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Meth lab discovered in Kinney County

Investigation results in arrest of two men in Fort Worth



Officers raid Kinney County meth lab
Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess displays bags of evidence seized when law enforcement officers raided a cabin on a Kinney County ranch. Seized were chemicals and equipment used in the production of methamphetamines.

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Two North Texas men were arrested last week after law enforcement officials discovered a methamphetamine laboratory in Kinney County.

Kelly Wade Edmunds of Azle and Howard Lee Fox Jr. of Fort Worth, both 32, have been arrested and charged in the incident.

Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said it has been "years" since a methamphetamine lab has been found in Kinney County.

"We busted one about 25 years ago on the N Bar Ranch," he said.

Officers from the DPS Narcotics Task Force, the Kinney County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Border Patrol executed a federal search warrant last Wednesday at the lab site, located on a ranch along Pinto Creek, west of Brackettville and north of Highway 90.

Methamphetamine precursor chemicals and an associated apparatus to manufacture meth-



Edmunds



Fox

at approximately 9 p.m. on Sept. 30 in Fort Worth in possession of one pound of methamphetamine with an estimated street value of \$51,520.

A 30-year-old female companion with Edmunds and Fox was questioned and released pending further investigation.

The two men remain in the Tarrant County Jail on charges of possession of methamphetamine over 400 grams. The charge carries a punishment of 10 to 99 years or life and a \$100,000 fine.

Federal charges of manufacturing a controlled substance are pending action by the Del Rio federal grand jury.

Local law enforcement officers were first contacted on Sept. 24 by the Parker County Sheriff's Office, which placed a lookout on a purple 1995 F-150 pickup truck. The three occupants of the truck were believed to be en route to the Del Rio area to set up a methamphetamine lab.

"We had reports on this lab out there for several years with

amphetamines were seized.

Narcotics officers said meth labs are often set up in remote, rural areas because the process of manufacturing methamphetamines can be highly explosive and because of the toxic by-products and strong smell created by the manufacturing process.

Officials obtained the federal search warrant on Sept. 29 for a cabin on the Kinney County ranch where the lab was believed to be set up.

Just hours before officers were able to execute the search warrant, the subjects left the ranch and fled the county.

Following a statewide lookout for the individuals, Edmunds and Fox were arrested

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Council endorses Robinson for board

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

The Brackettville City Council has officially endorsed Wes Robinson to fill the vacant seat on the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors.

The Commissioners Court will appoint someone to fill the position on Monday during its regular meeting at 9 a.m. County officials are seeking input from all sources.

The board seat representing the city of Brackettville has been vacant since Henry Fuentes resigned on Aug. 30 because of



"Wes (Robinson) has been on this particular project since the time that it started. He is very familiar and very up to date with the laws, just as much as anyone else who is on that board."

City Manager David Luna

health problems.

City Council members Francisca "Chica" Garza, Tomas Gomez, Martha Ward McDonald and Johnny Samaniego all voted to recommend Robinson for the position during a special meeting on Tuesday. Alder-

woman Mary Flores was absent.

Robinson, a former Brackettville city councilman, was on the planning committee when the water district was formed.

"Wes has been on this particular project since the time that

it started," City Manager David Luna said. "He is very familiar and very up to date with the laws, just as much as anyone else who is on that board. He is well qualified for the position."

"There's been a lot of things that have happened with that particular board. There are so many lawsuits that could be filed, just from what has taken place, that you need someone that knows enough about this, knows where it's going and is not afraid to tackle the issues. I think Wes Robinson is that person," he added.

The commissioners will meet

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Fort Clark hearing set for next Thursday

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

District Judge Tom Lee is expected to issue a declaratory judgement following a hearing next Thursday at 9 a.m. to determine who is lawfully on the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors.

Lee signed temporary restraining orders Sept. 27 against 12 Fort Clark Springs members with claims to seats on the Board

of Directors. An initial hearing on the matter was held on Sept. 19.

"The issue will be decided on Oct. 17," Lee said. "We will determine which board is the lawful board."

The temporary injunctions say that neither board "shall exercise any authority as a Board of Directors until a hearing takes place on Oct. 17."

The order states that neither board will meet before the hear-

ing, and that none of the 12 board members "will go in or around the business or accounting office of the fort, or to have any contact with the employees of the fort except in normal greetings, such as good morning, and the normal course of dealings between members of the fort."

