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City being sued by local businesswomen

Local merchants Cordelia Mendeke and Lucille Fuentes filed suit against the City of Brackettville and City Secretary Bonnie Mayes for disconnecting their water and gas utilities in the 63rd District Court on Aug. 18, and later requested it be removed and transferred to Federal Court on Aug. 28.

According to the documents filed with the Honorable Judge

Thomas F. Lee, Mendeke and Fuentes, owners of C&L Minimax, Inc., contend actions taken by the City of Brackettville resulted in the closure of their coin-operated laundromat and gift shop business located on the corner of Ann and Fulton streets.

"Plaintiff asserts that Defendants acted wrongfully and in flagrant violation of law when

Defendants permanently disconnected all gas, water and sewage service to Plaintiff's business premises on Friday, Aug. 11," the documents stated.

In January of this year, the owners of the laundromat called the City to discuss what they believed was an overcharge for water usage during the month of December. After some discussion between the two parties, the

City removed the existing meter and installed a replacement.

Then for the next month's bill, "The charge for water was \$154.30, compared to the monthly average during 2005, of \$11.05," the petition filed by the laundromat owners continued.

Over the eight month period leading up to Mendeke and Fuentes filing suit in District Court, The City of Brackettville installed two replacement water meters, one gas meter and installed a custom steel box around the meter to prevent access.

On July 20, the City of Brackettville sent Mendeke and Fuentes an invoice for damaged water and gas meters, totalling \$2,267.38, and when payment was not made within 15 days, the City disconnected the services.

Attorneys for the City of Brackettville and Secretary Mayes were both contacted, but both declined the opportunity to make any public statements until after the court hearing on Sept. 19, at the Federal Building in Del Rio.



No Water, No Wash

The Plaza Wash stands empty as the City of Brackettville and C&L Minimax, Inc. prepare for their day in federal court Sept. 19.

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

216 Texas counties qualify for livestock assistance because of ongoing drought

AUSTIN - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today announced that livestock producers in 216 drought-stressed Texas counties may be eligible for \$14.5 million in assistance under the recently announced federal Livestock Assistance Grant Program. The livestock

block grant is part of a broad-based national drought disaster assistance program for American farmers and ranchers announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture this week.

USDA will distribute \$50 million in state block grants to 20 states to help livestock pro-

ducers recover losses suffered because of the ongoing drought. Assistance may cover such items as the cost of lost forage, supplemental feeding, the cost of relocating livestock to new pastures and the cost of emergency water supplies.

The Texas Department of

Agriculture is working with statewide agriculture and livestock groups to establish the criteria for distributing the funds in Texas.

"The funds released by USDA will provide a much-needed infusion of dollars to Texas producers devastated by the ongoing drought," Combs said. "With the entire state facing unprecedented economic setbacks because of this year's drought, I appreciate all that Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has done to help our hardworking producers recover some of their losses during these desperate times."

"We will be working closely with our livestock groups, the Governor's Office and USDA to set up the criteria, announce a sign-up period and distribute the funds from the block grant to our producers as quickly as possible," Combs said.

Only livestock producers in the eligible counties who suffered a loss of forage production because of the 2006 drought may receive assistance. Payments are limited to \$10,000 and cannot exceed the amount of lost forage production and related losses.

Livestock producers in Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, Maverick, Uvalde, Val Verde, Zavala and 209 other Texas counties may be eligible for assistance.

For timely information on the Livestock Assistance Grant Program for Texas, please visit TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us under "New at TDA."



Raffle to help local arson victims

Friends of Thomas and Francie Wylie will be hosting a benefit raffle at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church on Sept. 23, at 2 p.m.

A 30" widescreen HD TV, a Bud Breen Original painting, a stainless steel bar-b-que grill, \$200 in Pico Storebucks and a rustic metal yard art with large Circle E Candle will all be raffled individually.

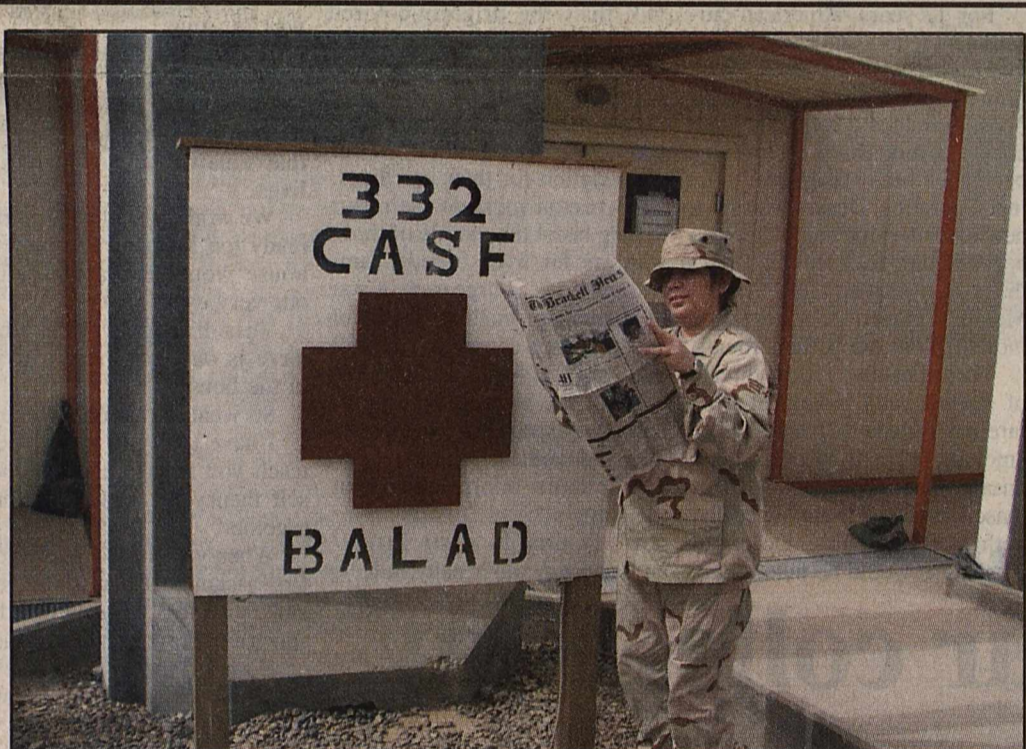
Tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20.

The tickets are on sale now through Sept. 21, at the following locations: D&D Hardware, The Brackett News Office, The Jugstore, the Ambulance Shack.

Richard Slubar, Mindy Slubar and Helen Seargeant will also be selling tickets.

Ticket holders do not need to be at the drawing ceremony in order to win.

Refreshments will be sold while supplies lasts.



A World Away

Photo Submitted by Jose Perez

SRA Ana E. Talamantes is an Air Force Reservist out of the 433rd Alamo Wing at Lackland AFB, Texas. She is currently serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom in Balad, Iraq with the 332 Expeditionary Aeromedical Squadron. Talamantes' primary duties include tracking aeromedical evacuation flights and patients throughout the area of responsibility and to insure patients are manifested for further healthcare treatment in a timely manner from the contingency aeromedical staging facility. The CASF team has transported over 2000+ patients through their facility in the past four months. See Page 2 for Photo Contest details.

News BRIEFS

Wylie Fire Relief

Anyone wanting to contribute to the Wylie Fire Relief Fund can make a deposit at the Brackettville Bank & Trust.

Track Field Closed

The BISD Track Field on FM 334 will be closed for construction until further notice.

Parenting Workshops

Families for a future is offering FREE parenting workshops to help parents learn to thrive on challenge and change. Meal and Childcare will be provided free of charge. Learn the building blocks for successful family function: Learn the building blocks: •Parent Modeling/Parent Teaching •Children and Adolescent Development •Parent/Child Relationships •Strong Ethnic and Cultural Roots •Link to Community Resources. Raquel Frausto 830-768-2755 or 877-441-4188 or Sara Terrazas from the Brackett Public Library.

Mrs. Kinney Co. Pageant

Applications are now being accepted for the title of 2007 "Mrs. Kinney County"! Mrs.

Kinney County will have the honor of representing her county at the Mrs. Texas Pageant to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas May 4 - 6, 2007. The woman chosen as "Mrs. Kinney County" will become an ambassador from the Kinney County area and receive an official title and sash! The woman chosen as Mrs. Texas will receive a prize package valued at over \$11,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the "2007" Mrs. International Pageant. The American Heart Association and The United Way are the official charities of the Mrs. Texas Pageant. The current reigning "2006" Mrs. Texas is Suzy Bootz of Canyon Lake, Texas. As Mrs. Texas, Suzy speaks on her platform "Saving Lives Through Early Detection & Awareness of Breast Cancer". Suzy lost her mother to breast cancer after a long battle with the disease. Her goal as Mrs. Texas is to educate as many women as she can about the im-

portance of early detection. Suzy has partnered with the Lois Caldwell Breast Cancer Foundation as well as the American Cancer Society to promote the cause. Mrs. contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Fitness Wear, and Evening Gown. (There is no talent or swimsuit competition!!!) Married women living in Kinney County interested in applying should write for bio. form: Mrs. Texas, International Pageant, 14427 Brookhollow, Suite 197, San Antonio, TX 78232, or call or e-mail for more information: 210.403.0589, Director@TXBeautyQueens.com.

