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Davis wins water district seat Montalvo holds on to commissioner's position

After surviving weeks of negative campaigning by his opponent, Lloyd Lee Davis won his bid for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Director, Precinct 2, on Nov. 7.

Fifty-eight percent of the 550 registered voters in Precinct 2 participated in Tuesday's election.

Davis garnered 182 votes while incumbent Cecil Y. Smith collected only 135 votes.

Smith, running as a "Save Our Water" candidate, flooded Precinct 2, with hand shakes, postcards and controversial fliers depicting Davis as a cartoon character interested in selling water for profit at the expense of the people in Kinney County.

"I feel like this is a mandate from the people, basically Pre-

cinct 2. They are tired of the division that the water district has created in our community, and would like to see the board govern and manage our groundwater resources instead of the general manager. The negative campaigning from my opponent was basically a turnout to the people, I think they didn't like it. To me, I would like to see the water district govern with a positive attitude and not one that creates division in our community," said director-elect Davis.

Joe Montalvo (D), incumbent county commissioner for Precinct 2, was handily re-elected with 243 votes to challenger Wes Robinson's 155 votes.

Two local candidates on this year's ballot ran unopposed: Beth Ann Smith, candidate for

Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Director Precinct 1 rallied 137 votes, while Christopher Ring, candidate for Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Director Precinct 3 stowed away 79 votes.

Several candidates were automatically declared elected, as they were all in uncontested races: County Judge John S. Fritter (D), District and County Clerk Dora Elia Sandoval (D), County Treasurer Janis J. Floyd (D), County Commissioner Pre-

cinct 4, Pat Melancon (D) and Justice of the Peace Narce Villarreal (D).

In the battle for the United States Representative, Henry Bonilla will face Ciro D. Rodriguez in a runoff election next month.

Locally, Bonilla captured 61 percent of the vote, but statewide cut out only 49 percent.

Bonilla needed at least 50 percent of the vote to avoid a runoff and secure the seat for four more years.

Bonilla was thrown into an eight-man race when the United States Supreme Court re-aligned District 23, after ruling that GOP redistricting efforts left out a huge block of Hispanic voters.

Carlos Uresti, candidate for State Senator District 19,

gleaned 60 percent of the votes statewide in each of the special and general elections.

In a recent visit to Kinney County, Uresti explained a special election was called to fill the unexpired term of Frank Madla. This term runs from Uresti's official swearing in this weekend through Jan. 9, 2007.

Uresti will then begin serving a regular term of four years.

More information on Uresti's swearing in ceremony is available on www.carlosuresti.com.

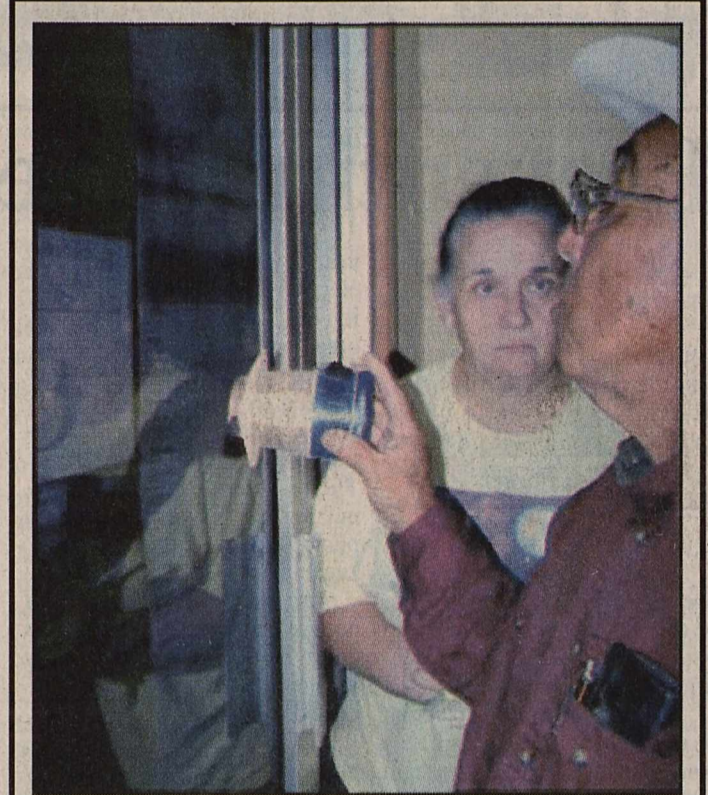
Victories by incumbents Governor Rick Perry (R), U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R), Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst (R) and Attorney General Greg Abbott (R) solidified Republican control over the state's top offices.

KC Arts Council to raffle custom jewels

The Kinney County Arts Council will be hosting a fundraising raffle over the next several weeks to benefit local artistic and cultural events.

The prize will be a jade and silver necklace, bracelet and earring set hand crafted by William Dalton Design of Austin.

The prize, valued at \$180 can be won by purchasing \$1 tickets from KCAC members.



Getting The Votes Photo by Leigh Volasko
County Commissioner Joe Montalvo (Pct. 2), shines a light on the election results posted late Tuesday evening on the doors of the County Courthouse.

Class of '56 reunites in Brackettville

Submitted By Ninfa Fuentes
Our class consisted of 20 students. Two students transferred. Out of 18 classmates, 15 came to the reunion.

Our activities included: Friday night Homecoming Football Game, Saturday morning tour of the schools, rest of the day we

spent visiting and reminiscing. Saturday evening dinner at Mimi's Restaurant. After dinner we posed for our class reunion pictures duplicating the arrangement of our 1956 senior class.

Our class song was "Moments to Remember". We sang our song and afterwards had a mo-

ment of silence for our only deceased classmate, Edwin Frerich. Jean, Edwin's sister, was our special guest.

The reunion was such a memorable experience, a blast from the past. We traveled back 50 years and had a great time just like we always had many years ago. We

also shared 50 years of life's experiences of ups and downs.

Our sincere thanks go to Tommy Pichot. He started the ball rolling. He organized and did a fantastic job in doing so.

Our class motto was "Don't Itch for Success, Scratch for It"; how apropos.

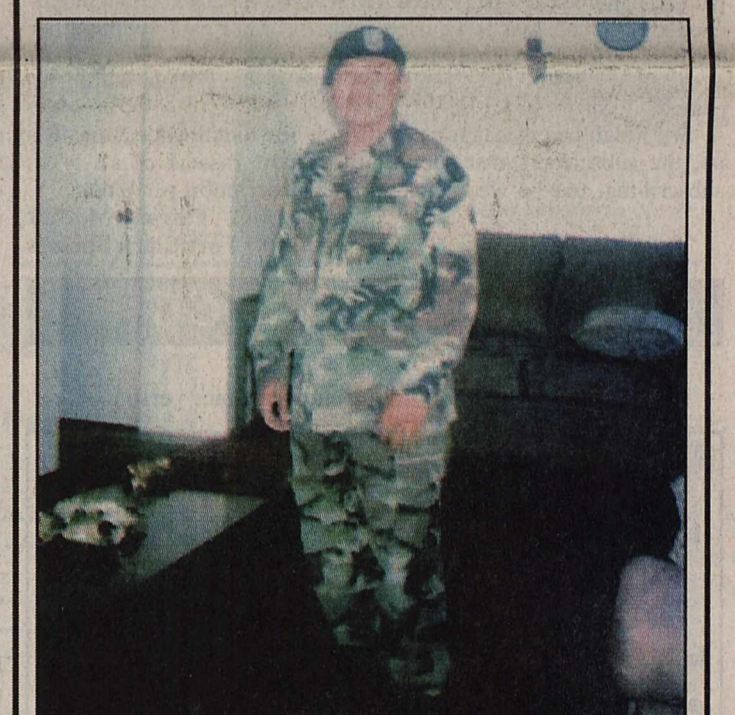
Class of 1956 That Was Then...



...This Is Now Courtesy Photo
Front Row from left: Lena Mae Edwards, Mary Talamantez, Betty Pena, Stella Csar, Ninfa Fuentes, Glenda Talamantez. Second Row: Elsie Brinkoeter, Joyce Laman, Rose Mary Slubar, Carlos Bracamontes, Amparo Hernandez, Patsy Spain, Fillmon Talamantez. Third Row: Jesus Bo Gonzales and Tommy Pichot.

