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Water district GM sued for withholding records; then resigns

Beth Ann Smith in her official capacity as Director for Precinct One of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD) filed suit against Darlene Shahan in her individual capacity and official capacity as General Manager of the KCGCD on Oct. 30.

Copies of the original petition plead with the Honorable Judge Thomas F. Lee of the 63rd Judicial District Court to hear Smith's claims that, "Since 2003, the financial condition of the Kinney County Groundwa-

ter District has steadily and continuously deteriorated. Each of its last three Annual Financial Reports have painted a picture of a District that is insolvent which has failed to properly account for its liabilities in an effort to mask that insolvency. In 2005, District's management failures attracted the attention of the State Auditor's Office."

Smith's complaint goes on to detail the district's grave financial condition and how her requests for financial information, "have been uniformly met with

delay and outright denial of access to District records."

In the past, Shahan has based her denials on the fact that Smith's husband, Richard, is a plaintiff in a permit application lawsuit pending against the District.

Attorney for the KCGCD, Richard Lowerre of Lowerre & Frederick in Austin, responded to the claim, "...it is very hard for me to believe that any attorney for a board member would sue the General Manager, without first contacting me to see if

we could resolve the issues without a suit. That is normal practice for such actions. Failure to do so is one good example of why it is so difficult for people to work together in Kinney County - the lack of professional courtesy or other normal professional behavior that I would expect from Board members and especially their attorneys. It is especially difficult for me to understand, given my efforts, successful I believe, to work with Ms. Smith and help obtain information for her in the past."

Smith did not seek any monetary damages other than payment of her legal fees, but asked the court to order Shahan to make the records available to her as a board member, order Shahan not to force her to request information through the Freedom of Information Act and allow access to the records during normal business hours (Mon. - Fri, 9 a.m to 5 p.m.)

Water district news of interest since Smith's filing: KCGCD Director Charles Chuck Hall resigned effective

Nov. 1, 2006. Hall confirmed his resignation to *The Brackett News* on Nov. 8.

An email on Nov. 15, 2006, from attorney Richard Lowerre's office confirmed KCGCD General Manager Darlene Shahan's resignation Nov. 2, 2006. In an interview with Shahan at the water district office on Nov. 8, she denied rumors that she had resigned or submitted a letter of resignation. An attempt to reach Shahan by cell phone late Wednesday evening was not successful.

Veterans honored in elaborate ceremony by elementary students

Jones Elementary and Intermediate students hosted a Veterans Day Celebration on Nov. 10, at the Civic Center.

The celebration started with Boy Scout Troop #257 posting the colors.

The program continued with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Pledge to the Texas Flag, a prayer and an acapela rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" by Monica Talamantes.

Jones Elementary School Principal Alma Gutierrez gave the opening remarks.

The Pre-Kinder classes sang

"The Flag Song".

Kindergarten sang "You're a Grand Old Flag".

The first grade students sang "Proud To Be An American".

Guest speaker and Brackettville Border Patrol Agent, Billy Steelman then spoke about his experiences guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Second grade students followed him by singing "America, I hear you singing".

Third graders sang "Came America".

Fourth grade students sang "It's in your hands" and the fifth

graders sang "This land is your land".

Members of the student council stood proudly as they introduced the individual branches of the U.S. Military to a very receptive crowd of nearly 400.

Finally the sixth grade students concluded with the singing of "I'm proud to be an American".

At this time, many audience members were seen wiping tears from their eyes.

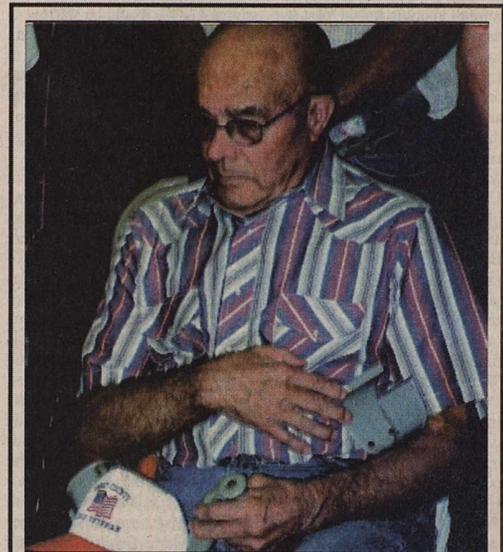
A moment of silence was observed followed by BHS senior Micheal Stephenson playing

"Taps" on his trumpet.

The grand finale was a slide presentation by BISD Technical Department that included many pictures from the ongoing war in Iraq.

Spokesperson for the Fourth of July Committee Martha Padron closed the ceremony with expressions of appreciation to elementary students, parents and faculty for their time and outstanding efforts.

The veterans were then invited to stay and enjoy refreshments provided by the Kinney 4-H Foods and Nutrition Group.



Moment Of Silence Photo by Leigh Volesko
Veteran Frank Brissette bows his head at the BISD Jones Elementary Veterans Day Celebration on Nov. 10.

RGEC makes space for Christmas greetings

Submitted By Cindy Edwards
RGEC Public Relations

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, borrowing a long-standing tradition from the town of Hondo, will be providing spaces along Hwy. 90, in front of the Co-op building, for local businesses/organizations wishing to display a Christmas greeting.

The spaces are 10 ft. wide, and signs may not be over 5 ft. in height.

The Co-op is installing electric lines to the spaces, and each of the 30 spaces will be equipped with an electric plug (110v). There is no charge to those wishing to display appropriate greetings, but each business will be responsible for providing their own signs, lights,

extension cords, etc. for their sign, and the installation and maintenance of that sign. Signs must be secured to prevent blowing down. Signs may be lit by no more than two flood lights of 75 watts each, which can be placed in front for illumination. Small twinkle lights may also be used, but participants are asked to refrain from

using light strings with the large bulbs.

Signs may be placed the first Monday after Thanksgiving, and spaces are on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call the Communications Department at 563-2444, ext. 182, for space availability and placement. (RGEC reserves the right to decline any inappropriate sign.)



Pardon Our Dust!

Courtesy Photo

If you've been out Hwy. 90 East lately, you've probably noticed a lot of construction activity in the area of Rio Grande Electric Co-op. The pole standing alone in the middle of the open area will become the centerpiece of the Co-op's Christmas decorations, when it is transformed into a lighted Christmas tree towering approximately 40 feet in the air. The trenching is part of the underground electrical distribution, which will provide power to the "tree" and community greeting signs. During the construction process, the paved drive is temporarily closed, and customers are asked to park in the designated area on the grass.

