the front page of the Brackett News (September 4, 2003) clearly reflects who attended the meeting — Bonnie Wardlaw was not present.

WaterTexas was invited into Kinney County by a group of landowners in Pinto Valley, many of whom have lived in the county for generations and all of whom want to preserve the land and environment that they

love. We take our responsibility for meeting their high standards very seriously. Never have we considered adding Fort Clark's groundwater resources to our project nor have we taken any steps to place that supply in jeopardy. The water project in Pinto Valley does not affect Las Moras Springs and therefore does not affect the Fort's water supply. Numerous state-supported and published studies make this conclusion. I have presented some of these findings and information during my presentations to the public. More importantly, perhaps, I have continually stated (and do so here) that we will walk away from the Pinto Valley project if it has significant negative impacts on Las Moras springs.

Thank you again for giving the chance to respond. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Lynn Sherman
President, WaterTexas



Hines visits Rotary
Debi Hines, U.S. Border Patrol Assistant Chief Patrol Agent for the Del Rio Sector, gave a talk to the Rotary Club about the significance of Women's Equality Day, to be celebrated on August 25th. From left: Debi Hines and Rotarian Dave Alexander.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, August 16
6:45 p.m., A convenience store employee reported intoxicated individuals walking into the store.

The employee also gave a description of the truck and noted they were headed towards Del Rio. The Del Rio DPS were notified of the situation.

Tuesday, August 17
2:23 p.m., A woman reported that she and her husband were having trouble with her mother. The mother accused them of stealing and became combative.

The woman was also afraid the neighbors would report her to law enforcement. Constable Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the residence.

4:03 p.m., A Century Alarms employee reported an alarm sounding at a local ranch on Highway 90 west. Deputy Ron Ring and U.S. Border Patrol Agent Plunk were dispatched to the ranch and found that everything was ok.

8:15 p.m., Constable Guidry reported a child riding a 4 wheeler and running people off the road on Edwards & Gove. Deputy Ring was dispatched to the area.

Wednesday, August 18
12:01 a.m., A woman reported that a red car and a red truck had an accident on west El Paso Street. Deputy Donald Page was notified of the situation.

8:52 a.m., DPS Trooper Tony Ashley reported a white Nissan parked on the side of Highway 90. A wrecker was dispatched to the location.

10:50 a.m., A woman reported a locked vehicle on Fort Clark Springs. Constable Guidry was notified.

7:57 p.m., A woman reported a wreckless driver on Beaumont Street.

The woman also stated children were playing nearby. Deputies Manuel Pena and Ring were dispatched to the area.

Thursday, August 19
12:26 a.m., A woman caller reported loud noises coming from her neighbors residence on West Spring Street.

Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was notified of the situation.
9:25 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee reported a red Ford pick-up headed to Brackettville with wrecker cables swaying back and forth.
DPS Trooper Ashley was dispatched.

1:08 p.m., A woman requested a deputies assistance in unlocking her vehicle. Later she reported that the car door was stuck. Constable Guidry was notified.

4:00 p.m., A local citizen reported traffic backed-up on Highway 90 due to congestion at the Fort Clark Springs entrance.

The citizen was worried this might cause an accident. Constable Guidry was informed of the situation.

8:35 p.m., Humberto Garza, 19, of Eagle Pass, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch on an outstanding warrant for credit card abuse.

He was later transferred to the Val Verde Sheriff's Department.

Friday, August 20
5:50 a.m., A Maverick Sheriff's Office dispatcher stated that they had received a phone call of a vehicle accident on highway 277 about 10 miles south of Sycamore Creek.

DPS Trooper Marcos Hernandez, Maverick EMS and a Kinney County Deputy were all dispatched to the scene.

4:50 p.m., A Del Rio DPS Trooper reported a black cow on Highway 90 west of the rest area. The owner was notified.

5:20 p.m., John Branham, 29, of Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Ring on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear on child support.

He was later transferred to Montgomery County.

Saturday, August 21
10:15 a.m., A man reported a cow out on Highway 90 east. The owner was notified.

7:05 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol Agent Duncan reported loose cattle on highway 693 south on Macy road.