Hunter's Guide

Don't miss your opportunity to reach out to area hunters! TBN will be publishing their Hunter's Guide on Oct. 1. Deadline to submit an article or place an advertisement is Sep. 10. The 40-page magazine will be distributed via newsstands in the surrounding seven counties and

be an informative guide to hunting, visiting and shopping in the area. Call Leigh at 563-2852, for more details.

Chuckwagon Dinner Theater

Sagebrush Sal is the heroine of a tale of the old, old west--Southwest Texas style--where men were men and woman were...well, you'll find out about that when you see the show. Jake, the Snake, Ovaltine, and Tumbleweeds along with Cowboys, Con Can girls and even Chief Juan-In-A-Minute and his Knippatian Indians round out the cast of this fast-paced melodrama. A Chuckwagon Dinner Theater will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2006 with the chuckwagon dinner served at 6 p.m. at the Uvalde Adult Activity Center, 250, E. Main, and the reserved seating performances at the Janey Slaughter Briscoe Grand Opera House at 8 p.m. The purchase of a \$15

ticket entitles a person to attend the chuckwagon dinner and melodrama. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Uvalde Adult Activity Center and the Uvalde Arts Council. For ticket information, contact the Grand Opera House at 830-278-4184.

Photo Contest

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Weekend WEATHER

Friday Partly Cloudy
High:91
Low:72

Saturday Partly Cloudy
High:92
Low:71

Sunday Scattered TStorms
High:88
Low:71

Editors Weekly PLOG

I have had some pretty amazing experiences over the last five months. I feel that we've been able to overcome some pretty big obstacles and still get out a paper - typos and all!

I've had so many people approach me on weekly basis to tell me EXACTLY what they think about the paper, me personally, etc. and that in itself is REALLY amazing.

I love this gig. I have loved newspapers since I was a child. It was the reading. It was the ink on my fingers. It was the front page story and the stock market. I remember my fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Gargis, at DuPont Elementary School - a school built smack dab in the middle of a poor working class neighborhood - and how she used the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* to teach us about the stock market. Everyone in the class "bought" stock and tracked it for the entire year. I bought McDonald's stock. I remember doing well!

I love Brackettville - and if you have children - this is where you want to be. The school here is solid. Many who complain have no idea what its like outside of Brackett - from a student or teacher's point of view. It's

rough out there. Don't get me wrong - It's not perfect and I could write down a few names, but the bigger picture is that we send our children to an overall wonderful school.

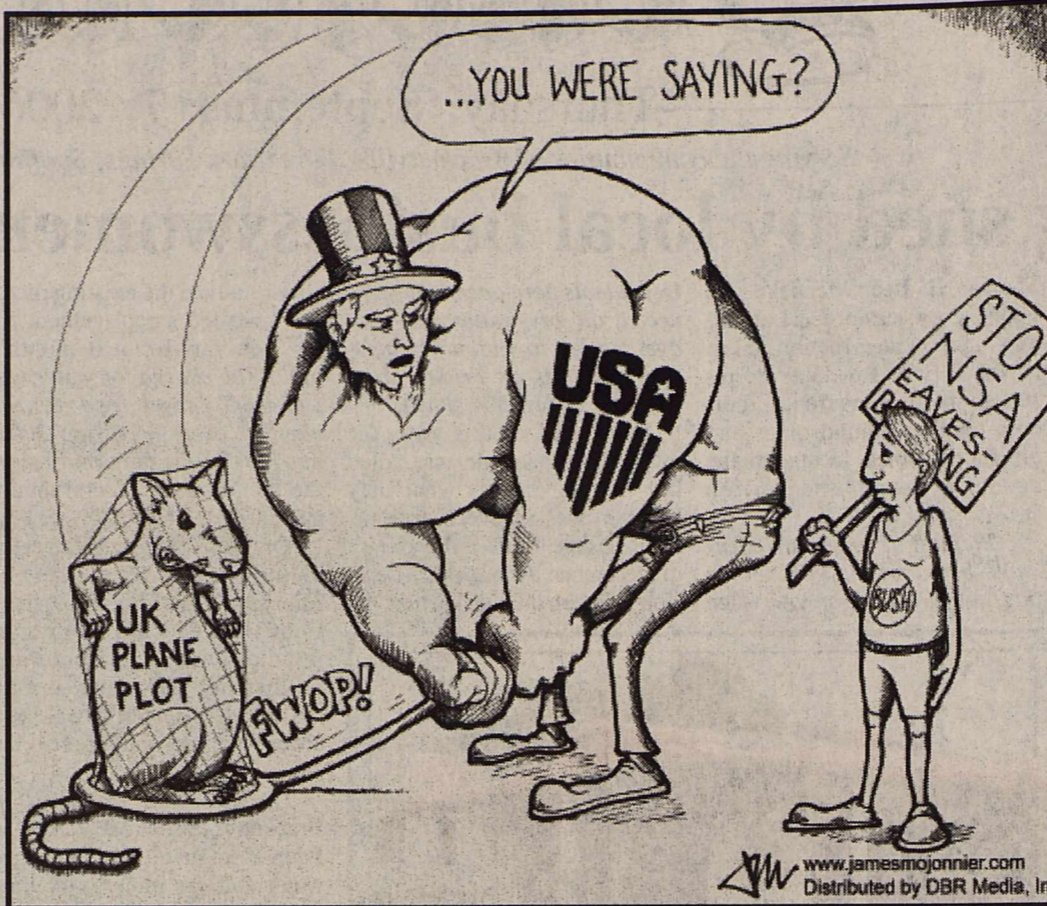
Back to my story. I love newspapers.

I have had some people in the community thank me for my efforts or compliment me on a story. This touches my heart because I am connected to this community.

But with all the good, kind words, you've got to take the bad as well. I recently had a woman remark about running me out of town. Do people still do that? Do you call out a posse and ride horseback up Fulton Street and drag me out? What about my babies and my clothes? Will you put them on a stagecoach or can you just use UPS?

In most cases I smile, say thank and ask the Lord to make my heart ever humble...

To the rest, I giggle and think that I own a home and business - plus, the more people who gripe and complain about me personally only help me professionally - and for that I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Leigh V.



Operation Dear Abby - Sending a letter from home



Henry Bonilla

The United States of America has fought several wars, primarily foreign soil. On a quiet morning in December of 1941, 353 Imperial Japanese Navy planes attacked Pearl Harbor killing 2,403 American servicemen and 68 civilians. Nearly 60 years later, nearly 3,000 Americans were killed when four commercial airplanes hijacked by 19 al-Qaeda terrorists crashed into both towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., as well as the final plane, brought down outside Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after the heroic passengers and crew fought to retake the aircraft. As the smoke cleared, Americans once again found the resolve to defend freedom from tyranny.

The brave men and women of the Armed Forces continue to fight the War on Terror on many fronts. We continue to place our lives and liberties in the hands of our troops fighting on the front lines. These individuals risk their lives every day to preserve our freedom and safety.

While we buy school supplies and run our family errands, our troops find themselves in harms way in foreign territory. Now, more than ever, it is paramount that we rally behind our troops and show our support.

When I think of our troops so far away from home, I am reminded of a story I heard many years ago. During the Vietnam War, Sgt. Billy Thompson sent a simple holiday request to news columnist Abigail Van Buren, the author of the famous column, "Dear Abby." He suggested that "just a letter from home" would make a wonderful Christmas present. This resulted in the holiday letter writing campaign called "Operation Dear Abby."

For 17 years, American citizens sent letters and cards to servicemen deployed away from home. These cards served to boost morale and spread holiday cheer to thousands of military personnel. Many years later, during Operation Desert Storm, a new letter-writing campaign was born. Rather than focus only on the holiday season, "Any Service Member" aimed to promote the morale of our troops year-round.

Unfortunately, recent threats of Anthrax and biological warfare have made delivering large amounts of mail to our troops unsafe. The Department of Defense was forced to announce that both of these highly successful campaigns would be indefinitely

suspended. In the midst of a new kind of war, we must find new means of supporting our servicemen and women.

As times change, we adapt and new technology is helping make it easier for us all to show our appreciation for our troops. The Navy created a web-based alternative to traditional letter-writing campaigns. The new "Any Service Member" website provides a simple system to send e-mail greetings to our troops. Anyone wishing a reply to their message, need only to include a return e-mail address. This simple process allows those sending the message to choose any branch of the military to send their greetings. While our troops will miss the brightly-colored envelopes and picturesque cards, they are excited about the convenience of e-mail.

As our troops face new challenges, we must demonstrate our appreciation for their sacrifices. Each person must do their part to help boost the morale of those who are far from friends, family, and home. I urge each of you to participate in this thoughtful and patriotic campaign. It will take only a few minutes, but think of the joy it will bring to these very special and admirable men and women.

For more information about the Navy's "Any Service Member" campaign visit <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil>.

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- Engagement Announcement without Photo - No Charge
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- Wedding Announcement without a Photo - No Charge
- Wedding Announcement with a Photo - \$20
- Quinceanera Announcement without a Photo - No Charge
- Quinceanera Announcement with a Photo - \$10
- Birth Announcements without a Photo - No Charge
- Birth Announcements with a Photo - \$10
- Obituaries with or without a Photo - No Charge

Are your college savings plans on track?



Emily Cooper

It's back-to-school time again. If you are a parent of a college student, you've probably already made whatever arrangements you are going to make to meet those hefty tuition payments - and some of these arrangements can involve considerable sacrifice. But if your children are a few years away from heading off to school, you can still take advantage of some attractive college savings vehicles - and the best time to start exploring these options is now.