Clerks office recounts attorney general race by hand

One day before the general election on Nov. 7, Secretary of State, Director of Elections Ann McGeehan advised Kinney County Clerk Dora Sandoval precincts 2, 3 and 4 would have to manually recount the votes for the race of attorney general.

The purpose of the recount was to test the accuracy of the electronic tabulating machines used for only the second time at most precincts.

"In accordance with Section 127.201(b), we have selected the race of Attorney General to be counted for the partial manual count," the official memorandum stated.

According to the county clerks office, the manual count and the electronic count matched 100 percent in all three precincts

selected for the re-count.

Many questions about the recount were posed to election officials, but Sandoval's office confirmed the recount was mandated by the Secretary of State and not requested by a local candidate.

The Secretary of State election calendar requires the votes to be canvassed beginning on Nov. 15, and concluding no later than Nov. 20.

The votes for the Nov. 7 elections will be canvassed during Commissioner's Court on Monday, Nov. 20.

The votes included in last week's edition of The Brackett News were unofficial, but once the votes are canvassed, they are deemed official and submitted to the Secretary of State's office in Austin.

TIGER PLAYOFF GAME

The Brackett Tigers will enter into the first round of post season playoffs on Saturday, Nov. 25 at 6 p.m. at New Braunfels Canyon High School.

News BRIEFS

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 Please include your address!

Weekend WEATHER

Friday

Sunny
High: 78
Low: 47

Saturday

Sunny
High: 75
Low: 54

Sunday

Partly Cloudy
High: 70
Low: 52

KCCA Community Thanksgiving Service

On Sunday Evening November 19 at 7:00 pm the Kinney County Church Alliance will hold the annual Community Thanksgiving Service. The event will be hosted by Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and will be held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. The Community is invited to come and join this time of giving thanks. A time of fellowship will follow with refreshments.

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.

KCCA Christmas Program

The Kinney County Church Alliance will have the annual Christmas Program at the Civic Center on Saturday evening, December 9 beginning at 5:30. There will be entertainment, booths, refreshments, and fun for the whole family. Toys will be handed out to the children. For more information please contact a member of the KCCA. If you wish to help purchase toys for the children please send your donation to KCCA PO Box 1449 Brackettville, 78832.

Fort Clark Calendar

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. Friday, 11/17: Aerobics @ Post Theatre 9 a.m., Stitch @ RVP, 1-3 p.m., Mens Bridge 1-5 @ AC, Bingo 7p.m. SH. Saturday, 11/18: Breakfast RV Park 8 a.m., Community council 10 a.m. SH, Board

Meeting 9 am BR, Art Studio 1-4, Museum 1-4, Sutlers Store 1-4. Sunday, 11/19: Museum 1-4, Sutler Store 1-4. Monday 11/20: Par 3 Scramble 9 a.m., Wood Carvers 9 a.m. Unit 37, Aerobics 9 a.m. PT, Art Studio 1-4, PotLuck Turkey 6 pm PT. Tuesday, 11/21: Ladies Golf 9 a.m., Architectural Comm. Mtg. 9 a.m. BR, 500 Cards 6 p.m. AC. Wednesday, 11/22: 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, 11/23: Thanksgiving Day.

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.

School & Sports Calendar

Thursday, 11/16: National Honor Society Induction in the Auditorium 7 p.m. Monday, 11/20: 2nd Annual Apparel Fashion Show in the Auditorium 6 p.m. Wednesday, 11/22: Thanksgiving Dinner in the Cafeteria. Early Out at 1 p.m. Elementary Open House. Thanksgiving Holiday: Thursday, 11/23 - 11/24. Students will return to their regular schedule on Monday, 11/27. Play-Off Game: Tigers vs. ? at New Braunfels Canyon High School at 6 p.m.

KCAC Raffle

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.

Benefit Plate Sale

Guisado Plates will be sold for \$5, Sunday, Nov. 19, 11:30 a.m. till ? at Happy Shahan Park. The proceeds will benefit Martin Lopez and his fight with cancer. Donations are also being accepted at The Bank & Trust in his name. Lopez worked at FCS for 25 years.

Fort Clark Arts & Crafts Show

The 8th Annual Arts & Crafts show will be held Saturday, Nov. 25 at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Contact T. Harville 563-3452 for more details.

Uvalde Theater Students

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

Letter to the EDITOR

Thanks for honoring our Veterans

Thanks to the programing adults, thanks to the public and a most gracious thank you to the young people in the Brackett school system. There are loved ones who have memories, who have their vet and who don't know where thier son or daughter is - but WE all had and have the same desire - and that is to keep AMERICA FREE. THANKS AGAIN FOR HONORING US.

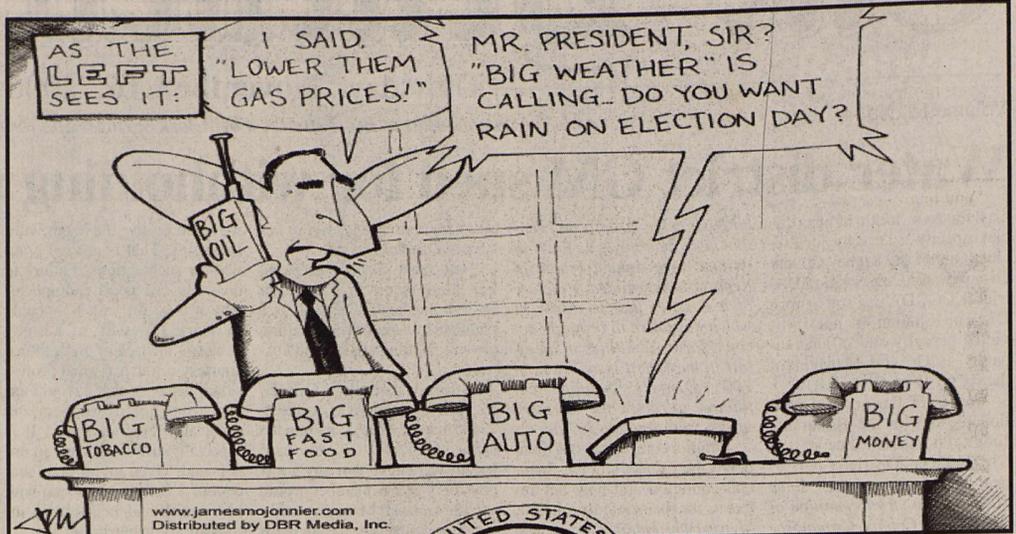
Tom Ertle

Subject: Let's talk about the Water

(Paid Advertisement by Grass Valley Water - TBN 11-09-06)