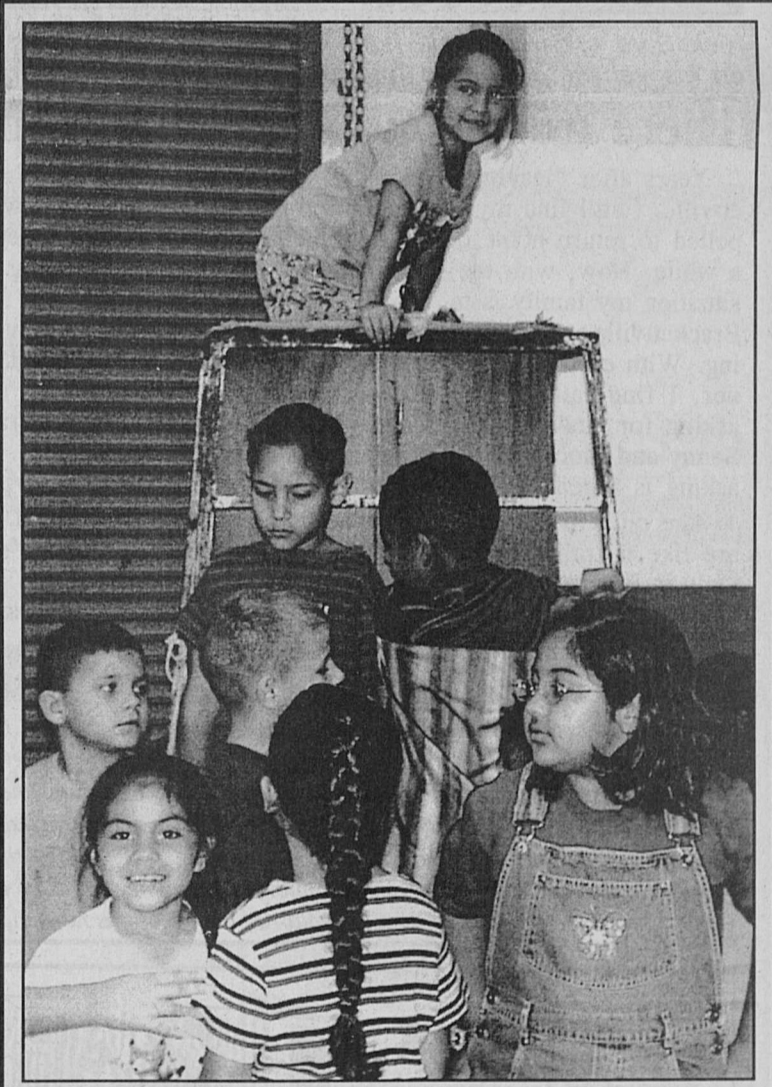
It also says that none of the board members "shall involve themselves in the conduct of business of FCSA until the hear-

ing."

Fort Clark Springs General Manager Maggie Banner Kerr has been given limited authority to run the association until the lawsuit is settled.

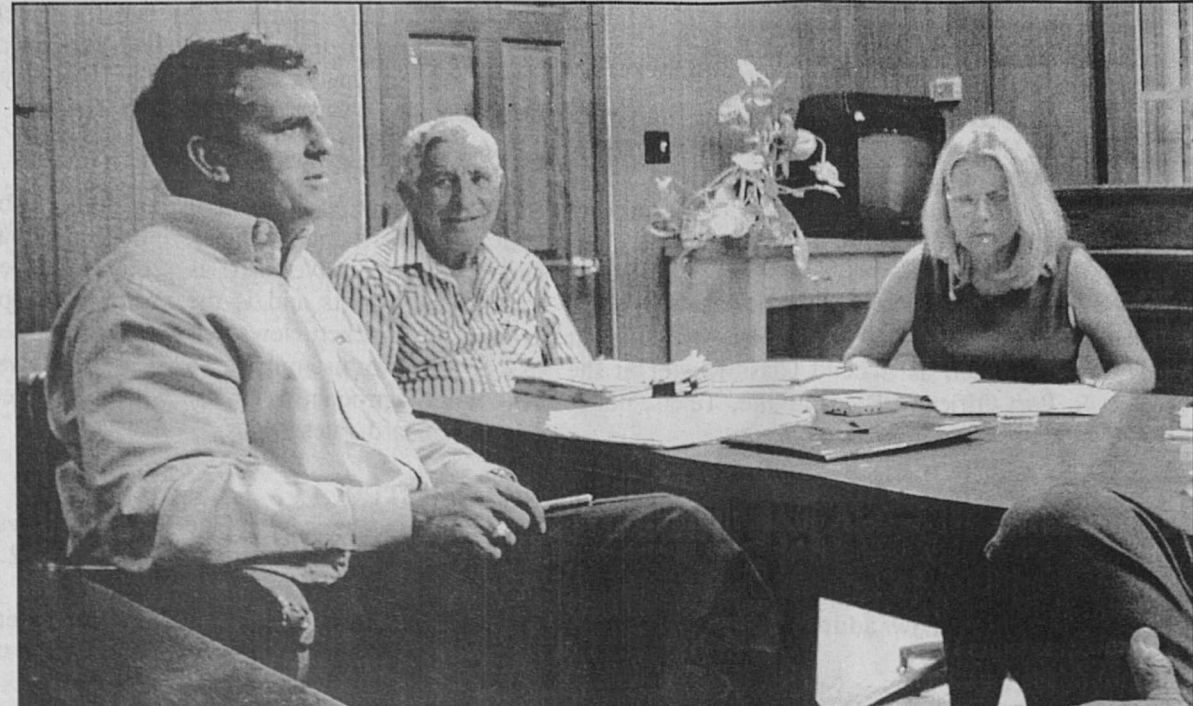
Under the order, Banner Kerr cannot enter into any new contracts; she cannot pay any bill in excess of \$1,500, except those obligations that are already under contract; she cannot alter, destroy, delete, edit or

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Ag Day
Crystal Garcia (top) and other Jones Elementary students learn how to pack wool at Ag Day, which was held last week at the Kinney County Civic Center.

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New attorney
Brian Sledge (from left) answers questions from board members of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District, including directors Cecil Smith and Darlene Shahan. Sledge was hired last week as legal counsel for the district during a special meeting.

Water district hires new legal counsel

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Brian Sledge has been named new legal counsel for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District.