How important is it to save early and often for college? Just ponder these figures from the 2005-2006 school year: For students attending four-year public colleges and universities, the average total cost was \$15,566, while students at four-year private colleges and universities paid, on average, \$31,916, according to the College Board. These numbers will surely rise for this school year, and, in all likelihood, for the next few years, too. In fact, for the past decade, inflation has been much higher on the college campus

than in the world outside.

So, what can you do? What's the best way to save and invest for college? As is the case when you save for retirement, it's a good idea to find vehicles that offer both growth potential and tax advantages. Here are a couple to consider:

Coverdell Education Savings Account - Depending on your income level, you can contribute up to \$2,000 annually to a Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA). Your Coverdell earnings and withdrawals will be tax-free, provided you use the money for qualified education expenses. (Any non-education withdrawals from a Coverdell ESA may be subject to a 10 percent penalty.) You can place your contributions to a Coverdell ESA into virtually any investment you choose - stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc.

Section 529 savings plan - In a Section 529 savings plan, you put money in specific investments. All withdrawals will be free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for a qualified college or graduate school expense of the beneficiary you've named - typically, your child or grandchild. (However, 529 distributions will appear as income on the child's tax return, which could affect financial aid calculations.) Withdraw-

als for expenses other than qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes.

Aside from the tax benefits, a Section 529 savings plan offers other advantages. First, account limits are quite high - you can accumulate more than \$200,000 per beneficiary in many state plans, although special gifting provisions may apply.

And, just as importantly, you can get significant estate-planning benefits from a Section 529 savings plan. Because you can contribute large amounts of money to the plan, you'll may be able to reduce the size of your taxable estate. Plus, even though the assets are out of your estate, you retain control of them. You decide who will get the money and when he or she will get it. You can even change the beneficiary to another family member.

Before investing in either a Coverdell ESA or a Section 529 plan, see your tax advisor. Contributions for Section 529 plans are tax-deductible in certain states for residents who participate in their own state's plan. But don't wait too long. While college may look a long way off for your children or grandchildren now, time has a way of sneaking up on you - so don't let it catch you unprepared.

Planting a seed



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

We have all heard the saying that when the student is ready; the teacher will come.

You were ready and willing to change.

No one else could do this but you.

It had to come from your heart of willingness to make simple behavior changes along with attitude adjustments to see the peace begin within you!

All I do is plant the seed and you are doing the rest; you had to be willing to accept the seed into fertile soil and be ready to cultivate.

You had been searching for many years for the seed.

You have purchased every self-help book looking for the magic solution to get rid of the CHAOS.

You even thought that you were the only one that lived this way.

Then all of a sudden you find out there are other people that have the same problem; You were not alone. This makes all the difference in the world because you no longer have to suffer because someone else knows what you have been through.

We have been scolded for years; "Why can't you just clean up around here!"

We could get the house clean; but it would not stay that way for long.

There was some secret that other people knew that we had not been told.

We have been searching for that elusive key most of our lives.

We would spend days getting ready for company and then the house would fall apart before our very eyes.

This happens even when there is only one person living in the house.

So what is that elusive key? I have told you that if I can teach you to take care of yourself then your home will come together.

When you find FlyLady your first assignment is to shine your sink, then it is to get dressed to shoes and fix your hair and face.

Both of these assignments help you to take care of yourself.

I can hear you now. How does shining my sink help me to take care of myself?

Well it is all about letting go of your perfectionism by being nice to you for the first time in your life.

Shining your sink helps to give you hope.

Keeping the sink shining is how you cultivate that hope into peace.

Sometimes we can be our own worst enemy.

We say ugly things to ourselves.

When we have hope; we let go of those negative thoughts and replace them with positive attitudes.

Along with those positive attitudes we add simple routines to help us continue to cultivate that seed of hope.

With fun tools we get rid of our clutter and dust away the years of procrastination.

Then before we know it; that little seed of hope has grown into the Peace that nurtures us.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, *Sink Reflections* published by Bantam and her new book, *Body Clutter*.

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Tiger Pride



Tigers defeated by Dilley in first game of season



Tiger Gridiron
Thomas Hurney

It took Dilley most of the first half to refine their pass-happy offense, but that single-mindedness paid off in spades as they edged the Brackett Tigers 29-23 Friday night by virtue of four long touchdown strikes, including one with six seconds left in the first half to pull the Wolves to within two points.

The Wolves were first to take the field at Tiger Stadium in their (mostly) grey uniforms, with maroon piping, helmets, numerals and leggings. They burst through their school banner amid tumbling cheerleaders and the marching band banging out the Notre Dame fight song. Brackett, by contrast, was all business. As is their custom, the Tigers entered onto the field as one unit, arms interlocked in a tight, three-deep formation. After all the pomp and ceremony had concluded, and as the daylight ebbed, Dilley took the opening kickoff up to their own 30-yard line and the game began.

The Wolves gained all of four yards on their first possession, and had to punt. Brackett countered with a 14-play drive deep into Dilley territory but came up empty as the Wolves defense stopped running back Ivan Pinales for no gain on fourth down and just over a yard at the Dilley seven. "We controlled the ball, we had long drives, we just couldn't finish the drives" said head coach Greg Voyles after the game. "That's what we need to do, is finish".

Dilley took over at their own seven, and their second drive quickly went south (literally, in this case) as Pinales sacked Wolves quarterback Andrew Autry in the end zone for the first points of the game-advantage Brackett, 2-0. The Tigers had the ball and the momentum, as tailback Travis Bonner took the ensuing kickoff all the way up to the Dilley 47. On first down, fullback Fermin Villanueva sloughed off several defenders for a hard-fought four yards up to the 43. From there the Tigers moved ahead in three and four yard increments, with some tough runs by Villanueva, Bonner and Pinales. A could-have-been moment on second and nine from the Wolves 33 re-typed the "Close, But No Cigar" theme for the evening, as a Robert Davis deep ball just grazed the fingertips of a diving Ivan Pinales in the end zone. The drive stalled and the Wolves took over at their own 16, but again they had to punt after a quarterback sack by the Tigers John Moore resulted in a three-yard loss on third and 6.

The Tigers however, could only muster seven yards on their next possession and ceded the

ball to Dilley, who took over on their own 22. The Wolves put together their first sustained drive of the night, only to fumble at their own 40. The Tigers seized upon the opportunity, moving quickly to the six yard line. On first down the Tigers were flagged for illegal procedure.

On first and goal from the eleven, an undeterred Ivan Pinales rumbled right and found the end zone. Jacob Schroeder tapped in the extra point and the Tigers were up 9-0.

Afterwards the two teams again exchanged punts, and then towards the end of the first half the Wolves started to find their stride offensively. Working from their own 34 the Wolves moved quickly to the Brackett 23 on the strength of a rejuvenated passing attack that would plague the Tigers for the rest of the evening. On third and five from the Brackett 18 with about ten seconds left in the half Autry hit paydirt with an end-zone flutterball that landed impossibly into the arms of a wide-open Dilley receiver. The conversion attempt was good, and at the half the Tigers were up 9 to 7.

Brackett had the ball first in the second half and made it count, capping a long drive with a twenty-yard touchdown strike from Robert Davis to wideout Cesar Ortiz. The point after sailed through the uprights and the Tigers led 16-to-7.

Now, here's where it became interesting. That is to say, here's where the pyrotechnics began. The Wolves had the ball back on their own 20. Autry's passes, which had no zip or velocity to speak of in the first half had both in the second. The Wolves gained yards in gargantuan portions, as they moved into scoring position on the strength of two Autry long balls, one for 32 yards and one for 28, and punctuated the drive with (what else?) a touchdown pass on third down to pull within two, advantage Brackett 16-14.

After a three-and-out Tigers possession and a blocked Dilley field goal Brackett had the ball back and mounted a grind-it-out thirteen play 80-yard drive culminating in a four yard touchdown gallop to the right by Travis Bonner. Again, Jacob Schroeder was called upon to render his services and added the extra point to make it Brackett 23, Dilley 14.

The Wolves regained possession on their own 30, and Autry, their hot-handed quarterback gained 8 yards on a first down quarterback keeper. On second down he hit a Dilley receiver who had several steps on his man, and 62-yards later the Wolves were back within two. "It's repetition. They knew what to do, they just didn't get it done" said Coach Voyles, a reference to his teams inability to stifle the Wolves revitalized offense. That offense had the ball back after Brackett was stuffed on its' next possession. On first down The Tigers tipped an Autry pass attempt from the 16-yard line and nearly intercepted the ball, but dropped it.

On second down he fired an 85-yard touchdown bomb, and for the first time that evening the Wolves had taken the lead 29-23 on a two point conversion.

The Tigers had the ball back

on their own 24 with just under two minutes left.

On 3rd down from the 24 the Wolves were penalized for pass interference and the Tigers were back in business on the 38. A ten-yard pass to Travis Bonner

and the Tigers were approaching midfield, but on first down from the 48 a Dilley defender stepped in front of Davis' intended target and plucked the ball from the air to seal the victory for the Wolves.

As the crowd filed out, Coach Voyles gathered his players onto the field, not far from the west end zone. "I told them, put it behind us, learn from it and go on. It's not the end of the season, it's just one loss".



