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Dance Cancelled

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce would like to announce that their Nov. 13th, 2004, dance has been cancelled; due to conflicting events.

Anyone having purchased a ticket please contact the person you bought it from and we will gladly refund your money. Instead of our dance we would like to invite you to attend the Fort Clark Festival Fundraiser; Nov. 13th at townhall. This will be a style show, silent auction and Las Vegas nite. Snacks will be served. BYOB — set-ups will be sold.

The Chamber will be scheduling their dance at a later date.

96th birthday approaching

Agnes Vondy is approaching her 96th birthday and spends most of her time at home these days. Wouldn't it be nice for her to receive cards or thoughts from all her acquaintances, students and friends?

Write to Agnes Vondy, Box 122, Brackettville, TX 78832.

Support our youth

Be in front of the school at 4 p.m. today to send off the Tigrettes undefeated district champion Volleyball Team to their first playoff game.

The district champion Girls Cross Country Team will leave at 9 a.m. Saturday for the Regional meet in San Antonio.

Old Quarry reschedules play

Due to a death in the family of two of our cast, "Morning's At Seven," originally scheduled to be presented Friday, Nov. 5th and Saturday, Nov. 6th has been rescheduled for Thursday, Nov. 11th and Friday, Nov. 12th at the Post Theatre. If you have purchased a ticket for the earlier performances, it will be honored on the later date.

Hunter's Round-up

The Kinney County Extension Office, the Wildlife Damage Management Association, the Chamber of Commerce and Fort Clark Springs Association will sponsor the annual Hunter's Round-up on Nov. 6.

4-H Food Show

This Sunday, November 7, 2004, the Kinney County 4-H Club will hold their annual Food Show at the new school cafeteria in Brackettville. The awards presentation will be at 4:30 p.m.

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Tigers clench playoff bid with 56-6 win

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The Brackett Tigers clenched a playoff bid for the 2004 season. This was the first accomplishment that was on the Tiger's list this year. The Tigers next goal is a district championship which will be decided Friday night in Charlotte. The Tigers gave up only six points and 56 yards to Sabinal. The Tigers offense exploded for the biggest offensive output all season running up 596 yards of offense with 575 rushing yards.

The Tigers opened the game with a powerful defensive stand that forced the Yellowjackets to punt. The Tigers took the ball on their own 44 yard line and drove the ball to the Sabinal 35. The Tigers would go no further as a fumble was recovered by the defense allowing Sabinal to go back on offense. The Tigers would hold again and take over on their own 20 yard line. The offense moved the ball again and when the Tigers got to the Sabinal 21 yard line, quarterback Kody Yeager found Tillman Davis breaking open in the end zone for the first touch-

down of the night.

The second quarter opened with Brackett on the move again. This drive moved down to the Sabinal 26 before Clyde Adams busted through the line on his first touchdown of the night. With the Tigers up 14-0, the defense took over and shut down Sabinal. The Tigers put together a drive that lasted nearly eight minutes and ended with Miles Braesicke finding the end zone from five yards out.

The second half began with Brackett leading 21-0 and receiving the kickoff. Sabinal attempted an onside kick, but the kick did not travel the required 10 yards and Brackett took over at the Yellowjacket 48 yard line. Brackett was unable to convert a third down attempt and was forced to punt.

Yeager's punt was blocked by Sabinal and Sabinal quarterback Nathan Meyer picked up the ball and raced 40 yards to the end zone. Sabinal went for two and the conversion was stopped by the Tiger defense. Sabinal again attempted an onside kick and again it failed to go 10 yards.

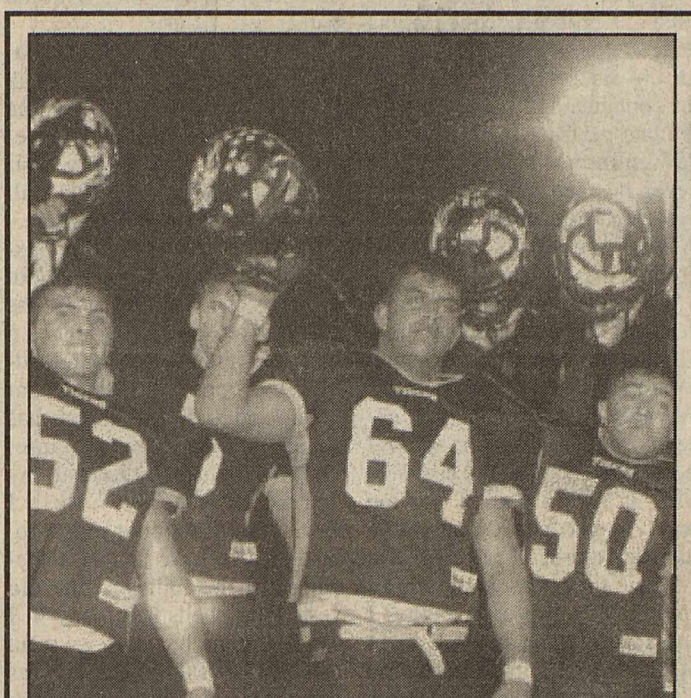
Brackett took over and put

together a drive that ended with Braesicke sprinting to the end zone from 12 yards out, putting the Tigers up 28-0. After another defensive stop, the Tigers drove down to the 12 yard line where Noe Talamantes broke free for the touchdown.

Just two minutes later Adams found a seam and rumbled through the Sabinal defense for a 76 yard touchdown, his second of the night. With Brackett leading 42-0, the defense focused on the shutout. The Tigers got the ball back with 31 seconds left in the third quarter and at the 10:47 mark of the fourth quarter, Cody Edwards broke loose on a 35 yard touchdown run and a 49-0 lead.

The Tigers again put together a time consuming drive that ended with 15 seconds on the clock and Travis Bonner finding the end zone on a 12 yard run. This put the final score at 56-6 and secured the playoffs for the Tigers.

The Tiger offense was led by a trio of 100 yard rushers. Yeager completed one pass for 21 yards and a touchdown, but Yeager ran seven times for 108 yards. The leading rusher for the



Tigers
From Left: Gumaro Martinez, Kody Yeager, Rolando Ortiz and Cesar DeLeon celebrate after last Friday's victory over Sabinal.

Tigers was Braesicke with 15 carries for 133 yards and two touchdowns. Adams carried twice for 102 yards and two touchdowns,

Talamantes carried 15 times for 95 yards and a TD, and Edwards had two carries for 42 yards and

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General Election Results

U.S. President	County results	State results
George W. Bush (R)	1,050 65.6%	4,495,797 61.1%
John F. Kerry (D)	542 33.9%	2,816,501 38.3%
Michael Badnarik (L)	8 0.5%	38,573 0.5%
U.S. Representative, District 23		
Henry Bonilla (R)	1,078 72.4%	170,507 69.3%
Joe Sullivan (D)	401 26.9%	72,376 29.4%
Nazrite "Camrudo" Perez (L)	11 0.7%	3,272 1.3%
Railroad Commissioner		
Victor G. Carillo (R)	789 58.8%	3,868,053 55.5%
Bob Scarborough (D)	511 38.1%	2,854,818 40.9%
Anthony Garcia (L)	42 3.1%	250,754 3.6%
Supreme Court Justice, Place 3		
Harriet O'Neill (R)	899 100%	4,455,270 100%
Supreme Court Justice, Place 5		
Paul Green (R)	900 100%	4,405,556 100%
Supreme Court Justice, Place 9		
Scott Brister (R)	815 64.5%	4,067,721 59.2%
David Van Os (D)	448 35.5%	2,800,605 40.8%
Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 2		
Larry Meyers (R)	881 91.6%	4,379,987 83.9%
Quannah Parker (L)	81 8.4%	838,663 16.1%
Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 5		
Cheryl Johnson (R)	877 93.1%	4,475,698 85.8%
Tom Oxford (L)	65 6.9%	742,444 14.2%
Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 6		
Michael E. Keasler (R)	783 60.2%	3,964,746 57.9%
J.R. Molina (D)	518 39.8%	2,877,764 42.1%
State Representative, District 80		
Tracy O. King (D)	850 100%	Not avail.
4th Court of Appeals, Place 6		
Sandee Bryan Marion (R)	846 100%	Not avail.
4th Court of Appeals, Place 7		
Unexpired Term		
Phyllis J. Speedlin (R)	846 100%	Not avail.
63rd Judicial District Judge		
Tom Lee (D)	956 100%	9,813 100%
63rd Judicial District Attorney		
Fred Hernandez (D)	874 100%	9,107 100%
County Attorney		
Tully Shahan (R)	897 100%	N/A N/A
Sheriff		
L.K. (Buddy) Burgess (D)	1,124 100%	N/A N/A
County Tax Assessor-Collector		
Martha Pena Padron (D)	1,110 100%	N/A N/A
County Commissioner, Pct. 1		
Marvin A. Davis (D)	245 100%	N/A N/A
County Commissioner, Pct. 3		
Nat Terrazas (D)	145 100%	N/A N/A
Constable		
Bobby J. "Tatum" Guidry (D)	1,065 100%	N/A N/A

Bush wins second term

George W. Bush won a second presidential term Wednesday after a long night of vote counting, and a concession speech from Democratic hopeful Sen. John Kerry.

