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Local Governmental Meetings

The BISD School Board meets September 10 in the Central Office Board Room at 6:30 p.m. Brackettville City Council meets on September 11, 6pm, at the City Annex on Hwy. 90. Fort Clark Springs Association Board of Directors will meet on Saturday, September 15, in the Board Room at 9 a.m. The Kinney County Commissioners Court will meet on Monday, September 10 and 17 at 9 a.m.

4-H News

Attention 4-H ers! The public speaking project is ready to begin. The first meeting will be September 25th from 5 to 6 pm at the public library. Throughout the project you will learn to select topics, organize your material, create a speech, deliver a speech, and learn different types of speeches as well as calming those nerves. For more information contact the county extension office at 563-2442.

Seminole Indian Cemetery 135th Anniversary Celebration

Come out to celebrate and participate in the 135th year of our Cemetery Association Celebration. It will be held at the Carver School grounds on the corner of Ross and Spring Sept. 15th. Parade line will start at 9am at the Old PCI Communication Office on Ann St. pass Super 5 and will end at Carver School Parking Lot. Parade begins at 10 am. On Sept. 16th at the Seminole Indian Cemetery at 10:30 am the San Antonio Buffalo Soldiers will be here to help celebrate. For information contact Augusta Pines 830-563-7162.

Region J Meeting

The Plateau Water Planning Group (PWPG) (Region J) will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2007 beginning at 1:00 pm at the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville.

Ortiz Family Plate Sale

Family and Friends of the Ortiz Family, who recently lost their home to fire, will be sponsoring a plate sale on Sunday, September 8. Plates will be \$5. If you are interested in making a food donation, please call 563-2484. The family is still looking for affordable housing, so please contact 563-2484 if you have any suggestions.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday
High: 91
Low: 73
Isolated T-Storms

Saturday
High: 90
Low: 72
Isolated T-Storms

Sunday
High: 90
Low: 71
Isolated T-Storms

City Council discusses raising utility rates Will water customers have to help pay gas bills?

At a budget workshop meeting on August 20, Brackettville City Council members discussed raising water rates to cover the high cost of gas. The meeting opened with the City's accountant, from the firm of Hardin and Newsome in Del Rio, distributing a packet detailing each of the four city utilities and if each would be able to

pay for itself using the current rates of \$10 per month for water, \$9 per month for sewer, \$17.50 per month for residential landfill and gas fees based strictly on what is used by the customer each month. According to the packet, only the water utility would be able to operate "in the black" with an expected surplus of

\$128,093.67 in the new budget year. The water utility surplus, "has been carrying the whole utility fund," said the accountant. The gas, sewer and landfill accounts are all expected to lose up to \$109,067.95, \$12,261.44 and \$68,104.39, respectively. A large portion of the bud-

get discussion focused on using the water utility surplus and then increasing the water rates to help cover the high gas, sewer and trash expenses, but the accountant, City Secretary Bonnie Mayes and Mayor Pro-tem expressed their concerns stating they believed each utility account should fund itself. "Opposite of what everyone else is talking about, each service you have should pay for itself and be operating in the plus. Right now if you have 302 customers on gas, those 302 customers should be paying for it. Now what's happening is everybody else is paying for those people that have gas. That's the way it's working," said Bland. The accountant suggested the following increases for the gas, sewer and trash utilities in order to keep the city operating soundly:

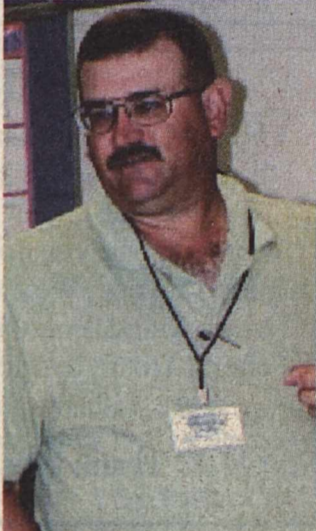
- Gas: a \$25 base plus a twenty percent increase.
 - Sewer: a 16 percent increase.
 - Trash: a 40 percent increase.
- Against the advice of the accountant, the council plans to increase the monthly water rate to \$15 and place minimum increases on the other accounts that currently do not pay for themselves. Another expected increase will be to the mysterious "Surcharge" billed to utility customers. The surcharge is currently \$8 per month and is used to pay for the electricity used to operate the water tower pumps. Now with the completion of a second tower, residents could see this figure possibly double, City Hall said.

New BISD Teachers & Staff

Photos By Leigh Volcsko



Cindy Welch
Elementary Counselor



Scott Swilley
HS History/Economics/Coach

September is National Get Your Library Card Month



Photo By Tara Eckenrod

From Left: Librarian Sarah Terrazas helps Shirley Stephenson, of Fort Clark Springs, check out some good books at the County Library.