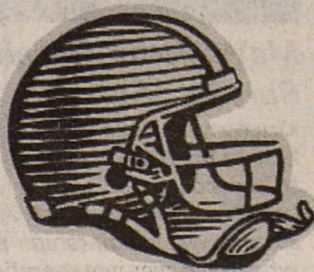
Tigers Kickoff To Dilley

GAME STATS



Tiger Statistics
Cash Letsinger

	3rd Quarter		4th Quarter	
	Brackett	Dilley	Brackett	Dilley
First Downs	5	8	10	3
Total Yards	25	142	126	158
Rushing Yards	5	13	105	12
Passing Yards	20	129	21	146
Punts/Avg	1/46	0/0	2/52	0/0
Turnovers	0	1	1	0
Penalties/Yards	4/14	4/39	1/5	4/21
Sacks/Yards	0/0	0/0	1/5	1/-14
2nd Half				
	Brackett	Dilley		
First Downs	15	11		
Total Yards	151	300		
Rushing Yards	110	25		
Passing Yards	41	275		
Punts/Avg	3/68	0/0		
Turnovers	1	1		
Penalties/Yards	5/19	8/60		
Sacks/Yards	1/-5	1/-14		



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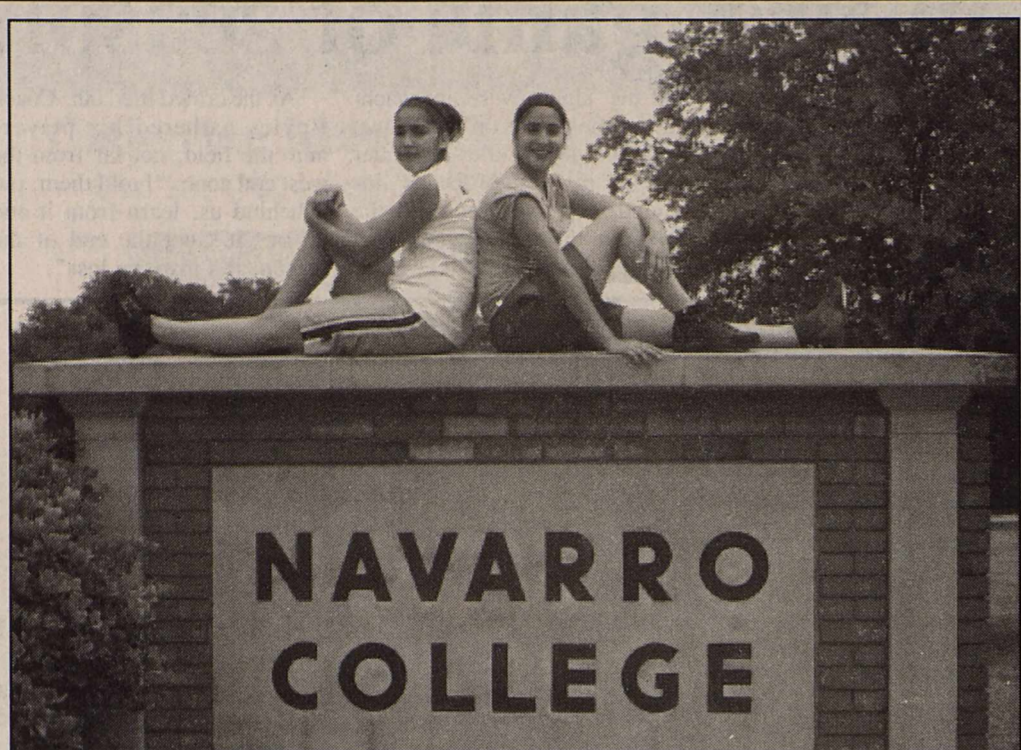


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All-Star Basketball Camp *Courtesy Photo*
Elidia and Elena Molinar attend the Summer All-Star Basketball camp in Corsicana, Texas at Navarro College. The girls were chosen by BISD Coach Ricky Creel.

The King Report Surviving the Texas heat

By Tracy King
State Representative

Broiling summer temperatures are hardly a surprise for Texas residents. But as the mercury continues to peak across the state, the dangers of hot weather become a more and more serious health threat for the uninformed.

Heat-related illnesses, such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke, are prevalent during the summer months, and may affect anyone overexposed to sunlight and extreme temperatures.

To prevent these uncomfortable conditions, the Texas Department of State Health Services offers the following tips:

- Drink plenty of fluids, especially 30 minutes before going outdoors. Avoid sugary or caffeinated drinks.
- Conduct strenuous outdoor activities in the mornings or

evenings, when the temperature is lower. If you work outdoors, drink plenty of fluids and take frequent breaks throughout the day.

- Wear sunscreen with at least SPF 15, wide-brimmed hats, and lightly-colored, loose clothing.

- Eat frequent, well-balanced, light meals.

- Consult your doctor about taking prescribed medications that may be affected by excessive sun exposure and heat.

- Never leave a person or animal inside a closed, parked vehicle.

- If your home is not air-conditioned, seek a cool, public place, like a library or movie theater. If you must be at home, leave your windows open, the fans running, and your shades down while the sun is out.

- Take cool baths or showers.

- Be aware of heat conditions

in your region and alert your friends and neighbors. Stay indoors on exceptionally warm days.

Texans can better enjoy the blistering summer months by simply taking the necessary measures to keep cool. More information about heat safety can be found at the Texas Department of State Health Services website (www.dshs.state.tx.us).

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve you in our state's government. Please feel free to contact me if you ever have a concern.

More heat safety facts:
• In 2005, heat was linked to 59 deaths in Texas, up from 44 in 2003 and 2004.

• Most heat-related deaths occur in July.

• Symptoms of heat illness include excess sweating, cramps, nausea, dizziness, headaches, and a weak but rapid pulse.

Lion's Club update on activities

Submitted by Lynn McNew

Brackettville Lions Club has awarded four (4) \$500.00 scholarships to Brackett high seniors. Three of the four recipients and their parents were guests at the Lions Club meeting on August 3rd.

Ashley Castillo will be attending Sul Ross in Alpine.

She plans to play volleyball and softball while in college and will be majoring in Kinesiology. Ashley is the daughter of Tomas and Suzanna Castillo.

Tanya Molinar will attend St. Edward's University in Austin and major in Psychology. Her parents are Tony and Maria Elena Molinar.

Brand Wylie will be attending the University of Texas at Austin with a double major in Math and Computer Science. He will also play soccer and run track. Brand is the son of Tom and Francine Wylie.

The fourth scholarship winner, Shaddine Gum, was unable to attend the meeting. Her parents are Eric and Walelia Gum.

In the kitchen with Vada

I've had requests for recipes size/planned for two.

True some things you don't need guide lines but I've found some dishes worth fixing that would be hard to adjust from something larger.

HEY!! I've even come up with some deserts and I don't mean jello or puddings but the real thing.

I will feature some more in the near future.

If any of you readers have successfully developed or know of a dish in these areas, I'd love to feature them.

Lazy Lasagna

- 1 cup spaghetti sauce
- 1/2 cup cottage cheese
- 3/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1-1/2 cups cooked wide noodles
- 2 tbsp. grated parmesan cheese



Vada Baldree

Warm the spaghetti sauce; stir in cottage cheese and mozzarella.

Fold in the noodles. Pour into two greased 2-cup casseroles. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 375 degrees for 20 min. or until bubbly.

Deviled Crab Casserole

- 1 can (6 oz.) crabmeat, drained, flaked & cartilage removed
- 1 cup dry bread crumbs, divided
- 3/4 cup chopped green onions
- 2 hard cooked eggs, chopped
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. worcestershire sauce
- 1/8 tsp. ground mustard
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 6 tbsp. butter or margarine, melted, divided

In a bowl, combine crab, 3/4 cup of bread crumbs, milk, onions, eggs, salt, worcestershire sauce, mustard and pepper. Add 4 tbsp. of butter, mix well. Spoon into a greased 1-quart dish.

Combine remaining bread crumbs and butter; sprinkle over casserole. Sprinkle with paprika, bake uncovered at 425 degrees for 16 to 18 min. or until golden brown and edges

are bubbly.

Cranberry Chicken

- 1/2 cup cranberry juice
- 6 tbsp. soy sauce
- 6 tbsp. worcestershire sauce
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 bone-in chicken breast halves
- hot cooked rice, optional

In a resealable plastic bag, combine the first four ingredients.

Add chicken and turn to coat. Seal bag and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight.

Place chicken and marinade in a small ungreased baking pan. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until the meat juices run clear. Serve over rice if desired.

Chocolate Pudding Cake

- 1/2 cup biscuit/baking mix
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 2 tsp. baking cocoa
- 3 tsp. milk
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- Topping
- 3 tsp. brown sugar
- 1 tsp. baking cocoa
- 1/2 cup boiling water

In a small bowl, combine baking mix, sugar and cocoa. Stir in milk & vanilla. Spoon into two greased 8 or 10 oz. custard cups.

For topping, combine the brown sugar and cocoa in a bowl.

Stir in boiling water. Pour over batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 min. or until toothpick inserted in the cake layer comes out clean.

Top with ice cream or whipped cream if desired.