Sledge is an attorney with the law firm of Lloyd, Gosselink, Blevins, Rochelle, Baldwin and Townsend of Austin.

The Board of Directors agreed to pay Sledge at a rate of \$190 per hour. The district has \$12,000 budgeted for legal and professional fees, which is enough to pay Sledge for just over 63 hours of work during the fiscal year.

"I'm sure that seems like a lot of money in Kinney County —

it seems like a little bitty bit of money in Austin, Texas," Sledge said.

Board members Don Hood, Darlene Shahan, Cecil Smith, Hadley Wardlaw and Bob Young voted to allow the interim general manager to execute an employment agreement with the law firm to represent the district.

Zach Davis was in opposition of the agreement. He said he was not aware of the agenda item until the morning of the special meeting. The original agenda was modified after being published in *The Brackett News* and the *Del Rio News-Herald*.

"I don't think this is the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stand and speak up for your rights

On Sept. 30, at about 3 p.m., I almost gave up one of my rights as an American.

What right? The right of "freedom of speech," given to myself and every red-blooded, free-born American in these United States of America.

This was attempted by someone from the current Fort Clark Springs administration — for they are the only ones who have anything to gain by the action that was taken.

I was told politely by security to take down my signs that I have posted on my private property. He was ordered by someone — he wouldn't say who — who told him to come and talk to me. These signs are being used by me to express how I feel about what is happening on and to our Fort Clark Springs.

This Fort Clark Springs that belongs to the members of this association (not the few who think it belongs to them, and them alone, to do with as they please).

The membership has "spoken up" and have said who and how things will be run on this wonderful fort, by a legal vote of the membership, and are not being heard.

So, I say to the members of Fort Clark Springs Association, "speak up" — put up a sign or write a letter — and use that God-given American right, given to each and every one of us. That right of "freedom of speech" to be heard and say what is on your mind and in your heart. Those things that do not set well with you. About how things are being run on our fort, not the few who think it belongs to them, and are running it the way that they want to run it — into the ground.

God bless our American freedom of speech. Don't let that right be taken away from us by those few who want to tell us what we want for our fort.

We know what we want. We have already spoken up on that issue with a vote of the membership. They are supposed to be working for us, not against us. Our wishes should be met 100 percent, not theirs. I know in my heart that the new administration will meet this commitment to us 100 percent.

So stand up for your God-given rights, speak up and be heard all over this fort of "ours."

Richard A. Card Sr.



Politics should never take the place of truth

Hey, want to hear a good joke?

Recently, Barbara Streisand came out of retirement to sing a few songs for a Democratic fund-raiser in California. By and large, the songs she sang were some of her old hits with the words changed to belittle and degrade the Republican Party.

Now here is the kicker: One of the songs made the assertion that the Democratic Party is the party of the working class, while the Republican Party is the party of only the rich.

This performance was given in front of a select group of celebrities, each paying many thousands of dollars a plate, most of whom are rich enough to buy and sell small third world countries.

It strikes me as very strange that, if the Democratic Party is for the poor and middle class, the ultra-rich seem to flock to it like flies to a garbage dump.

The truth is that the Democratic Party, as it now stands, is the party of the wealthy, who want to use the poor and middle class as a power base to maintain their positions of power and prestige. They don't really give a hoot about the poor. All they are interested in is how many votes they can buy, steal or blackmail out of the rest of us.

I don't know about you, but I don't vote my wallet. I vote with my heart, and with my eyes wide open!

It is also difficult for me to understand how anyone who lives in a mansion, surrounded by bodyguards, who never flies commercial, never mingles with the common folk, does no real work of any kind, and made a fortune by pretending to be someone else can possibly think they have their finger on the pulse of the nation. They live in a fantasy world where the good



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

guys do exactly what the script says, the blood is catsup, and the dead and mutilated bodies are made out of foam rubber.

In their world, the real nasty baddies are all working for the U.S. government, and all we have to do to end world terrorism is send John Rambo and Col. Braddock after them.

Come on Babs, get a real life! As a political advisor, you make a mediocre actor. Go visit the troops in Afghanistan if you want to do something worthwhile for your country.

Here's another one for you: The Honolulu Police Department has removed the phrase "so help me God" from the oath taken by new police officers on the grounds that it violates the "constitutional separation of church and state."

I am so tired of hearing about this nonexistent, fictional, misbegotten "constitutional separation of church and state" that I just want to barf. It is a lie! It has always been a lie!

Let's grow some guts here and stop rolling over and playing dead. We've taken God out of everything we can find. Pretty soon God is gonna give us what we deserve, and it ain't gonna be fun!

San Francisco State University has just published a helpful little booklet called "News Watch Diversity Style Guide," intended to help journalists avoid becoming (oh, horror) politically incorrect.

It says, "Avoid the term 'afflicted with' when referring to disabilities. Not every person with a disability suffers, is victim of, or is stricken."

I have obviously misunderstood the term "disability."

And: "Avoid also the terms 'alien' when referring to an immigrant, and do not use the phrase 'All American' to refer to high school and college athletes because it is a Euro-centric expression used to conjure up images of blonde, blue-eyed people who represent traditional images of white Americans," the guide says.

Gee, I guess Jim Thorpe, Bob Hays, Tony Dorsett, Roman Gabriel and all those other non-Anglo All-Americans should be insulted by the application of the term to their athletic achievements, huh? And all this time I thought it was a compliment.