51 Ways to use your library card

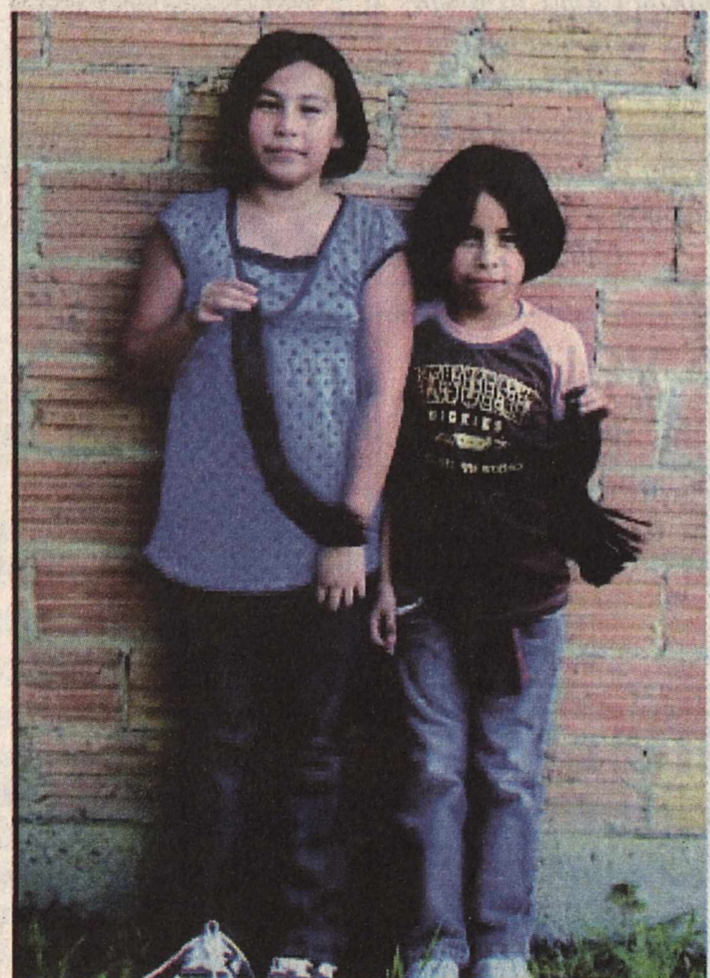
Submitted By Sarah Terrazas
Kinney County Librarian

1. Get to know your librarian, the ultimate search engine @ your library.
2. Update your MySpace page.
3. Research new job opportunities.
4. Learn about local candidates for office.
5. Pick up voter registration information.
6. Check out your favorite graphic novel.
7. Pick up a DVD.
8. Get wireless access.
9. Participate in a community forum.
10. Find out how to navigate the Internet.
11. Prepare your resume.

12. Get new ideas for redecorating your house.
13. Get a list of community organizations
14. Enjoy a free cup of coffee
15. Hear a local author reading his/her latest novel.
16. Read your local paper
17. Attend preschool story hour with your child.
18. Get homework help.
19. Look up all kinds of health information.
20. Research the purchase of a new car.
21. Trek to another planet in a Sci-Fi novel.
22. Call the reference desk if you have a question.
23. Research your term paper.
24. Learn about the history of your city or town.
25. Decide which computer to

- buy using a consumer guide.
26. Check your stock portfolio.
27. Read a newspaper from another country.
28. Borrow or download an audiobook for your next road trip or commute.
29. Use the library's resources to start a small business.
30. See a new art exhibit.
31. Volunteer as a literacy tutor.
32. Find a new recipe.
33. Ask for a recommended reading list for your kids.
34. Make photocopies.
35. Get a book from interlibrary loan.
36. Enroll your child in a summer reading program.
37. Take a computer class.
38. Enroll in the Textshare

- card program
39. Take out the latest fashion magazine.
40. Enjoy a concert.
41. Trace your family tree.
42. Check out a special collection of rare books.
43. Check out a legal question or issue.
44. Find out how to file a consumer complaint.
45. Learn about home improvement.
46. Borrow some sheet music.
47. Learn how to use a database or computerized catalog.
48. Find the latest romance paperback.
49. Pick up tax forms.
50. Connect with other people in the community.
51. Find a quiet spot, curl up with a book and enjoy.



Girls Go Short

Photo By Tara Eckenrod

Sisters, Leann and Lina Salazar are both sporting short hair-dos for a good cause. The pair donated their long hair to Locks of Love, a Florida based non-profit company that creates wigs for children who have lost their hair after cancer treatments. The girls are the daughters of Liliana Castillo and Edward Salazar. Check out locksoflove.org.

CHEER hosts successful health fair

By Tara Eckenrod

The local Center for Health Evaluation, Education & Resources (CHEER) chapter sponsored a new Health Fair in the BISD school cafeteria August 23.

Eighty people signed up for the Health Fair, with more than thirty volunteers.

People from Uvalde, Eagle Pass, Del Rio and Brackettville took part in getting their blood

pressure checked and some even stood in line to get tetanus shots.

Many informational booths were available covering topics such as immunizations, CHIP, Hill County MHMR, Dept. of Health and Human Service, blood pressure and sugar checks and child find.

Door prizes and refreshments were available for those who participated, as well as face painting.



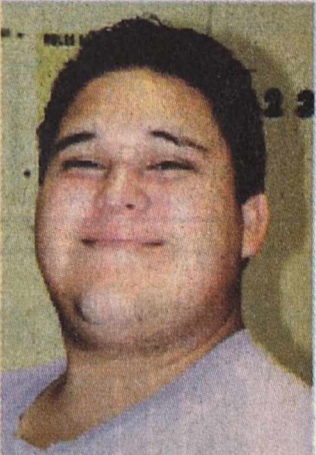
CHEER For Good Health

Photo Submitted By BISD

County Tax Collector Martha Padron signs up for a free health evaluation at the CHEER health Fair hosted by BISD.



Gloria Flores
Elementary Secretary



DJ Lattimer
Computer Tech Guy



Kasey Williams
High School Secretary

Editors PLOG

Just a few short thoughts....
I love winning red XTREMO ball caps and the Escamilla's can throw one heck of a party! Thanks. It was GREAT fun.
I would love to swim in the county pool in 2008. I hate the fact the commissioners, one in particular says I write "mean" things in the paper about him. You gotta' be kidding! Mean. Frank, Blunt, To The Point, but mean? Wrong gal. But I get my feelings hurt when people say they hate the paper, so its gotta' hurt when people say you politicians stink at serving the people. Remember...I'm only writing down what most people are thinking. But you'll fix the courthouse before you fix the pool and I'll probably vote you back into office, so please pay no attention to me. Leigh V.