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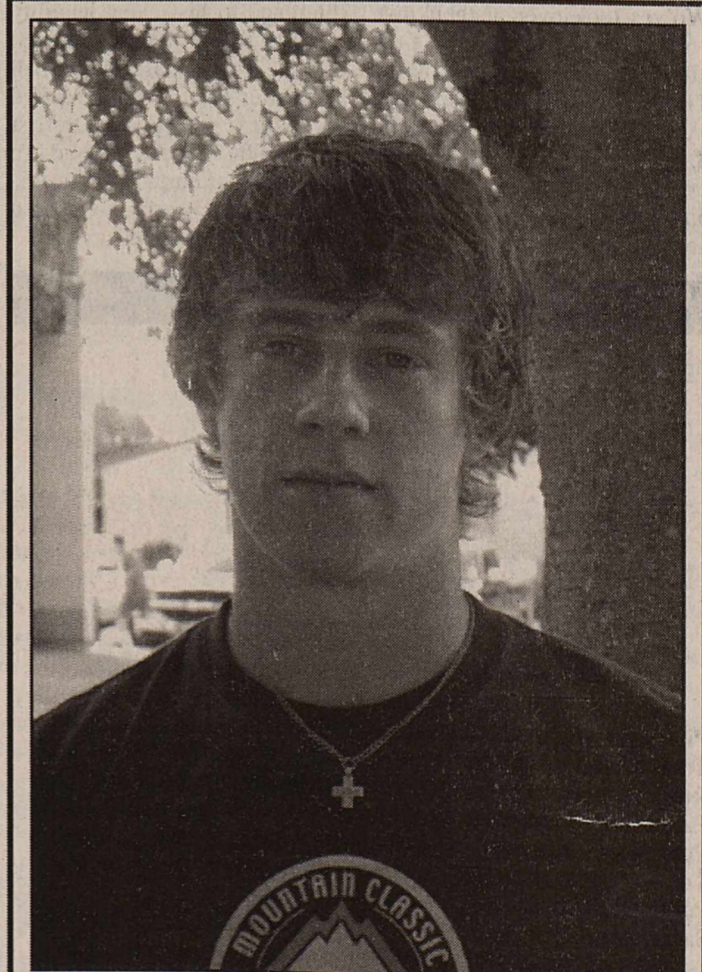
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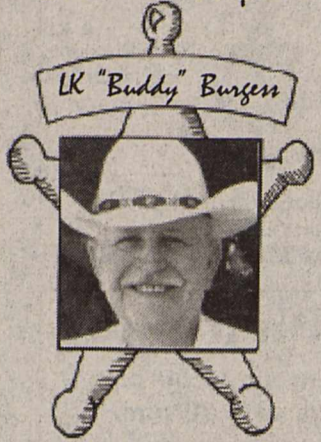
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Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)



McWilliams Receives Farm Bureau Scholarship *Courtesy Photo*
Kinney/Val Verde County Farm Bureau director presented Mason McWilliams with a \$500.00 scholarship awarded by the local Farm Bureau. Mason is attending Angelo State University. Kinney/Val Verde County Farm Bureau will award two scholarships each year to deserving seniors whose families are members of the local farm bureau.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Friday, August 18
8:16 a.m. Kelly Lee Borders Jr., 39, of Bandera, was arrested for possession of an illegal substance. Borders was released on a \$1000 bond.

Saturday, August 19
1:25 a.m. Jose Antonio Mata, 39, of Brackettville, was arrested for Public Intoxication and Criminal Mischief. Mata was released two days later on a \$1500 bond.

Monday, August 21
12:30 p.m. A deputy informed the KCSO that a fence had been cut on a ranch.

6:04 p.m. Phillip Evan Cooke, 22, of San Antonio, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. Cooke was released the next day on a \$2500 bond.

6:42 p.m. A Super S employee called stating there was a subject causing problems, a deputy was dispatched.

7:03 p.m. A man called the KCSO wanting to speak with a deputy.

7:42 p.m. Someone called the KCSO wanting a deputy at the school to report a car being keyed.

Tuesday, August 22
10:00 p.m. A motorist reported a bull on hwy 90, west of Brackettville by Sycamore Creek.

11:03 p.m. Union Pacific Dispatch called KCSO stating there was a fire on hwy 131 where there had been a fire earlier that day, dispatch called Brackettville VFD, BVFD said it was in Maverick CO.

Wednesday, August 23
1:45 p.m. A Union Pacific employee stated there was a fire on the railroad tracks and Tres Hijos Ranch, Brackettville VFD were unable to go to the scene, Maverick Co. went to scene.

11:30 p.m. Eric Meza, 22, of Houston, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Meza was released the same day on a \$1500 bond.

11:35 p.m. David Reyes, 27, of Brackettville, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Reyes is still being held at press time.

Thursday, August 24
10:50 p.m. A man called the KCSO stating he was having problems with his girlfriend and wanted a deputy.

Friday, August 25
4:19 a.m. A dispatcher from Val Verde SO called Kinney Co. SO, requesting a deputy to watch for a truck with a flatbed trailer that was heading towards Brackettville.

2:25 p.m. EMS was dispatched to an elderly person who had fallen in their home on Fort Clark.

3:30 p.m. A woman called KCSO requesting a deputy present when the water people came to her ranch. A deputy was dispatched.

9:50 p.m. A caller reported 4 or 5 cattle in the middle of hwy 90.

Saturday, August 26
3:10 p.m. A woman called asking for a deputy to come to her residence on Fort Clark.

7:35 p.m. A caller reported cattle on hwy 90 and hwy 3008. A deputy was dispatched.

9:11 p.m. A deputy was dispatched to the high school.

Monday, August 28
1:52 p.m. A woman called stating there was a hurt deer on the side of hwy 131 south. A deputy was dispatched.

5:00 p.m. Ben Tovar, 48, of Brackettville, was arrested for Assault on a Public Servant, Tovar is still being held at press time.

5:59 p.m. A man called stating there were loose cows on hwy 277 south.

Tuesday, August 29
A man called stating he was missing 4 horses from his ranch. A deputy was dispatched.

Wednesday, August 30
9:00 a.m. A person called to report loose cattle on hwy 90 west.

3:06 p.m. Numerous calls came into dispatch about loose cattle on hwy 90.

8:05 p.m. A woman came into KCSO stating that a pole was on fire on the corner of Beaumont and El Paso St. She

also stated that a squirrel was chewing the wires and caught fire also. A deputy, BVFD and CPL were dispatched.

Thursday, August 31
10:00 a.m. A deputy was dispatched to the high school due to two kids fighting.

9:45 p.m. A report of a missing woman came in wanting a deputy to assist. The female was located later.

Friday, September 1
12:00 a.m. Fermin Saldivar, 19, of Del Rio, was arrested for Possession of Illegal substance, Saldivar was released the next day on a \$1500 bond.

12:06 a.m. A woman called the KCSO stating that her neighbors were making alot of noise. A deputy was dispatched.

5:48 a.m. Security from Fort Clark called the KCSO reporting a deer had been hit.

7:30 a.m. A man called stating there was a loose cow on the side of Anacacho Road, the man called back later stating that he had put the cow back in the fence.

Saturday, September 2
8:40 p.m. A woman called stating she was having trouble with her boyfriend and requested a deputy.

8:30 p.m. A call came in from On-star wanting a welfare check on a driver, deputy was dispatched.

10:54 p.m. A call came in reporting an argument in Kickapoo Trailer Park.

Sunday, September 3
7:00 p.m. An EMS attendant wanted the KCSO to page his partner and he requested a deputy to the EMS building.

8:11 p.m. Armando Estrada, 35, of Brackettville, was arrested for Assault on a Public Servant Estrada is still being held at press time.

8:46 p.m. A Fort Clark Security guard called the SO reporting a lost child at the swim park.

10:37 p.m. A man called the KCSO stating there was a car in the ditch on Fort Clark Springs.

Monday, September 4
2:45 a.m. A man called 911 stating a woman had left her house and started running towards Del Rio. A deputy was dispatched.

8:05 p.m. Jose Louis Gantillan, 21, of New Braunfels, was arrested on outstanding warrants, Gantillan is still being held at press time.

Eulogy to Paul O'Rourke

Submitted by Cathy Kelley

I guess it's a little strange to eulogize someone in the form of a letter to the editor, but I felt what I had to say needed a larger audience. The individual I wish to write about is Paul O'Rourke. I met Paul as a result of my being hired as the fifth general manager of Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, in February, 1990. It is that connection that provides me with the only experience I can recall where I noted Paul using questionable judgment. (I am, of course, speaking of his "yes" vote on the question of whether to hire me or not.) With a majority vote by the Board in favor of hiring me, I began my journey working with a Board of Directors. Paul was in his first year as a Director for the Cooperative. There are many who see things that are wrong, and chronicle the wrongness in conversation or in written word, however, there are precious few whom will do something about what is wrong. I suspect Paul was never counted among the many, but rather found greater comfort being counted among the few. Paul was one of those rare individuals who put feet to his words.

Many will recall that in the late eighties, there was a great deal of criticism for the Cooperative. There was the perception that some, if not all the employees, were substandard. Past management was substandard and the Board of Directors was simply "asleep at the wheel". The presumed result of the forgoing was excessively high rates. In all honesty, some of those perceptions were wrong, but some were right. Paul, as former employee knew which ones were right, and so he resigned his position with the Cooperative and set about the process of being elected to the

Board, so that he could help be part of the solution.

Paul did not believe the problems experienced by the Cooperative could be laid at the feet of the employees. A quick way to agitate Paul was to criticize the employees of the Cooperative. He was always an ardent supporter; in fact, I can't remember him ever saying anything negative about any employee. As a Director, Paul devoted himself to the Board process and dealing with management issues. It is at this level that I came to understand him best. He became a confidant for me in those early years who never betrayed my confidence. There were times he had to console me and there were times he counseled me. He was the best kind of friend; I could discuss anything with him, and he would patiently listen.