Deputies Pena and Gutierrez were dispatched to the location.

8:30 p.m., A woman reported children trespassing at the air strip on Fort Clark Springs. Deputy Page was notified of the situation.

Sunday, August 22
12:50 a.m., A man reported a fight in front of Pico. DPS Trooper Hernandez was notified, but the individuals had departed by the time he arrived.

1:20 a.m., A woman reported that she could not find her underage daughter and that she might be with another individual.

Deputy Page was dispatched to the residence on North Sweeney.

2:30 a.m., Matio Ruela Castillo, 30, of Temple was arrested by DPS Trooper Hernandez for public intoxication.

2:30 a.m., Marcilo Ruelar Castillo, 26, of Temple was arrested by DPS Trooper Hernandez for no drivers license and open container.

7:51 a.m., U.S. Border Patrol Agent Sanchez reported that a black Ford Ranger had hit a deer on highway 2523 & 3008.
11:50 a.m., A woman requested a deputies assistance regarding some dogs. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess was notified.

12:01 p.m., A man requested a deputies assistance in regards to two individuals jumping him. Deputy Page was informed.

12:52 p.m., A man reported 2 Angora goats out on Highway 90 west. The owner was notified.

9:25 p.m., Jimmy Lee Mercado, 42, of Austin, was arrested by Deputy Pena on a failure to appear and DWI warrants.

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Local pastor warns of e-mail fraud

Unsolicited e-mails and frauds are beginning to threaten people in Kinney County, according to the Rev. Roger Baker, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church and formerly a computer security specialist. At least one local family has fallen victim to on-line scams.

"Phishing" - the process of using faked web sites or faked e-mails to gain personal information is becoming common. Computer users who have recently received an e-mail asking them to update their password or personal information on a computer web site should be particularly cautious, even if the web site appears to be from a business with which the person

has a relationship. "The fake web sites I see look exactly like the web sites of the legitimate companies," according to Baker. "You must examine the web site address carefully to make sure the web site actually belongs to the company in question, and even this precaution isn't 100% accurate."

If the web site contains a set of numbers instead of the usual business web address, Baker recommends caution. "Telephone the company first," counsels Baker, adding that "a few cents spent on a telephone call is cheaper than having your bank account emptied or your identity stolen."

Fraudulent e-mails should be

forwarded to the Federal Trade Commission at uce@ftc.gov and the banking industry "Anti-Phishing Working Group" at reportphishing@antiphishing.org.

If you think you've already been "phished", the web site www.antiphishing.org has a checklist for steps to take to resolve the issue. Banks will react quickly to shutdown stolen credit card and ATM numbers once notified.

New laws are helping to solve the problem. The Identity Theft Penalty Enhancement Act, signed July 14th by President Bush, establishes the new crime of "aggravated identity theft", or use of a stolen identity to commit crime.

Convictions carry a mandatory two-year prison sentence in addition to any penalties for the related crime. U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy's Anti-Phishing Act of 2004, introduced the same week, targets the entire "phishing" scam, from sending the e-mail to creating fraudulent sites. Every element would become a felony subject to five years in prison and/or a fine up to \$250,000. Leahy's proposal is still before the Senate.

Editor's Note: Roger Baker holds a B.S. degree in computer software and a M.A. in computer resource management in addition to over 10 years working experience in the computer industry.

Crispy Jalapeno Cornbread

Upon reading today's recipe, you may think that you must have some flour added. Trust me, you can, but it will not produce the same quality bread. You will have a crispy, firm tasty bread; with flour as in usual cornbread recipes, the texture is softer, like cake.

Jalapeno Cornbread
 1 1/4 cups yellow corn meal, 1 cup milk, 1/2 cup salad oil, 2 eggs, 1 cup cream style corn, 1/2 tsp. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 large onion, grated, 1/4 cup chopped jalapenos (or to taste), 1 1/2 cups shredded or grated longhorn or cheddar cheese.