Photo Contest Rules

Get your newspapers and cameras ready for the 2nd Annual TBN Photo Contest! Contest Rules: Individual(s) or (things) in photo must be holding The Brackett News and the banner (title) must be clearly displayed. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the most original photo, most comical photo, for the photo taken the greatest distance from Brackettville and new category for this year...Famous person holding TBN. All submissions will be printed in TBN as space will allow. Photos submitted are subject to unlimited use by TBN. Staff members (and/or their immediate family members) can submit photos, but are not eligible to win. The deadline for submission will be September 28, 2007. Prizes and winners will be announced in the October 25, 2007, edition of TBN. Name, Address and Phone number must be included on each submission. Submit your electronic photos to: tnews @sbcglobal.net, Subject lin PHOTO CONTEST. No limit per person on submissions.

Thank You

The family of Adrian Reyes Sr. would like to thank everyone for being with us as we celebrated our father's life and mourned his death, Thank you for the flowers, food, and God's Prayers. We express our gratitude to St. Mary Magdalene Church, Sunset Memorial Funeral Home and to all of dad's friends who were with the family day and night.

Thank you and God Bless you all,
Reyes Family

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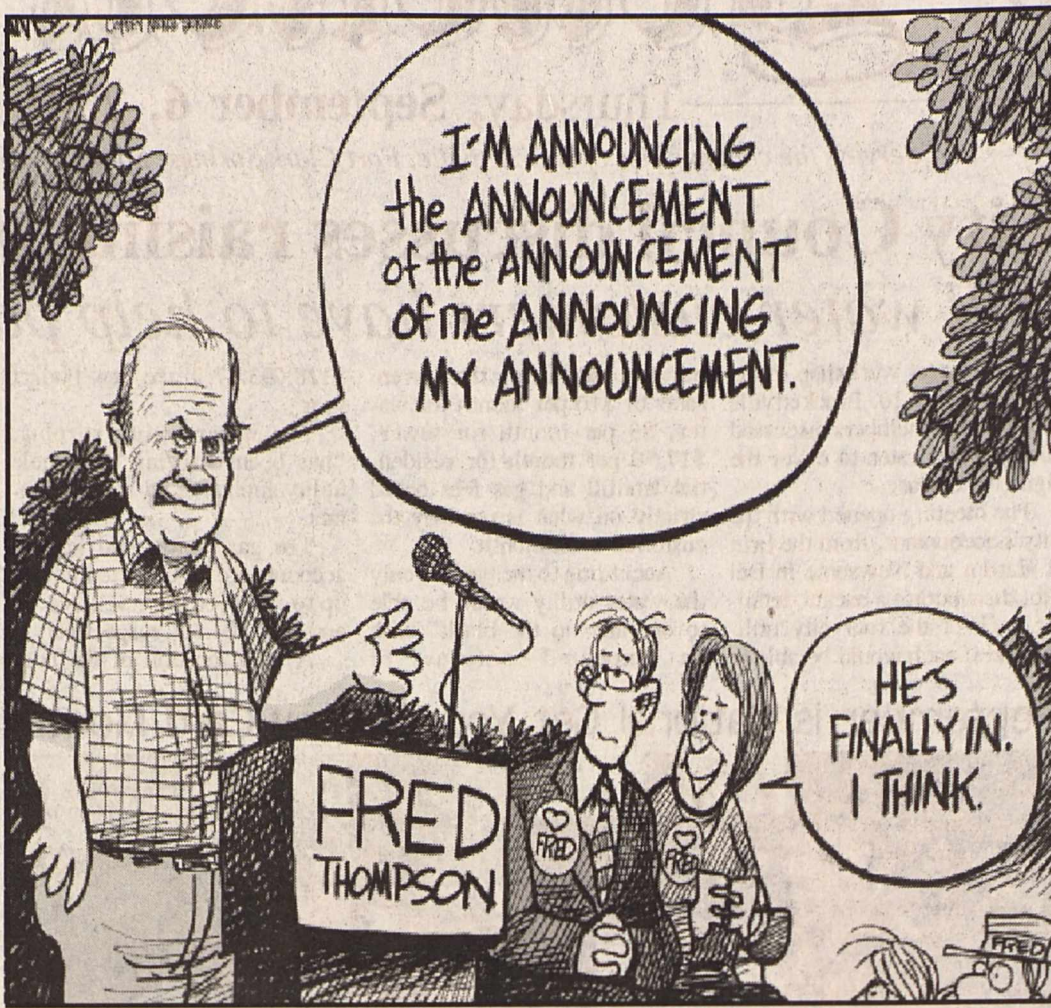
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The parrot in your head



The Fly Lady Marla Cillely

I want to tell you a story about the changes that have occurred in my way of thinking since I began to really notice the negativity that was circulating in my head. This negativity was rooted deep in perfectionism.

After Robert and I married we talked about remodeling our home. I had moved into his house with all my stuff and we went to estate auctions to buy more. We had stuff everywhere. I would beat myself up because I couldn't keep the house clean. So much so that I would punish myself and say ugly things to me.

These phrases would come up over and over again. We would sit in restaurants and draw designs on napkins; then one of those negative phrases would pop into my head.

These were things that told to me by my grandmother and mother since I was a child, "You don't deserve nice things because you Or why would you want that, you will only ruin it. Mother used to say to me, "I would give you this but you won't take care of it!" As I look back on it, she was messy too and she was just parroting what

her mother said to her. This has all got to stop!

For many years we have been beaten down by well meaning family members. They don't know they are hurting us because this is all they know. The words they have said have become part of our "UNWORTHY" attitude that we have toward ourselves. We parrot them until we recognize them for what they really are.