Politics in any form should never take the place of truth. Political correctness is a way to avoid looking at anything as bad or evil. It puts everything on an even footing — evil is simply not recognized, but neither is good. Excellence is no more to be sought after and rewarded than mediocrity. The only important thing is to not hurt anyone's feelings.

The ultimate result of political correctness is the destruction of honor, the emasculation of excellence, and the ruination of a great nation.

Whatever happened to "truth, justice and the American way?"

Romans 2:5-6 says: "But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. God will give to each person according to what he has done."



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

Let our troops know we care

Every day, I am reminded we are a nation at war. I read about it in the news paper, watch it on the television, talk to my constituents about it, and spend much of my time discussing our course of action with my colleagues in Congress.

Yet, while we all spend time thinking and talking about the events of Sept. 11 and the ongoing war on terrorism, we should also make it a point to thank those who are serving to keep us safe.

Almost 1.5 million men and women are currently serving in our armed forces here in the United States and abroad. Many of these brave individuals are taking part in "Operation Enduring Freedom," our military effort to fight international terrorism.

To express our thanks to our men and women in uniform, I am joining a congressional effort known as "Operation Enduring Gratitude" to encourage all Americans to let our service personnel know we support them.

A recently introduced congressional resolution (H. Con. Res. 450), which I will be co-sponsoring, "encourages the people of the United States to honor Patriot Day, Sept. 11, by remembering those individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks and by writing letters to the men and women serving to protect the nation in the armed forces at home and overseas."

We all have family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors who are serving in our armed forces, and it is important that we let them know that they remain in our thoughts and prayers.

As part of Operation Enduring Gratitude, we are urging all Americans to write a short letter of support and thanks to a member of our armed forces between now and Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

Two easy ways to do so are provided online. You can add your name to the roughly 750,000 people who have signed an e-mail letter of thanks at www.defendamerica.mil, or you can send a more personalized message on the Operation Dear Abbey site at <http://any Servicemember.navy.mil>.

We will be announcing other opportunities for writing to service personnel in the upcoming weeks.

None of us remain untouched from the impact of our war against terrorism. Many of us are related to, or friends of someone who is out there on the front lines, protecting us here at home.

For those without the personal connection, it is important to remember what we owe to those who have volunteered to defend our nation.

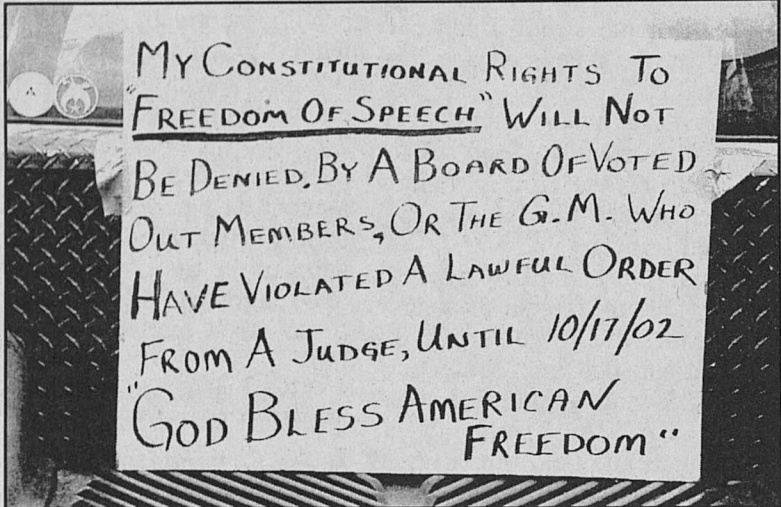
We are likely to face future challenges in our war on terrorism.

With the Bush Administration now seeking authorization for action against Iraq, it is possible our troops will be called upon to fight on two fronts.

While we still have many unanswered questions, one thing is certain: we cannot take our soldiers, sailors and airmen for granted. When ordered to fight, they do so to win, and we at home must give them our support.

The world changed forever on Sept. 11, and we must continue to remember those who are willing to sacrifice everything to keep us safe.

As our troops fight terrorism in Operation Enduring Freedom, let us all join together to say thanks through our own Operation Enduring Gratitude.



Rick Card exercises his right of free speech with a sign on his vehicle concerning the controversy at Fort Clark.

There truly is no place like home

Years after "leaving" Brackettville, I still find myself compelled to return home once and a while. Now, with the current situation my family is in, I find Brackettville even more welcoming. With each turn of the corner, I find family and friends asking for Andrea, Mary Jane, Sonny and Mom. Each person's asking is a genuine concern.

The citizens of Brackettville are like no other in the world. Only in Brackettville do you see citizens "rallying the troops" to

help one of their own. Each citizen helps in their own way, whether it be prayers, monetary donations or something as simple as a thought.

It's only in Brackettville you'll find people with kind, inviting and giving hearts. For this, I'll always cherish Brackettville and its people.

Thank you Brackettville, thank you for caring. And that old saying is true, "There's no place like home."

Gus Garcia

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Raising awareness of breast cancer

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for women, behind lung cancer. More than 200,000 women annually are diagnosed. And 40,000 die, including about 2,500 from Texas. But there are 2 million survivors of breast cancer in the United States — strong women who fought and won.



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Across the country, sisters, brothers, spouses, parents and children will pin on pink ribbons and take part in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. We will be celebrating life and progress.

One source of pride is the increase in America's commitment to fund research, both private and public. The Komen Foundation has awarded \$68 million for breast cancer research projects.