Veterans Day is November 11

Veterans Day Program
Jones Elementary Intermediate students will present a special Veterans Program on Friday, Nov. 10 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Kinney County Civic Center.
This special program will be honoring those who serve our country.
Students, Pre-K through sixth grade will be performing a variety of patriotic songs.
All military branches will be introduced and all veterans are invited and encouraged to attend.



Monchie Falcon Courtesy Photo
SSgt. Juan Monchie R. Falcon, Jr. is currently serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Carson, Colorado. Falcon has served in Korea and two tours of duty in Iraq. Falcon is a graduate of Brackett High School, Class of 1996.

News BRIEFS

Citizen Collection Site

Citizen Collection Site (Transfer Station) Days of Operation Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 - 12:00, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 - 2:00 p.m. Closed Wednesday. New hours effective October 16.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday
Mostly Sunny
High: 89
Low: 56

Saturday
Sunny
High: 73
Low: 52

Sunday
Mostly Sunny
High: 77
Low: 57

4H Dance

The 4H Stockshow Committee will have a DJ Dance on November 18. The dance will be at the Civic Center from 8 p.m. until midnight. Presale tickets are \$10 or \$15 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from Alma Gutierrez, at Brackett Cleaners or from any Livestock Show board member.

Fort Clark Calendar

Thursday, 11/9: Garden Club @ AC 9 a.m., Couples Golf 1 p.m., Stitch Sewing Club @ RV Park 1-3 p.m., Ceramics @ AC, KC Chamber Mtg. @ AC 7 p.m.
Friday, 11/10: Aerobics @ Post Theatre 9 a.m., Stitch @ RVP, 1-3 p.m., Mens Bridge 1-5 @ AC, Bingo 7 p.m. SH.
Saturday, 11/11: Breakfast RV Park 8 a.m., Community council 10 a.m. SH, Art Studio 1-4, Museum 1-4, Sutlers Store 1-4.
Sunday, 11/12: Museum 1-4,

Sutler Store 1-4. Monday 11/13: Par 3 Scramble 9 a.m., Wood Carvers 9 a.m. Unit 37, Aerobics 9 a.m. PT, Art Studio 1-4. **Tuesday, 11/14:** Ladies Golf 9 a.m., Architectural Comm. Mtg. 9 a.m. BR, 500 Cards 6 p.m. AC. **Wednesday, 11/15:** Men's Golf 9 a.m., Aerobics 9 a.m. PT, Tap Dance 10:15 PT, Stitch 1-3 RV Park, Dominos 6 p.m. AC. **Thursday, 11/16:** Couples Golf 1 p.m., Stitch Sewing Club @ RV Park 1-3 p.m., Ceramics @ AC, Lions Club 6:30 p.m. @ Julies Rest.

Grief Support Group

There is a new grief support group which is meeting the first Tuesday of each month in Slaton Hall of First United Methodist Church. All who are experiencing grief are invited to come and support each other in their journeys. Next meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 7th at 7 PM. Call Pastor Jean Reardon at 563-2823 if you have questions. Everyone is welcome.

Recorded Rainfall

0" of rain was recorded at The Brackett News Weather Center this week. Report rain gauge readings from your part of the county by phone 830-563-2852 or via email tbnews@sbcglobal.net. Please include your address!

School & Sports Calendar

Thursday, 11/9: Jr. High football vs. La Pryor at La Pryor at 5:30 p.m. **Friday, 11/10:** Pep Rally in the Gym at 2:40 p.m. Tigers vs. La Pryor, Parent's Night at home. End of 2nd Six Weeks. **Saturday, 11/11:** High School cross country state meet at Round Rock. **Monday, 11/13:** Mobile Blood Drive across from new HS 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Thursday, 11/16:** National Honor Society Induction in the Auditorium 7 p.m.

Flag Project

The Brackettville Lions Club is sponsoring a Flag Project that will help provide financial assistance with eye exams and glasses. The project asks individuals, businesses and organizations to sponsor flags on an annual basis that will be displayed in front of the Courthouse on holidays and other special events. The calendar for 2006-2007 will be Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Pearl Harbor Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Columbus Day. For more information about sponsoring the Flags, call Martha Padron, 830-563-2688 or Lynn McNew, 830-563-9229.

Kinney County Health Fair

The Brackettville Lions Club will sponsor the Kinney County Health Fair on Thursday, Nov. 9, noon-6 p.m. at the Civic Center. Flu shots will be available, as well as, hearing tests, cholesterol tests, blood pressure and other screenings.

Shriner Fundraiser

The Brackettville Shriner's Club will be collecting money for the Cripple Children's Christmas Fund. Shriners will be at various locations around town on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. The public is encouraged to participate.

ThanksforGiving Project

FCA's ThanksforGiving community service project will start collecting food/household items this Wednesday, Nov. 8. Adult drivers will take student teams and food boxes Wednesday, Nov. 15, to Kinney County families.

Uvalde Theater Students

Uvalde High School Theater Arts Students and the Uvalde Arts Council will present The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe on Tuesday, Nov. 14 and Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Grand Opera House in Uvalde at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1/person.

Letters to the EDITOR

Dear Madam:
I remember when you first began with the Brackett News. I stopped by you old office to compliment you on covering the area news as well as you were doing. I am afraid I have to take back that compliment, because over time your paper has failed miserably in that earlier accomplishment.

Specifically I am referring to several different occasions that you have either not reported submitted article or have published them with insufficient information or too late for our local people to make plans to attend the event, or you have not published the information at all.

I must say, however, that the one I am the most upset about was the Viet Nam Moving Wall which was brought to Uvalde this past weekend. This event was the basis for honoring the servicemen who lost their lives for their country during the Viet Nam war. The wall was in Uvalde from last Thursday until Monday and services were held to honor men from eight or nine counties around here. Each day different counties were to be honored.

I personally brought 3 pages of information to your office, asked your person staffing the front desk to copy the pages which contained all of the information about the event. I did that on or about the 20th of October. They way you had a as much information as had been presented and which would have allowed the residents in our community to attend any or all the events that were going on. I am saddened to say, your paper did not publish even a small paragraph about it, much less a schedule so that people could attend when they wished or could.

Needless to say, I am very disappointed with the coverage being given to your readers.

Dianna Daniels
Fort Clark Springs

As close to yellow journalism, as I ever read, is Leigh Jenkins Volcsko's PLOG (sp) of November 2, 2006, published in the last Brackett News edition before the election. She twisted words to imply a candidate stole words from her, but was not woman enough to actual (sp) accuse.

Oh, Leigh is also the "owner and advertising Dir." according to the mast head. So, she may have a different agenda than the news, perhaps getting full page ads, such as the one paid for by Grass Valley Water (GVW) LP, published in that same edition. That ad lambasted the same person as the Leigh's PLOG on page 2. Only difference is GVW lambasted that person because he was president of the Kinney County Ground water District.