These words are NOT NICE! They are critical and mean; and now is the time for use to dismiss them from our brains. Besides we are not stupid! We are not born with that organized gene. Our brains work differently. We may not be born organized but we can learn how to organize.

It may take us longer to do some things but before you know it we will be as efficient as any born organized person. We just need to be shown in a loving way and not condemned for being different.

The problem here is that Born Organized people don't know how they do things; these actions are instinctual for them. They just do them and they can't understand why we can't just do them too. I know you have heard this a thousand times.

We are worthy to be loved and to have nice things. If others won't love us for who we are then it is up to us to love ourselves. We don't need them to make us feel loved. We can love ourselves.

The more we begin to nurture ourselves by eating good food for our bodies, drinking our water and establishing simple routines to relieve stress; the better we are going feel.

This is all about taking care of yourself as if you would a baby. When we have been beaten down our whole lives it is time we took charge and do this for ourselves.

We deserve to be happy and to feel loved. No one is ever going to make us happy; we have to find happiness within ourselves. This happiness begins by releasing those negative words and phrases that we have heard our whole lives and replacing them with positive words and actions.

No one can do this for you, you have to do this for yourself. When you hear negativity in your brain parroting what you have been told; then just say Delete! Delete! Delete! Then turn those negative words into a positive affirmation to build you up!

Say the positive affirmation seven times and put it on a Post-it Note to see when you walk by.

Before you know it; you will feel your worthiness strengthen. You are worthy! I don't ever want you to have to feel this sadness again. I just wish I could wave a magic wand and get rid of the perfectionism that is the basis for this born organized mentality.

We finally did remodel our home, but I had to get rid of that negativity to find the courage to do it. Getting rid of that parrot in my head was the best gift I ever gave myself.

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Save Early, Often - and Wisely - for College



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

It's that time of year when college students across the country reach for their backpacks and head back to campus - while their parents reach for their checkbooks and head for the Tylenol. If your children are still quite young, though, you can take steps now to reduce the headaches that may come from those big college bills.

Just how expensive is it to send a child through college these days? It's pretty expensive. In fact, it costs more than \$16,000 for one year at a four-year public college or university, according to the College Board. And college costs have been rising considerably faster than the general rate of inflation, so the high costs of higher education are, in all likelihood, only going to get higher.

Of course, you may not have to foot your child's college bills all by yourself. Scholarships and loans are available, and many students work part-time jobs, both during school and on summer vacations. And yet, you may need, or want, to help pay for a sizable percentage of college expenses. To meet this obligation, you need to save early, save often - and use the right savings vehicles.

Fortunately, you've got some attractive options. Here are some of the most popular ones:

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

Section 529 savings plan - In a Section 529 savings plan, you put money in specific investments, managed by an investment professional. Contribution limits are quite high - more than \$200,000 per beneficiary in many state plans, although special gifting provisions may apply. And all withdrawals will be free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for a qualified college or graduate school expense of your child or grandchild. This tax benefit was scheduled to expire in 2010, but it was made permanent by one of the provisions in the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Withdrawals for expenses other than qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes. (Also, Section 529 distributions will appear as income on the child's tax return, which could affect financial aid calculations.) Contributions are tax deductible in certain states for residents who participate in their own state's plan.

Permanent insurance - If you own some type of "permanent" insurance policy, such as whole life or universal life, you'll have a chance to build cash value. Your earnings have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and you can take policy loans for virtually any reason you choose - including paying for college. Keep in mind, though, that if you don't fully repay the loan, your policy may lapse, and if you pass away before repaying the loan, the total amount owed, including interest, will be subtracted from the death benefit.

Before making any of these moves, please consult with your tax and financial advisors. But don't wait too long - your children may be young now, but time flies.

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Marlee Care
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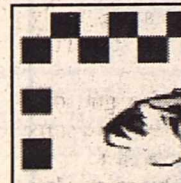
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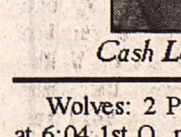
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Tigers fall to Dilley Wolves 20-7



Tiger Gridiron
Thomas Hurney

Marlee Carollo is a sports trainer who works for a firm called Sports Medicine Associates in San Antonio, and I made her acquaintance at the Dilley-Brackett football game. So too, unfortunately did a host of Tigers who were dinged up to varying degrees in a hard-fought 20-7 loss Friday night at Gosch Field, the season opener for both teams.

The Wolves won the midfield coin toss but deferred to Brackett, who could only muster eight yards on their first drive, and had to punt. As is often the case in season openers, both teams had trouble hanging on to the football. Dilley quarterback Cody Carroll flubbed the snap on a 4th and 1 at the Wolves 43, and a swarm of Brackett defenders converged upon the loose ball, but the Tigers gave it right back two plays later. Dilley took over (again, at their own 43) and on

2nd and 10 Carroll, under immense pressure, stepped into the pocket and delivered a strike to wideout Andrew Rodriguez, who took it 57 yards to "da house" (formerly known as "the end zone") for the first points of the game. The Wolves muffed the extra point, but led 6-0 with just over 6 minutes left in the first quarter.