1. Construction jobs for a couple of years - Yes, laborers only. A major construction company will build the water accumulation and pumping plant using their own employees. 2. Permanent operating and maintenance positions - Yes, probably 3-5. Major maintenance will be performed by professionals. 3. Revenue - Remains to be seen as per contract. 4. Groundwater rights on 18,000 acres - last month it was 10,000 acres. Looks like Kinney County ranchers are "jump on the bandwagon." Hope they are not disappointed! 5. Restricting withdrawals! With the present drought situation we have in Kinney County, Grass Valley Water could be restricted before they start. 6. When have we seen 22" of yearly rainfall in Kinney County? Remember neighbors, recharge is based on one word, and one word only - RAINFALL! If the statement "the average annual amount of evapotranspiration (bet I'd lose a spelling bee contest on this) in Kinney County is 6-9 inches, and out yearly rainfall average for the past two years is 4", we would be starting in the hold to begin with. Prove to us by production testing the Shahan well where the pumping water level is and show us what it does to Las Moras Spring and Pinto Creel/Springs wells! 7. There is no way on this green earth at the present time to prove that we have 172,800 acre feet of groundwater recharge in the northwest quarter, or even the whole, of Kinney County. Stating that we benefit from recharge coming out of Edwards County has yet to be proven. At this time, I doubt very seriously that there is 270,000 acre feet of recharge in Uvalde County. For right now, we have a figure of 69,800 acre feet of recharge from the Texas Water Development Board based on an average yearly rainfall of 22-24 inches. The Water development Board say that they could run a computer model for us using 4' of rainfall but they can't do it at the request of an individual, such as you or me. It has to be requested by the KCGCD Board. OK Board, request it and go about your business with a new number. Only, this time act fairly with your permit allocations to all concerned. It is time for the Board to act as an unbiased group. 8. Grass Valley Water believes they are in a different aquifer. If so, prove it to us. Participate with the Shahan ranch in sharing expenses to gather the information by dye testing and production testing during this drought. 9. The EAA monitor well adjacent to Grass Valley Water may not vary more than 10' in fluid level measurements but the peaks and valleys after any rainfall match up perfectly with our USGS measurements since 1995, even when Las Moras Spring quit flowing for one or two 24 hour periods. Also, our cubic foot per second flow rate increase goes up in Las Moras for the same time interval as the fluid level increases in the EAA well. Keep in mind that the EAA well is approximately 17 miles northeast of Brackettville. Like I said: "prove it to us that the Grass Valley wells are in a different aquifer." Some interesting facts for the citizens of Kinney County. In the 2001 - 2002 County population forecast by the Office of the Texas Comptroller: Kinney County population in 2006 = 3,432, 2030 = 3,427. Webb County (Laredo) 2006 = 231, 924, 2030 = 387,743. Maverick County (Eagle Pass) 2006 = 52,685, 2030 = 68,263. Does this tell you why Grass Valley Water LP wants to pump large volumes of our groundwater out of Kinney County? Have you seen these figures published by Grass Valley? Every year they want their permit acre footage increased! If this project was approved and started tomorrow it would take a minimum of 4-5 years to be operational including laying the pipeline to Laredo. By then Grass Valley's request of 11,000 acre feet will be more like 19-21,000 acre feet per year to start with.

Jack Boxell, Fort Clark Springs



Opening a small business? Don't give up financial security



Emily Cooper

Last year, more than 670,000 businesses opened their doors, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration. In fact, hundreds of thousands of people set up their own shops every single year. If you're considering joining these ranks, you've got a lot to be excited about, and you may be prepared to make large sacrifices to help your business succeed. But there's one sacrifice you don't have to make: your financial security.

Unfortunately, many business owners pour their entire lives' savings into making their new ventures succeed - and that's probably a big mistake. When

you start up a business, you are already taking on a degree of risk, but you don't need to jeopardize all your plans for the future.

So, before you launch your business, try to follow these basic guidelines:

Build an emergency fund. Make sure you keep at least six months' worth of living expenses available in some type of liquid account - one that is completely separate from your business accounts. If you need to pay for a major car repair, buy an expensive appliance or cover a major medical bill, you'll want to be prepared. And if you can't pay for these items, your business will likely suffer, too.

Review your insurance coverage. Do you have enough life insurance to pay off your home and educate your children if anything happens to you? If not, you'll want to upgrade your coverage. You also might want to add a mortgage protection ben-

efit to your life insurance policy, so that you can keep up your house payments if you become disabled and can't run your business for a while. Disability insurance may also be valuable, though you'll need to shop around for a reasonably priced policy, as this coverage can be expensive.

Set up a retirement plan. If you worked in a large company before striking out on your own, you might have contributed to a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. But now that you're the business owner yourself, you'll have to set up your own retirement plan. Fortunately, many good plans are available. For example, if your business has no employees except you and your spouse, you can choose a SEP IRA, an "owner-only" 401(k) or an "owner-only" defined benefit plan. If you're going to have employees, you might want to explore a SIMPLE IRA or a "Safe Harbor" 401(k).

All these plans have both advantages and limitations; to find the one that's right for you, meet with a financial professional who is experienced in helping small-business owners.

Choose the correct ownership structure. As a small-business person, you could be a sole proprietor, you could form a partnership or you might set up what's known as an "S corporation." The ownership structure you choose can have a big effect on some important issues, such as whether your health insurance premiums are tax deductible. Consequently, you may want to consult with your tax advisor before making a decision as to which route you will follow.

By following the above suggestions, you should be able to focus more intently on those tasks that can help you grow your business.

So, before you make the "jump," plan ahead. You'll be glad you did.

Pass it on; a legacy of love

We each have the same number of hours in day; how are you using yours? Do you whine that you don't have time? Are you constantly rushing around trying to make more time? When are we ever going to just stop and be!

This past week I was reminded of just how short life really is. I will never forget the first time I saw the haunting blue eyes of an eighteen month old precious baby girl. Her sweet mother was my Home Economics teacher in high school and helped me become who I am today. I was sixteen years old and knocked on her door to see little Miss Amber toddling across the floor. Amber died last week after fighting breast cancer for five years. She was only thirty-five years young and leaves a precious six year old son to be raised without his mommy.

Amber was misdiagnosed just a few months after giving birth to her son. They thought it was just a stopped up milk gland. Looking back we can speculate and try to place blame for a mistake on the heads of the doctors but Amber didn't do that. She



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

lived each day to her fullest doing what she could for others and touching lives with her daily walk of hope and encouragement.

I am reminded of a song we sang at camp, Pass It On! It only takes a spark to get a fire going; And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. Amber was a spark to the many lives she touched. Her warmth was passed on to her family, the school children she taught as well as the people she met while she was taking her chemotherapy. She had a talent for inspiring others and leaving a legacy of hope to all those basking in her glowing embers of love.