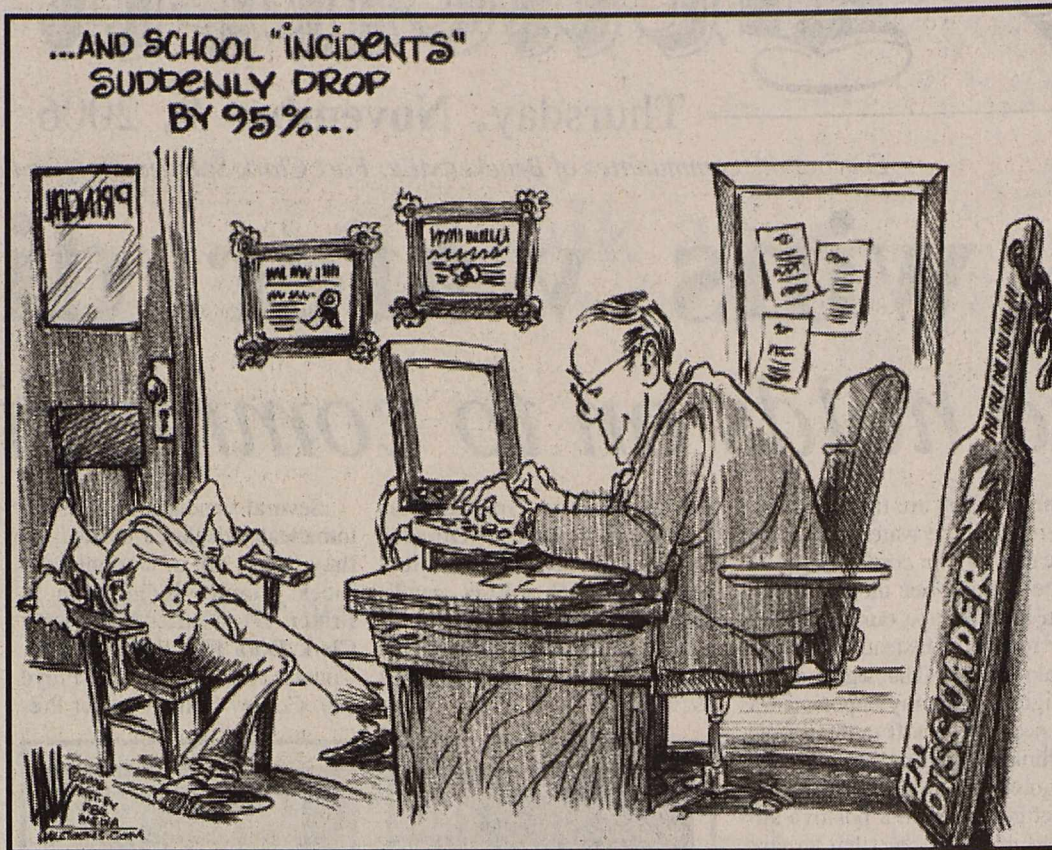
I don't know Cecil Smith very well. But, I respect a man that is working hard to protect the people of Kinney country (sp) and our water. Look at the cost of drinking water in those little bottles-the cost to fill a gallon jug from those little bottles is already more than a gallon of gas. Years ago, we laughed about paying anything for a bottle of water when we could get it out of our own faucet.

Cecil Smith is reading the "handwriting on the wall." There, it is written that in years to come, we will be paying more for drinking water than anything else. Perhaps, Leigh should read that handwriting too, instead of her paid ads.

Leigh also wrote that all the words in her paper belong to her and cannot be used without permission-even the words out of a paid ad that that (sp) she printed. In the same PLOG, Leigh threatened all the rest of us if we used any part of her paper without her permission. I am shaking in my boots over that one. Funny about newspaper people, most real ones love to have their words repeated.

So, Leigh can threaten us and insult our intelligence. But, it is us, the subscribers that support the paper. Instead of all of us subscribing, maybe we can share one subscription per block.

Patricia Moffatt
Fort Clark Springs



The cheapest remodel of all



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

We can get so stuck in a rut when our homes are in bad shape. The best remodel of all is to get rid of the clutter and start to really see your home.

Did you know that when I got my home in order with all the clutter gone that I started to love it? I mean I really liked my home even with the 70's green shag carpet. It is amazing what you can see when your eyes aren't glued to the clutter everywhere.

When clutter is on every surface you can't feel comfortable in the space. We need clear areas to feel peace. Clutter causes us to have that closed in feeling and we have to get out of our homes to feel better. Wouldn't you like to enjoy being home? Get rid of your clutter and you will find that you don't have to move to find the "perfect" house; you are already living in it.

I know you don't believe me, but the cheapest way to remodel your home to eliminate the clutter so you can actually see what needs to be done to spruce up your living areas. A little paint or soap and water can drastically change your outlook. With the clutter gone you can see and enjoy the forest without all the trees getting in your way. We have had members that no longer needed to move, because all of a sudden their home got bigger without wall-to-wall clutter taking up every corner and flat surface in their home. Try this little experiment; go clear off all the clutter from your refrigerator. That one clutter clearing exercise will make your kitchen feel larger.

Look around your home and see if you can open up some space by cleaning out a hotspot.

Some of you have complained that you don't want to clean when you have such yucky furniture. Well decorators like to call this eclectic. We have seen those TV decorators take out half the furniture and add a pillow or two and change a whole room. Did you know that you can do this too, but not until the clutter has left the building. Less is more!

We get to feeling sorry for ourselves because we can't afford this or that, when all we really need is to be happy with what we have and clean it up a bit. Don't get stuck in a rut of "ole poor me"! Count your blessings by blessing your home with a little TLC: Tender Loving Care. You have neglected it for long enough, just like you have neglected yourself.

Each day we continue to do the same things over again; Washing clothes, doing dishes, folding clothes, dusting and sweeping floors. It is a never-ending procession of things that need done. When you look up these chores as work, you start to dread doing them. Change your attitude from work to blessing. When you do things for your family and to your home to help your family, you are giving them tender loving care. I like to call this blessing our home. As you pick up a dish to wash it, be thankful that you have had food to feed your growing babies and nourish your bodies. As you fold that unending pile of laundry, your hand loves each and every member of your family. Let go of the martyred attitude and nurture your family with love and kindness. Now I am not saying that you are to do all the work. It is up to you to set the example in love and they will follow. It is all about your attitude toward your home, family and your life.

I want you to FLY. It is hard to do if you are stuck in the muck of a pity party about the way your home looks and ultimately feels. You can change this by letting go of your victim way of thinking and put a new happy spin on your life. Blessing your home is much more fun than cleaning house!

Making it fun, will get it the job done!

Preventing voter fraud



Gina Parker

Whether you are at the airport or in a school these days, or using a check for payment in a store, some form of photo identification is required.

When it comes to protecting our most valuable right as Americans, however, our system falls short, as there is no requirement to identify yourself with a photo before you vote.

As the National Eagle Forum founder Phyllis Schlafly questioned,

"Americans are required to show a photo ID for even the most trivial matters, from renting a video to buying alcohol and cigarettes, so why should we not better protect our right to vote?" In Texas, however, not only is no photo identification required, but also anyone can

vote by simply showing the election judge a copy of a utility bill - with or without any other supporting identification. Other states have already worked to enact laws to better secure everyone's vote on Election Day, including Arizona. There, voters passed a law requiring every voter to show a photo ID as well as proof of citizenship.

The out of touch liberals, of course, immediately began a court battle arguing too many voters would be "disenfranchised."

The U.S. Supreme Court, however, wisely responded by allowing the law to stand and explaining the threat of disenfranchising voters was far greater by not having the law: "Voter fraud drives honest citizens out of the democratic process and breeds distrust of our government."

Voters who fear their legitimate votes will be outweighed by fraudulent ones will feel disenfranchised.

Whether it is the stories of dogs getting a vote, as one did in Missouri, to felons and the

deceased casting ballots during every election, it seems clear further action must be taken to ensure our votes are truly counting.

During the next session of the Texas Legislature, a law requiring voters to present a photo ID at the ballot box will once again be filed and debated.

Unfortunately, the law did not pass last session - as voters, we cannot let that happen again. I would strongly encourage you to keep an eye out for this important piece of legislation and let your elected officials know it is time to protect better our right to vote.

As President Ronald Reagan warned,

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."

We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream.

It must be fought for, protected, and handed on to them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

How will oil prices affect your investment plans?



Emily Cooper

lower profit margins - and either development could hurt stock prices.

On the other hand, some stocks or industries may actually benefit from high oil prices. You might hear that now is a good time to invest in energy companies.

And it may be true that, in the coming months, some of these stocks will do well.

But you need to be cautious about basing any investment decisions on short-term trends.

So, what can you do to avoid being buffeted by forces and events that you can't control? Consider these suggestions: Diversify - The more diversified you are, the less susceptible your portfolio will be to rising oil prices, higher interest rates, political turmoil or other factors.

Spread your dollars among high-quality stocks, investment-grade bonds, Treasury bills and other securities.

Know your risk tolerance - If your investments are keeping you up at night, then you are taking on too much risk.

On the other hand, if "ultra-conservative" vehicles, such as certificates of deposit, dominate your holdings, you may be limiting your needed growth potential.