In many instances there was nothing he could do to help, but

listen—it was always enough. Paul was a Director for nine years. He served Rio Grande Electric Cooperative and its members with honor and distinguished himself by doing so with integrity.

There are thousands of members who have benefited as a result of his commitment over the years. I am able to bear witness to the fact that the Cooperative is better because Paul took time to care. Jesus said, "No greater love has a man for a friend but that he would lay down his life". If you are like me, you probably tend to think of this verse as suggesting a single, selfless act. And, truly there is still some of that in the world; our military comes to mind. However, I have come to learn that for most of us, it means giving a piece of our life here and piece there, with the aggregate representing a life of service. Paul understood that as well as anyone I know.

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Cross Country update

Submitted by Coach Dusty Brotherton

The Brackett Varsity girls team placed first in the Crystal City Cross Country meet on Saturday September 2.

Individually, Harmony Pettett placed second with a time of 13:58, Gabby Schroeder placed third with a time of 13:59.

Katie Braesicke placed seventh with a time of 14:52, Brook Gose placed eighth with a time of 14:59, Anolda Watkins placed ninth with a time of 14:59.

Brianna Escamilla placed 17th with a time of 16:04 and Lauren Cornelius placed 20th with a time of 16:16.

Individually for the J.V. Girls Salina Flores placed 16th with a time of 18:04.

In the Junior High division, Kelsey Bruce placed first with a time of 12:34.

Courtney Kirkland placed 13th with a time of 15:19 and Bianca Cruz placed 14th with a time of 15:21.

The Varsity boys placed fourth.

Individually, Justin Calk placed seventh with a time of 17:25.

Edward Travieso placed 12th with a time of 18:47.

Chris Blake placed 20th with a time of 20:50, Manny Rosas placed 23rd with a time of 21:38, Izzy Muniz placed 26th with a time of 23:02.

Individually for the J.V. Boys Victor Cantu placed 38th with a time of 25:38.

Junior High Boys Joelson Terrazas placed 15th with a time of 14:23

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Weekly Migratory Bird Hunting Report



Weekly migratory bird hunting reports are posted from late August through early February.

North Zone Dove: Hunters saw mixed results in the region. Reports indicate afternoon shoots were better. As forecasted, those hunkered around watering holes had solid shoots. Panhandle hunters took limits of mourners around milo and corn fields. Few playas have water, but those hunting around stock tanks enjoyed steady shooting.

Red River and Bowie County fields saw good hunts over soybeans and watering holes. Fields around Denton were fair to good, and better around water.

Fields in Rockwall County posted limit hunts around water. Harrison County fields posted solid shoots around goatweed and water. Expect northern birds to begin trickling into Texas with the north breeze and upcoming full moon.

Until significant rainfall occurs, hunting around water will continue to be the ticket. Prospects are fair to good.

Central Zone Dove: Hunting around San Antonio was steady for whitewings around the outlying areas where corn and milo is present.

Hunters reported better flights in the afternoon. Early morning shoots were fair, but several hunters reported doves

were a bit late leaving their San Antonio roosts.

Uvalde hunting was good for whitewings, mourners and Eurasian collared doves. Whitewings flew a bit higher, but resident Eurasians flew to the same fields they have been feeding in all summer.

Hondo and Sabinal hunters got their birds around water and milo. Waco hunters enjoyed good shoots around water in the afternoon. Fields near Devers and Winnie, just north of I-10, gave up limits for those able to shoot well. Sealy and Columbus fields were solid in the afternoon.

Expect new birds to arrive with the full moon. Typically, the first 10 days of dove season sees hunters hunting resident birds. Then, birds from the northern states begin to enter Texas. Hunting around water will continue to be the ticket. Prospects are fair to good.

Special South Texas Whitewing: Cameron and Willacy County fields saw consistent shooting over the weekend in milo and corn fields. Those around water took their limit much quicker.

Uvalde area fields were good around milo and water, though higher shots were taken on whitewings. Eurasian collared doves filled the afternoon bag as well. The season will open again and run Sept. 16-17 with afternoon-only hunting. Prospects are good.

Teal Season: Teal season opens 30 minutes before sunrise Sept. 9 and runs through Sept. 24. The bag limit is 4 birds per man, per day. Biologist estimate 5.7 million blue-winged teal this year. Strong numbers have been

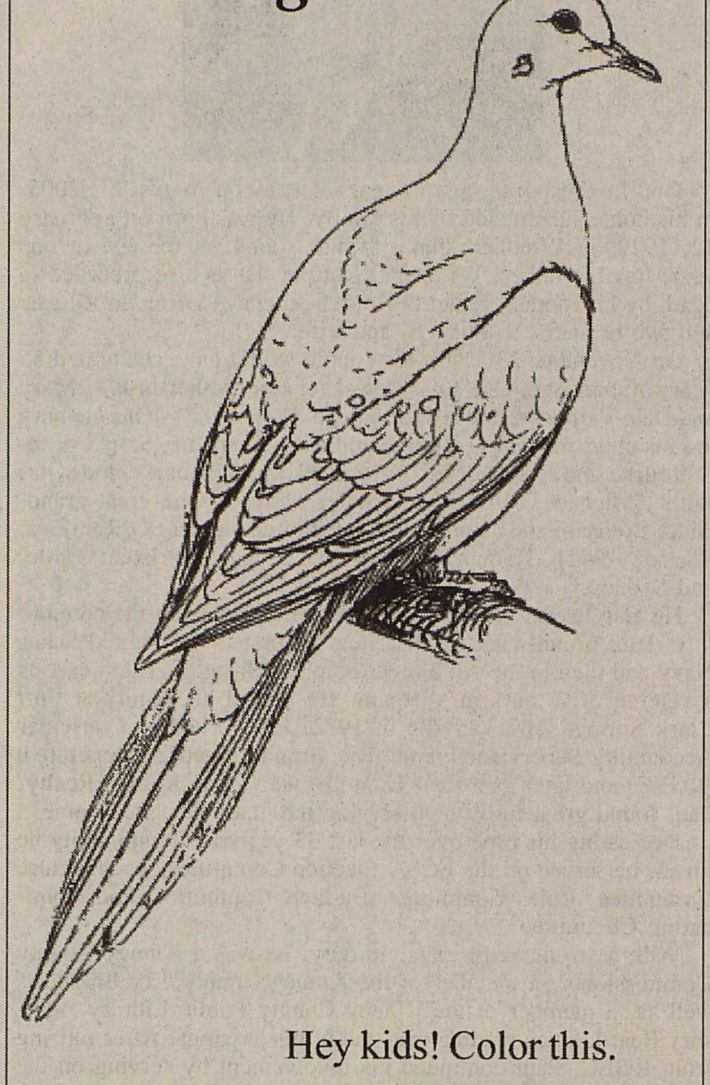
seen on the prairies near El Campo, Garwood, Eagle Lake, Winnie and Collegeport.

The coastal marsh is in good shape since heavy rains in June and July. North and Central Texas remain dreadfully dry.

Lakes and reservoirs should be the hot spots there since that

is the only water available. Good numbers of teal have been reported on Lake Fork, Caddo Lake and Lake O' the Pines. More teal should arrive daily with north winds and the upcoming full moon. If you have access to water, prospects are great.

Mourning Dove



Hey kids! Color this.

TDA Secures Crisis Exemption To Use Diuron in Hybrid Striped Bass Ponds

AUSTIN - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced today that the Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 crisis exemption allowing the use of diuron in commercial hybrid striped bass ponds to control blue-green algae (Oscillatoria chalybea).

The products, Direx 4L Herbicide and Karmex XP (DF) Herbicide, manufactured by Griffin LLC, may be applied following all directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA registered product label, as well as restrictions within the exemption notice.

The crisis exemption was effective June 21, 2006, and will remain in effect as long as is necessary for control of blue-green algae in the current crop or until EPA makes a decision on the FIFRA Section 18 Emergency Specific Exemption that TDA has submitted.

Applications will be made only by certified applicators, by licensed applicators or by persons under the direct supervision of licensed applicators.

Applicators must have a copy of the exemption notice and label before making any applications.

The approved products may be applied to commercial levee-contained hybrid striped bass ponds in Matagorda and Wharton counties.

For more information, contact your county Texas Cooperative Extension office or TDA at (512) 463-7544.

A copy of the approval notice is located on the TDA Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/exemptions/pes_bass06.htm.



Texas Department of Agriculture Announces Third Annual Kids Recipe Contest

AUSTIN - Hey kids, think you've got the tastiest recipe in Texas? Put on your chef's hat, get your ingredients together and head to the kitchen!

The Texas Department of Agriculture has announced the third annual Kids Kitchen Contest calling on kids from across Texas to submit their own unique healthy recipes for judging.

"Kids love to get creative in the kitchen and add their own touch when it comes to exploring healthier ways to eat," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "This contest inspires them to create their own healthy dishes to suit their tastes. It's a fun way to promote good nutrition."

The contest categories include breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack. Recipes must be original, nutritious, easy to prepare and contain no more than 10 ingredients.

Nearly 200 recipes-everything from granola mixes to wacky wraps to veggie pasta were submitted to TDA last fall for the second annual contest. TDA judges narrowed the recipe submissions to 12 finalists, and students from the Travis High School Culinary Arts Program in Austin put the finalists to the test by preparing and tasting each recipe. Winners will be officially announced during formal presentations in August.