In Large mixing bowl, combine cornmeal, milk, eggs, oil, corn, baking powder and salt. Mix well until smooth. Pour



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half into a well-greased 9x9 inch baking tin.
 Combine onion, jalapenos and cheese in med. bowl. Blending well, then evenly sprinkle on top. Pour remaining batter on top. Bake for 1 hour to 1 hour 15 min. At 350 degrees, or until corn bread is firm, then remove and cut. Serves 4 to 6 with butter on side.

Due to inner layer of cheese, lower temp is necessary.

R.E.A. now a part of History

It's official. The Rural Electric Administration, known to many as the R.E.A. is now a part of history. In reality, this isn't a recent occurrence. The R.E.A. was actually abolished in 1994, and its' functions assumed by the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service. The fact that many people still refer to their co-op as "the R.E.A.", is a strong statement about the importance it played in our nation's rural history, and the impact it made on many families. The R.E.A. was the governmental agency which provided loans to start the consumer electric cooperatives which we still depend upon today.

Founded during the heyday of the R.E.A. in 1945, Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, became known as the "largest co-op in the United States" because of its immense service ter-

ritory. At over 27,000 sq. miles, Rio Grande encompasses rural areas in eighteen counties in Texas and two in New Mexico, and provides jobs in areas where jobs are becoming harder and harder to come by. In Brackettville alone, RGEC's headquarters, the Co-op provides over 50 jobs. The Cooperative also maintains area offices in Carrizo Springs, Dell City, El Paso, Fort Stockton, and Marfa.

Steeped in history as it is, Rio Grande Electric Co-op doesn't dwell on titles and past accolades. The Co-op is going full-steam-ahead into the future, bringing the modern technologies rural people need, just as it brought electricity so many years ago.

One of these new technologies on the horizon for 2005, is satellite broadband internet. For those who do not live close

enough to DSL equipment, satellite broadband is the answer for high speed internet. WildBlue, as it is called, made history twice last month, when it became the largest communications' satellite ever launched, and the first to utilize the Ka-band for telecommunications purposes. Users can expect superior service, about 30 times faster than dial up, at a fraction of the cost of traditional satellite broadband. No telephone lines are needed, and a single dish and modem connect the entire home or office without running wires from one room to another. These features make it a perfect fit for rural areas.

The Co-op serves a variety of types of people and industries - from the rural farmers and ranchers traditionally thought of as co-op members - to small town residents, a retirement community, luxury hotels and re-

sorts, and even a U.S. military base in a bustling city. Each member has an equal voice in the democratic control of the Cooperative through participation in director elections, town hall meetings, advisory committees, and annual meetings.

This year, Brackettville's home-town electric cooperative, Rio Grande, will be holding it's 59th Annual Meeting at the Brackettville Civic Center, Saturday, October 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Though the R.E.A. has past into the annals of history, Rio Grande Electric Cooperative remains proud of their accomplishments, but focused on the future. You shouldn't call them "the R.E.A." anymore, but you can call them "The Co-op", and more importantly - you can call them anytime. It's the advantage of a modern utility that still has small town values, and values small town people.

Ty and I worship together

I sat in church last Sunday with my grandson Ty. I had waited for a long time to relish the moment. If you are wondering, yes, I cried. A lot. I sat beside him. I held him for part of the service. It was a magnificent hour. It was another one of those pieces of time that I'll remember forever. He probably won't. But he will be reminded, by me, of the occasion many times.

I will also tell him of the prayers offered on his behalf by our church as well as countless others that knew of his suffering. He will hear stories from me of evidence of the mercy of almighty God.

As he continues to grow he will know that there is a creator that we owe our love to him because he first loved us. I will make sure that he knows that people from three nations prayed for his recovery. And the prayers were heard and an-



But I Could Be Wrong
Chuck Hall

swered. He is living proof, and a constant reminder, that God answers our pleas.

Please understand that I will not be telling this to him at every future occasion so that he will feel a sense of debt, but rather that he might feel a sense of gratitude. I want him to feel the love and kindness that exists in our world. I want him to know the love and kindness that exists in our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. I want him to know the protection afforded by putting our trust in Him.

I could be wrong, but not this time.