What legacy will you leave? Do the lives you touch feel your warmth? Do you pass your smile on to others as you walk through

your daily rounds? Life is so short. It is time for us to take care of those little things that keep us on the perpetual treadmill of Go Go Go and slow down to enjoy each step we take instead of rushing to the next thing. All we ever seem to say is; I don't have time!

I have realized one thing as I turned fifty years old last January; being in a hurry never got me anywhere faster. It was only when I slowed down and enjoyed the ride that the time passed before I knew it. Where is your joy? Have you thrown it away with all of your forgotten dreams because you don't have time? As I talked with my dear friend, Jeannie tonight about the death of her precious daughter I realized that each of us can touch another life; even if it is only in passing. We have a choice to be in a hurry or to slow down and enjoy the ride. What have you been putting off? Does your home keep your life in CHAOS and prevent you from passing on your spark to warm the world. I realize that shining your spark may seem foolish right now but in the scheme of things it is the

spark that opened up my life to help others. From that one shiny sink, homes are being blessed and you find the time you never thought was possible to rekindle those forgotten dreams and use your talents to change the world.

One small spark will pass on the heartbeat of love that connects us all! My sweet teacher helped me to become who I am today. Her gentle hands pushed me into a world and taught me how cook, clean and sew. The best gift she gave me was the courage to stand up and speak to a crowd and pass on what I have learned. She gave her own daughter this precious gift to touch others. I am honored to have known Amber. In Amber's memory please call your girlfriend, sister, aunt and mother to remind them to do their monthly breast exam. Don't put it off saying, "I don't have time!" Take the time right now and pass it on! Ask each person to also make that call or send that email! We can save lives with early detection! Pass it on!

Here is a link to allow you to be touched by the spark in her blue eyes. www.dilday.com/Click

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Now that Election '06 is mercifully over, campaign coroners are out in force, trying to determine the cause of the demise of the Republican Party. There is no shortage of media pundits, ready to proclaim that the GOP must move to the center of the political spectrum in order to win Congress back in '08.

The major media are all too ready to proclaim that the GOP will never take back Capitol Hill—let alone hold onto the White House—unless party leaders modify their political plays, calling audibles for universal health care, free prescription drugs, and greater taxation for the wealthy—with wealthy defined as anyone who's scrimped and saved in order to buy their own three-bedroom home. But let's face it—the advice from TV pundits is highly suspect. The fourth estate is basically occupied by rank-and-file Democrats. But what about Republican office-holders themselves? Wouldn't it

make sense to look to them for leadership at this critical time in the GOP's history? Unfortunately, there are far too many Democrats-in-Republican clothing who are more than ready to hijack the party at this vulnerable moment. Take, for instance, U.S. Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, who has been described by the Associated Press as "the moderate conscience of Pennsylvania Republicans." Old Arlen says it's time for the GOP to embrace a "progressive" agenda which includes greater emphasis on health care in the U.S. With all due respect to the gentleman from Pennsylvania, that would be a blueprint for electoral disaster for the Republicans. Specter is a social liberal, readily accepting such travesties as abortion-on-demand. His wing of the party would like to see social conservatives disappear from the party's ranks. But the fact of the matter is that conservatives are the backbone of the party. It is



Nathan Tabor

no coincidence that 70 percent of those people who call themselves Evangelical Christians pulled the lever for Republicans on Tuesday. Also, it should be noted that a number of Democrats won by touting conservative credentials. For instance, newly-elected Senator Bob Casey of Pennsylvania was specifically chosen to run by Democratic Party operatives because he would appeal to voters with traditional values. The electoral failures of the Republicans this year are not due to a lack of liberalism. If anything, too many Republican candidates are far too liberal for their own politi-

cal futures. Here's a blueprint for success for the party in 2008: Return to Reagan conservatism. Adopt an upbeat, positive attitude about America and its promise. Resist the urge to scowl—even at the prospect of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi being in line for the Presidency.

Renew your commitment to fiscal responsibility. No program, no matter how laudable, is worth plunging our children and our children's children into debt. Promote a strong defense. Just because certain naysayers are complaining about a lack of progress in Iraq, there's no need to abandon our commitment to our troops abroad. Push hard for a restoration of respect for human life and the sanctity of the American family. Do not be seduced by New Age notions of what the pursuit of happiness really means. If they follow this plan for victory, I guarantee the Republicans will see a reversal in their fortunes at the polls.

Tiger Pride



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Tiger Gridiron
Thomas Hurney

"You don't talk smack, you play football, that's it!" barked

assistant coach Charlie Marquardt to a young Brackett lineman who, caught up in the moment, did some ill-advised jawing at the opposition late in the game. But the Tigers had reason to be excited and, true to Coach Marquardt's maxim, let their actions eclipse their words with a 44-7 rout of La Pryor Friday night at Tiger Stadium. The Brackett rush offense was potent as ever and the Ti-

gers took good care of the football too, not yielding a turnover for the entire game. The Tiger defense created several though, one on the second play from scrimmage, in fact. The Bulldogs took the opening kickoff up to their own 30, and after a two-yard pickup tried to hit a deep pass on 2nd down, but the ball hung up in the air too long and was picked off by Travis Bonner, who returned it to the Tiger 48. The drive fizzled and Brackett lined up to punt on a 4th and 9 at midfield-or so we thought. What really happened is that senior Ivan Pinales (who would make his final game at Tiger Stadium a memorable one) took the ball and accelerated past the La

Pryor return team all the way to the Bulldog 14. Pinales picked up 12 yards on the next play and Jacob Schroeder took it in on a 1st and goal from the two. The extra point missed its mark, but the Tigers were up 6-0, with just over 8 minutes left in the opening quarter.

La Pryor mounted a drive of sorts up to its' own 45, but Bulldog quarterback Gus Pargas bobbled the snap on 3rd and 10 and Brackett recovered the loose ball. Pinales took the 1st down handoff and rumbled 50-yards into the end zone for the Tigers second score of the night. The two-point attempt worked, and the Tigers led 14-0.

Big plays were the order of

the day on Parents Night at Tiger Stadium. La Pryor took over after the most recent Brackett score but again couldn't move the football beyond their side of the 50, and had to punt. The Tigers had the ball back on their own 30 and on 2nd and 5 from the 35 halfback Travis Bonner took off up the gut on a play that looked eerily similar to the one that had worked so well for Pinales. It even produced the same result, a Tiger touchdown. Jacob Schroeder tacked on the extra point and at 21-0 it would appear (rightly, as it turned out) that the rout was on.