The contest is open to Texans aged 6 to 18, and entry packets include goodies, flyers, information that promotes good nutrition and contest details. The deadline for recipes will be in late 2006. Entry packets will be accepted throughout the fall.

All contest participants will receive a certificate of completion and various other items emphasizing healthy eating and exercise.

Entry cards for the contest can be requested by sending an e-mail to kidskitchen@agr.state.tx.us. To view winning and finalists' recipes from the previous contest and to learn more healthy eating tips and nutrition information, visit TDA's Square Meals Web site at www.squaremeals.org and click on the link "for Kids."

Square Meals, TSA's outreach and education initiative, guides educators, nutrition professionals and parents improving student nutrition and health. To learn more about Texas school meal programs, visit the Web site at www.squaremeals.org.

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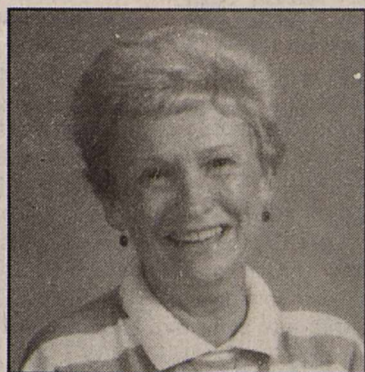
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OBITUARIES

Catherine Marie Webb

Oct. 23, 1920 - Aug. 14, 2006



Catherine Marie Webb, nee Whalen, 85, of Swansea, Ill., born October 23, 1920 in St. Louis, Mo., died Monday, August 14, 2006 at Sycamore Village Assisted Living, Swansea, Ill.

Ms. Webb retired from Bussmann Mfg. Co, St. Louis, Mo., where she worked as an executive secretary for 30 years. After retirement, she relocated to Brackettville, Texas in 1984 where she lived 17 wonderful and enriching years. Ms. Webb was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church where she sang in the choir. She was a member of the Brackettville Lions Club and a volunteer for the Fort Clark Springs Historical Society and the Head Start preschool program. Ms. Webb attended Spanish classes with the students at Brackettville High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Joseph and Adele Whalen (nee Meinhardt); a sister, Margaret V. Whalen, and two brothers, Edward and infant William Whalen.

Surviving are three children, Robert J. (Susan) Webb and Timothy P. Webb, of Houston, TX., and Kathleen Webb (Stewart) Wilson of Swansea, Ill., five grandchildren, David B. (Lynnea) Webb of McKinney, TX., Maureen Webb (Norb) Motte of Dallas, TX., Seth S. Wilson of San Antonio, TX., Travis R. and Brent F. Wilson and Alexandra K. (Anthony) Voudrie of Swansea Ill.; great grandchildren, Hannah A. and Isabella K. Voudrie of Swansea, Ill., Mason D. Webb of McKinney, TX and her beloved dog, Mickey. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois or the Belleville Area Humane Society.

Patsy (Pat) Thornton Callnan

July 11, 1933 - Sept. 5, 2006



Patsy Thornton Callnan was born on July 11, 1933 in Taylor County, Texas to William and Grace Thornton, who are deceased.

Patsy loved working with children and was a dedicated teacher for 26 years. Being an Air Force wife, Patsy taught in Texas, Colorado and Florida. She graduated from Harlandale High School in 1951. She attended Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos for two years and graduated from Southeastern State College at Durant, Oklahoma with a BA in education. Patsy received her Master's Degree from Colorado College. She is survived by her husband of 51 years Ken Callnan of Brackettville, Texas, daughter, Linda York, and Son-in-law Jack York of Princeton, Texas, daughter, Sandra L. Callnan of Colorado Springs, Colorado along with two grandchildren and a brother, Jimmy Thornton, of San Diego, California.

After retirement from teaching, Patsy took painting lessons from different prominent artists in Texas and became very good herself. She was a fun spirited and loving woman and will be missed by all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Val Verde Regional Medical Center, 801 Bedell, Del Rio, Texas 78840 or to a charity of your choice.

Memorial service will be held Saturday, 9th of September 2006 at 2:00p.m. at Frontier Baptist Church with the Rev. Ned Sitzes officiating. Interment will be at the Shrine of Rest Funeral Home in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Paul L. O'Rourke

February 12, 1929 - August 21, 2006



Paul L. O'Rourke, age 77, passed away on August 21, 2006, in his home surrounded by his family. He was born on February 12, 1929, in Windber, Pennsylvania. Paul, at the age of one year, lost his father, Wilford O'Rourke. He is also preceded in death by his mother, Ethel O'Rourke-Ritchey, Vermont Ritchey and two brothers, Thomas E. and wife.

On November 23, 2006 the couple would have celebrated 55 years of marriage. One surviving sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Dale Varner, reside in Florida. Also left to cherish his memory are his children Paul O'Rourke and wife, Coquette; Sally Ponce-O'Rourke and husband Terry Root; Patrick O'Rourke and wife, Jaime; Michael O'Rourke and wife, Melissa. One great grandchild, Brennan, and numerous grandchildren bless the O'Rourke's: Zachary, Sarah, Nathan, Ryan, Kayla, Megan, Christian, Halle, and Sydney.

He also leaves behind many cherished friends in the community. Paul proudly served his country, first in the United States Navy and then in the Air Force, before retiring after 25 years as a veteran of 2 tours in Vietnam. He settled his family at Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville in 1972. He worked as Consumer Accounting Supervisor for the Rio Grande Electric Cooperative (RGECE) and later as a Real Estate Broker for O'Rourke Realty. Paul found great fulfillment serving the place he called home.

Dedicating his time over the last 33 years to a community he loved, he served on the FCSA Election Committee, Architecture Committee, Rules Committee, By-laws Committee, and Nominating Committee.

With a strong sense of civic duty, he was a Kinney County Commissioner, a member of the Kinney County Tax Board, as well as, a member of the Kinney County Public Library Advisory Board, since reading was one of his passions. After retiring from RGECE, Paul continued his involvement by serving on the RGECE Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee and the RGECE Advisory Committee. Not only was Paul an avid supporter of Brackett's sports team, often traveling to out-of-town games, but he also served on the Brackett Independent School District Board.

Paul was raised as a good Irish Catholic who served as an altar boy in his youth and spent his final years as a devoted member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. The family wishes to express particular thanks for the excellent care, as well as, faithful and compassionate services rendered by physicians, Dr's. Mark Manning and Terry Lindsey, the nurses, staff, hospital chaplain, local Catholic priests and hospice team at Val Verde Regional Medical Center. Services: a Memorial Mass was conducted by the Reverend Monsignor James Cashin on Sunday, September 3, 2006. Graveside services, with military honors, followed at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery.

9/11/2001



Brother J.

He had a gentle looking face and a pleasant smile. He was well over six feet tall and I have no idea how much he weighed.

As to physical shape, he looked like he could play linebacker for any NFL pro football team.

As he walked you couldn't help but notice the big black rubber boots or his heavy tan overalls.

He wasn't wearing the customary big black hat or heavy jacket but I did notice the green tee-shirt with the big bold letters, NYFD in front.

He is a New York Fireman and they have a saying, "One

of New York's Finest". They are on call 24/7 to put out fires and save lives in all kinds of situations.

Yes, at the risk and many times at the cost of their own lives.

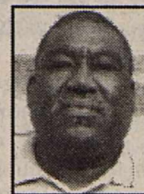
There were many heroes on that tragic day of September 11, 2001 and he did his part. I was amazed at the size of his hands but what caught my attention were the scars.

His scarred hands reminded me of someone else who not only risked his life but freely gave his life for us, (John 3:16, Romans 5:8-11).

Many were maimed, scared or gave their lives trying to save people trapped in the burning inferno of the World Trade center in New York City. Like Thomas, we will see the scars on Jesus Christ's hands someday, (John 20:24-29).

May we love and live for Him. See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

Count it all joy, James



Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

A servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered a broad, greeting.

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

Knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire wanting nothing.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.

James 1:1-7
Praise The Lord!

Final destination



Jeff Janca

As most people know, Australia's Steve Irwin known as "The Crocodile Hunter" died this week at the age of 44 in a freak accident involving a stingray off the Australian coast. Throughout my lifetime I have seen many people have their lives abruptly end early before their time.

The first question that always comes to my mind now is, "Were they prepared to go?" "Were they ready to meet the Lord?" "Did they know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior?"

Some people say it doesn't matter what you believe when you die. I disagree with that. It is very important what you believe and whom you follow. It determines your final destination.

Jesus said in the book of John, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No man comes to the Father except through Me." Jesus plainly states that He is the only way to heaven and to

have everlasting life. Jesus is very narrow minded as He states He is the only way to heaven. If you trust Him as Lord and Savior you will experience abundant life now and eternal life after you die. If you refuse to accept Him as your Savior and Lord, you will be sentencing yourself to an eternity in hell.

Jesus Christ paid your penalty and mine on the cross of Calvary. He took your place and my place, bearing our punishment to pay for our sins and to cleanse us. When a person says they don't need Jesus Christ, what they are actually doing is rejecting His sacrifice and His payment for their sins. They are rejecting Jesus.