The Brackett offense sputtered on its' next series and the Tigers had to punt, but again in this season-opener, the season-opening football was uncooperative, and would stay aloft for only about 10 yards, coming to rest at around the Brackett 38. The Wolves took over there, and on 1st and 10, fullback Luis Rodriguez gashed the Brackett defense for a 32-yard gain up to the Tiger 6. From there though, the defense stiffened, and (aided by a holding penalty, the result of enormous pressure on QB Carroll) pushed the Dilley "O" back to the 16, where Brackett took over after a failed pass attempt on 4th and goal. Brackett would mount one would-be scoring drive before the half ended, but it didn't pan out. Quarterback Travis Bonner, attempting the rare (for the Tigers) pass but finding his receivers covered, tucked the

football away and raced along the right hash all the way to the Dilley 23, but the drive stalled at the 19 and Dilley took over on downs. The Wolves took to the air on their next possession and moved up to the 48, where defensive back Sam Stewart snagged a very timely interception on a 2nd and short, and on that note the half ended with the Wolves up six-zip.

Dilley took over at their own 25 to start the second half and promptly lost 11 yards, the result of a holding call, an incomplete pass, and a quarterback keeper that was expertly diagnosed by the Tiger defense, and which went nowhere. The Wolves had to kick from their own 14, and Brackett went to work near midfield, where Jacob Schroeder took the first down handoff and made like Elvis, (i.e., he left the building) racing 53 yards before he was up-ended (literally-he had to go see Ms. Carollo) just shy of the goal line. Backup quarterback Stevan Rivera banged it in two plays later (Travis Bonner was on the sideline with a sore knee), Schroeder tapped in the point after, and in the waning seconds of the 3rd quarter the Tigers were up by one, 7-6.

The fourth quarter though, belonged to the Wolves. On a 1st and ten near midfield the Tiger defense moved quickly into the Dilley backfield. All the ingredients for a sack would seem to be there, except for Cody Carroll, who had emerged somehow from the tangle of bodies and was next seen some 48 yards later in the Brackett end zone. The two point conversion worked, and Dilley was back on top 14-7. Brackett had the ball back, but not for long. On a 4th and 6 the Tigers coughed up the ball a second time and Dilley pounced. The Wolves scored three plays later on a 9-yard burst by fullback Javier Leija. The Wolves again botched the extra point, but it didn't matter, as Dilley held on for the 20-7 victory. The Tigers host Sonora Friday night at 7:30.



Racing For The Gold

photo by Leigh Volcsko

Brooklyn Gose powers up the hill at the Varsity Cross Country meet in Uvalde on September 1.

Tigerette varsity cross country takes 1st

Submitted by Coach Dusty Brotherton

Brackett Cross Country ran in the Uvalde Meet this past Saturday, Sept. 1. The Varsity girls placed 1st with Kelsey Bruce coming in first with 12:43, Courtney

Kirland 6th 14:09, Bianca Cruz 7th 14:22, Cheyenne Smith 8th 14:23, Gabby Schroeder 18th 14:52, Haley Hale 20th 14:58, and Brook Gose 30th 15:37. Flores 43rd 17:47. The JV boys stats were Jamie Sandoval 39th 21:35, Victor Ramon 49th 22:50, Victor Cantu 61st 28:24, Brianna Escamilla 17th 15:11, Shaila Schwiesow 28th 16:09, Erica Villanueva 32nd 16:28, Icela Rueda 35th 16:38, Salina and Brook Gose 30th 15:37. The JV boys stats were Jamie Sandoval 39th 21:35, Victor Ramon 49th 22:50, Victor Cantu 61st 28:24, placed 4th in the meet with

Kinney County 4-H News

by Junior Club Reporter Haley Smith

The food and nutrition project is ready to get underway. The first meeting is set for September 18th at 5 p.m. at the Home Economics Cottage. The next meeting will be September 29th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Home Economics Cottage. Another great opportunity, is to at-

tend the Ben E. Keith Holiday Shoe in San Antonio on September 12th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information on any of these activities contact the Texas Cooperative Extension office at 563-2442 or Donna Schuster at 563-2731 or 591-6147. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin,

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Points Scored	7	20
First Downs	12	10
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	11/0/1	8/1/1
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	4/14/29	0/6/0
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	1/4/25	0/2/0
Total Yards / Avg per Play	247/4.3	268/7.1
Total Yards Rushing	243	172
Rushing Att/Avg	51/4.8	28/6.1
Total yards Passing	4	79
Pass Att/Comp/Int	7/1/0	10/3/1
Average Yards per Pass	0.6	7.9
Punts / Avg	4/33.2	3/35.7
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	1/5/5	0/0/0
Punts Blocked	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	4/35/9	1/12/12
Fumbles /Lost	3/2	3/2
Total Turnovers	2	3
Penalties /Yards	5/52	4/36
Sacks /Yards	0/0	0/0
TDs	1	3
TDs Rush/Pass	1/0	2/1
Field Goals Att/Made	0/0	0/0
Time of Possession	28:14	18:46

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Dilley	6	0	0	14	-	20
TIGERS	0	0	7	0	-	7



Cash Letsinger

Wolves: 2 Plays, 57 Yards, at 6:04 1st Q, pass for 55 yard

TD. PAT kick attempt failed
TIGERS: 3 Plays, 47 Yards, at 10:54 3rd Q, Rivera, Stevan rush for 1 yard TD. PAT kick attempt by Schroeder, Jacob good.