The contest would become more lopsided as La Pryor coughed up the ball yet again on the ensuing kickoff. On 3rd and 4 at the Bulldog 14 Robert Davis kept the ball on the QB keeper and reappeared in the end zone some 14 yards later. A minor setback as the point after was blocked, but the Tigers had a decisive 27-0 lead. La Pryor

would attempt to climb back into the game, scoring late in the 2nd quarter, and at the half it was 27-7, Brackett.

Ivan Pinales took second half kickoff all the way up to the Bulldog 45, giving the Brackett offense a short field and a big advantage. From there the Tigers began a very Tiger-like drive, workmanlike and methodical and not the thunder and lightning that had characterized the first half (but one that produced the same result). On 3rd and one at the Bulldog 14 Ivan Pinales, escorted by John Moore and a host of Brackett linemen found the end zone yet again. It was 34-7 at that point, and the Tigers would add ten more points to their total, a safety and a touchdown with a two-point conversion to round out the scoring for that day. The Tigers have the week off, and travel to New Braunfels a week from Saturday to take on the winner of the Ben Bolt-Shiner playoff game.

	Tigers	BullDogs
Points Scored	44	7
First Downs	13	9
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	12/0/1	4/4/1
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	4/9/44	5/11/45
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	1/4/25	0/2/0
Total Yards / Avg per Play	386/8.6	215/4.5
Total Yards Rushing	386	87
Rushing Att/Avg	42/9.2	39/2.2
Total Yards Passing	0	129
Pass Att/Comp/Int	3/0/0	9/4/1
Average Yards per Pass	0.0	14.3
Punts /Avg	1/42.0	3/17.0
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	2/10/5	1/0/0
Punts Blocked	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	3/115/38	4/110/28
Fumbles /Lost	2/0	3/2
Total Turnovers	0	3
Penalties /Yards	11/70	5/35
Sacks /Yards	1/10	1/5
TDs	6	1
TDs Rush/Pass	6/0	1/0
Field Goals Att/Made	0/0	0/0
Time of Possession	21:56	26:04

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
BullDogs	0	7	0	0	-	7
Tigers	14	13	15	2	-	44

Scoring Summary

Brackett: 8:06 1st Q, Schroeder, J rushes for 2 yard TD
PAT Kick - Blocked
Brackett: 3:56 1st Q, Pinales, I rushes for 50 yard TD
PAT Rush - Bonner, T - Good
Brackett: 11:48 2nd Q, Schroeder, J rushes for 65 yard TD
PAT Kick - Schroeder, J - Good
Brackett: 10:17 2nd Q, Davis, R rushes for 12 yard TD
PAT Kick - Blocked
La Pryor: 1:11 2nd Q, 1 yard rushing TD
PAT Kick - Good
Brackett: 8:59 3rd Q, Pinales, I rushes for 14 yard TD
PAT Kick - Schroeder, J - Good
Brackett: 4:02 3rd Q, Bonner, T rushes for 4 yard TD
PAT Rush - Bonner, T - Good
Brackett: 4:05 4th Q, Safety on attempted punt.

	Cubs	BullPups
Points Scored	6	19
First Downs	7	9
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	6/0/1	6/3/0
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	2/9/22	3/5/60
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	3/4/75	0/1/0
Total Yards / Avg per Play	165/4.7	256/9.5
Total Yards Rushing	138	110
Rushing Att/Avg	26/5.3	21/5.2
Total Yards Passing	27	146
Pass Att/Comp/Int	9/3/0	6/3/0
Average Yards per Pass	3.0	24.3
Punts /Avg	2/28.5	0/0.0
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	0/0/0	2/7/4
Punts Blocked	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	4/40/10	2/10/5
Fumbles /Lost	4/0	0/0
Total Turnovers	0	0
Penalties /Yards	9/53	6/33
Sacks /Yards	1/5	0/0
TDs	1	3
TDs Rush/Pass	1/0	0/3
Field Goals Att/Made	0/0	0/0
Time of Possession	17:42	14:18

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
BullPups	13	6	0	0	-	19
Tigers	0	6	0	0	-	6

Scoring Summary

La Pryor: 5:26 1st Q, 49 yard TD pass
PAT Kick - Good
La Pryor: 0:37 1st Q, 41 yard TD pass
PAT Kick - Blocked by Titchenell, T
CUBS: 5:32 2nd Q, Stewart, S 1 yard rush for TD
PAT Rush attempt - Failed
La Pryor: 3:07 2nd Q, 56 yard TD pass
PAT Rush attempt - Failed

TIGER STATS

CUB STATS

Thank You!!

I want to thank all of my supporters throughout Kinney County, especially the voters of Precinct 2, who trusted and believed in me and voted for change. You showed great class and dignity. I am pleased to call you my friends.

Lloyd Lee Davis

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The Brackett High School Apparel Class will be hosting the 2nd Annual Fashion Show. The models will be sporting new fashion fashion for this fall that you won't want to miss. The clothing represented will be from featured stores out of Del Rio.

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Good Health, Good Flavor



Vada Baldree

All materials courtesy of: Louisiana Sweet Potato Commission, Manitoba Canola Growers Association

With the right ingredients, recipes can deliver good health and great flavor. Check out these good-for-you, great-tasting sweet potato recipes using canola oil!

Sweet potatoes are nutritional powerhouses. An important source of beta-carotene, vitamin C, potassium and fiber, they also contain just 140 calories. Sweet potatoes are a versatile vegetable that can be used in both sweet and savory recipes. Really. Just like canola oil.

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Canola oil has the lowest saturated (bad) fat of all popular veg-

etable oils and contains no trans fat or cholesterol. Canola oil is high in monounsaturated (good) fat and contains omega-3s and vitamin E.

These nutrient-packed recipes are quick and easy to make, and best of all, they are good for you and taste great. Share them with family and friends.

The Quick Sweet Potato Pie With Honey-Walnut Topping and a Cookie Crust will delight your guests with its naturally sweet filling and cookie crust.

The Roasted Vegetable Minestrone Soup is packed with flavor and goes great with the Sweet Potato Biscuits.

The biscuits are so moist from the canola oil and sweet potatoes, you'll want to double the batch. For more great recipes, go to www.canolainfo.org and www.sweetpotato.org.

Roasted Vegetable Minestrone

The roasted veggies with the prosciutto add many wonderful flavors to this earthy, rich Italian soup.