Wednesday afternoon Bush was reported to have 274 electoral votes to Kerry's 254. 270 electoral votes are required to win the presidency. Two states

remained too close to call, Iowa and New Mexico, though both had Bush in the lead, 50% to Kerry's 49%. Ohio with its 20 electoral votes was a key state in last Tuesday's election. Democrats had been hopeful provisional and absentee ballots might overcome Bush's lead in Ohio late Tuesday night.

Kerry called Bush after he

and advisers reviewed Ohio returns. Bush held a 136,000-vote lead that the Kerry camp could not hope to overcome.

Bush is the first U.S. President since his father to win a majority of the popular vote.

Rep. Henry Bonilla was elected to another term. Bonilla easily won the race by some 98,131 votes.

Water district incumbents win election bid

With a record turnout, 1541 voters elected all of the Incumbent directors of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District.

County Director, At-Large was won by Tootsie Herndon by a margin of 199 votes, or 12.8 percent.

Chuck Hall won City Director, At-Large by 22.2 percent or 325 votes.

Fort Clark Director, At-Large was won by Duke Meek. Meek garnered 952 votes to opponent Donna Saylor's 517.

The Fort Clark position had been held by Dub Miller an appointee.

Beth Ann Smith received 213 votes for Precinct 1, Director. Smith ran unopposed.

Cecil Smith had 206 votes for Precinct 2, Director while Lloyd Lee Davis had 150 votes.

The closest race, decided by

only 24 votes, was for Precinct 3, Director. Christopher Ring was elected.

Don Hood, Sr. received 394

votes for Precinct 4, Director. Hood ran unopposed.

KCGCD Board Election Results

County Director, At-Large - 4 Year Term	County results
Tootsie Herndon	880 56.4%
Tony Frerich	681 43.6%
City Director, At-Large - 4 Year Term	
Wes Robinson	572 38.9%
Charles W. "Chuck" Hall	897 61.1%
Fort Clark Director, At-Large - 4 Year Term	
Donna Saylor	517 35.2%
Duke Meek	952 64.8%
Precinct 1, Director - 2 Year Term	
Beth Ann Smith	213 100%
Precinct 2, Director - 2 Year Term	
Cecil Y. Smith	206 57.9%
Lloyd Lee Davis	150 42.1%
Precinct 3, Director - 2 Year Term	
Jennifer McDaniel	122 45.5%
Christopher Ring	146 54.5%
Precinct 4, Director - 4 Year Term	
Don A. Hood, Sr.	394 100%

Council considers hiring new attorney

By Elizabeth Jaso
Contributing Writer

City Secretary Bonnie Rigby reported to the City Council the city's brush disposal area is unauthorized and that the city will be heavily fined if it remains open. She relayed this information during the council announcement portion of Tuesday night's called meeting. Rigby received a call from The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality late Tuesday afternoon. Although the matter could not be discussed since it was not posted on the agenda, it will be addressed at next week's meeting. In the meantime, the brush dumping area will be closed.

The council spent most of Tuesday night's meeting in a closed session to discuss personnel issues. No action was taken on these matters. The city is in need of another full

time laborer but tabled the issue until January. A part time office clerk is also needed. Rigby suggested that a high school senior with good computer skills would be an ideal candidate for this position. She will contact the high school regarding candidates for the opening.

The council also discussed the possibility of retaining a different attorney to advise them.

"I cannot get a hold of him, he won't call me back. My recommendation is we hire another attorney," said Alderman Matt Bland.

"I myself have called our attorney on numerous occasions and have not been able to contact him. On the majority of occasions he has not returned my calls.

"It is frustrating when you need legal guidance and you don't have access to it. It

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Thirty-nine percent of Texas schools earn exemplary or recognized rating

AUSTIN - Almost four out of every ten Texas schools has earned an Exemplary or Recognized rating under the state's new accountability system.

Results under the new rating system, which are based on the more rigorous Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) and completion or drop-out rates, were released today during a press conference in Austin. These results are based on a completely new state accountability system that replaces a rating system used from 1994 to 2002.

"We are pleased that many of our campuses continued to excel even though this rating system evaluates their performance on more academic subjects and grades than the previous rating system," said Commissioner of Education Shirley J. Neeley.

"I know, however, that some schools will be disappointed with their ratings today. I encourage members of their community to look closely at the

data behind the ratings. In most cases, these schools and districts have not had a decline in academic performance. The state has significantly raised the bar primarily through its testing program, which will not be fully phased in until the Spring of 2005. If anyone has any doubt about the difficulty of the TAKS tests, may I suggest that you take a look for yourself online at www.tea.state.tx.us," she said.

"We are asking our students and our schools to perform at higher levels. They need time to take their performance to the next level. Consider an athlete competing in a pole vaulting competition. That athlete has trained and can successfully jump over an 11 foot bar all the time but when that bar is moved 12 feet off the ground, that athlete is going to need some time to clear that hurdle. The athlete's performance may be improving, but is not yet to 12 feet. Just like a well trained athlete, we believe our schools will do extremely well given time and that we will

see continual improvement in performance, as we did under our previous accountability and testing systems," Neeley said.

Under the new accountability system, 19 districts and 517 campuses earned the top rating called Exemplary. To achieve this highest rating, the district or campus is required to have a 90 percent passing rate for all students, as well as African American, Hispanic, white and economically disadvantaged student groups, for reading/English language arts, writing, mathematics, social studies and science. Special education students who took the State-Developed Alternative Assessment (SDAA) also needed to achieve a 90 percent or higher passing rate. State law now requires SDAA results to be used in calculating the ratings.

The Exemplary districts and high school campuses also were required to have 95 percent or more of their students and each student group complete high school. The completion rate this

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Straight shootin' son of a gun

I read an article some years back that the Texas Parks and Wildlife claims that the average hunter takes eighteen shotgun shells to harvest one dove. Eighteen! That's only a little over 5% accuracy. Disgusting. I decided to do some research of my own.

Here are the results of my personal survey. I bought a box of twenty-five twelve gauge shells. I proceeded out to hunt doves. When I opened the box on the side of my pickup bed, the container spilled. Two shells fell into the truck bed, rolled under unknown stuff, and will never be seen again by human eyes. One fell under the truck. When I backed up later it was ground into oblivion.

OK, 22 shots to go. I emptied the remaining contents into my hunting vest. I lost 2 somewhere en route to a choice spot. Probably when I bent to go under a tree limb, but who knows?

My first shot of the day went wild. It always does. I was too eager to get a bird and prove statistics wrong. I later fired at a dove that was somewhere around 246 yards away. Why? I guess it's like the guy said about Mt. Everest: "I climb it because it's there." I shot at the bird because I could see him.

I caught movement out of the corner of my eye and wasted a bullet on a dragonfly. I missed. I actually hit the next bird, but only drew feathers. Then it happened, I downed a winged tar-



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

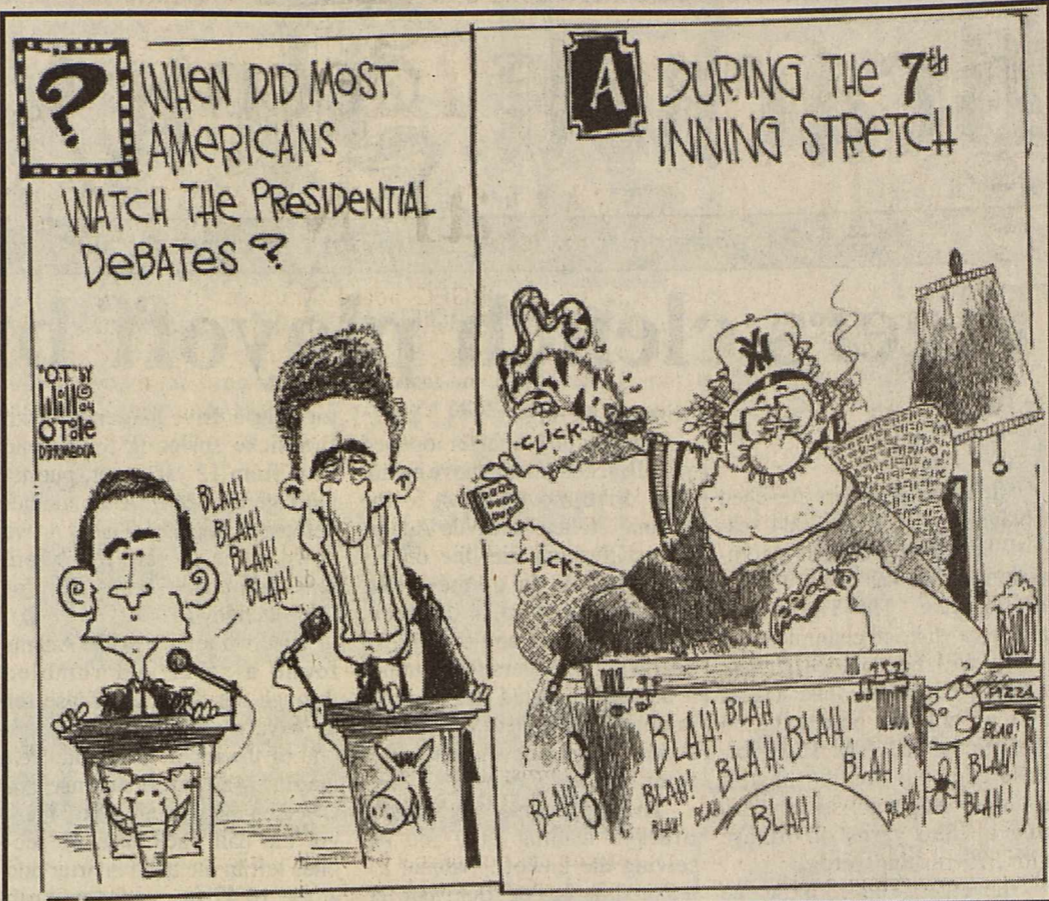
get. Or he may have simply had a heart attack, I'm not sure. Let's see, 10 shots, one bird. Not too bad.