Last year, I introduced legislation with Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) so the Post Office could renew the Breast Cancer Research Stamp, which has raised \$24 million since it was first issued four years ago.

Equally as impressive is the National Institutes of Health budget for breast cancer, which Congress has increased from \$411 million in 1997 to \$655 million this year.

But because research has not yet been able to identify the specific cause of breast cancer, women must be especially vigilant about their own health care. This includes establishing a solid relationship with their physician, practicing

monthly self-examinations, and getting clinical breast examinations by a medical professional and regular mammograms.

Being aware of recent developments in cancer studies — especially controversial ones — is also crucial. We do know the earlier that cancer is detected, the better the chance for recovery. Keep in mind the average-size lump found by getting regular mammograms is the size of a pea. The average-size lump found by accident is the size of a half-dollar.

Since former First Lady Betty Ford courageously spoke publicly from the White House about her breast cancer and mastectomy, this disease has been brought out of the shadows, and the light shines much brighter now for those diagnosed. Today, there are many groups who can help women and their loved ones learn about and cope with breast cancer.

When we take a proactive approach to our health care, fund research, form a support group, or lend an ear, we are all players on the team to beat cancer. It's a battle we must win.

Scientific study proves chewing gum helps students remember

I love bubble gum. What about you? You may be the chewing gum type. But I really, really like bubble gum.

Over the weekend, I blew a humongous bubble that was larger than my entire head. It was great.

I wish I could chew bubble gum all the time. I can imagine myself chomp, chomp, chomping away.

I really love to chew gum, but sadly, the place I am in the majority of my day, school, does not allow any sort of gum. No bubble gum, no chewing gum, no gum period. It is actually quite sad.

I try to chew gum, but always seem to get caught. I have been

thinking of ways to make the rules change or an excuse for me to be able to chew gum, and now I think I have found it — I found an article in a magazine that proves gum is needed in school.

Scientists at the Northumbria University in England have found that gum actually helps you remember better.

They had a study that included 75 people. The people were split into three groups — one had people who were not chewing gum, another had people who were pretending to chew gum, and the last had people who were chewing gum.

They took a concentration memory test which took 25 min-



Teen Spirit

Shanae Simmons

utes. Guess who got the best score? The gum chewers. The ones who were chewing gum got a significantly higher score than all the rest. Some believe that the chewing makes your heart beat faster, causing more oxygen to get to your brain, improving your thinking abilities.

Think how great this would be if they actually let us chew gum. We would be a school of geniuses. We would no longer be worried about forgetting a project because we would have the super hero strength of remembrance.

OK, maybe it wouldn't be that great, but I bet there would be some major improvements in test scores. I urge the school to reconsider the rules of chewing gum because you could seriously be thwarting my journey to becoming the next Alvin Einstein ... I mean Albert Einstein, see the loss of memory is already occurring because of my lack of gum intake. All I really know is that I love bubble gum.

Our country's future depends on education

Just one year ago, I joined with my colleagues in passing a historic, bi-partisan education bill aimed at improving the education of our children. Providing all of our children with a high quality education is the best way to increase economic and personal opportunities while building a well-trained work force for the future.



Washington Report

Ciro D. Rodriguez

President Bush and House Republicans took credit for passage of HR 1, the No Child Left Behind Act, but then turned around and opposed the funding necessary to implement the new law's provisions. It is time for them to put their money where their mouth is.

After voicing support for the bipartisan No Child Left Behind Act, the Bush Administration proposed a budget that actually cuts \$90 million from last year's level of education funding and falls some \$7 billion short of the No Child Left Behind Act's needed resources.

House Republicans fell in line with the administration and, incredibly, are on track to impose these cuts.

The new law set out to increase accountability for student performance while at the same time providing resources to improve teacher quality, reduce class sizes, and implement proven techniques to enhance learning. What we face is a set of haphazardly enforced standards imposed on students, teachers and schools starved of the funding needed to make necessary reforms.

The Republican budget leaves a lot of children behind. Training to improve teacher quality will be cut, eliminating training for more than 16,000 teachers.

Funding for after school programs are frozen, denying 33,000 to 50,000 children safe places to learn after school. School literacy programs, through library improvements promised in the act, are funded at only 5 cents on the dollar, shortchanging millions of school children.

Low-income students and

their schools, often the most in need for improvements, will see their promised increase slashed by 80 percent, and the funds they do get mostly come from other programs that have been cut.

Texas will lose some \$383 million in promised Title I funds. Special education, English training, homeless children and numerous other programs approved by the No Child Left Behind Act all get short-changed by the Republican budget. For example, Texas will lose roughly \$780 million in special education grants approved in the No Child Left Behind Act.

It's not only school children who get left behind. Access to college also comes under attack from the Republican budget. Pell grants get cut by \$400 compared with the grant this year, and \$800 below the amount necessary to keep up with projected tuition hikes. The budget also cuts 72,000 scholarships for low-income students.

Though not perfect in many ways, the No Child Left Behind Act was historic because it was bi-partisan, it was bold, and held out the promise of improving education for millions of American children. That was the promise. The reality now is the Republican budget that slashes funding from the very programs advertised last year.

Budgets reflect priorities. The Republican education budget makes it crystal clear that educational opportunity is not a Republican priority.

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Commissioners Court to appoint water board director on Monday

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with the applicants Monday and then select a new board member.