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SAN ANTONIO - A free workshop, "How Secure is your Farm/Ranch's Future" hosted by the Texas/Mexico Border Coalition and co-hosted by the Alamo Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, Inc., two nonprofit organizations, will be held September 1, 2004 at the Helotes 4-H Activity Center, 12132 Leslie Road in Helotes (outskirts of San Antonio).

This event will focus on food safety by way of herd health, estate planning, and managing risk by using coverage options. These topics are of importance

to all who are interested in protecting family and property.

Producers and consumers alike are faced with many risks brought on in nature, by disease, and, sometimes, the law. The impact of these dangers can be extensive.

Results can range from monetary or property lost, in the worst scenarios, loss of life. Working to become aware of the risks is essential to the future of your property; and education is an important tool.

A representative of the USDA Risk Management Agency will be on hand to present information on the agency options for managing risk. Due to the recent report of Anthrax in the area and a growing concern with BSE, employees of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Texas Department of Health will be discussing these issues.

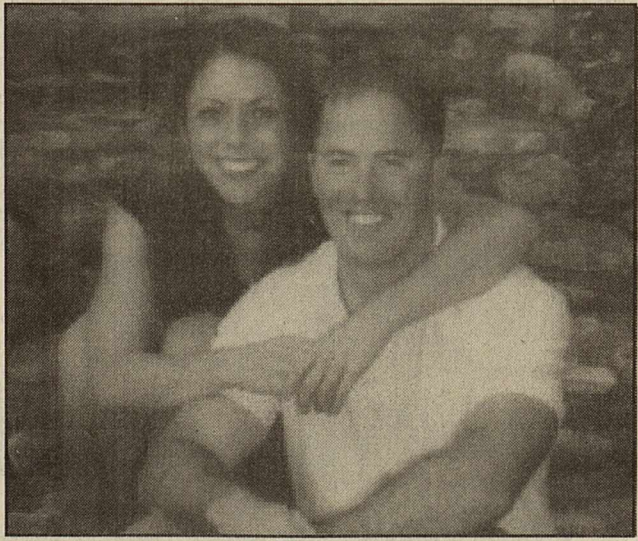
In addition, Mr. Henry Claeys II, P.C., Attorney from McAllen, will present the Estate Planning session.

The day will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Lunch is provided in the day's events. Please RSVP to 210-735-3391.

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Engagement Announcement



Seargeant - McGlade

Tommy and Barbara Seargeant of Buda, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Marla Susan to Sean Peter McGlade, son of Peter and Nancy McGlade of Carrollton, Texas. Marla is the granddaughter of Tommy and Jean Seargeant of Brackettville.

Marla is a 1998 graduate of Jack C. Hays High School in Buda and Sean is a 1998 graduate of Newman Smith High School in Carrollton. Both are 2002 graduates of Texas A&M University School of Business. Marla is currently employed by MetLife in Houston in group benefit sales and Sean is serving as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy and attending flight school at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station.

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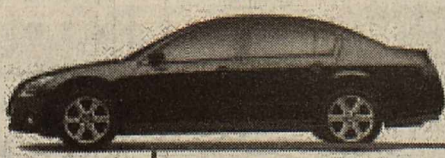
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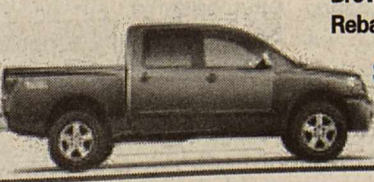
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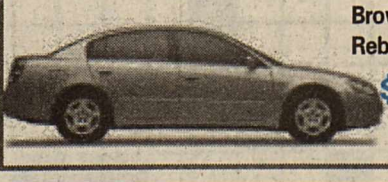
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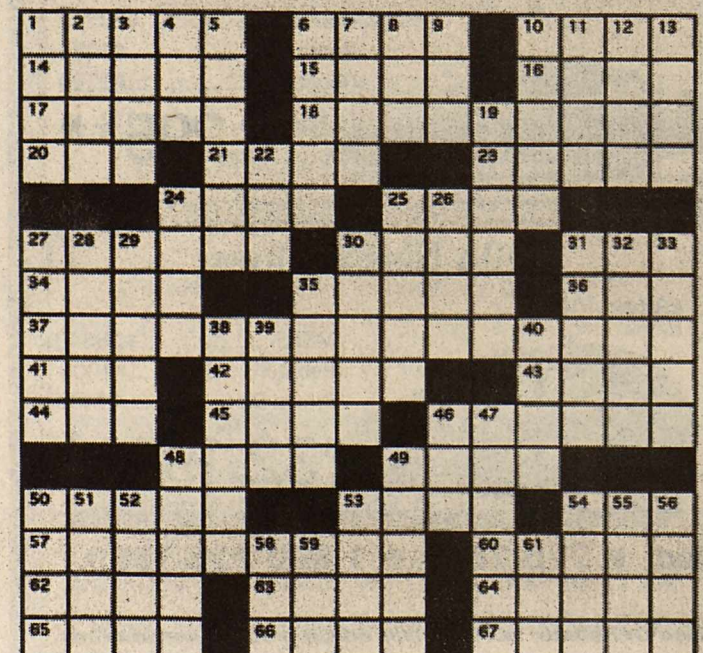
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ROARING TWENTIES