You may want to work with an investment professional to create a diversified portfolio that accurately reflects both your risk tolerance and your long-term

goals.

Look at the "fundamentals" - You'll find it much easier to avoid being influenced by short-term events if you become familiar with the fundamentals of an investment.

For example, if you're considering a stock, you can take into account how it might be affected by rising energy prices, but don't stop there. Is it a stable company?

Does it seem to be priced fairly?

Do its products or services have good long-term potential?

Does it have a solid management team?

And, perhaps most importantly, does it meet your specific investment needs?

By digging deep into your reasons for investing in any security, you'll position yourself to make smart decisions.

Focus on the future Today, high energy prices, and their possible impact on the economy and the financial markets, are making big news.

Next year - who knows? The fact is that there will always be "reasons" to shake up your investment strategies.

But the smartest investors are the ones who find the course that's right for them - and stick with it.

Editors Weekly PLOG

I love this job.
Leigh V. - not a real journalist, but a real nice person.

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Tiger Pride



Tiger Gridiron
Thomas Hurney

The Brackett Tigers rolled over Nueces Canyon Friday night 48-20 in a game marred by turnovers and penalties (had it been a rock concert and not a football game they could have called it Fumblefest 06'). The Tigers had four turnovers while the Panthers had a whopping seven, including a fumble and an interception run back for touchdowns by the Brackett "D".

The Tigers scored first, the result of a Nueces Canyon fumble on the Brackett 35. On 1st and 10 tailback Travis Bonner took the handoff and raced 20 yards to the Panther 45. On 3rd and 1 from the 36 quarterback Robert Davis popped out from behind the line of scrimmage and motored untouched into the end zone, but the would-be touchdown was called back on a holding penalty ("WHO WAS IT?!", barked an irate Brackett coach). Davis again took it the distance on the very next play though, the only difference being that he had to run 46 yards and not 36. The point after sailed wide right, but the Tigers were up 6-0.

Brackett would soon up its lead to 14. On 1st and ten at their own 30 the Panthers coughed it up yet again, and Steven Rivera picked up the loose football and rumbled into the end zone. The two-point attempt was good, advantage Tigers, 14-0.

Nueces Canyon took over at their own 25. On a 3rd and 7 from the 28 the Panthers connected on a 52-yard flea-flicker to the Brackett 30.

They again revived a sputtering drive on 3rd on 6 at the 26 with a long pass to the Brackett 3. On 3rd and goal the Panthers took it in, and the Tiger lead was cut in half, 14-7.

Brackett took the ensuing kickoff up to their own 37 but (say it with me, now) fumbled the football on the first play from scrimmage. The Panthers made it all the way to the Tiger three but then self-destructed. On 4th

and goal from the 8 Joey Castillo picked off an errant Panther pass to preserve the Tiger lead.

Brackett had to punt and the Panthers had the ball back on their own 46. On 3rd and 10 the Panthers served up another pick, this one to Travis Bonner who took it all the way back for the score, and the half ended with the Tigers ahead 20-7.

The Tigers opened the second half determined to expand on their run-first repertoire just a bit. On a 2nd and 8 from the 42 they lined up in a shotgun formation.

The snap glanced off Robert Davis' fingertips and the Panthers recovered the football.

The Tiger defense bowed up on first and second downs but collapsed on 3rd and 10 at the Brackett 35 when the Panthers aired it out on a desperation lob to a diving Nueces Canyon wideout who pulled it in at the five. The Panthers scored on the next play to make it 20-14.

Brackett began to pull away late in the third quarter. The two teams exchanged punts and the Tigers took over at their own 30. On 2nd and 21 (the Tigers had been penalized ten yards for holding) Travis Bonner took the handoff on the reverse and reappeared some 40 yards later in the Panther end zone.

The two point conversion worked and the Tigers were ahead to stay, 28-14.

Three subsequent Panther turnovers (a pick and two fumbles) led to 20 more points for the black and gold, and a 48-20 Tiger blowout.

The Panthers close out their season at D'Hanis, while Brackett plays host to La Pryor in the regular season finale this Friday at Tiger Stadium.

BJH sweeps Nueces Canyon

Brackett Junior High blanked Nueces Canyon 28-0 Thursday night at Tiger Stadium. As has been the case all year long the Cubbies scored quickly and in dramatic fashion. Highlights from Thursdays' game include a 65-yard punt return by Salvador Pacheco early in the 1st quarter to set up the Cubs first points of the game, a Sam Stewart 60-yard touchdown romp (also in the 1st quarter) and an interception returned for a touchdown by Pacheco towards the end of the first half. Brandon Allen did his part too, with a solid outing

as quarterback, punter, and kicker (as Cub/Tiger fans know, most of our kids pull double-duty in the course of a typical football game—they play offense and defense, and some even shuck their helmets and pads to be in the band at halftime!) While we're on the topic of removing ones headgear, hats off also to Ayland Letsinger who had a pass deflection early in the second quarter, as well as Mikey Flores and Victor Robledo, who provided valuable yardage in the Cub rushing and kick-return games. The Cubs close out their season Thursday night in La Pryor, with kickoff at 5:30.

Last Week's Report

The Sabinal Yellowjackets took advantage of three second-half Brackett turnovers to beat the Tigers 34-23 before an alternately energized and exasperated homecoming crowd at Tiger Stadium. The day began promisingly enough. There was a big, yellow tigers' paw at midfield (hadn't seen that before) and a knockout version of the Star Spangled Banner by a recent Brackett alum (if someone can get me that girls' name we'll be sure to put it in next weeks' paper—she was great!) The homecoming parade had several floats in it depicting, in one form or another, the pasting that the Tigers were sure to inflict on the visiting 'Jackets. There were kids in bee costumes getting sprayed with "Raid" (Silly String), and/or being smacked with flyswatters, to name a few, and there were a good number of players from the storied class of '56' in attendance too, to add to the aura of homecoming invincibility.

All of that seemed for naught though, when, on a 1st and 15 from the 9 Jacket Fullback/freight train Jeff Scott took the handoff and sprinted 91 yards along the visitors' sidelines for the first points of the game. The Jackets muffed the point after, but led 6-0.

Brackett set up shop on its' own 44 after a great runback by Ivan Pinales, and moved the ball methodically to the Sabinal one. Quarterback Travis Bonner took it in from there, and the Tigers were up 7-6.

The next Jacket drive petered out on the Brackett 35, and the Tigers scored again three plays later on a 52-yard romp by half-

back Robert Davis. The two-point attempt failed, but the Tigers led 13-6. Brackett would add a Jacob Schroeder field goal at the half to extend their lead to 10.

The Tigers fumbled the second half kickoff and the Jackets recovered, but couldn't move the football. On a 4th and 13, quarterback Stevie Rodriguez aired it out but missed his mark and Brackett took over on downs. Two plays later the Tigers coughed it up again on their own 25, and this time the Jackets cashed in. On a 2nd and goal from the seven Jeff Scott took the ball (and several Brackett defenders) into the end zone, and just like that the Jackets had cut the Brackett lead to 3, 16-13.

The Tigers would score once more on a two-yard plunge by Travis Bonner to go back up by 10 with just over ten seconds left in the third quarter.

After that (homecoming or no) the night belonged to Sabinal.

The Jackets had the ball back, and capped a 66-yard drive with a 15-yard touchdown pass to Dalton Houghhey.

The Tigers fumbled yet another kickoff, and Sabinal took the lead for good three plays later on an 8-yard touchdown run by Scott.

On their next drive Brackett made it up to their own 45, but couldn't convert on a 4th and 5 and had to give up the ball. The Jackets picked at the now-weary Tiger defense in 2, 4 and 8 yard increments.

On 1st and 10 from the 31 Scott burst into the open and (soon after) the end zone and the Jackets had notched their sixth win of the year.

The Brackett Jr. High squad had a better time of it in Sabinal Thursday, downing the junior high Jackets 34-23.

Sam Stewart had touchdown runs of 50, 55 and 77 yards and Brandon Allen had an interception return for a touchdown to spark the visiting Cubbies.