County officials discussed the court's responsibility to appoint a director to fill a vacancy during a special meeting last week.

"The thing that I think we need to keep in mind is that person needs to be congenial," County Judge Herb Senne said. "It should be a person that can work with the existing board effectively."

"There are a lot of things the Groundwater Conservation District board has done. There's a lot of homework that person needs to do to bring his or herself up to a level of performance that lends it to the actions that board has to do and the things it is facing."

"As you know, it's a real sensitive issue. It's a key position. All of the directors of the water board are key positions. They're making decisions now that are hard decisions to make. So we need to give a lot of thought to who that person should be," he told the commissioners last week.

To qualify for the board position, applicants must be a legal voter and reside within the Brackettville city limits. The appointee will serve until the next election in 2004.

Senne hopes to have more than one candidate for the court to consider.

"When we made the last ap-



Discussing a recommendation

Brackettville City Manager David Luna (from left), Mayor Carmen Berlanga and City Council members Francisca "Chica" Garza, Tomas Gomez, Johnny Samaniego (rear) and Martha Ward McDonald discuss an appointment to the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Tuesday during a special meeting.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

pointment, when Tom Dorrell resigned, more than one person was nominated and it was a split vote," the judge said.

Luna sent a letter to Senne asking that the county consider a recommendation from Brackettville city officials.

"When you, judge, and your commissioners court took action to fill the vacancy of Mr. Tom Dorrell, who resigned, the minutes reflect that you made the statement that you accepted the recommendation of Commissioner (Francie) Wylie to appoint Mr. Hadley Wardlaw because he was from her precinct," Luna said in the letter.

"You respected her recommendation. You exercised your right to break a tie and Mr. Hadley Wardlaw was appointed."

"I, as city manager, and the mayor and City Council members request that you allow us the opportunity to recommend someone and also to respect that recommendation as you did for Commissioner Wylie. If you went with her recommendation because that person was from her precinct, please respect our recommendations," he concluded.

During the special meeting last week, Tootsie Herndon of Spofford asked the court to se-

lect someone to represent all of the citizens of the county.

"A lot of times, politics play a big role in these decisions," she said. "I hope the Commissioners Court takes this decision very seriously."

Local rancher Hayden Haby agreed.

"On its present course, the decisions of this board are going to eventually cost the taxpayers of this county millions of dollars," he told the commissioners. "A whole lot will not be gained from all this expense. I think it behooves y'all to pick somebody who will be fair to all the people in the county."

Lions Club hosts health fair

Come one, come all. The Lions Club of Brackettville wants all Kinney County folks reminded about the annual Lions Club Health Fair next Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Kinney County Civic Center from noon until 6 p.m.

Lots to do and learn there. This year folks can get tetanus, pneumonia and flu shots. EMS will be there with a display. United Medical Clinics will screen your blood pressure and general health.

The Lions Club's driving force is to improve vision and vision care throughout the USA and the world.

The organization is very proud of the Mobile Eye Screening Unit. On-board this unit are machines that test visual acuity and check for such eye diseases as Glaucoma.

The time to diagnose these vision-robbing diseases is early in the progress of the disease. Good vision is a terrible thing to waste. The vision screening takes about 20 minutes. If you had one last year, it's time to have another screening.

EMT Course

Do you know anyone who has some time on his or her hands who wants to help EMS and the community?

Kinney County and Southwest Texas Junior College are pleased to announce that the next EMT basic course starts on Nov. 5.



EMS Update

Carolyn Rutherford

Classes are held in the Distance Learning Lab (beside the old gymnasium at the school) on Tuesday through Friday evenings from 6 to 10 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The classroom portion will be completed by Jan. 11. This course will run quickly.

There is a requirement for ambulance and hospital internships. Kinney County really needs help!

There are a limited number of scholarship positions available. Kinney County pays the tuition and you agree to pay the county back with one year of EMS work — 48 hours per month on-call.

If this sounds like it's up your alley, it probably is. Call the office for more information.

Emergency Management

The work on the 2002 revision of the County Emergency Management Plan is complete. It will be submitted for Commissioners Court approval at the next meeting on Monday.

New federal and state regulations require that any govern-

mental entity requesting disaster relief beyond local resources has a revised Emergency Management Plan to qualify for aid.

Kinney County's plan has grown from about 75 pages to 200 due to new requirements in law enforcement and fire fighting planning. This is all because of 9-11 and Homeland Security.

The Local Emergency Planning Committee meets on Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Kinney County EMS Building, located at 401 S. Ellen St. Since these meetings are open meetings, the public is encouraged to come.

Emergencies

If you have an emergency of any kind, call 911.

Our primary EMS unit responds with minimum staff required by the Texas Department of Health — two EMS-certified care givers.

Subsequent EMS calls that occur while the primary unit is committed to a call may respond with less than required staff. This means the second and third units out simultaneously may be staffed with a non-certified driver and a certified EMS attendant.

In call cases, our patient is attended by an EMS-certified care-giver.

If you have any questions about EMS or emergency management, please call 563-9090 or visit us Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 401 S. Ellen St.

Ex-senator to lead water sales company

By LORI HAWKINS
Austin American-Statesmen



Brown

Former state Sen. Buster Brown has a new Austin gig: chairman of a fledgling wholesale water company that wants to connect Texas landowners who hold water rights with communities that need water.

Founded in January 2001, WaterTexas has signed contracts with landowners in Kinney and Lee counties to market their water. The firm may also oversee construction of pipelines.