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

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Bear	11. Hawk
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6. Duck	16. Mule
7. Frog	17. Puma
8. Goat	18. Swan
9. Hare	19. Toad
10. Hart	20. Wolf

ASTROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
You receive a most intriguing invitation this week. For some, this could involve some travel. Later, cultural pursuits are satisfying.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
You'll need to discern fact from fiction this week. Someone you thought you could trust isn't exactly telling the whole story. Do some digging to get to the bottom of this.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
You meet a very interesting person this week. Cultivate this relationship. In the long run, this person could turn out to be a very valuable friend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Those involved in new romances should keep their eyes open. Not everything is as it seems. A money-making opportunity comes your way.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
You're full of energy this week, and most of this is focused creatively. Innovations you come up with on a work project are just what's needed. Over the weekend, exercise a cooperative attitude with family members.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Friendships are accented this week. Perhaps there's someone in particular you've been neglecting. Be sure to renew those ties.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
It's not the time to even think about doing something risky. In particular, this applies to monetary situations.

Instead, look for ways to save more money and cut expenses.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
You're ready to explore new horizons at work. Fortunately, bigwigs are open to your suggestions. Later in the week, you deal with an unpredictable family member.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
You're really up-and-at-'em early this week. This means you're at your productive best. By week's end, even you can't believe all you've accomplished.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Sometimes, friendships and money don't mix. Remember that if someone comes to you asking for help. You can be supportive without opening your wallet.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
You'll have no problem this week commercializing your creativity. Thus, you find yourself at your happiest since you really like what you're doing. This weekend, let a family member take charge of home matters.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
The news you've been anticipating finally arrives. Fortunately, it's all good. Later in the week, an impromptu outing is satisfying.

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De Colores - Another way to tell of God's love

Getting along with other Christians is an important skill. Christ mentioned it at its most basic level in His new great commandment in John 13:34 ("Love one another as I have loved you.")

When Christians fail to love each other, it only confirms the suspicions of those who paint the followers of Jesus as stubborn, prideful, ignorant, or intolerant. More importantly, it mystifies the nonbeliever when we Christians show our love at its best, engaging each other, working together, holding each other accountable, and discovering the depth of Jesus' loving sacrifice for us. It is even more amazing when this sort of love and accountability crosses denominational lines.

Each month, I have the joy of worshipping with Christians whose faith and practice don't quite match my own. The venue for this is something variously called "The Walk to Emmaus" or "Cursillo" or "Via de Christo" or "Tres Dias" or "Excel" or "Chrysalis". These names refer to a short course in



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Christianity where participants spend three days hearing lectures covering a variety of aspects of Christian faith and practice in practical terms.

These courses are often life-changing events where the participants discover that there are many others in their community who long for the sort of intimate Christian community we find in the letters of the Apostle Paul. There is even a prison-based version of the course called "Kairos!"