Now my buddy hollered. "Chuck, I'm out of shells. Walk half way over here and toss me some." I noticed he didn't move. After I threw 5 in his direction, he finally caught one. That's all he needs. Hurtin' my average.

I squeezed off on the next dove and nothing happened. Not thinking about the fact that the gun was on safety, I extracted a live shell into the brush. Reloading, I dropped one into a rat hole. Today, Mrs. Mouse has some new living room furniture.

Next I discovered that my dog has chewed up two shells I had sitting out for a quick reload. I also have a hole somewhere in the lining of the old vest. Four shells had found it. I can feel them, but can't get them out. My last shot of the day was just as far off as the first. I think I threw away a good shell with the empties.

Anyway, here I am at the end of the day. One dove, one box of shells. One for one. I guess that's 100%. But I could be wrong.



Texas taxpayers finally get their due

The year 2004 marks two important milestones for young Texans. Eighteen-year-old Texans will get their chance to cast their first ballot in a Presidential election. Secondly, for the first time since these young men and women were born, Texas taxpayers can again take advantage of a major federal tax write-off. President Bush recently signed into law a bill restoring the ability of Texans to deduct their state and local sales taxes from their federal income taxes for fiscal years 2004 and 2005.

Simply put, the law reinstates the sales tax deduction, which had been dropped in a 1986 overhaul of the tax code. The 1986 legislation allowed residents of states with income taxes to deduct the taxes they paid to support their state governments, while Texans were denied a similar deduction for taxes paid to support their state government. The reason was solely because Texas and six other states did not levy an income tax and relied primarily upon the sales tax.

The result of that change eighteen years ago was to force 55 million Americans, or nearly one in five, to pay more than their fair share of federal taxes. This measure costs Texas families itemizing their deductions an average of \$408 per year.

Since I came to the Senate, I have worked with my colleagues and sponsored legislation to restore the state sales tax deduction. Today, I am pleased to announce this victory for tax eq-



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

uity.

The American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (H.R. 4520/S. 1637) includes language to allow a state sales tax deduction. This will give Texas taxpayers and those living in the six other states without a state income tax the option of deducting state and local sales taxes on their federal income tax returns in 2004 and 2005.

The 1986 change was not fair to those citizens living in states which do not levy income taxes. Local voters, through their elected representatives, have chosen to fund their state and local governments through income taxes, sales and property taxes, or some combination of these systems. It is simply not right for the federal government to provide favorable treatment to one system of taxation and not the others.

The change was wrong for another reason: Texans should not be taxed on our taxes. The restoration of the sales tax deduction will not force Texas taxpayers to keep a shoebox filled with a year's worth of sales receipts, unless they choose to do a full itemization. Instead, they will be able to use sales tax tables compiled by the Secretary of the Treasury to determine the

amount of the deduction to which they are entitled. These estimates will take into account the taxpayer's state of residence, filing status, number of dependents, adjusted gross income, and state and local sales tax rates. It is important to note that Texans will want to hang onto receipts for big-ticket items such as boats, cars or trucks. The new law allows a taxpayer to write off the taxes on those large items in addition to the amount they derive from the sales tax tables.

This relief for Texas taxpayers took a lot of work, and was the result of bipartisan cooperation in both the Senate and the House of Representatives. Congressman Kevin Brady (R-Woodlands) and House Majority leader Tom DeLay (R-Sugar Land) led the effort in the House. In the Senate, I found many Republicans and Democrats who understood this was a matter of tax fairness.

The Texas economy will also benefit from fixing this flaw in our federal tax system. The average family of four will save \$928 in federal taxes each year. This means, according to the Texas Comptroller, more than \$974 million will stay in the hands of Lone Star State taxpayers and will lead to: 21,798 new jobs, an increase in state sales tax income of about \$49.7 million, and an increase of \$1.2 billion in state gross product, including \$819 million in new investment. That positive impact explains why I am committed to making this deduction permanent.

Labor Department releases \$28.4 million to states to help workers Texas to receive a total of \$14.8 million

DALLAS—The U.S. Department of Labor is releasing \$28.4 million to help states provide job training, job search and relocation assistance to workers who lost their jobs for trade-related reasons. The funds, available under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program, are from a reserve account established this year as part of a new way of allocating trade training funds to the states. This marks the first time in recent history that these funds have been available through the end of a fiscal year.

Dallas will receive a total of \$14,820,153 which includes \$2,586,045 in remaining fiscal year 2004 TAA training reserve and job search relocation allowance funds and \$12,234,108 in base training allocation funds for fiscal year 2005.

"The President and I want to ensure that workers who have been dislocated by trade have every opportunity to get the training and other assistance they need to prepare for new and better careers," said Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao. "This \$28.4 million in funds will ensure that workers found eligible for TAA assistance can receive up to two years of training, as

well as job search assistance and relocation expenses. Trade-certified workers are also eligible to receive up to two years of income support," continued Secretary Chao. "The government will also pay up to 65 percent of health insurance premiums. And, if workers are over the age of 50 and qualify for the Alternative TAA program, the government will pay 50 percent of the wage differential if they get a new job that pays less than their old job."

Congress allocates \$220 million annually for TAA training. In Fiscal Year 2004, the Labor Department's Employment and Training Administration began a new system of planning estimates to disburse the allocation. Using a set formula that aligned resources with need, 75 percent of available TAA training funds, or \$165 million, was released to states on Oct. 1, 2003. The remaining 25 percent of funds, or \$55 million, was reserved for states in case they experienced large, unexpected layoffs during the year. States could request additional money from the reserve account based on need after they used at least 50 percent of initial allocated formula funds.

In addition to releasing remaining reserve funds, the Labor Department also made early announcement today of state job training allotments for trade-certified workers for Fiscal Year 2005 which begins Oct. 1. The \$28.5 million in FY 2004 reserve funds is being distributed immediately. The FY 2005 allocations will be made on Oct. 1, 2004.

Do you have something to say? Write a letter to the editor today!

November is national diabetes month



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

Every November this column announces National Diabetes Month. The goal is to increase awareness of this killer, as well as update you on recent developments.

Blindness, heart attack, stroke, kidney failure and amputations can all result from diabetes, which impairs, or even halts, your body's ability to process food sugar into energy. You may already know this because a friend or family member suffers from this terrible disease. Maybe even you have it. In fact, perhaps the scariest thing is that of the 850,000 Texans who have diabetes, half of them may not even know it.

Could you be at risk for diabetes? You are if you are over 45, overweight, do not exercise regularly or have a family history of diabetes. Keep an eye out for these warning signs of diabetes: fatigue, excessive thirst, rapid weight loss, blurred vision, frequent urination and cuts or bruises that are slow to heal.

The best defense against it, though, is prevention. Just by exercising, eating right and controlling your weight now, you can help control or prevent diabetes later.

The medical experts tell us that we are close to curing this killer disease. To that extent, I and several members of the House Appropriations Committee have worked to ensure that these researchers have the funds they need to battle diabetes.

While the researchers make progress in the labs, there is other good news for diabetes sufferers. Recently, the Health Care Financing Administration agreed to provide Medicare coverage of insulin infusion pumps for beneficiaries who have Type I, or juvenile, diabetes. In Type I diabetes, the body can't make any insulin to process blood sugar.

The battery-powered insulin pumps are about the size of a beeper. They inject preprogrammed dosages 24 hours a day through a tube to a needle inserted just under the skin. The pump not only provides diabetes patients greater freedom, but also means greater safety and fewer complications from inaccurate dosages.

Let's not forget that it is your tax dollars that help pay for medical research. Hopefully, we agree that these are national priorities that need to be addressed. Diabetes alone costs Texans almost \$3 billion each year in medical costs and lost productivity. More importantly, it is costing the lives of our fellow citizens.

One day, I hope this column can report a cure for diabetes. Until then, best defenses against diabetes are awareness and education. For more information regarding diabetes, please call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES.

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Big Mama Sez!

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Old Quarry

The first play of the 2004-2005 season of the Old Quarry Society (OQS) for the Performing Arts will be Thursday, Nov. 11th and Friday, Nov. 12th, 7:30 p.m. at the Post Theatre. The play is titled "Morning's At Seven" by Paul Osborn, and tells of the lives of four sisters and their families.

The cast includes many of the community's "old" favorites, whose names are well-known on the OQS stage, and in some cases, are returning to the stage after too long an absence. Also in the cast are several newcomers, whom will hopefully be seen again in OQS productions. Starring as the four sisters are Lois Carlson as Esty, Ruth Spencer as Cora, Suzanna Lowery as Ida, and Ida Holley as Arry. Esty's husband, David, is played by Gil Raymer, Cora's husband, Thor, is played by Dr. Kent Lowery and Ida's husband, Carl, is played by Ray Pilgrim. Pat Melancon plays Homer, the son of Ida and Carl, and Cindy Pilgrim is Myrtle, Homer's fiancee.