Salvador Pacheco banged it in from the two about midway through the third quarter to put the Cubs up 34-15, while the Jackets were able to muster a scoring drive late in the fourth quarter.

Ironically, the Cubs and Tigers would end up on opposite ends of identical 34-23 scores in their respective games.

Varsity and J.H. girls take first in District

The varsity girls won District at Nueces Canyon on October 25.

Individually, Daphne Hunt placed third with a time of 14:27, Harmony Pettett placed fifth with a time of 14:56. Brianna Escamilla placed 12th with a time of 15:48, Gabby Schroeder placed 14th with a time of 16:00, Katie Braesicke placed 15th with a time of 16:03 and Brook Gose placed 20th with a time of 16:45.

The J.H. girls also won District in Nueces Canyon.

Individually, Kelsey Bruce placed first with a time of 14:13, Courtney Kirkland placed fourth with a time of 15:36, Bianca Cruz placed fifth with a time of 15:49, Cheyenne Smith placed seventh with a time of 16:05 and Susu Seargeant placed 14th with a time of 17:01.

Running on J.V., Lauren Cornelius placed second with a time of 17:52 and Salina Flores placed fourth with a time of 19:09.

The varsity boys placed 2nd in District at Nueces Canyon

Individually, Justin Calk placed first with a time of 19:26, Manny Rosas placed ninth with a time of 21:02, Edward Travieso placed 11th with a time of 21:37, Clint Conrad placed 13th with a time of 21:53, Chris Blake placed 18th with a time of 22:50, Izzy Muniz placed 28th with a time of 25:02 and Victor Cantu placed 33rd with a time of 29:17

For the J.V. boys, Jaime Sandoval placed 16th with a time of 15:54.

The varsity girls and boys teams qualified for the Regional Meet November 4, in San Antonio.

Tigerettes fall to Kingsville in the Area game

Submitted by Coach Rhonda Marquardt

Brackett was defeated by Kingsville Academy last night. Scores were 23-25-23-25; 25-22-15-25. Record 26-11. Kills: Emily Valenzuela, 10, Julie Castillo, 7, Daphne Hunt, 6, Bailee Allen, 5, Bianca Stewart, 2, Rebecca Mann, 1. Aces: Bianca Terrazas, Daphne Hunt, Emily Valenzuela, Julie

Castillo, and Laura Meyer, 1. Assists: Julie Castillo, 20, Bianca Terrazas, 6, Daphne Hunt, 2, Bailee Allen, 1. Blocks: Bianca Stewart and Julie Castillo, 2, Rebecca Mann, Emily Valenzuela, and Bailee Allen, 1. Digs: Emily Valenzuela, 9, Bailee Allen, Daphne Hunt, Julie Castillo, Laura Meyer, Lola Cano, 6, Bianca Terrazas, 3. Brackett ended the year as bi-district champions.



Smokin' The Panthers Photo by Leigh Volcsko
Travis Bonner takes the ball towards the endzone Nov. 10, as the Tigers played Nueces Canyon



Cash Letsinger

TIGER STATS

	Cubs	Panthers
Points Scored	28	0
First Downs	6	1
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	6/0/0	1/0/0
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	0/4/0	0/7/0
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	2/2/100	1/1/100
Total Yards / Avg per Play	184/8.4	18/0.7
Total Yards Rushing	177	18
Rushing Att/Avg	20/8.9	21/0.9
Total yards Passing	7	0
Pass Att/Comp/Int	2/1/0	5/0/1
Average Yards per Pass	3.5	0.0
Punts /Avg	2/23.5	8/32.7
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	6/121/20	0/0/0
Punts Blocked	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	1/10/10	5/64/13
Fumbles /Lost	4/1	1/0
Total Turnovers	1	1
Penalties /Yards	4/31	8/60
Sacks /Yards	1/7	0/0
TDs	4	0
TDs Rush/Pass	2/0	0/0
Field Goals Att/Made	0/0	0/0
Time of Possession	14:08	17:52

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Panthers	0	0	0	0	-	0
Tigers	14	8	0	6	-	28

Scoring Summary

CUBS: 5:36 1st Q, Pacheco, S - 65 yrd punt return for TD
PAT Rush attempt - Failed
CUBS: 7:49 1st Q, Stewart, S - 60 yrd rushing TD
PAT Rush attempt, Pacheco, S - Good
CUBS: 1:27 2nd Q, Pacheco, S - 47 yrd INT return for TD
PAT Rush attempt, Robledo, V - Good
CUBS: 5:26 4th Q, Stewart, S - 4 yrd rushing TD
PAT Rush attempt - Failed

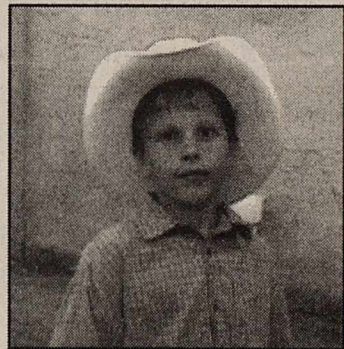
	TIGERS	Panthers
Points Scored	48	21
First Downs	17	11
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	16/0/1	4/5/2
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	5/9/56	7/14/50
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	0/1/0	1/2/50
Total Yards / Avg per Play	381/7.9	197/3.4
Total Yards Rushing	382	55
Rushing Att/Avg	43/8.9	39/1.4
Total yards Passing	-1	172
Pass Att/Comp/Int	5/1/0	19/7/4
Average Yards per Pass	-0.2	9.1
Punts /Avg	2/35.5	3/39.7
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	1/2/2	1/18/18
Punts Blocked	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	3/68/23	6/138/23
Fumbles /Lost	4/3	4/3
Total Turnovers	3	7
Penalties /Yards	11/90	4/20
Sacks /Yards	1/8	1/10
TDs	7	3
TDs Rush/Pass	5/0	2/1
Field Goals Att/Made	0/0	0/0
Time of Possession	24:00	24:00

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Panthers	0	7	7	7	-	21
Tigers	14	6	8	20	-	48

Scoring Summary

Brackett: 1:32 1st Q, Davis, R rushes for 45 yrd TD
PAT Kick attempt - Failed
Brackett: 1:19 1st Q, Rivers, S - 30 yrd fumble return for TD
PAT Rush attempt, Bonner, T - Good
Panthers: 8:23 2nd Q, 1 yrd rush for TD
PAT Kick attempt - Good
Brackett: 0:46 2nd Q, Bonner, T - 75 yrd int. return for TD
PAT Kick attempt - Failed
Panthers: 10:06 3rd Q, 5 yrd rush for a TD
PAT Kick attempt - Good
Brackett: 2:16 3rd Q, Bonner, T - rushes for 40 yrd TD
PAT Rush attempt, Bonner, T - Good
Brackett: 10:45 4th Q, Davis, R - rushes for 3 yrd TD
PAT Kick attempt, Schroeder, J - Good
Brackett: 9:00 4th Q, Villanueva, F - rushes for 29 yrd TD
PAT Kick attempt, Schroeder, J - Good
Brackett: 1:12 4th Q, Schroeder, J - rushes for 11yrd TD
PAT Rush attempt - Failed
Panthers: 0:00 4th Q, 35 yrd TD pass
PAT Kick attempt - Good

Elisha Webb



Submitted by Webb Ashley

My great-great grandfather was Mr. Elisha Webb, the man after whom I was named...and this is his tale.

About the age of forty he leaves central Texas to go west. He found a ranch near Rocksprings that passed the test.

He buys the land and soon meets the 18 year old school-marm...and into marriage she was charmed.

MY great grandmother, Virginia and her sister Sara, were the results of that great marriage.... They always rode horses.... Never in the baby carriage.

Mr. Webb witnessed the devastating disaster of the Rocksprings tornado and it gave him a chill...He couldn't wait to move his family off the big hill.

The Brackettville area was what lured him to here...he always thought the land would be nothing to fear.

He died at the age of 70 from the illness of TB...my great granny continued ranching.. and in that day.. it was as it should be.

Momma Sha married Happy and they moved home to help Granny...who was better known to the area as "Miss Fanny".

Sha and Happy ran this ranching operation for many a year and then John Wayne's Alamo entered the sphere.