Wolves: 3 Plays, 74 Yards, at 10:54 4th Q, rush for 48 yard TD. PAT pass attempt good.
Wolves: 3 Plays, 30 Yards, at 2:56 4th Q, rush for 11 yard TD. PAT rush attempt failed

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2007 on September 20, 2007 at 5:00 pm at the Brackettville City Hall Annex, U.S. Hwy 90W. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR the proposal:**
- Beth Ann Smith
 - Christopher Ring
 - Tony Frerich
 - Lloyd Lee Davis, Jr.
 - Ed Dillon
 - Dr. Kent Lowery

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.0580/\$100 Adopted	\$0.0592/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		+\$0.0012/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		+2.07%
Average appraised value	\$45,429	\$48,356
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$7,514	\$8,251
Average taxable value	\$37,915	\$40,105
Tax on average residence homestead	\$21.99	\$23.74
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		+\$1.75
and percentage of increase (+/-)		+7.96%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

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Kids' Home Newspaper

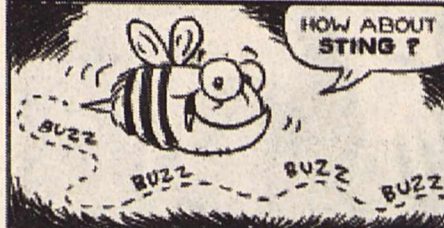
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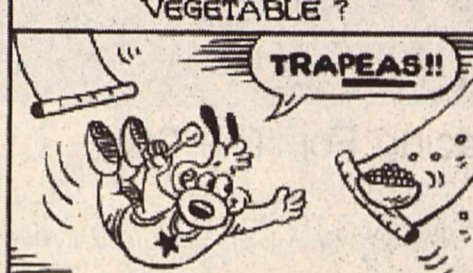


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SPRINGS!

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Lt. "Buddy" Burgess

done this before and was reported. A deputy was informed. 7:20 pm A local man reported his car had been spray painted. A deputy was dispatched. 8:52 pm A 911 caller reported he was having problems with some men at the rest stop. The caller requested deputy assistance, for fear of harm. Maverick County was dispatched.

Tuesday, August 28
2:07 pm A city employee reported a house fire at 509 West Rose Alley. BVFD, the Sheriff's office and EMS were all dispatched. It was estimated 35% structure loss.

Wednesday, August 29
9:30 pm A caller reported a man by a van on Hwy 693 by the Fort Clark gate sitting out on a chair drinking. A deputy was advised.
10:56 pm A woman requested a welfare check on her daughter. A deputy was notified and en route.

Thursday, August 30
3:48 pm Jesus Urreitia Aguilar, 34, of Del Rio was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Aguilar was released the same day on a \$1,200 bond.
6:40 pm A 911 caller reported an empty ranch house on their ranch was on fire. EMS and several deputies were en route.


Friday, August 31
6:20 am Johnny Martinez, 48, of San Antonio was arrested for nonpayment of child support. Martinez was still being held at press time.
11:20 pm A 911 caller reported a vehicle driving reck-

lessly on Hwy 90 headed east. Checkpoint and Uvalde were notified.

Saturday, Sept. 1
6:12 am Diego A. Chapa, 19, of Del Rio was arrested for driving while intoxicated and possession of cocaine. Chapa was released the following day on two bonds totalling \$5,000.
12:52 pm Jose Ramon Miraua, 20, of Eagle Pass was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Miraua was released the same day on a \$1,200 bond.
1:11 David Seargent, 53, of Brackettville was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Seargent was still being held at press time.
10:57 pm Carlos Issac Falcon, 32, of Crane TX was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Falcon was released the following day on a \$5,000 bond.

Sunday, Sept. 2
3:51 pm A local man reported gun shots being fired behind his house. The game warden was informed of the situation.
3:59 pm A UPRR employee reported four juveniles were playing on the railroad tracks in Spofford. A deputy was informed and en route to the location.

Monday, Sept. 3
4:18 pm A caller reported the alarm at the school was going off. A deputy was dispatched and the scene was secure.



Brackett Athletics

Booster Club 2007-2008 Membership Form

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Address: _____
Home Phone: _____
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Membership Type

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 (\$20) Family
 (\$25) Business

Paid: Cash Check # _____

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 Help at Booster Club Events

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR KIDS, TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!


NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2007-2008 KINNEY COUNTY BUDGET AND NOTICE OF INCREASE OF OFFICERS' SALARIES

Pursuant to 111.0075 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Kinney County, Texas gives notice that they will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2007-2008 Budget. The Proposed Budget is on file at the County Clerk's Office for public inspection. The Budget Hearing will be on Monday, September 17, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse, Brackettville, TX. The Commissioners invite the public to attend and participate in the Hearing as it will consider the Proposed Budget on said date.

Pursuant to 152.013 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Kinney County, Texas publishes the proposed salaries, expenses, or allowances of each County Official (elected) and the amount of the proposed increases. They are as follows:

OFFICIAL	CURRENT SALARY	PROPOSED SALARY
County Judge	\$6,283.00	\$8,786.00
District Judge	2,052.00	2,279.00
District Attorney	- 0 -	2,279.00
County Attorney	55,116.00	57,129.00
County Clerk	33,822.00	41,382.00
Tax Assess-Collector	26,780.00	34,340.00
County Treasurer	26,485.00	34,045.00
Justice of the Peace	30,523.00	38,059.00
County Sheriff	34,619.00	42,167.00
Constable	24,244.00	31,804.00
Commissioner Pct. 1	11,426.00	12,112.00
Commissioner Pct. 2	11,998.00	12,732.00
Commissioner Pct. 3	11,639.00	12,361.00
Commissioner Pct. 4	11,711.00	12,433.00

The increases as proposed will be discussed at our regular Budget Hearing that is set for Monday, September 17, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Kinney County Courthouse in the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas. The Commissioners invite the public to attend and participate when the Public Officials' Salaries, expenses, and allowances will be discussed and set on said date.



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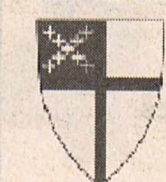
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Emergency management and amateur radio

Submitted by Del Pfranger

(Credit to the American Radio Relay League (ARRL))

Have you noticed some of the current Texas license plates that say "Texas Radio Operator" around? Some of these vehicles also include some extra radio antennas, some very strange looking. These vehicles belong to Amateur Radio operators that have demonstrated their proficiency in electronic theory, radio operation and safety, and are issued their unique call sign by the Federal Communications Commission. More than just a hobby, Amateur Radio exists in part from being of service to a wider community and non-governmental agencies that respond to natural disasters and other emergencies.