The play is directed by Lynn McNew and is presented with permission from Samuel French Publishing.

Please note the original production dates have been changed this play will be presented Nov. 11th and Nov. 12th, 7:30 p.m. at Post Theatre. Tickets are available at the Adult Center, from cast members or by calling 563-9229 or 563-2296.

Cancer Support Group Meeting

Come join us for good fellowship and a great meal. Our meetings are held at the Frontier Baptist Church Fellowship Hall located on the corner of Ann and El Paso St. on today at 6:30 pm.

This group includes survivors, those who are currently receiving treatment, in remission and their caregivers and family. This is a "Pot Luck Supper" the meat will be provided. Fix your favorite side dish or dessert and join in the fellowship.

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. 59th Annual Membership Meeting

Wow! This year's Annual Meeting, topped all attendance records in recorded Co-op history! 306 Co-op memberships were represented, and approximately 750 barbecued steak lunches were served. The day was picture perfect, with nothing but clear skies and mild temperatures, as members began arriving at the Brackettville Civic Center by 8:00 a.m. The Health Fair, and a delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, hash browns, and sausage, prepared by the Brackett High School Jr. Class were waiting for members after registration.

The large number of people arriving shortly before the scheduled 10:00 a.m. start of the business meeting nearly overwhelmed the hardy souls conducting the registration, but most thought the wait was bearable, and vowed to arrive earlier next time. The start of the meeting was delayed by approximately 20 minutes, in order for registration to be completed and for additional tables and chairs to be set up to accommodate the crowd. Members were asked to take their seats at approximately 10:30 a.m. The meeting opened with Danny Samaniego, Brackettville Area Operations Manager welcoming everyone to the event, and reminding members that children could participate in the Kids' Korner activities to allow their parents to enjoy the meeting.

The National Anthem, was sung by rising local star, Jacquelyn Conoly, as members of Boy Scout Troop 257 posted the colors. Bailee Allen of the Kinney County 4-H Club lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and Reverend Nathan J. Lafrenz, Pastor, Our Redeemer Lutheran/Vicar, St. Andrews Episcopal Churches of Brackettville gave the invocation. This was followed by the singing of "America The Beautiful" by another young local singer, Jackie Duncan.

Chris Lacy, RGEC board president, then officially called the meeting to order. He welcomed the group and instructed the membership that, upon approval of a motion, he would dispense with the reading of the 2003 Annual Meeting Minutes. The motion was made, seconded, and approved. This was followed by the drawing of five door prizes.

Current directors were introduced, as were the candidates for election. Director service awards were presented to the following: John Ralston, 3 terms; Kenneth Sparks, 2 terms; James Runyan, 2 terms; and Bill Cowden, 2 terms.

Director election results were presented by Geoff Knobloch of the Co-op's auditing firm, Eide Bailly, LLP. Of 4,907 ballots mailed out, only 840 were returned by the specified date. Of the ballots returned, 812 were qualified; 19 were undeliverable as addressed; and 9 were non-qualified.

The election results are as follows: District 1: # Votes; Margarita Nelson 416, Charles F. Bobbit 315, Write-In Votes 2, No Vote On Ballot 79, Qualified Ballots 812.

District 3: #Votes; Jimmy Ballew 398, Kenneth Sparks (Incumbent) 346, Write-In Votes 2, No Vote On Ballot 66, Qualified Ballots 812.

District 4: #Votes; Cindy Whitehead 441, Maximilian Martin 290, Write-In Votes 1, No Vote On Ballot 80, Qualified Ballots 812.

District 4A: #Votes; William White 629, Write-In Votes 6, No Vote On Ballot 177, Qualified Ballots 812.

District 7: #Votes; Bill Cowden (Incumbent) 503, Jerry Johnson 236, Write-In Votes 1, No Vote On Ballot 72, Qualified Ballots 812.

District 9: #Votes; Frank Archuleta 254, James R. Evrage 249, Marlin K. Richardson 240,

Write-In Votes 2, No Vote On Ballot 67, Qualified Ballots 812.

In the closest race for any director seat, District 9 was won by Archuleta with only a five-vote margin over Evrage. Evrage ran by petition, which any member may do if he or she would like to serve on the board and was not selected as a candidate by the nominating committee. Evrage only received nine more votes than the third place finisher, Richardson.

Five more door prizes were drawn, followed by the President's Report, given by Chris Lacy. Lacy presented an overview of the history of RGEC, illustrating just how far the little co-op with the big service territory has come.

The Treasurer's Report, presented by Hugh Childress followed. Members could review the financial information being discussed through handouts provided. (The same information was included on the inside back cover of the October issue of *Ranch & Rural Living Magazine*.)

Five more door prize winners were announced before General Manager/CEO Dan Laws took the stage for the special recognition. Laws began by recognizing the hard work of the linemen (and linewoman) of RGEC, stating that they are the backbone of RGEC's service. This was met with a standing ovation and hardy round of applause from an appreciative membership. Cindy Edwards, Communications Coordinator, continued the special recognition portion of the program, with the introduction of the 2004 Essay Contest winners. Beth Ballew, 1st place winner, could not be present, and requested that a short thank you statement be read on her behalf. Brandy Smith, 2nd place winner, then took the microphone to convey her thanks to RGEC and explain to the audience how she learned



Kids Corner Photo Special to The Brackett News
Co-op member's children enjoy the festivities at the 59th annual membership meeting.

about cooperatives through the experience.

Five more door prize drawings were conducted, and it was time for the General Manager/CEO Report, given by Dan Laws. System improvements, construction, new projects were the primary topics addressed. The floor was then opened for questions, of which there were few.

A new process for submitting questions this year allowed for even those too timid to stand and be recognized to have their questions answered. Questions were written on special forms and submitted anonymously, if requested.

Ventriloquist Greg Claassen, was back for an encore after last year's hit performance at the Annual Meeting in Fort Stockton. Guests and RGEC employees alike were literally laughing until tears came to their eyes as Claassen's cast of characters targeted GM/CEO Laws, Board President Chris Lacy, and longtime Co-op member Charlie Foust, with their remarks.

Finally, Claassen claimed to have forgotten one of his dummies, and asked to borrow RGEC's Marfa Area Supervisor Gary Nichols as his subject. Nichols, a real trooper and good sport, was subjected to a clown mask, pigtailed, and hat, as Claassen literally put words in his mouth chiding CEO Laws.

President Lacy adjourned the meeting, and it was time for a delicious lunch consisting of steak, baked potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, and iced tea.

The awarding of the remaining door prizes took place during lunch. Each door prize was valued at a minimum of \$50. The Grand Prize was a 1997 Ford F150 SuperCab "Retired" Co-op pick-up, valued at approximately \$7,685.00, and won by Laura Gammill of Brackettville.

The total estimated value of all prizes awarded was \$16,054.

Next year's Annual Meeting, the Co-op's 60th, will be held in Marfa. Make plans now to be there!

Final 2004 Clearance At Del Rio Ford

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Houston's International Quilt Festival celebrates 30th anniversary - Nov. 4-7

Whether you're a beginning quilter, a skilled expert, or just like to look at these wonderful works of art, Houston's International Quilt Festival is the place to be this fall. You'll feel like you've gone to fabric heaven!

"This year marks the 30th anniversary of Festival, and we're pulling out all the stops to make sure this is our best show ever," says Director Karey Bresnahan, a fifth-generation Texas quilter.

Festival will be held November 4-7 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in downtown Houston, Texas.

Size-wise, the 2004 edition will be the biggest show ever with more than 1,000 booths selling everything from antique and contemporary quilts to the fabric, patterns, books, tools, and notions to make them. Other vendors will offer antiques and country crafts.

From large fabric companies to small mom-and-pop shops,

Festival's vendors will spread out over the equivalent of more than 12 football fields in the newly-expanded George R. Brown.

Quilt education is also an integral part of the show. More than 450 classes, lecture, and events will take place as part of Festival's Quilting Academy, covering all quilting styles and skill levels. And for the first time this year, drop-in "Beginner's Classes" will help introduce quilting to those who want to learn about this treasured art form with their own hands.

But perhaps the biggest reason more than 52,000 people come to Festival from all over the world each year is no surprise to see quilts! This year, nearly 2,000 quilts, cloth dolls, and wearable art garments will be on display in more than 40 different special exhibits.

"Of course, we're extremely proud every year of the quilts that we have on display, but this

year I believe, offers the widest range in terms of what people will be able to see," Bresnahan continues.

"From antique quilts made in the 1800's to cutting edge modern art quilts, Festival will have an amazing representation of quilting styles and techniques. And many of these quilts have never been shown in public before."

Highlights will include the finalists from the annual Judged Show of the International Quilt Association in "Quilts: A World of Beauty," quilts made by guild members throughout the state in "Texas Traditional Treasures," rare Amish quilts in "Illinois Amish: Sharing Threads of Tradition," and the best of Festival's antique quilt collection in "Celebrate Great Quilts," which will also introduce an accompanying book and four patterns for sale.

According to the most recent

Quilting in America survey, and approximately 21 million Americans enjoy quilting, spending a total of more than \$2.2 billion annually on their passion.