The rest is history and I want you to know I am proud of my name Webb for on this land my blood flows.

CHEER will be at the Lion's health fair Rotarians Hear M.U.D. Update



Pat Sitzes

CHEER wants to let the residents of Kinney County know that they will be participating in the Lion's Health Fair at the Civic Center. Please stop by our table to learn more about CHEER.

We will have a short survey that we want you to take about health services. Two videos that will be available for viewing one is for the men called Cancer, Real Men, Real Health, Real Answers,

We obtained it from the American Cancer Society Unit in Illinois, and this ACS Unit wants to have a million men watch it.

Men come and be a part of the million men who watch the video, and learn from other men who are cancer survivors. Women can watch the video on mammography. This video is available in English or Spanish. We have assorted brochures for residents to take with them about many health and wellness issues, along with cancer booklets on many types of cancer.

CHEER looks forward to seeing you at the Lion's Health Fair.

CHEER wants to say a special thank you to Jean Sergeant who is graciously allowing CHEER to use her building as we start our programs. The draw-

ing date for the Jean Hood painting will be held November 17th at 1pm instead of November 7th as stated in the raffle article. Please buy a ticket for one dollar or six tickets for five dollars. All proceeds go to help CHEER with providing the health and wellness activities.

Donations for CHEER can be given at the Bank and Trust where CHEER has their checking account. Please ask for Nancy Mendoza.

Remember CHEER is here for our community. Any questions, call CHEER 563-5528.

Rotarians Hear M.U.D. Update

Submitted by Jean Reardon

The local chapter of Rotary International meets at noon on Thursdays at Mimi's restaurant on Fort Clark.

At the October 19th Rotary Club meeting the program was presented by Larry Sofaly, director of the Fort Clark Municipal Utilities District.

Mr. Sofaly recounted the history of the district and gave a brief update on the current status.

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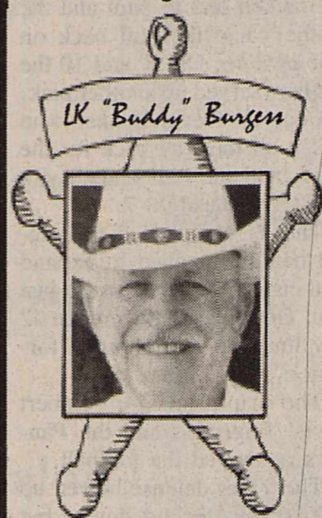
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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



3:53 p.m. A Val Verde SO employee reported a stranded motorist on HWY 90. A deputy was dispatched.

4:50 p.m. A 911 caller reported that he was going to get into a fight with another individual and requested a deputy at his residence.

November 3

9:00 a.m. BISD personnel reported a fire that had been slashed. A deputy was dispatched.

2:20 p.m. A caller reported a motorist driving reckless and at a dangerous speed. A deputy was dispatched.

3:20 p.m. Angel Rivera, 22, of Del Rio was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Rivera was released on a \$1,500 bond.

4:15 p.m. A caller requested to speak with a deputy in reference to a rollover on HWY 674.

November 5

12:40 a.m. An Amtrak railroad dispatcher requested deputy assistance with disturbed passenger. Deputies were dispatched to the location.

2:00 a.m. Efrain Palencia Mayorga, 25, of California was arrested for Criminal Mischief. Mayorga was released. 7:36 a.m. A woman came into the SO to see if her son did not come home. Later, she came back to report that she found him and everything was ok.

5:45 p.m. Justin Lee Alexander, 18, of Bandera was arrested for public intoxication. Alexander was released on a \$100 bond.

5:45 p.m. Justin Michael Rodriguez, 18, of Bandera was arrested for public intoxication. Rodriguez was released on a \$100 bond.

6:45 p.m. Nicholas Perales, 17, of Lake Hills was arrested for public intoxication. Perales was released on a \$100 bond.

11:51 p.m. A woman reported that she heard footsteps in her house. A deputy was dispatched.

November 6

3:00 p.m. A Sentry Security employee reported an alarm sounding at a local ranch. A deputy was advised of the situation.

3:20 p.m. Juan Castillo Saucedo, 59, of Cameron, was arrested for a warrant. Saucedo is still being held as of press time.

4:13 p.m. A woman reported an 18 wheeler riding with the back door open. A deputy was advised.

October 30

11:30 a.m. Life Alert reported a welfare concern for a couple on the Fort. Fort Clark Security was advised and Life Alert was also advised on the outcome.

11:50 a.m. Lory Lerma Sosa, 26, of Uvalde was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Sosa was released on November 6 on a Best bail bond.

6:04 p.m. A 911 caller reported a vehicle riding to close. A deputy was advised of the situation.

October 31

6:59 a.m. A 911 caller reported a rollover accident on HWY 693. Deputies were dispatched to the location.

3:22 p.m. The owner of The Brackett News requested a deputy at the office. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

November 1

10:30 a.m. Mitch Wilson, 50, of Brackettville was arrested for outstanding tickets. Wilson is still being held as of press time.

12:15 p.m. A CBP agent reported a deceased individual on a local ranch.

7:10 p.m. A woman reported girls on a 4 wheeler near the little league field. A deputy was dispatched.

7:25 p.m. A 911 caller reported an abandoned vehicle on HWY 277. DPS was dispatched.

7:52 p.m. A DPS employee reported a possible stolen vehicle. A deputy was dispatched.

November 2

8:50 a.m. Jorge Martinez, 38, of Del Rio was arrested for nonpayment of child support out of Harris County. Martinez is still being held as of press time.

10:30 a.m. Justin Lee Janssen, 25, of Kennedy was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Janssen was released on a \$1,000 bond.

Fort Clark Springs CALENDAR

- * KC Arts Council, 1st Monday Adult Center
- * Cavalry Brigade 1st Saturday Shafter Hall 9 A.M. Lunch served afterwards
- * Swap Meet 1st Saturday at the Adult Center 10 A.M. - 12
- * Calvary Brigade 1st Sat. 9:00 A.M. Shafter Hall
- * Fort Clark Recreation Meets 2nd Wed. 10:30 AC
- * Red Hatters, 1st Wednesday
- * Cancer Support Group, 1st Thursday 6:30 PM Frontier Baptist Church
- * Mountain Laurel Garden Club 9:30 A.M. 2nd Thursday
- * Community Council, 2nd Saturday 10 am Shafter Hall
- * HFC & KC Chamber Of Commerce, 2nd Thursday 7 P.M. Adult Center
- * Board Meeting, 3rd Saturday 9 am Board Room
- * Historical Society, 4th Saturday 9:30AM coffee/10AM meeting Palisado Building
- * End of the Month Golf Scramble last Saturday of the month 1 P.M. 18 hole Course
- * Old Quarry Society, 4th Tuesday Post Theater

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Going For The Gold Courtesy Photo

Submitted by Stacey Ashabranner

Juliann Ashabranner running at the American Southwest Conference Meet at UT Tyler in Tyler Texas.

Juliann came in 5th over all with a 3rd place finish on her team. She was named to the First Team All-Conference Team 2006.

McMurry ran in the UT Tyler Invitational on Sept. 9 and Jules placed 30th over all in the 6K.

McMurry ran in Conway, Ark. And Juliann placed 24th over all in the 5K.

McMurry ran at McMurry and Juliann placed 24th in the 5K.

McMurry ran at Mike Hodges Invitational in Portland, Oregon, 3 miles, Juliann Placed 33rd over all.

McMurry ran at UT Tyler for The American Southwest Conference Meet and Juliann came in 5th over all in the 6K.

This will be Juliann's 2nd Conference Ring, One in Track last year and one in Cross Country this year.

They will be headed to Atlanta, GA on Nov. 11th for the NCAA Regional Meet.



Go Tigers! Photo by Leigh Volcsko

Shaun Davis, Daniel Molinar, Cody Clark and Ramon Gutierrez stand for the playing of the school song Nov. 3.