The company, led by former Lower Colorado River Authority official Lynn Sherman and attorney Derek Saunders, has raised \$1 million in seed money from private investors and is seeking

additional backing.

"These guys have put together a business model I was impressed with and that tries to solve water problems the right way," said Brown, a Republican from Lake Jackson who retired in August after 21 years in the Senate. He was chairman of the Senate's Natural Resources Committee.

Brown led the most sweeping revision of Texas water law in decades, sponsoring a 1997 bill that for the first time required drought and conservation planning at local, regional and state levels.

Brown said he was impressed by the group's efforts to bring landowners together.

"There are a lot of individual property owners around the state who are interested in doing something but don't know how," he said. "We'll partner up with these people and help them find a way to sell their excess water without going in and separating the water from the land."

WaterTexas is facing a number of challenges, including raising money from venture capitalists, who traditionally shy away from long-term enterprises that involve government regulation. A typical project, from winning over landowners to delivering the water, could take years to complete, officials said.

Water district officials vote to delete rule

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District deleted Rule 9.04B from the district's rules last Wednesday. The decision came during a special meeting following a public hearing in the County Courthouse.

Rule 9.04B read: "Single commercial wells: The permit requirements of these rules do not apply to persons owning

only one commercial well within the district."

Board members Don Hood, Darlene Shahan, Cecil Smith, Hadley Wardlaw and Bob Young all voted to delete the rule. Director Zach Davis did not participate in the proceedings.

"Being as I have an amendment pending before the board, I'm going to recuse myself from participating in this," Davis told Smith, the board president, before the hearing began.

The only citizen to speak during the public hearing was Jim McDaniel.

The local farmer asked why the public notice for the hearing was published in *The Brackett News* and the *Del Rio News-Herald*.

"I'm just wondering why we're spending our tax money advertising in the *Del Rio* newspaper," he told the directors. "I feel like it's wasting money." Officials declined to respond to McDaniel's statements.

Law enforcement officers discover methamphetamine lab on local ranch

Continued from Page 1

Border Patrol informants and other sources — they were just hard to catch," Burgess said. "They lived in the Fort Worth area, so they would only come down at certain times and then go back. This time we had information they were coming down."

"The information was given to Chief Deputy (Johnny) Fritter, and he passed it on to DPS narcotics and Border Patrol," he added.

On Sept. 26, investigators from the 63rd Judicial District Narcotics Task Force found the truck and the three occupants in the parking lot of a Del Rio business.

"Investigators established

surveillance on the vehicle and the subjects, and followed them to the ranch located in Kinney County," said Jimmie Granato, commander of the Task Force.

During this time, Task Force investigators notified the Del Rio DPS Narcotics Service that the subjects and the vehicle had been located.

DPS narcotics investigators took the lead in the investigation and coordinated efforts between the Task Force, the Kinney County Sheriff's Office, the Parker County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Border Patrol.

"The efforts of all four law enforcement agencies were directed at developing enough probable cause to obtain a search warrant," Granato said.

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Water board makes plans to begin processing well permit applications

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

With new legal counsel in place, officials from the Kinney County Groundwater District stressed the importance of beginning to process well permit applications last week.

"You've got applications in the door," said Brian Sledge, the district's attorney. "You need to see if they comply with the rules and they are administratively complete. They do need to be acted on or you'll find yourself in a mandamus action."

Darlene Shahan, a board member also serving as interim general manager, said the district has received about 20 applications.

"We really need to address these permits," Director Don Hood said. "We need to get them out to these people. We have people really riding us about the permits. We have nasty, nasty letters about this thing."

Hood asked Sledge to send a legal aid to Brackettville to help with the permitting process.

"We need someone that is familiar with the permit process to teach us what to do, because we

really don't know what to do," he said.

The applications received by the district have been submitted on random forms. Sledge said the district needs to establish an application form of its own.

"It will be helpful to make it where they have to do it on a form provided by the district," he said. "Of course, it's critical to actually have a form that you can provide when they ask for one. It's good to have your rules worked out on what you're going to require in an application so that you can make that form."

Rains hit Kinney County

Rain in Kinney County! I had 3.5 inches in my gauge by noon Tuesday. The sky still has lots of moisture, but we'll see if it moves on or not.

Funny how we complain when we don't get rain. Then, the inconveniences of muddy roads and getting wet get us to complaining again.

The rain was wonderful and our county needed it. I hope the cotton has been harvested. In a few days, Kinney County will look like a beautiful garden again!

The wind took its toll on houses in the east side of Brackettville.

The Severo Martinez family had their roof blown off. The support shown to this family from neighbors, friends and Rio Grande Electric employees was an impressive display of community spirit.

The family is safe, and our community breathes a sigh of relief. Best wishes in the recovery phase.

BHS Athletics

The Tiger football team plays its first district game at home Friday night at 7:30 against Natalia. Prior to the football game, the Tigerettes volleyball team will play Natalia at 5.



Making A Difference

Taylor Stephenson

Cross Country will run at Nueces Canyon on Saturday. District play has come to BHS, and we need your support!

The Tiger Band is improving and will present its show as they prepare for their region marching contest.

GT Program

Monday night, Angie Meeks, the district's gifted and talented coordinator, gave an excellent presentation on Brackett's GT Program to 32 parents and supporters of the program.

Brackett's program is differentiated curriculum in one of the basic four areas of science, math, language or history. The school district supports this program and the training of staff required for an effective instructional program.