For many, Houston's International Quilt Festival is the highlight of their annual show calendar. The show also attracts quilters from more than 30 other countries.

"We're throwing quite a party this year to celebrate the show's 30th anniversary. It'll be like a quilting bee on steroids!" Bresnahan sums up. "And we're proud that International Quilt Festival was 'born and bred' right here in Texas!"

For more information about International Quilt Festival, visit www.quilts.com. For a free informational postcard, write Houston Festival, c/o Quilts, Inc., 7660 Woodway, Suite 550, Houston, TX 77063; call 713-781-6864; or email mail room @quilts.com.

Cream cheese pound cake

I believe pound cake is my favorite kind of cake. It's good whether plain, coated with an inch of sweet creamy butter ... smothered with berries, topped with or without whipped topping or ice cream.



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

Do I have your attention? I served this pound cake this week to guests and it was declared top winner. Beware, it is sinfully rich!

Cream Cheese Pound Cake
1 1/2 cups butter softened, 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened, * 3 cups sugar, 6 large eggs, 3 cups all purpose flour, 1/8 tsp. vanilla extract, powdered sugar optional.

Beat butter and cream cheese at medium speed about 30 seconds or until creamy. Gradually add 3 cups sugar, beating one minute. Add eggs one at a time, beating just until yellow disappears. Combine flour and salt; gradually add to butter mixture. Beat

ing at low speed just until blended. Stir in vanilla. Spoon batter into greased and floured 10" tube or bundt pan. Bake at 300 degrees for 1 hour and 45 minutes or until wooden toothpick inserted comes out almost clean. Cool in pan on wire rack 15 min.: Remove from pan and cool completely on wire rack. Sprinkle with powdered sugar if desired.

*I used 2 cups Splenda and 1 cup sugar with good results.

Remember, if using sugar substitutes, food will need refrigeration to delay spoilage. Also cut baking time 25-30 min. So check cake after 1 hr. 15 min.

Men charged in plot that linked students, Chinese youth

By Carol D. Leoning
Washington Post

Washington - In photos snapped in southeastern China, Steve Lu and You Zhen Chen looked like a couple deeply in love - hugging as they posed together while sight-seeing and at an engagement luncheon with Chen's relatives.

But in federal courtroom in Washington this week, Lu said he'd met Zhen for the first time the day the pictures were taken and had received instructions for his trip to China at a Dunkin Donuts in Rockville, Md.

Their feigned romance was one of dozens that David and Michael Cheng cooked up from the kitchens of restaurants they owned in the District of Columbia, Silver Spring and Chesapeake Beach, Va., according to federal prosecutors.

Families in China each agreed to pay the Cheng brothers \$20,000 to \$60,000 to help them line up phony finances in America so their young sons and daughters could get visas to enter the United States, prosecu-

tors have charged.

The soon-to-be-weds never walked down the aisle, but more than two dozen Chinese 20-somethings used the visas to slip inside America's borders during the 1990s with the Chengs' help, according to the government.

They quietly joined the ranks of an estimated 7 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States.

That tide has been largely unstoppable in recent years, and federal law enforcement agencies say curbing it is one of their top priorities after Sept. 11, 2001.

If convicted, David Cheng, 37, would face up to 25 years in prison and Michael Cheng, 35, would face up to five years on charges that they fabricated transcontinental love affairs and defrauded U.S. Immigration officials for their own profit.

David Cheng also is charged with trying to pay a witness to lie for him.

The Cheng brothers argue through their attorneys that they developed an expertise in immigration rules and simply were helping friends sort through the

paperwork.

The Chengs say they can't be held criminally responsible for love that withered or fiances who got cold feet.

In the trial in U.S. District Court, more than 20 witnesses have come forward to describe their supporting roles in what they described as a scam to smuggle pretend brides and grooms into the United States.

Among those who've taken the stand are several Chinese-born U.S. citizens, many from the University of Maryland, who said they were recruited and paid to stage blossoming romances with young Chinese women they'd never met.

"They said I could easily make some quick cash," said Chun-Ping Cheng, now 29 and a financial analyst in Rockville.

"All I had to do was go to China, take some pictures with a girl, and sign some documents."

The steps for documenting fake romance were eerily similar, the men testified, with several of them getting their instructions at the Dunkin Donuts

on Rockville Pike. Jimmy Sun testified he worked for David Cheng and told the young men they could make \$8,000 each.

First, they had to sign an immigration paper saying they intended to sponsor a young Chinese woman, bring her to the United States and marry her within 90 days as the visa rule required, the witnesses testified.

They said they then were given plane tickets to travel from Reagan National Airport to China's Fujian Province.

On the day of their departure, David Cheng drove them to the airport in his Camry, the witnesses said, and handed each of them two items: an envelope containing information about the family they would contact in Fujian and a camera for taking pictures with their "fiancées."

Once in China, another Cheng associate took them to the women's homes and took pictures of each couple in hugging.

Back in the United States a few days later, the men said, they were told to write love letters to the women, to call them once or twice and to provide the Chengs with a copy of their phone bill.

"None of us knew the girls," Chung-Ping Chen said of his travels to Fujian with two other men. "We were just told to act happy for the pictures."

Chief Judge Thomas Hogan of U.S. District Court has presided over the trial, now entering its eighth day of testimony.

One of the trial's most dramatic moments came when Chen described in her Mandarin dialect how her parents summoned her from school to return to their village and told her to "act like boyfriend and girlfriend" for a photo shoot with Lu.

Chen, who was 22 at the time and now is 27, said her parents had arranged to pay a man named David in the United States \$40,000 to fake her engagement so she could get into the United States.

"That was the dream of my life, to come to America," Chen said. "This is a free country. I could improve the livelihood of my family."

Federal agents began their investigation after David Cheng was arrested in the District's Chinatown in March 1998 on an unrelated charge and police found Cheng's Toyota Camry filled with petitions for visa and identification documents for several people in China.

A later search turned up more petition files in Michael Cheng's home in Lanham, Md.

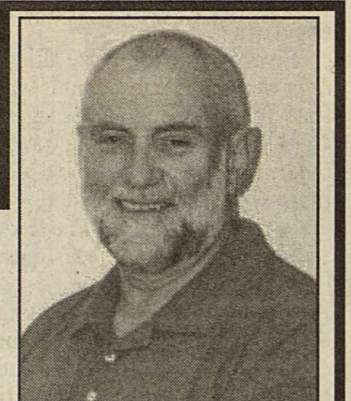
David Cheng's attorney James Rudasill, told the jury that the government can't prove the Cheng brothers' money came from Chinese families paying for such visa help. He said the brothers worked hard and long hours in five restaurants throughout the 1990s to earn their money.

"They say they've got David's fingerprints on the documents," Rudasill said. "That's because he still had the soybean oil on his hands when people came to his kitchen asking for his help with their papers."

Rudasill and Doug Wood, attorney for Michael Cheng, said government witnesses have agreed to plead to lesser charges for their roles in lying about the visas and therefore cannot be trusted.

CHRONIC SHOULDER PROBLEMS

Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C.



Chronic shoulder problems are the most common upper extremity problem in the general population and in sports. These injuries can occur at any age but are more common in the over 40 age group, among both men and women. Injuries causing damage to the small delicate rotator cuff muscles are common, often debilitating and very often can easily become chronic.

The primary role of the shoulder is to place the upper extremities in positions that allow the hand and arm to function. Raising the arm overhead requires a fine combination of shoulder mobility and dynamic stability. Because of its structural mechanics, the shoulder joint relies heavily on support from the group of relatively small muscles collectively known as the "rotator cuff complex." This complex enables the shoulder joint to produce its numerous character-

istics movements while still maintaining a balance between shoulder mobility and stability. This arrangement creates a highly mobile but somewhat unstable joint.

Chiropractic care can substantially alleviate the pain and discomfort associated with shoulder pain. Your chiropractor can advise you regarding exercises to strengthen and condition this joint and maintain good shoulder health.

If you are having similar symptoms, please call for an appointment with: **Dr. Kent Lowery, located in Brackettville, for an appointment at (830) 765-4917 or (830) 563-6249.**

UVALDE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Nov. 2004 · OUTPATIENT CLINIC CALENDAR

You are encouraged to select a physician from the Active Medical Staff of our Hospital. If you are unable to get an appointment, call the UMH Uvalde Health Care Clinic, (830) 278-1692, or the UMH Sabin Health Care Clinic, (830) 988-2985, for hours of operation.

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Junior high stops LaPryor 38-28

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The Brackett Cubs stopped LaPryor in a late season football match-up. The Cubs were able to top the Bulldogs behind an offense that ran up 329 total yards.

The Cubs opened the game by moving the ball down the field with relative ease. Brackett ended their drive with a 20 yard touchdown run by Sergio Calvillo.

After a defensive stop, the Cubs took possession of the ball and Calvillo was off on a 79 yard touchdown run. Having missed the extra point on the first touchdown, the Cubs went for two and made it. With Brackett up 14-0, the defense again stopped LaPryor. The Cubs again began

to drive the ball, but when the Cubs tried to cross into Bulldog territory disaster struck. The Cubs fumbled the ball and LaPryor's defense returned the fumble 50 yards for the touchdown.