2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks

1 medium zucchini, cut in chunks

1 medium yellow squash, cut in chunks

1 medium eggplant, peeled and cut into chunks (about 1 1/4 pounds)

5 Roma tomatoes, cut into chunks

1 red onion, cut into chunks

6 garlic cloves, peeled

1/4 cup canola oil

Salt and pepper to taste

2 ounces prosciutto, diced

1 tablespoon dried oregano leaves

1 tablespoon dried basil leaves

Dash red pepper flakes

2 bay leaves

1 (14 1/2-ounce) can whole tomatoes in juice,

broken up

9 cups chicken broth

1 (16-ounce) can cannellini or other white

beans, rinsed and drained

2/3 cup uncooked ziti pasta

Grated Parmesan cheese, optional

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line baking sheet with foil and oil

place sweet potatoes, zucchini, yellow squash, eggplant, tomatoes, red onion and garlic. Toss vegetables with canola oil. Add salt and pepper to taste. Roast 45 minutes to 1 hour, stirring vegetables after 30 minutes. Remove from oven and set aside.

In large non-stick pot coated with canola oil cooking spray, cook prosciutto, oregano, basil and red pepper flakes over medium heat 1 minute, stirring constantly.

Add bay leaves, tomatoes, chicken broth and beans. Bring mixture to boil and add pasta. Lower heat and simmer 15 minutes or until pasta is done. Add vegetables, remove bay leaves and check seasoning.

If soup is too thick, add more chicken broth or water. Serve with Parmesan cheese if desired.

Makes 12 cups

To freeze: Cool to room temperature. Transfer to freezer containers, label and freeze.

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ARTS COUNCIL HOME TOUR

Submitted by Melissa Koontz

The Kinney County Arts Council would like to introduce the homes we will be presenting on the Annual Christmas tour of Homes this year. This week we are featuring the Palmer Residence at 20 Colony Row.

Stockings hanging from the fireplace in the living room will delight the Palmer children on Christmas morning; however, the main tree, adorned with antique beaded ornaments, is located in the dining room. The four bedrooms and den will continue the themes of yesteryear.

Erected during the 1873-1875

expansion of Ft. Clark to accommodate and support an entire regiment, this structure differs from the other quarters on the line in that it is a single dwelling rather than a duplex. The fifth regiment of the U.S. Cavalry was garrisoned here from 1921 to 1941 and during that time the regimental adjutant who performed essential clerical duties for the commander, lived within these walls. A kitchen was added in 1904 and several rooms were added in 1944. The house served as a hunting lodge for many years.

It was recently purchased by Mr. and Mrs. David Palmer.



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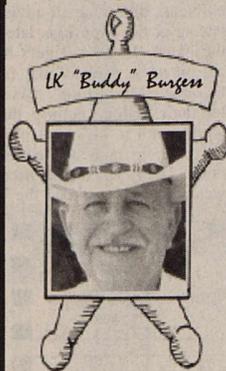
BISD, in a joint effort with the city, is looking for persons willing to work for the May 12, 2007, school board and city election. Voting will take place in the HS Auditorium. One Judge will preside over two groups of clerks, one for the district and one for the city. Voting for the school district and city will be kept separate. Two Early Voting Clerks are also needed.

Contact Susan Esparza, Secretary to Supt., at 563-2491, ext. 100

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Wednesday, November 8

4:48 p.m. A call came into KCSO, the man on the line stated that he needed either a wrecker or deputy to assistance on hwy 277 at the rest area. Val Verde S.O. was called.

5:47 p.m. A woman called KCSO stating there were to illegals walking on Ann St. coming into Tiger Alley. U.S.B.P was notified.

7:40 p.m. A call came into the KCSO stating there was a suspicious vehicle was on hwy 674, a deputy was dispatched.

Thursday, November 9

3:30 p.m. Adam Luna, 44, of Brackettville, was arrested for terroristic threats, Adam was released on a \$2,000 bond.

3:55 p.m. Camielo Cruz Jr., 55, of Brackettville, was arrested for deceptive business practice, Cruz was released on \$500 PR bond.

12:25 p.m. A call came in from Super S requesting a deputy, there was a disturbance at the store. A deputy was dispatched.

6:10 p.m. A woman called KCSO stating there was an injured deer, the Game Warden was notified.

Friday, November 10

12:20 a.m. Juan Fuentes, 21, of Uvalde, was arrested on outstanding warrants. Fuentes is still being held at press time.

10:40 a.m. Robert Avaloa, 17, of Del Rio was arrested for possession of marijuana less the 2 oz., Avaloa was released on a \$1,000 bond.

2:55 p.m. KCSO received a call from a man stating that another man was putting his horse in his property and he wanted a deputy to tell him to take the horse out. A deputy was dispatched.

10:10 p.m. A woman called KCSO stating there was a truck racing down Ann St. a deputy was dispatched.

10:38 p.m. A call came into KCSO stating that he was traveling to Del Rio and he just passed the rest area on hwy 90 E. when a car came out of nowhere and passed him driving all over the road. The man stated that the driver of the car was throwing beer cans out of the vehicle. DPS was notified.

Saturday, November 11

10:05 p.m. A woman called KCSO requesting a deputy to her residence due to a domestic dispute, she wanted to leave but her husband would not let her, a deputy was dispatched.

Sunday, November 12

2:30 a.m. A call came into the KCSO stating there was an alarm going off at a near by ranch. A deputy was dispatched.

2:08 p.m. A woman came to the KCSO to report that this certain person was leaving packages at business' doors. A deputy was dispatched.

2:26 p.m. A woman called in to report a decapitated Santa Clause in front of the new high school. A deputy was dispatched.

3:13 p.m. A call came in to report loud music in the alley. A deputy was dispatched.

7:05 p.m. A woman called in to report that her car had been egged the night before, a deputy was dispatched to the scene.

7:49 p.m. A call came into KCSO to report a possible roll over on hwy 277, a deputy and EMS were dispatched.

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Pat Sitzes

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CHEER wants to introduce you to its Board of Directors who has guided CHEER through its startup process, and they have given many hours to helping CHEER to become a reality. Our Chairman is Dan Laws, Secretary Brenda Perry, Treasurer Nancy Mendoza, board members, Carmen

Gallegos, Martha Padron, Yolanda Rueda, and Lydia Tipples.

When you see these people out in the community, give them feedback on what you think about CHEER so far, and services you think CHEER could provide to the residents of Kinney County.

CHEER is looking for donations to pay for our utilities for the next seven months. We want to be open by January.

However, if we do not have the money to pay the utilities, we will have to put off opening CHEER and providing these needed services for the community.

Remember CHEER is for our community and provided by people that are members of our community.

Any questions, ask any of the board members of CHEER.