A look back this week

On November 24, 1832, a South Carolina convention passed the Ordinance of Nullification against a permanent tariff, threatening to withdraw from the Union ... November 20, 1950, a UN force reached the China border ... November 26, 1950, reacting to UN actions, China sent troops across its border ... November 22, 1963, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was shot and fatally wounded as he rode in a motorcade through downtown Dallas, Texas ... November 22, 1963, Vice President Lyndon Baines Johnson was sworn in as president aboard Air Force One ... November 24, 1963, Lee Harvey Oswald, arrested and charged with the murder of President Kennedy, was shot and fatally wounded by Jack Ruby, a nightclub owner ... November 20, 1995, after a government shutdown due to a budget impasse between Congress and President Clinton, operations resumed under continuing resolutions ... November 21, 1995, after talks outside Dayton, Ohio, warring parties in Bosnia and Herzegovina reached an agreement to end their conflict ...

Brackett peewee Steelers go to playoffs with a record of 7-0.

Submitted by Evett Clementz

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Pastor Bernie Cervantes

When Jeroboam's son (Abijah) got sick, then and only then did Jeroboam remember God. And God's prophet Ahijah.

The Bible says that Jeroboam had his wife disguise herself as a peasant woman and go thru the streets of the city to the house of Ahijah and see what advice the prophet of God could give him for their son's illness.

You see the prophet was well advanced in years and his sight was almost completely gone, and the story says that no one recognized the king's wife until she got the steps of the prophets door.

And in verse 6 the Bible says she had not even knocked on the door when the prophet of God yelled out and said come on in wife of Jeroboam!

Why are you pretending to be someone else?

In order for sin to be successful in our lives it needs to be hidden (disguised) in something else, because if sin would expose itself for what it really is hardly anyone would fall for the temptation.

For example when we see television commercials about smoking cigarettes we see a good looking male or female puffing on a cigarette and enjoying every minute of it, but why don't they show the end result in which the person is dying of Lung Cancer or some other lung disease.

Or when they show beer or liquor commercials, why don't they show the persons dying of cirrosis of the liver or why don't they show the crisis in the families due to the over indulging of alcohol, the abuse (physical, mental, and emotional).

And this drinking of alcohol only leads you to experiment other kinds of drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, heroine, crystal meth and other types of drugs that alter your state of

mind.

You may say to yourself well I only drink on weekends but the ones who suffer the most is our children and our generation to come.

Sin doesn't only show up in cases where alcohol is present but it has to constantly disguise itself in order to be effective.

As in the case of King David (2 Samuel 11:2-4) the Bible says that he saw Bathsheba and immediately he wanted her even though she was married to another man, she layed with him.

You see King David only saw that she was pleasing to his eyes and didn't see the consequences of what that sin was leading him into for generations to come.

Through out the Bible we see how Satan has disguised himself in order to be effective and here are just some more examples: Samson and Delila (Judges 16) Abraham, his nephew Lot, and Sodom & Gommorah (genesis 13), Adam and Eve, and the forbidden fruit (Genesis 3).

My dear brothers and sisters who are reading this message, it is time to take the mask off of

the sin in our lives and in our families. You know what is a harsh reality.

Our children and grandchildren are being taken out right from underneath our feet and we are letting Satan to a roaring lion ready to devour (1 Peter 5:8) and by no means don't let Satan fool you and say there is still plenty of time for you to take the mask off of your sin, because in the wink of an eye.

Jesus will demand from you your file and if you were not prepared.

There is a place prepared for those who were disobedient and that place is called hell.

The Bible also says in 2 Peter 3:9 that the Lord isn't really being slow about his promised return, even though it sometimes seems that way, but he is waiting for the good reason that he is not willing that any should perish, and he is giving more time for sinners to repent (Living Bible version).

Invite Jesus Christ into your lives today and start having that relationship with him. May Jesus bless you abundantly today. Till next time Amen!

Walking on green grass



Brother J.

I was out walking in the pasture looking for some sheep when all of a sudden I stopped and looked down.

I was actually standing in green grass. I couldn't believe but there it was. Just a few weeks earlier it had been bare ground or small amounts of dried burnt grass.

I had been to busy too notice the change. I looked around and everything was green. I bowed my head and asked God to forgive me for not giving enough thanks for answering my prayers, (Psalm 107:1). I also looked back over my life and re-

alized how much God had blessed me. (Psalm 107:2). Maybe you can't tell by looking at the outside but on the inside there is a joy and peace in my heart.

There is also assurance and calmness because of my new relationship to Christ Jesus, (Romans 6:3-11). I didn't have that before I accepted Christ as my personal Lord and Savior, (John 1:12&13). I also thought about all the years I have tried to live in a way that honors Him and how he has blessed me time and time again, (Psalm 107:4-9). A good marriage with many happy and joyful years and the children God gave us, (Psalm 127:3) and the list of blessings goes on and on.

I hope and pray I will not forget God's many wonderful blessings, (Psalm 107:43). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

Praise God



Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song, he also is become my salvation.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

And in that day shall ye say Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

Isaiah 12:1-4
Praise the Lord

Phone Home; It's Me - God!

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!" - 1 John 3:1

This week, you will gather around your tables and give thanks, hopefully, for all I have given you.

What you can be most grateful for is the gift I gave you in

the form of My Son, Jesus Christ.

It because of Him that you can all be called children of God, His brothers and sisters in faith.

Soon, you will be celebrating His birth. Think about this as you offer your prayers of Thanksgiving.

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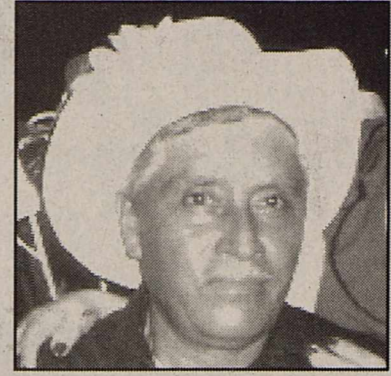
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Loving husband and father left us suddenly on October 24, 2006.

Leaving behind his loving wife Maria Calderon, of many years. All his devoted children Aracely, Hermilo Jr., Dalia, Yesei, Javy, Claudia and Erika. Plus 24 wonderful grandchildren and 9 perfect great grandchildren.

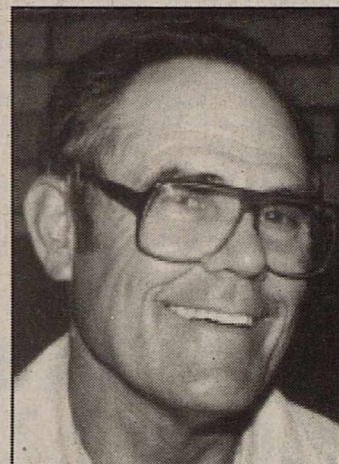
We would like to thank everyone for the flowers, food and all the support our family has received during this difficult time.

Please keep our family in your prayers. We have hope that we will see him again when God comes.

Thank you,
Calderon family

Paul B. Halamicek Jr.

June 1, 1925 - November 8, 2006



Paul B. Halamicek Jr., 81, of Brackettville, Texas, passed away at his home November 8, 2006.

He was born June 1, 1925, in Big Lake, Texas, the son of Paul and Emma Halamicek. Paul served his country in the Navy during WWII participating in the Normandy Invasion.

He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1951. Paul opened the Del Rio Pharmacy in 1954 and was a registered pharmacist for over 50 years. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Ravelma Young Halamicek and his daughters: Leslie and husband Peter Perez of Brackettville, and Louisa and husband Greg Stone of Brackettville; brother, Lynn Carl Halamicek and wife Maxine of San Angelo, Texas; sisters: Peggy and husband Buddy Kinsey of Del Rio, Texas and Kay and husband Doyland Lewis of San Angelo; grandchildren: Peter Perez and wife Candice of Brackettville, Teresa and husband Michael Allumbaugh of Laredo, Texas, Samantha and husband Tim Wallace of Frankston Australia, Damon Stone of San Marcos, Texas, and Eliot Stone of Austin, Texas; and great-grandchildren: Sadie, Sidney, and Tyler Perez, and Emma Wallace.

Visitation will be Friday, November 10, 2006 from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday, 9-11 a.m. at G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Chapel Del Rio, TX.