The Cubs entered the second quarter leading 14-6, but LaPryor's offense finally got on track. The first score of the second quarter came when the Bulldogs connected on a 52 yard touchdown pass. They then converted the two point attempt to tie the score at 14 each. The tie would not last long as Brackett's Scott Thourot busted through the defense on a 15 yard touchdown romp. The Cubs added the two point conversion to lead 22-14. The Bulldogs offense again connected on a touchdown pass. This time the Cub defense gave

up a 70 yard connection, but the defense held on the two point conversion attempt. The half ended with Brackett leading 22-20.

LaPryor took the kickoff to start the second half and drove the ball down the field. The Bulldogs punched the ball in for a two yard touchdown run and took the lead 28-22. The Cubs took the ball back and countered with their own drive. This drive ended with Calvillo again finding the end zone on a nine yard touchdown. With the Cubs up 30-28, the fourth quarter began. The Cubs put together one more drive and Calvillo hit the end zone for the fourth time. This touchdown was a six yard run and the Cubs added the conversion to end the scoring at 38-28.

The offense was headed by Scott Thourot who carried the ball 19 times for 168 yards and one touchdown. Sergio Calvillo ran the ball eight times for 137 yards and 4 touchdowns and John Gray who had five carries for 24 yards. The Cub defense was led by Steven Rivera with six tackles, Raul Rivas with five tackles and Moises Gonzalez with four tackles. Thourot added four tackles and caused one fumble. Jared Harris had three tackles and Robert Salmon added two tackles and recovered a fumble. Adam Pinales, Sam Childress, and Alvin Jennings combined for three tackles.

The Cubs will play their last game of the season tonight. They will kickoff at 5:30 PM at Tiger Stadium. The Cubs will face Charlotte in the final game.

Tigerettes open playoffs

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

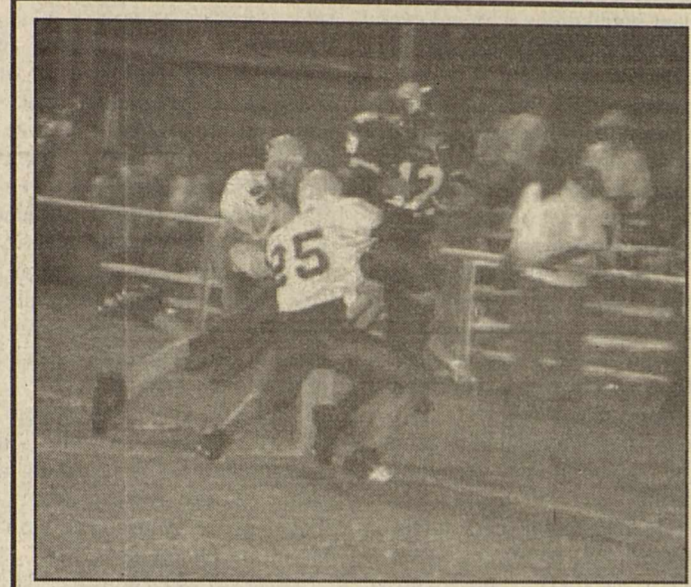
The Brackett Tigerettes open the 2004 volleyball playoffs tonight at Medina Valley. The Tigerettes marched through the district volleyball season without losing a match and finished the regular season with a 24-6 record. This marks the first undefeated district championship since 1997 for Brackett.

The Tigerettes will square off against Tilden in their first match. The Tigerettes enter the match ready for a formidable foe. Tilden continued to play with their last match coming Monday night against Utopia. While Tilden continues to work, the Tigerettes have had

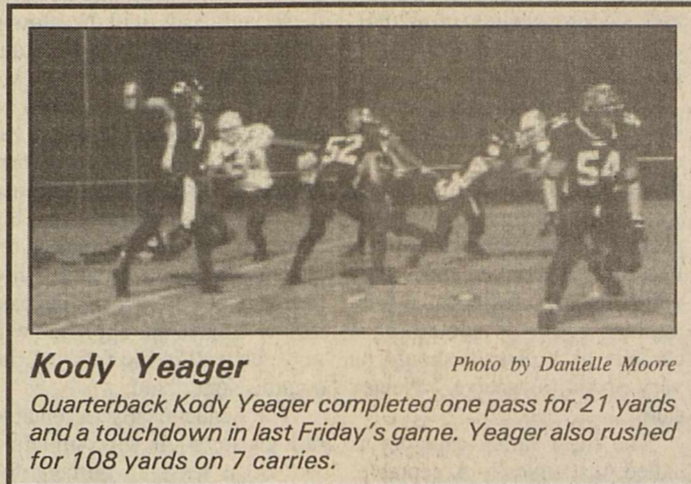
a long break with their last match coming on the 21st of October.

The girls will enter the game ready to play, however. Coach Rhonda Marquardt said "These girls have worked hard everyday since Aug. 2nd. They never miss practice and come ready to work when they get here. It has paid off for them."

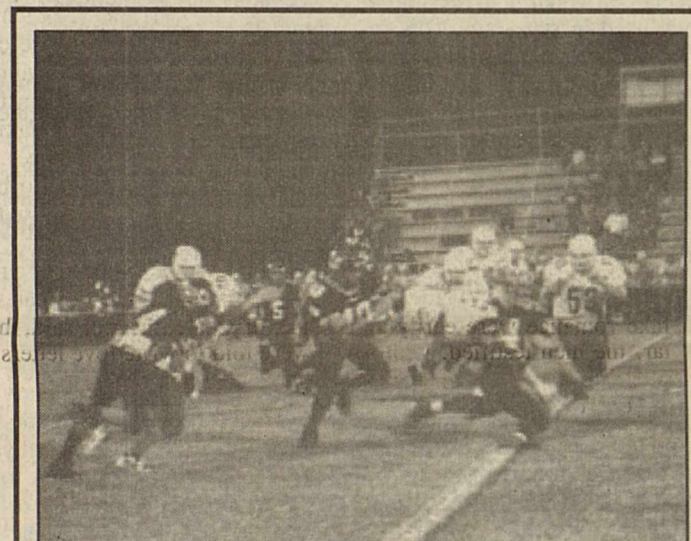
The Tigerettes playoff run will begin tonight at 7:00 PM at Medina Valley. The Tigerettes will need your support as they take their first step in their State Championship run. Head out to Medina Valley and support your BHS Tigerette Volleyball team as they compete for the Bi-District Championship.



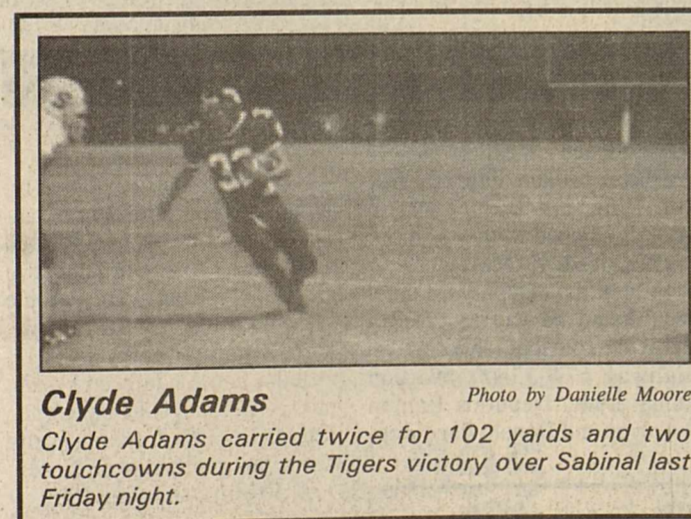
Travis Bonner Photo by Danielle Moore
Travis Bonner finding the end zone on a 12 yard run during last Friday's game. Bonner carried three times for 27 yards and one touchdown.



Kody Yeager Photo by Danielle Moore
Quarterback Kody Yeager completed one pass for 21 yards and a touchdown in last Friday's game. Yeager also rushed for 108 yards on 7 carries.



Miles Brasicke Photo by Danielle Moore
Miles Brasicke was the lead rusher for the Tigers last Friday. Brasicke racked up 133 yards on 15 carries and made 2 touchdowns.



Clyde Adams Photo by Danielle Moore
Clyde Adams carried twice for 102 yards and two touchdowns during the Tigers victory over Sabinal last Friday night.

Tigers undefeated at 9-0

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■ Bonner carried three times for 27 yards and a TD, Fermin Villaneuva had four carries for 27 yards, Charlie Slaughter carried three times for 17 yards, and Ivan Pinales carried three times for 12 yards. Rounding out the Tiger offense was Brand Wylie with one run for nine yards and Cesar Ortiz with one run for three yards.

The Tigers next face a powerful Charlotte team that enters the District 29-1A championship with a 7-2 overall record and a 3-0 district record. The Trojans are a powerful team that features

a powerful running attack supported by a high powered passing game. If the Tigers are going to finish with a second straight undefeated district championship they must be ready to play Friday night.

The game will be an offensive contest that comes down to two basic elements of football, the best defense and the fewest mistakes. The team that plays the best defense and makes the fewest mistakes will win the game and the District 29-1A championship. Brackett will travel to Charlotte for a 7:30 PM kickoff Friday night.

BRIEFS

Brigade recruitment

The recruitment is up for Community Council's "Cavalry Brigade". Rumor has spread that besides spending two and a half hours of enjoyable clean-up activities, the free lunch reward is worth it.