The story goes that when Augustine's mother wanted to accompany him on a trip, he thought that she better not try it at her age. She might die is what he thought. She replied, "My life is hid with Christ in God. If God is my home, how can I die away from home!" Augustine's mother knew that her final destination was heaven. She was not worried about death because she was prepared.

Are you prepared? Are you prepared to meet the Lord? If you are not, it is not too late to give your heart and life to Jesus. Jesus will not turn you away.

Prayers for the New School Year

Students: As we begin another school year,

We pray that we will have the courage to listen to our teachers and our parents even when what they say is not popular with our peers.

We pray that we will have the strength to study hard, to play hard, and to work hard to be the hands of Christ in our school and for our families.

And we pray that we will have the faith to live by our convictions so that we can grow in Christ, to be the people that God would have us be.

Parents: As another school year begins,

We pray that we will have the wisdom to listen to our children.

We pray that we will hear what they say, not what we read into their words because of our fears and uncertainties.

We pray for guidance in dealing with the pressures that raising children in the world today can bring.

We pray for strength, so that the stress that we bring from the workplace and our relationships

will not affect our relationship with our children.

Teachers and School Staff: As we begin another school year, we pray that we will have the patience to see each child anew.

We pray for knowledge, of course, and a renewed joy in teaching.

We pray that we will see the face each child in our care the face of the child of God within each child.

We pray for the faith to live by our convictions so that all the love of Christ can be found in us.

All: As another school year begins,

we pray that we will have the strength to be present for our children and their families as they work throughout the coming year.

We pray that they will feel welcome in our midst.

We pray that they will feel that in the heart of the body of Christ, the church, they can bring their worries and their pain and find a listening ear, a calming voice, and an open heart.

AMEN

Phone Home; It's Me - God!

When Jesus performed His first miracle, He hadn't even begun His ministry yet. He was at a wedding feast with His mother, ever the dutiful son. Eventually, the host realized there was no wine left to serve the guests. That's when Mary intervened. She asked her son for help. Reluctantly, but obediently, He turned the water on hand into wine. The host and guests were astounded and pleased, yet they had no hint of what was to come for Jesus.

Shortly thereafter, Jesus began to preach. However, with that first miracle, He taught a valuable lesson. Children must obey their parents. Jesus exemplified adhering to the Ten Commandments, wherein it is dictated to "Honor thy father and mother." By extension, you should all be dutiful children and obey Me. I am your Heavenly Father. I have given you the guidelines by which to live your lives. Honor Me and obey the Ten Commandments.

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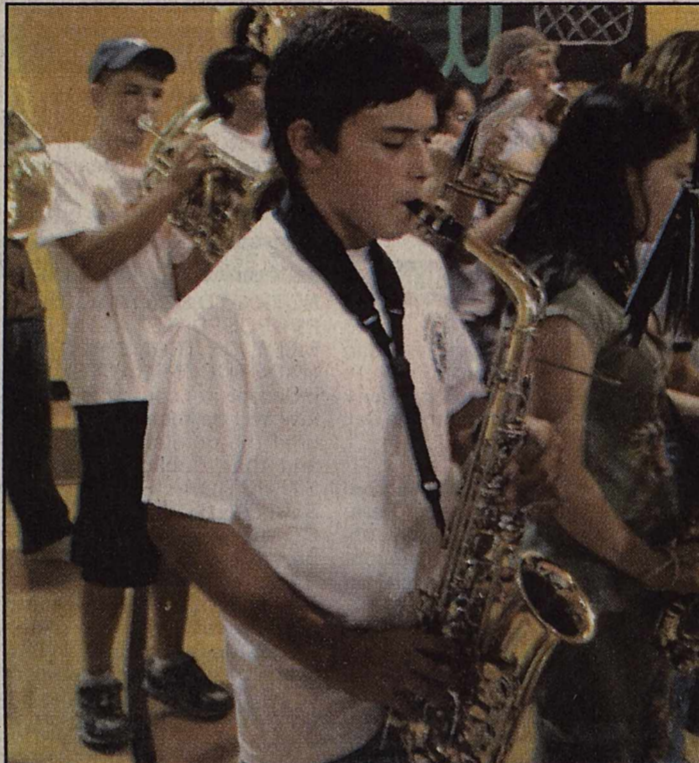
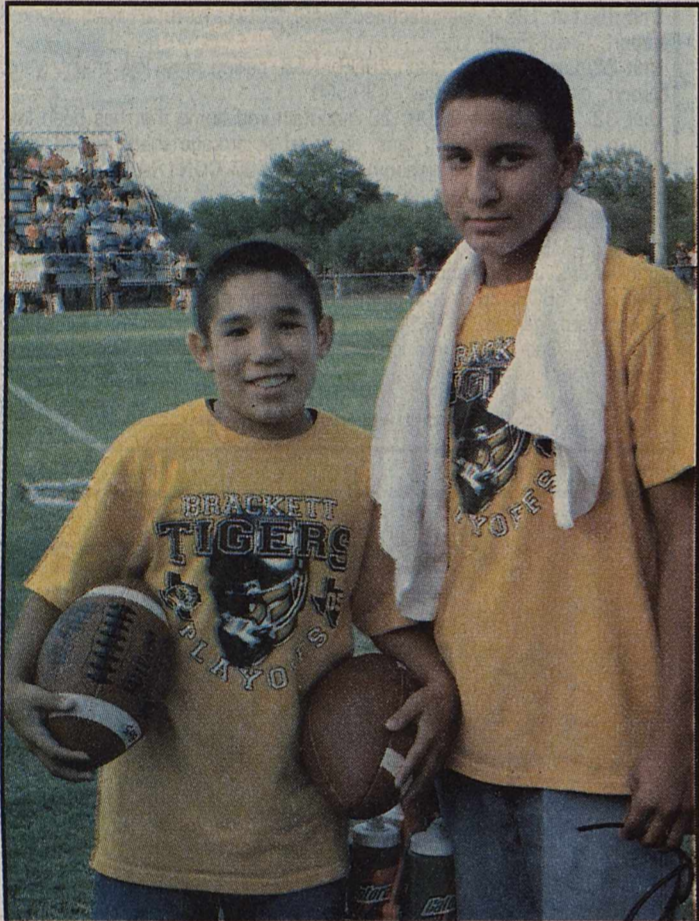
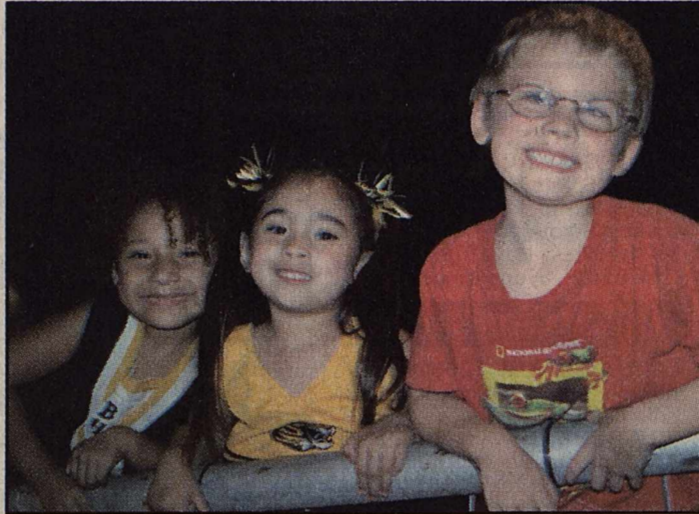
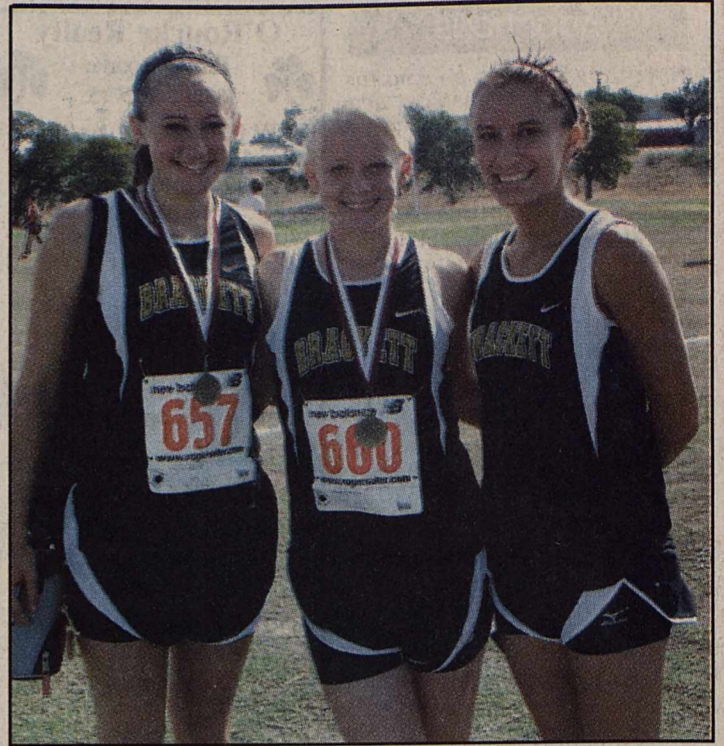
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Pastor: Ned Sitzes (830) 563-5529
Frontier Baptist Church (SBC) Corner of Ann & El Paso

First Baptist Church (SBC)
Corner of Ann and Veltman Phone: 563-2245
Sunday: Bible study for all ages 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Adult/Youth/Children Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesdays 7 p.m. Bible Study
Pastor Jeff Janca

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