The slogan used by the American Radio Relay League is "When All Else Fails...Amateur Radio". An important part of the amateur radio community is a volunteer organization called the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), which was crafted long before 9/11 by two federal agencies, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Like the National Incident Management System (NIMS) RACES is a process by which local, county or state governments can structure a formal relationship

with Amateur Radio volunteers who are trained to provide EMCOMM services during civil emergencies.

Each year hundreds of thousands of Americans volunteer their time and energies for the improvement and safety of their communities. Mechanics turn into firemen when the alarm sounds. Hairdressers become EMT's. Engineers turn into auxiliary policeman. America has a long and proud history of these volunteers when the need arises.

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is a national, voluntary organization of FCC licensed Hams - special radio operators who provide communications in an emergency and are organized through the American Radio Relay League. This group has provided emergency communications services for everything from shipwrecks, to the disaster of 9-11. Hurricane Katrina and Rita, firestorms, ice storms, search & rescue operations. It is a specialized field requiring training and Amateur Radio licensing.

The ARES Skywarn program provides critical ground observations to the National Weather Service in storms. Because each radio station operator is independent but still can talk to each other, it works.

Even when the phones are down

When there is no fax machine

The internet is gone
The "trunk line" is jammed
And the cell phone is dead
I am often asked "how do I become an amateur radio operator?"

There have been significant changes in the requirements and testing for amateur radio the past several years, and most significant is that the requirement to learn and pass a "Morse code" exam no longer exists. However, training courses and material are available, even some are available on the internet, which will cover the exam material that includes rules and regulations, equipment and electrical safety, operating on the air procedures and emergency outlines. There are several levels of license available, and each level provides for certain operating privileges. Examinations are given by volunteer examiner teams with a mini-

mum of three licensed members that are certified and authorized to administer the examinations on a pre-announced schedule as needed.

The Chief, Division of Emergency Management, State of Texas, appointed me as the Kinney County Liaison Officer, Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) on July 25th, 2007. This is a volunteer position with a two year term. In this regard, I look forward to working with the Kinney County emergency planning committee, and integrating the RACES capabilities and facilities into communications plans to provide trained operators and backup communications as needed. I am currently working with the EOC Director in the preparation of the Communications Annex input to the County Emergency Plan.



BISD Pre-K class

Photo By Leigh Volcsko

Mrs. Kay's Pre-K class blows kisses to the camera on the first day of school September 27.

Highway 90 headed east...
Friday, Sept. 1...
Saturday, Sept. 2...
Sunday, Sept. 3...

Journey through the Bible or Bible 101



Jeff Janca

For over 60 years, a West Texas High School has allowed an elective class in the Bible to be taught in their classrooms. When I was living in that West Texas area, I was asked to teach a Bible Old & New Testament course in a different High School. It was a wonderful experience and the students enjoyed it.

What amazed me as I began to teach that class was the lack of Bible knowledge of the students, especially many of the Christian students. By the time

the years was over, the students became acquainted with the characters, the history, and the beauty of the Bible.

What about you? Do you know the background and the people of the Bible? Do you have a limited knowledge of the Bible? Well, a wonderful thing is beginning this Sunday Evening, September 9th at 7:00 PM at First Baptist Church Brackettville. During that time, I will begin teaching on the Bible from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation.

If you are hungry to learn more about God's Word, then I urge you to join us on Sunday Evenings at 7:00 for this Journey through the Bible. There will be handouts of outlines and some notes for you to have. For more information please call me at 563-2245. Have a blessed day

National suicide prevention week September 9-15



Barbara Hogan
State Health Nurse

Suicide is a preventable public health problem. We are providing the below information to increase public awareness of this public health threat. The CDC gives this information from 2004 statistics.

In the USA suicide is the 11th leading cause of death. It is the 3rd leading cause of death among 15-24 year olds. The elderly comprise 16% of all suicides in the USA.

In Texas suicide is the 11th leading cause of death. It is the 2nd leading cause of death for young adults ages 25-34. Warn-

ing signs of high risk are: Threatening to hurt or kill him or herself.

Looking for ways to kill him or herself by seeking firearms, pills or other means. Talking or writing about death, dying or suicide when this would be out of the ordinary.

Other signs might be: Increased substance abuse, alcohol or drug, no reason for living, no purpose in life, anxiety, agitation, unable to sleep or sleeping all the time, feeling trapped, like there's no way out, hopelessness withdrawing from friends, family and society, rage, uncontrolled anger, seeking revenge, reckless or risky activities, seemingly without thinking, dramatic mood changes.

If you see these signs or feel them yourself seek help as soon as possible by contacting a mental health professional or calling 1-800-273-TALK(8255) for a referral.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



INTENT TO OBTAIN A NEW MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE PERMIT

PERMIT NO. 2354

APPLICATION. Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc., Landfill, P.O. Box 345, Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas 78832, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a permit to operate a new Type IAE and IVAE Municipal Solid Waste landfill permit. The facility is located at 1689 Highway 90, Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas. The TCEQ received the application on July 26, 2007. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Kinney County Court House, 501 Ann Street, Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A person who may be affected by the facility is entitled to request a contested case hearing from the commission. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Mrs. Gennell A. Hobbs, Registered Agent at (830) 563-2494.