Volunteer troopers meet Saturday, Nov. 6, at Shafter Hall with mustering sign-in and job assignments starting at 9:00 am. Even after being "shot out of the saddle", troopers manage to find a detail suited to his/her ability or disability. What heart! Volunteer troopers are a special breed and they break in strangers like training a horse the gentle way. Besides the great food, the fellowship is bonding and the best! No volunteer is turned away - just show up and the "Brigade" will sign you on.

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City council seeks new legal advisor

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■ makes our job a lot harder," said Mayor Joe Garza.

The council authorized Rigby to contact several attorneys in Del Rio and Uvalde. She will inquire as to their experience in municipal law and interest in the position. This is not a salaried

position. The attorney will be paid on an hourly basis when his advice or services are needed.

If a qualified attorney cannot be found in Del Rio or Uvalde, the council will consider advertising for the position.

City council will meet again next week.

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Thirty-nine percent of Texas schools earn exemplary or recognized rating

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 year represents the students who first attended ninth grade in the 1999-2000 school year and who either graduated from high school or are continuing their education four years later.
 To count as a "completer" for the state accountability indicator, the student must have either graduated with the Class of 2003 or earlier, attained a General Educational Development (GED) certificate by March 1, 2004 or re-enrolled at the school in the fall of 2003.
 To achieve the Exemplary rating, schools with seventh and eighth grade had to achieve an annual dropout rate of 0.2 percent or less for all students and each student group.
 "These schools should proudly proclaim that they are

excelling academically and closing the achievement gap. My congratulations to them on a job well done!" Neeley said.
 The second highest rating is called Recognized and 374 districts and 2,531 campuses earned this high honor.
 To receive a Recognized rating required a 70 percent passing rate on all parts of the TAKS for all students and student groups and a 70 percent passing rate for all special education students who took the SDAA.
 The Recognized rating could also be achieved through an alternate route, which calls for a 65 percent passing rate on TAKS and SDAA and the school or district is required to meet the Required Improvement criteria. Required Improvement is a new element in the accountability rat-

ings. A school or district which has a TAKS performance ranging from 65 to 69 percent and has shown enough improvement on TAKS since 2003 to reach the 70 percent passing level in two years qualifies for a Recognized rating. In this initial year of the new rating system, 460 of the campuses and 110 of the districts that received the Recognized rating did so through use of the Required Improvement standard.
 The Required Improvement feature cannot be used to move a campus or district up to an Exemplary rating and, for a Recognized rating, can only be used on the testing indicators.
 Along with the TAKS/SDAA requirements, a Recognized rating requires a high school completion rate of 85 percent or an annual dropout rate of 0.7 percent or less for all students and student groups in schools serving seventh and eighth-grade students.
 "A Recognized rating reflects strong performance on the part of these districts and campuses. Some who receive this rating were rated Exemplary under the previous accountability system. I'm sure that, given time, they will rise to the challenge. A Recognized rating is something a campus or a district should be very proud to receive," Neeley said.
 The third rating category is called Academically Acceptable. This represents performance with significant room left for improvement. As was the case in the early days of the original accountability system, the largest number of districts and campuses are in this category in 2004. The Academically Acceptable rating today was earned by 715 districts and 3,585 campuses. The largest number of campuses and districts are receiving an Academically Acceptable rating because this is a tough, new test and accountability system," Neeley said.
 "Remember that TAKS covers more subjects and grades than TAAS and completion rates have not been used before to calculate ratings. Between testing and completion and dropout rates,

schools can be evaluated on as many as 36 indicators in the new state system, compared to 21 indicators in the previous rating system," Neeley said. "This makes it substantially harder to achieve Exemplary and Recognized ratings."
 A rating of Academically Acceptable was awarded when a passing rate of at least 50 percent was achieved on the reading/English language arts, writing and social studies TAKS exams for all students and student groups. A passing rate of at least 35 percent on math and 25 percent on science were required.
 "Advisory groups strongly suggested that the state set passing standards on the math and science exams based on the performance we have seen on those TAKS tests," Neeley said. "Just as under the previous system, these standards will be slowly ratcheted up. We set the standards at these levels because we believe our standards should be challenging but not punitive. We need to start where performance is and work to increase the performance levels. This slow, incremental increase in requirements has worked to raise performance levels in the past and we believe this approach will serve us well in the future," the commissioner said.
 The Academically Acceptable rating also requires a completion rate of at least 75 percent for high schools and districts or an annual dropout rate of 2.0 percent for schools with seventh and eighth grades.
 An Academically Acceptable rating can also be achieved by meeting the Required Improvement criteria. Four districts and 50 campuses achieved the Acceptable rating through the use of Required Improvement criteria.
 At this rating level, Required Improvement can be applied to any of the base indicators: TAKS, SDAA, completion rate or the annual dropout rate. In order to move a campus or district to Academically Acceptable, the district or campus must have shown enough improvement on the deficient TAKS measures since 2003 to be able to meet the accountability standard in two years.
 To meet Required Improvement on the completion rate indicator, the campus or district must show enough improvement on this measure since the Class of 2002 to be at the 75 percent completion level in two years. If the annual dropout rate is the indicator used, the campus or district must show enough decline in their annual dropout rate

to reach the 2.0 percent level in two years.
 Another temporary feature to the new rating system is Exceptions, which can be used in a limited number of cases to achieve a rating of Academically Acceptable.
 Campuses or districts evaluated to receive the state's lowest rating of Academically Unacceptable after application of Required Improvement may be able to "gate up" to Academically Acceptable using up to three Exceptions for TAKS and/or SDAA measures.
 Because the number of testing measures upon which schools are rated jumped so dramatically with the addition of more subjects and grades, the exceptions provision provides relief to larger campuses and districts with more diverse student populations who are evaluated on more measures. This year, no district or campus received more than two exceptions. "We did not want the new system to be punitive because a campus missed one of more than two dozen measures," the commissioner said.
 Three districts and 52 campuses used one exception to achieve an Academically Acceptable rating and nine campuses used two exceptions to achieve this rating. This provision is only available to achieve the Academically Acceptable rating.
 In the coming years, advisory groups will determine when to phase out the Exceptions provision.
 The lowest rating given in the state accountability system for both districts and campuses is now called Academically Unacceptable, which is the terminology used in state law. This replaces the campus label called Low Performing in the old state rating system.
 A district or campus that falls below the criteria to achieve Academically Acceptable receives this rating. Only 26 districts and 102 campuses received this rating. That represents about 2 percent of the districts and 1 percent of the campuses.
 "Clearly, these districts and campuses need to take a comprehensive look at their programs, instructional strategies and curriculum, then design a plan of action for improvement," Neeley said.
 Eighty-five districts and 381 campuses that offer alternative education programs for at-risk students have applied to be rated under the alternative education accountability procedures. Approximately 43 percent of char-

ter campuses and three percent of regular education campuses have registered for the alternative system. They enroll a total of about 1 percent of the children educated in Texas public schools.
 This alternative system is still being designed, so state ratings will not be issued for these schools and districts this year. However, they will be rated under the federal rating system called Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and a detailed state statistical report that shows a wealth of information, including test results and dropout rates called Academic Excellence Indicator System reports, will be issued for these schools this school year.
 There are eight districts and 697 campuses that are in the Not Rated: Other category.
 These are typically campuses, such as early childhood schools, that don't serve students in grades above kindergarten or Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs (DAEP) or Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs (JJAEP) that generally have short term student placements. Also in this category are new campuses that don't have enough testing or completion/dropout results to determine whether they meet Required Improvement criteria.
 Under the new rating system, a charter holder, as well as a charter campus, is receiving a rating. These results are included in the district and campus rating numbers.
 However when considered by themselves, eight charter campuses received Exemplary ratings and 21 earned Recognized ratings. Seventy-one charter campuses are rated Academically Acceptable and 29 are rated Academically Unacceptable.
 Because many charter schools serve at-risk students, 119 asked to be rated under the alternative accountability system. Twenty-six charter campuses were not rated for other reasons, such as not having enough test results to evaluate or being in their first year of operation.
 For charter holders, which would be similar to a district rating, six received an Exemplary rating and 11 received a Recognized rating. The Academically Acceptable rating was given to 59 charter holders and 21 received the Academically Unacceptable rating.
 Eighty-five charter holders were not rated because they have campuses registered for the alternative rating procedures and eight were not rated for other reasons.

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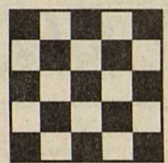


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KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, October 25
 8:54 a.m., Jose Luis Flores, 36, of Brackettville, was arrested by Constable Bobby Guidry for failure to appear. Flores is still being held at this time.

Wednesday, October 27
 11:46 a.m., A man reported three weapons had been stolen from his residence. Sheriff Buddy Burgess was informed of the situation.

Tuesday, October 26
 12:55 p.m., A man reported his residence on Highway 277 had been broken into. Deputy Ron Ring and Border Patrol were dispatched to the location.

Thursday, October 28
 3:47 p.m., Border Patrol received a call concerning a ransacked house on a ranch located on Highway 674. Border Patrol and Deputy Ring were enroute to the location.

Friday, October 29
 5:12 p.m., Deputy Pena reported a house had been broken into. A gun had been stolen and gun casing had been found where the gun had been fired.

Saturday, October 30
 3:45 a.m., A man requested a deputy at his residence on Fort Clark Springs. He stated that another man entered the residence without permission. The intruder was fighting with his girlfriend and he was concerned for her. Deputy Page and Gutierrez were advised.