Want to spot someone who attended one of these three-day courses? Just look for the "de Colores" t-shirt or bumper sticker, usually sporting a rainbow or a rooster. "De Colores" is a Spanish phrase emphasizing the many colors of God's love - i.e., the very many ways God

tells us of His love for us! These folks use "de Colores!" as a greeting and a way of reminding each other of God's love.

The "alumni" of these courses meet together in very small groups, usually weekly, to examine themselves and hold each other accountable for their Christian life and practice. It's hard to fool people who know you well. Together, we hold each other accountable for living as a Christian and working on our devotional, spiritual, and practical activities. The entire local Emmaus/Cursillo community meets together once a month and celebrates with a meal, reading of Scripture, singing songs of praise, and sharing an ecumenical Lord's Supper with one of the local pastors presiding.

Of course, this sort of gathering isn't for everyone. Some people find it extremely difficult (or even wrong) to worship with Christians from another denomination or tradition. Others find the enthusiastic music and the hugs a little too much to endure. But for those who can see be-

yond the good food and the occasionally boisterous fellowship, there is a rich reward of practical, applied Christianity to be found.

It requires faith, diligent Christian study, and service. It requires personal charity sufficient to maintain a Christian relationship with those others who might not fully agree with you. And most of all, it requires the generous sort of love that Christ typified - a love all Christians try to express and share through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Like all Christians, we at First United Methodist Church are trying to show our love for one another - even when we disagree! Join us for worship this Sunday at 10:45 AM when gospel singer Stephanie McKinney comes to sing for us. Please try to come early (9:30 AM) for Sunday School - yes, we have coffee! But no matter where you choose to worship this Sunday, remember Jesus' commandment to "love one another" - and know that wherever you go, you go with our love, too! De Colores!

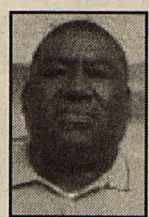
Believe with all thy heart

And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch said, see, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized:

And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest, and he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

And he commanded the Chariot to stand still; and they went down both into the water both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

And when they were come



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up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. Acts 8:36-39. Glory! Look at God. What a Mighty God we serve.

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It's not good to be alone

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Josie had thought about this day many times but in her wildest imagination she never quite captured the feelings of being so alone. Steve was always there and it seemed as though he always would be. She felt little sparks of anger. "How could he go to college and leave me alone?"

She smiled and looked in the bathroom mirror at the expres-



Empowering Families

Dr. Donald Smith

sion on her own face. Talking to herself she said aloud, "Huh! That's exactly what he's supposed to do." Proudly she continued talking to herself in the mirror, "And my son's becoming a man, and a good one at that!"

Josie scanned the face and figure looking back at her from the mirror. "I'm still attractive," she

thought. "I've kept myself well." Her thoughts switched from herself to a bible passage that she had read not long ago. She walked into the living room and picked up her bible from the table beside the chair. Quickly she thumbed the pages to the second chapter of Genesis.

"It is not good for man to be alone (verse 18)," she read. She smiled and thought to herself, "nor woman."

As she read the rest of the chapter she marveled at the wisdom of God who knew even the feelings of loneliness and the longing for companionship of the man whom he had made from the dust.

For the first time she was struck by the beauty of that moment when Eve stood before her man and he declared that she was bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh. She imagined the beautiful garden and the Creator of them both taking their hands and placing them one in the other to be companions and lovers forever. Josie longed for that companionship. Would her time come?

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SPORTS

Tigers gear up for season opener

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The lights of Tiger Stadium once again lit up the Brackettville sky last Thursday night. This is a sign that the start of another football season is at hand.

The Tigers hosted Junction in their final scrimmage of the pre-season. The defense limited Junction's offense and kept them off the scoreboard for the entire scrimmage.

The offense, led by Quarterback Kody Yeager, moved the ball well, scoring six touchdowns during the scrimmage. Yeager had two completions on five attempts for 42 yards and one touchdown.