Graveside services will be Saturday, November 11, 2006, 2:00 p.m., at LasMoras Masonic Cemetery in Brackettville, Texas. Officiating will be Rev. Nathan Lafrenz. Masonic rite will be celebrated.

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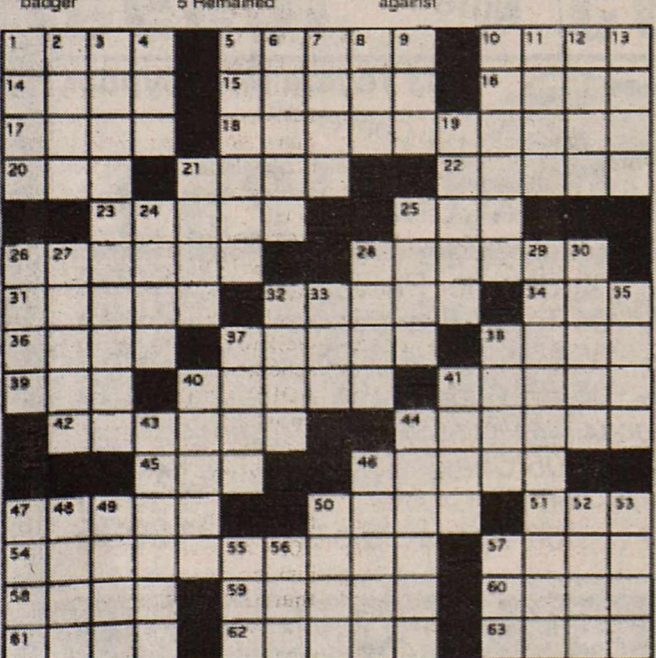
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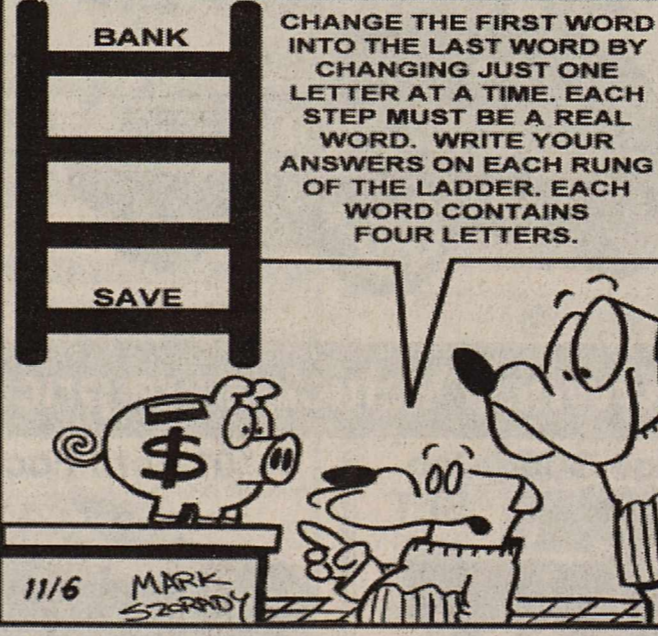


George's Word Ladder
 By Mark Szorady

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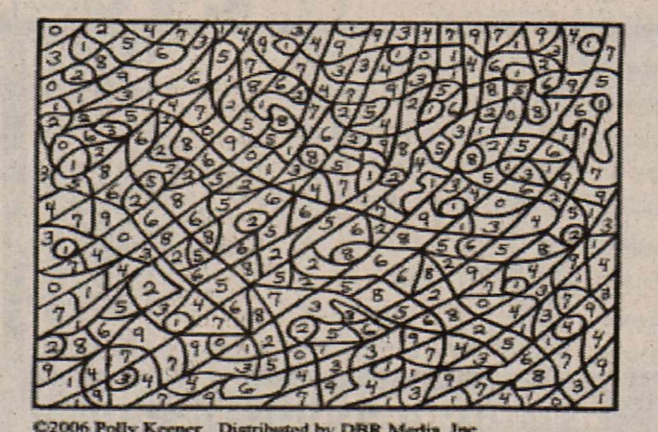


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Mystery Mosaic

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Grass Valley Water

Let's talk about the water...

There are some very positive things about the groundwater in Kinney County although you probably haven't heard about very many of them.

For example - Most rural communities would like a new, clean, non-polluting industry to move in that would provide some jobs and be a stimulus to the local economy. We (Grass Valley Water) are proposing to do just that. Assuming for a moment that we will eventually obtain the pumping permits we have requested, we would be bringing a business to Kinney County that would provide some construction jobs for a couple of years and several permanent operating and maintenance positions. Combine that with the revenue we will be paying (hundreds of thousands of dollars) to the Groundwater District. Those funds can be used for a wide variety of purposes the most significant being the elimination of the property tax currently being charged by the District.

Some citizens and board members have said - "We don't want that kind of business because it will dry up the springs and destroy the aquifer." We'd like to resolve your concern about these issues. Please consider what we have asked and what we have offered.

Pumping water will destroy the aquifer. We have asked to be allowed to pump 11,000 acre feet of water per annum. That sounds like a lot of water but consider the following: We have groundwater rights on 18,000 acres of land. If we could restrict the withdrawals to that land alone we would be pumping slightly less than 7" of water each year from that land. (Keep in mind the aquifer is about 600 feet thick where we are) And, on average, every year there would be a replenishment of that water from recharge.

There has been some controversy regarding how much recharge there really is. Let's review a few 'common sense' facts about the groundwater in Kinney County, specifically in the Edwards Aquifers in the West Nueces River Basin, which contains slightly over 900 square miles of land. Approximately 270 miles of that land is in Kinney County.

The average rainfall in Kinney County is 22 inches. According to the Texas Water Board and the USGS, the average annual amount of evapotranspiration in Kinney County is 6 to 9 inches. (Evapotranspiration is a \$4 word meaning the amount of rainfall that evaporates directly from the ground plus the amount that goes back into the air through plants) Subtract the high number, 9 inches, from annual rainfall and you get a remainder of 13 inches. Multiply the square miles by 640 acres per mile and you get 172,800. That means there is more than 172,800 acre feet of groundwater from rainfall (recharge) every year in the northeastern part of Kinney County.

None of the 'scientific' models and/or studies account for that water but let us assure you - water flows downhill and once it is in the ground it does go somewhere. A little tidbit to consider - the area of the West Nueces River basin in Edwards County to the north is almost double the area in Kinney County and that water also flows downhill.

Finally, why do the scientists say there is 270,000 acre feet of recharge in Uvalde County (same size, same rainfall) but say Kinney County has well under 100,000 acre feet? That one is easy to answer - because they have a lot of pumping data to work with in Uvalde County.

Pumping will dry up Los Moras Springs. Consider the following.

We believe we are in a different aquifer. All scientific information to date indicates that is true.

Presume, for a moment, we are in the same aquifer. You can still be assured we won't dry up the springs because of the Adaptive Management plan we have proposed as part of our permit application. The plan has been our idea for the aquifer's protection.

This aquifer management plan is used in other groundwater districts in Texas with outstanding success. It is also the TWDB's endorsed and recommended plan. To comply, we will drill two monitoring wells between our well field and the springs. If we are connected to the springs, the results of our pumping will show up in those wells before it shows up at the springs. We have proposed a reduction in our pumping if we are adversely impacting the springs. The City of San Antonio has such a plan and the law forces them to abide by the cutbacks when the aquifer falls below certain levels during drought periods.

Let's consider the past. The Springs have quit flowing during droughts. We weren't pumping then. Even this year the spring flow was substantially reduced. Again, we had no impact because we weren't pumping. But there is an EAA monitor well adjacent to our land. That well hasn't varied more than 10 feet since measurements started many years ago. Even during this last year's drought, the monitoring well was very stable. Conclusion - we aren't connected to the springs.

Kinney County doesn't have any hydrocarbon resources but it is blessed with an abundance of Groundwater. Groundwater is a great resource. If oil were discovered in Kinney County, we seriously doubt there would be a big controversy regarding about who could recover it. But groundwater is different. It is replenished every time it rains. So it is a renewable, clean resource and it should be put to a beneficial use.