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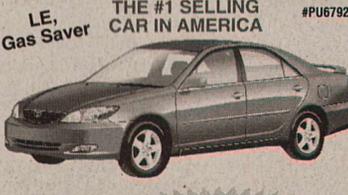
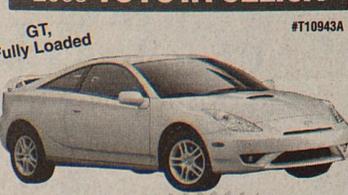
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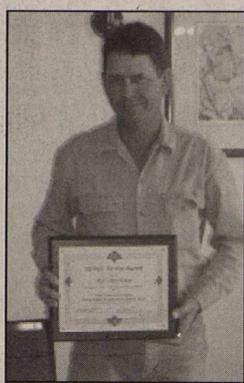
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Original Poems By
Cassandra Jane Gomez

IT'S YOUR LIFE
Life is like a song,
So sing it loud and clear
As we move along
What's important, we keep near
Each turn we take is another chance
And opens up another door
It's up to us if we get up and dance
Or choose to sit on the floor
As we grow older
We start to see
The world is on our shoulder
And reality is telling us
We are not who we want to be
Each day becomes an effort
And we begin sleeping through our lives
There is so much pain and hurt
Everyone stabbing each other with knives
All others become a bad influence
Your life is now at stake
The key to true repentance

Is what we choose to take
You see, life is what we make it
Nothing more and nothing less
Trust is strong but once you break it
Everything becomes a mess
But what good does it do for us to cry
What good does it do to whine
Everybody lives and everybody has to die
We all go through pain and have a set amount of time
All that we can do, is look to the future with hope
That someday things will all make sense
As time goes on, we will find ways to cope
And the pain will no longer seem so intense
We'll put on a smile, sing life's song with love
Hang around for a while
And seek God's grace from up above
Do your best to make sense
Of everything you're given
If nothing works out
Hold your head up high, keep living
There will be times when pain is all we feel
The clouds are all we can see
It will seem to be too much for us to deal
But in the end, God will set us

free
Open up your mind
And just live for today
Each of us, our paths will wind
As we search and find our way
Near the end of our life
As we walk through our last days
We'll back look at the things
That helped light our way
We'll see all the mistakes we made
And the people who were there
The things that may have caused our smiles to fade

And the smell of the cool, fresh air
You'll think about the people you'll never know by name
And all of the joy you felt
When someone kept you from going insane
And helped you to live with the hand you've been dealt
You'll remember the sun that always came out
After the passing of the rain
It wouldn't allow you to doubt
That the joy was worth the pain

OBITUARY

Irene Hildebrant Blair

August 19, 1908 - November 1, 2006

Irene Hildebrant Blair, born August 19, 1908 in Bay County, Michigan, died November 1, 2006 in Del Rio, Texas.
Preceded in death by her husband, David Thomas Blair, she is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Morton Hawkins; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Charles Kerr; grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Daniel and Lisa Kerr; and great grandchildren gaige, Bailey, and Cannon Kerr, all of Watertown, Wisconsin.
Other survivors: daughter Mary Jo Hoover of Knoxville, of Chisago City, Minnesota.
Her life-long love of birds made Mrs. Blair a keen observer who loved to attract birds to her yard and to track them to their habitats.
After living in Oconomowoc and Sullivan, Wisconsin, she and her husband retired to Brackettville, Texas, where she continued her love of birding and travel.
She spent her final years in Del Rio, Texas. Funeral arrangements were private.

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Time around the fireplace



Brother J.

The leaves have started to turn and even fall to the ground. It is a beautiful time of year because the hot summer is gone and the refreshing cool air of fall is here. Most farmers and ranchers have their work done and crops

laid by. It is the time of year that the early settlers in 1621 took to celebrate the good harvests.
Even though the previous winter had been very severe, provisions very short and over half of their group died, they still found a way to give thanks for what God had provided.
Families, friends and local Indians gathered together to enjoy a time of celebration and thanksgiving.
The women prepared different dishes from the harvested crops and from the berries they had picked.
The men had gone hunting so turkey and venison were on the menu.
Years later President Abraham Lincoln on October 3, 1863 made a proclamation.
He said, "The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies.
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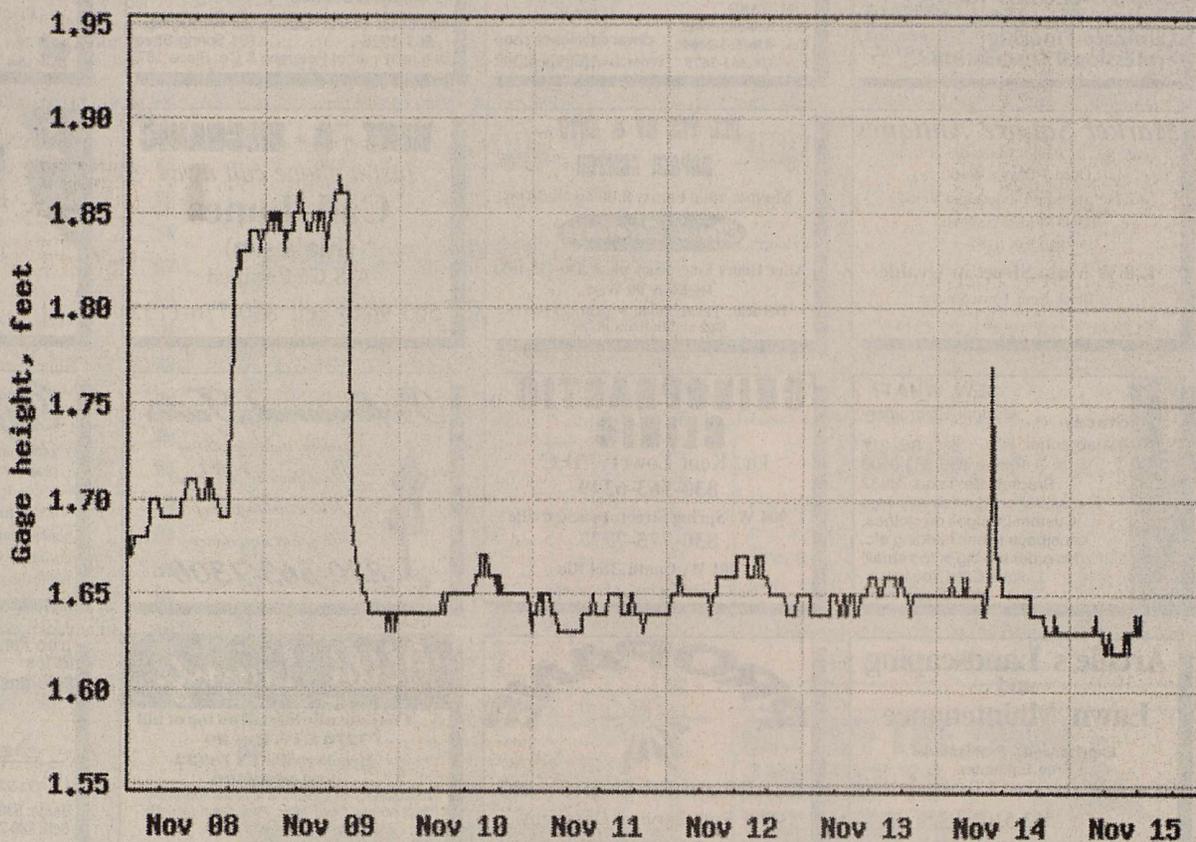
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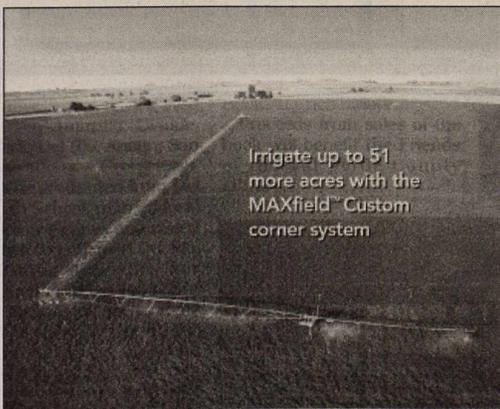
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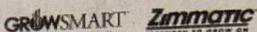
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TPWD unveils slate of possible regulation changes