Issued: August 10, 2007

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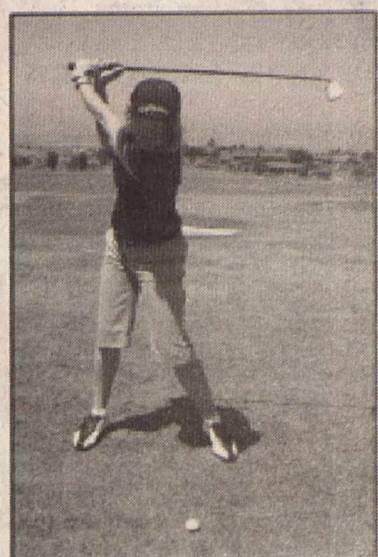
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Having said that, if you are still hitting your longer irons, the swing should feel flatter and more shallow than it does with your shorter irons. Many players feel as though they need to take a divot with their longer irons and as a result the swing is too steep and contact is not consistent. The swing with your longer irons should feel similar to the swing you use when hitting your fairway woods because they are similar in length. You should feel as though you are "sweeping" the ball off the grass, just as you do with your fairway woods. Play the ball up in your stance, just inside your front foot. Take some practice swings where the club head just brushes the top of the grass, keeping your tempo smooth and even. Once you are comfortable with your practice swings, hit some balls incorporating that same feel into your swing. You'll find more consistent contact and consistent distance, and you won't have to work as hard to get the club face back to square at impact.

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YOUR HOROSCOPE BY WANDA PERRY

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Avoid getting involved in intense negotiations, negative thinking or pessimistic moods. Stay beyond petty problems and stay focused on the solution level.
TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You have very important lessons on tap this week. Throw yourself wholeheartedly into a social situation and learn from just being present and active.
GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): There could be positive or negative results from a confrontation with family members. Be prepared to connect with them on a deep and profound emotional level.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Your thoughts and ideas are powerful and extremely insightful. Stay alert and develop the perfect plan for initiating mass movements or social change.
LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Keep a close watch on spending this week. Money that lands in your possession has a tendency to deplete, retreat or quickly disappear.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): The best opportunities will come to you through contacts with friends or interactions with associates. Put your best foot forward and welcome their input.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Enjoy a very reflective and retiring mood. Take time to stop, ponder and think about how you can learn or benefit from prior mistakes.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Group interactions are charged with energy and a high degree of excitement. Support a project that is designed to improve the quality of life on the planet.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Gear up to jump over the roadblocks or hurdles that are likely to slow or impede your professional progress. Buck up and get a running start.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Foreign interests, people or cultures will command your attention this week. Keep an open mind and learn as much as possible.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Your finances may not be as stable as you would like. Make an honest effort to pay your bills on time, even if it requires sacrifice and waiting.
PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Impress your partner by being prepared for almost anything. Direct your activities to allow you to go with the flow or to follow the way the wind blows.

If your birthday is this week, there is a high amount of tension in your life during the coming year. Be prepared to use your knowledge and strength to overcome adversity and land on top. Your thoughts are deep and intense, and will force you to reach new levels of understanding and perception. Refuse to accept surface explanations or meanings without first asking why. Also born this week: Valerie Perrine, Mike Piazza, Jesse James, Joseph P. Kenne

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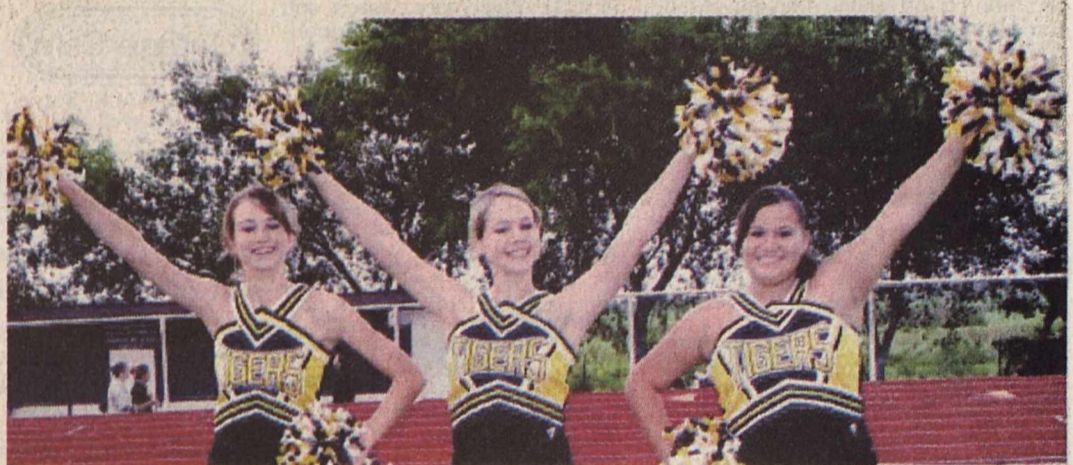
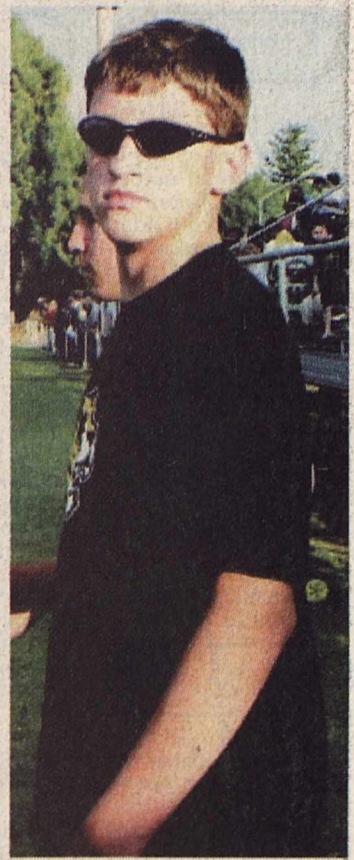
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