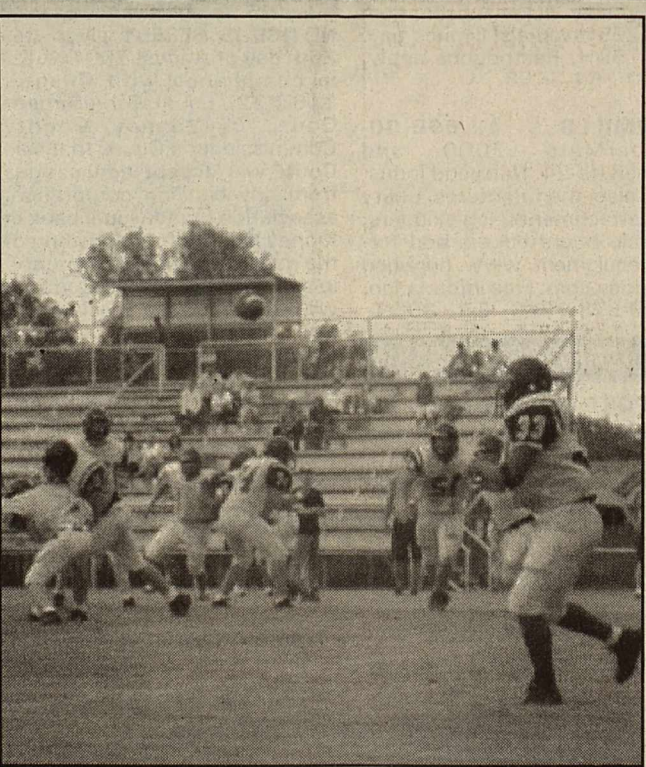
The Tigers' rushing attack combined for 422 yards on 37 carries. The running backs were led by Noe Talamantes, seven

carries for 80 yards and one TD; Charlie Slaughter, five carries for 88 yards and two TD's; Cody Edwards, 3 carries for 55 yards and one TD; Brand Wiley who ran four times for 49 yards and one touchdown; and Clyde Adams, seven carries for 63 yards.

The Tigers enter the season loaded with talent from last season's 10-1 District Championship team.

With Brackett moving down to 1A this year, expectations are high for the Tigers. Some football polls have the Tigers ranked as high as number seven in class 1A.

Even with their state ranking, the Tigers face a tough challenge in their season opener against a Center Point team that was a Bi-District finalist last season. The season begins with a 7:30 kickoff Friday night at Center Point.



Clyde Adams

Running back Clyde Adams about to receive a pass from Quarterback Kody Yeager.

Photo by Danielle Moore



JV Volleyball

Coach Rhonda Marquardt going over strategy with the JV squad. From left: Nadine Terrazas, Julie Castillo, Blanca Stewart and Rhonda Marquardt.

Photo by Danielle Moore

Junior High Volleyball

The Brackett 7th and 8th grade Volleyball teams played their first games against Eagle Pass Junior High in Eagle Pass on Monday, August 23rd.

The 8th grade team lost their match: 11-25, and 8-25. Serving well were Samantha Moore, Esna Herrera, Ashley Resendez, and Natalie Aguirre. Summer Allen also had one Ace.

Also playing on this year's team is Valerie Davis, Bianca Terrazas, Veronica Talamantes, Harmony Pettett, Jessie Jones, Roxane Gomez, Jessica Garza, Bianca Martinez, and Becca Mann.

The 7th grade team lost their

match: 7-25, and 13-25. Serving well for the 7th grade Tigrettes were Elena Molinar, Ivy Garcia, and Katie Yeager. Amanda Delbosque, Amanda Flores, Elidia Molinar, and Katie Yeager passed well for the team.

Also playing for this year's 7th grade team is Nydia Talamantes, Miranda Salmon, Brooke Gose, Alexis Buecher, Sarah Gonzales, Cheyenne Billings, Lillianna Valdez and Brianna Escamilla.

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Brandy Smith Brandy Smith goes for a spike during the tournament held last Saturday. Photo by Danielle Moore

Tigerettes win tourney

Continued from Page 1 five. The team was also assisted of-fensively by Timmekka Simmons who contributed 32 assists and Yeager with 21. Brackett's junior varsity also competed in the tournament Saturday. The team was not originally expected to play, but did compete due to a last minute cancellation.

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