AUSTIN, Texas — Among the possible changes in hunting and fishing regulations next year, the Texas Parks and Wild-

life Department is considering altering restrictions on spotted seatrout in the Lower Laguna Madre and a 16-inch maximum length limit on largemouth bass on a handful of lakes.

TPWD staff briefed the Regulations Committee of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Wednesday, Nov. 1, on a slate of possible changes designed to increase recreational opportunity and further enhance the state's fish and wildlife resources.

The annual regulatory review process begins each fall after resource assessments by biologists and game wardens, as well as independent recommendations received from various groups.

During this scoping portion of the process, TPWD gathers public input and weighs the biological implications of each issue before presenting the commission with a set of proposed regulation changes in January.

Additional discourse is sought during special public meetings in the spring, and the commission at its April 2007 meeting determines the final regulation changes.

The most dramatic change

being discussed addresses coastal fisheries biologists' concerns about declining numbers of legal-sized spotted seatrout in the Lower Laguna Madre bay ecosystem compared to historic levels.

Although officials point out the seatrout populations in this bay system are on par with numbers statewide, they believe proactive steps will help ensure and enhance the future health of this world class fishery.

TPWD will be gathering public input during the next six months on a variety of strategies emphasizing possible reductions in daily bag limits to achieve management goals.

In addition to regional seatrout regulations, TPWD is considering the following potential changes.

- Increasing the minimum length limit on sheephead to provide sufficient protection for this popular fish to reach sexual maturity and thereby ensure sustainable productivity.

- Provide protection for diamondback terrapins by banning harvest. Biologists are concerned about the possibility of a growing commercial market for the species.

- Increase the minimum length limit for retention of a tarpon to 90 inches.

- Expand current rules prohibiting use of airboats to rally or harass schools of fish to include all boats.

- A modification to the spring Rio Grande turkey season to offer better hunting opportunity to hunters. Two years ago

TPWD simplified spring Rio Grande turkey seasons by merging the north and south zones into a single zone and increased hunting opportunity by adding a week to the season. In the process of monitoring and evaluating the new season, staff has concluded that while the 44-day season is fine, hunting opportunity can be optimized by re-instituting the zone system, allowing the South Texas season to open earlier and the North Texas season to run later.

- Eliminate the double tagging requirement for mule deer on properties operating under Managed Lands Deer permits and make those permits available for use during the archery season.

- Increase the possession limit for striped bass on Lake Texoma to 20 to eliminate confusion among anglers and more closely align with Oklahoma limits.

- Create a 16-inch maximum length limit for largemouth bass on a handful of lakes to address management concerns over lack of improvement in bass population structure and current limits. Seven lakes are being considered, including Bridgeport, Bryan, Cypress Springs, Georgetown, Hawkins, Joe Poole and Nacogdoches.

Public comment about these issues and others of interest may be made to TPWD, Regulatory Proposals Public Comment, 4200 Smith School Road, 78744, by phoning 800-792-1112 or by visiting the Web (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>)



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 18 Object of value
 19 Bar request
 22 Florence's three
 23 Marine bird
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 38 End in ____ have an unsatisfying

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 2 On the ball
 3 Tall structure
 4 Warm affection
 5 Allége
 6 Prefix for sweet or precious
 7 Hidden treasure
 8 Diagrams
 9 Intl. alliance
 10 Christmas decoration
 11 ____ Rabbit
 12 Bone: pref.
 13 Fishster
 20 Unite
 21 Student's concerns
 25 Sixxuan language
 27 Encouraging paper
 30 Outer coating
 31 Palmer's pegs

32 Party invitation
 33 Accomplish again
 34 Stretched out
 35 Springtime
 37 Rubber trees
 40 In hiding
 44 Did a beautician's job
 46 Word of choice
 48 Hunted
 50 Wipe away
 52 Booby prize recipient
 53 Turn aside
 54 Opposite of relaxed
 55 Being: Lat.
 56 "____ homo": work of religious art
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 60 Learning
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You need to take the initiative this week. That means, no sitting by the phone or computer, waiting for someone to get back to you. You'll do better when you're in control.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Business dealings are favored this week. In fact, bigwigs might surprise you with a special reward. Later in the week, you could get into a disagreement with a loved one over money matters.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're worrying needlessly over something you can't control. This is one time when time truly will solve the problem. Over the weekend, friendships are highlighted.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're very self-confident this week. As a result, it seems everything you touch turns to gold, at least, figuratively. At home, a loved one is a bit depressed, so try to cheer this person up.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're in a peaceful place right now. In fact, it's a good week for some introspection. Insights you receive will help you in the future.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Financial developments are in your favor this week, which is a relief. Remember to research all investment matters thoroughly, though. This weekend, romance is a bit iffy.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) If at all possible, see if you can get away for a few days. You need to clear your head. If you can do this, you'll be rested and refreshed for upcoming challenges.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You receive good news on the family front. In fact, there just might be a new addition! Job interests come to the fore later in the week.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You receive an exciting invitation for the upcoming holidays. Be sure to clear this with family first. Everyone needs to be on the same wavelength for this visit.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A new assignment has you in a bit of a tizzy. However, if you apply yourself, you can tackle this successfully. Later in the week, a delay in social plans could occur.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You delight in a loved one's good news. In fact, it's fortuitous for the entire family. Over the weekend, stay away from people who could bring you down.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An opportunity for advancement is possible on the job. Study this carefully. Not everything is at it seems.

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