Sunday, October 31
 10:51 p.m., A man reported a stranded vehicle on Highway 90, about 1 mile east of the Doppler radar site. Deputy Gutierrez was advised. Gutierrez reported the vehicle had already been checked on the day before.

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Tears of fear turned to joy

Josie settled in her seat on the bus with Steve beside her. He soon fell asleep succumbing to the rumble of the big tires and steady hum of the engine. Josie looked out the window at the passing scenery. It had been five years since she had disappeared from the lives of her family. They had never met Steve. Occasionally she wrote letters home. She never spoke of her pain or of the awful treatment by Roger. Instead the letters glowed with news about how wonderful her life was going. It was all a lie.

The bus stopped for an hour layover. She needed to walk around. With Steve at her side she made a stop at the bathroom



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Dr. Donald Smith

and then bought a soft drink they shared. She put Steve in a seat near a television and walked slowly around staying close and eyeing her son. The motion helped the stiffness in her body. Josie's thoughts turned to her own childhood. Those times were wonderful. Her mother was always a happy woman no matter what mischief the children were into. She always sang

through her work and prayed regularly. Her dad was supportive and yet strict in matters of discipline. He was a wonderful father. While other men were drinking beer in their back yards, he was playing ball with his children.

"How can I tell them?" Josie asked herself. "How can I tell them that I've squandered a wonderful Christian heritage and wasted my life?" Her thoughts were interrupted by a comforting voice on the other end of the phone.

Josie's voice broke. "Mama it's me!" she exclaimed through her tears. "I know, Mi'jita," Lola answered. "I knew it would be you. I was praying for you at

the very moment the phone rang." "I'm," Josie couldn't get the rest of the words out. "We are waiting for you Mi'jita. What time will you get here?"

Josie looked at her ticket and gave the time. Without another word Lola said, "Dad will pick you up." Josie hung up the phone. Tears of fear turned to tears of joy. She turned to Steve and took his little hand. "Come Mi'jito, God still loves us and we will soon be home." (To be continued)

Editor's Note: This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.

Thou art my God

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: My soul thirsteth for thee, My flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary because thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee



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with joyful lips: When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.

Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. Psalms 63: 1-7. Praise God!

Have faith in your physician

Texas Medicine reports more physicians including spirituality in health care.

Modern medicine is rooted in science, but the spiritual side of healing is making a comeback, according to November's Texas Medicine magazine.

Medical schools are including faith's importance in healing in their curriculum, the official magazine of the Texas Medical Association reports, and surveys indicate people's faithful beliefs improve their ability to heal.

"This seems new for many of us. Bringing religion and spirituality to health care seems revolutionary," Harold Koenig, MD, director of the Center for the Study of Religion/Spirituality and Health at Duke University Medical Center, tells Texas Medicine. However he notes that only in recent decades has medicine steered away from its original spiritual roots, as "modern" medicine in its current form has become more prominent.

That is changing, as the health care pendulum is swinging back to where modern medi-

cine is embracing both approaches, according to the magazine.

Dr. Koenig cites the number of scientific articles examining religion and medicine as a barometer. Texas Medicine notes approximately 100 such articles were published between 1980 and 1982, while more than 1,100 articles appeared between 2000 and 2002. And in 10 years the number of medical schools including spirituality and religion in their curriculum jumped from five to nearly 100. Both The University of Texas Medical Branch and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center are among those offering spirituality courses.

One reason for these changes might be the number of studies that make connections between spirituality and positive health outcomes. Whether measuring cancer mortality rates, life spans, or overall emotional health well-being, studies point to better outcomes among people who regularly attend religious services versus people who do not, Texas Medicine says.

Why?

"Religion is a coping behavior," Dr. Koenig notes. That includes interpersonal support around the patient, according to the publication, as well as the internal emotional boost some people draw from spirituality. Even the act of prayer can be a tangible contributor, as he adds, "Prayer and meditation — not just Christian prayer, but prayer in any religious tradition — lowers stress, lowers particularly biochemical responses and enzymal responses that lead to stress and distress."

Institutional medicine is getting on the bandwagon, according to Texas Medicine. The article notes the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) now demands that hospitals measure spirituality in prospective patients. Spirituality assessments include patients answering a range of questions to convey the importance of spirituality in their lives. In at least one model of such an assessment, the first question asks patients whether faith is important in his or her life; the patient may answer "no" and cease to answer further ques-

tions. The balance, Texas Medicine notes, is in physicians' and hospitals' willingness to be open to patient spirituality without proselytizing. Doctors might even pray with patients, but only at the patient's request.

"It's not the physician's business to be recommending but rather to see if there are things about the patient that are important, that should be factored into the patient's health concerns," says Harold Vanderpool, PhD, professor of history and philosophy of medicine in the Institute for the Medical Humanities at The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing more than 39,500 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 120 component county medical societies around the state. TMA's key objective since 1853 is to improve the health of all Texans.

Editors note: Please see the full text of the Texas Medicine article online at http://www.texmed.org/ata/nrm/tme/nov04/feature_religion.asp.

OBITUARIES

Ronald J. Buckles

Ronald J. Buckles, Lt. Colonel, Infantry, US Army, Retired, a former resident of Fort Clark Springs, died October 28, 2004 at age 87.

Prior to coming to Fort Clark, Ron and Lorene lived in California for some years where Ron was a successful business man, owning seven service stations as well as being a real estate broker and salesman. He was treasurer of the First United Methodist church in Brackettville, a member of the Board of Direc-

tors at Ft. Clark and was voted Man of the Year. He taught at Southwest Jr. College in Uvalde and started the Mid-Management Program there. He was President of the Historical Society. About ten years ago the Buckles moved to Brunswick, Georgia to be near their daughter.

He is survived by his wife, Lorene, daughter, Bobbie and a son. He was preceded in death by his oldest son who was killed in Vietnam. They requested that any gifts should go to Hospice.

Margaret M. Adams

Long time Fort Clark Springs resident, Margaret Adams, passed away on October 28, 2004.

Margaret was born in Colo, Iowa on February 28, 1925. In February 1943 she married Deane Adams. Deane joined the Army in October 1944 and they spent the next 20 years in the

service. They moved to Ft. Clark Springs in February 1979. Deane passed away in August 2001.

Survivors include daughter, Karen McCarty of Estacada, OR and granddaughter Leanne McCarty of Gresham, OR.

At Margaret's request there will be no service.

The little dog

It started with a phone call and one of my children asking, "Dad can I leave my dog with you and mom for a couple of days and by the way I also have my best friend's two little dogs?" As you know it is hard to say no to your children.

Later on as I was leaning over the backyard fence and throwing food to the little dogs, the smallest and cutest one started growling. He didn't want the other dogs to have any food and he tried to keep them away while he choked down all the food. It was hard for him to growl and swallow at the same time and also keep all the other dogs away. That scene reminded me of a problem we may face in life, called greed or selfishness.

The Bible talks about it, (James 3:14 & 16, Galatians



Jerry Davenport

Brother J.

5:19-21) and it is a part of natural man and leads to much unhappiness, (James 4:1-4). Don't kid yourself everyone has it and it just takes the right situation to expose it, (Romans 3:23). God gave us a remedy for it.



We are to confess our sins, ask forgiveness, and ask Jesus Christ in to our hearts, (James 4:5-10). We are to keep yielding (being energized or filled) to the Holy Spirit till we get victory, (Galatians 5:16,22,23). See you in Church next Sunday.

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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A sudden change in plans at work has you fuming. Ultimately, though, you have no choice but to adapt. This weekend, a family member is moody and irritable, so be patient.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Joint finances are favored this week. This is particularly true of real estate matters. Avoid making an impulsive decision, though.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a great week for you to start making some travel plans. Something happening behind the scenes is to your benefit. Exercise patience as this unfolds.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You really hit your stride at work this week. Feel free to bask in those kudos. You've certainly earned them.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your mind is on romance this week. Just don't let it distract you too much. You'll want to remain sharp as you go about your tasks at work.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Creative projects are right up your alley this week. You have innovative ideas that almost have a touch of genius. Use this to good advantage.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You bask in the limelight, and this week is no exception. Since you're in that spotlight,

make the most of it. Bigwigs are sitting up and taking notice.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An important financial decision has been dumped into your lap. You don't have to go it alone, though. Seek the advice of an expert in this area.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your way with words helps you this week since communication is important. You are able to get your views across, both to co-workers and family members. Later in the week, you receive good news from a friend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Try not to be too heavy-handed with family members this week. Yes, you're right about a domestic matter. However, you can get your point across better if you're more diplomatic.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It's a week of mixed signals at work. Whatever you do, don't give in to frustration. You'll be able to sort things out by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're tempted to play matchmaker for a single friend this week. This is never a good idea. Eventually, this person will work things out.

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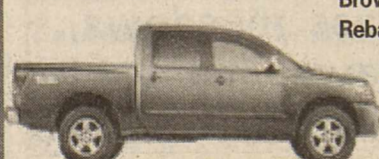



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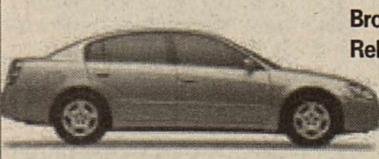
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