Tech-A&M Game

Several Brackett folks attended the Texas Tech-Texas

A&M football game in College Station Saturday. There were 48,000 plus in attendance.

It was one of the greatest college games that I have ever seen. Tech claimed a one-point victory.

Our son teaches at A&M and our daughter is a Tech graduate. They were on opposite sides of their parents at the game and kept each other amused every time the lead changed.

I loved the bands. Tech featured the music of George Gershwin, while the Aggies marched their 120 beats to the minute military march tempo to perfection.

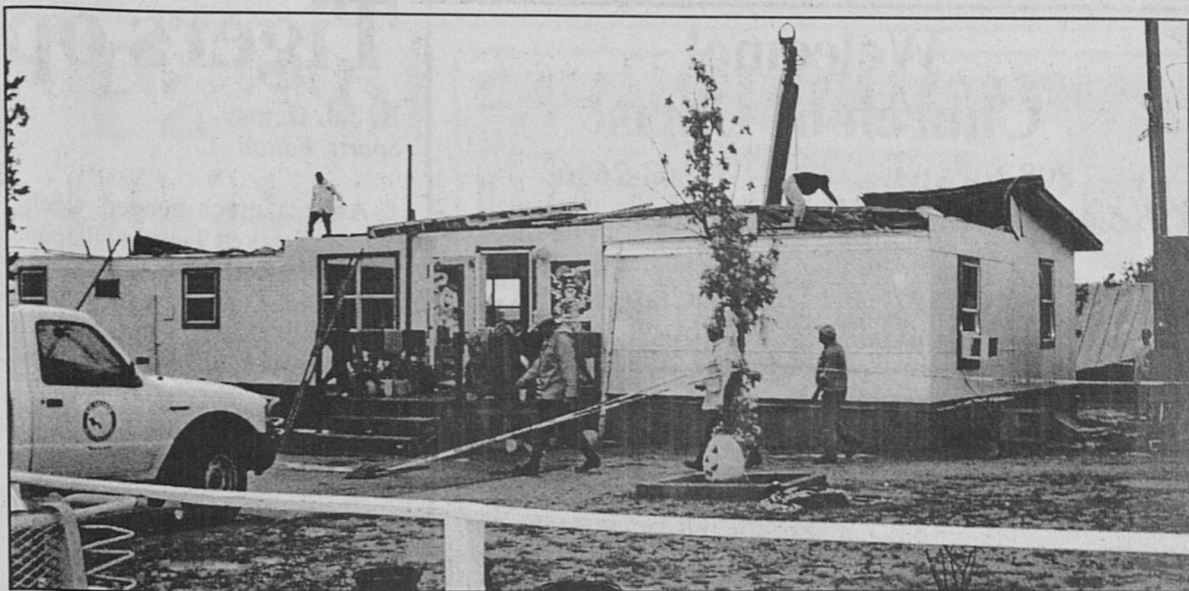
The last few years that I directed bands, I taught the Aggie-style marching.

Above all, I was impressed with the fan support of the teams. There was a sea of maroon throughout the stadium. Tech supporters had their red shirts on.

The teams worked together on the field, and their fans were united in the stands. It was a grand demonstration of school spirit.

Let's pull together this week for our kids, teachers and for this fine school system.

Have a great week!



ABOVE: The roof on the home of Severo Martinez blew off in the high winds Tuesday night. Martinez's fellow co-workers at Rio Grande Electric, along with family and friends, helped the family cover the house.



RIGHT: A thunder storm and high winds hit Brackettville Tuesday night, knocking over this shed at the city's burn area, located on Sheedy Street.

Photos by Jewel Robinson

RGEC hosts annual membership meeting Saturday

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative will host its 57th annual membership meeting on Saturday at Carrizo Springs High School.

Activities will get underway at 8 a.m. with the arts and crafts fair, display booths, and a free health fair and cosmetology exhibition. While the public is invited to attend the arts and crafts fair and display booths, the health fair, cosmetology, continental breakfast and lunch are for members only.

Arts and crafts vendors include furniture builders, holiday

items, jewelry, handmade pottery and fire pits, among other displays.

Dimmit County 4-H members will be assisting with serving the continental breakfast, which will be served to RGEC members beginning at 8 a.m. and the noon meal. Robert Lyons of the Texas Cooperative Extension Service Uvalde Research Center will be providing information on the Brush Buster Program, and members of the South Texas Archaeological Association will display artifacts and provide information on membership in

their organization.

The membership meeting will begin at 10 a.m. During the business portion of the meeting, RGEC members will hear reports from the president, treasurer and general manager, as well as learn the results of the election for directors.

In addition, Brackettville area members who served as models in the co-op's "Smart Choice" ad campaign will be recognized.

Lewis Baumgartner of Fulton, Mo., known as "The World's Worst Farmer," will

provide the entertainment for the meeting.

Members will have a chance to win one of approximately 75 door prizes, each valued from about \$50 and up.

"The grand prize drawing is for a retired Rio Grande pickup," said Jan Nelson, RGEC door prize coordinator. "But you must be present to win."

The meeting will conclude with a barbecued steak lunch, prepared and served by RGEC's Fort Stockton line crew.

For more information, call RGEC at 1-800-749-1509.

OBITUARY

Armando Perez

Armando Perez, 47, passed away Sunday, Oct. 6, 2002, at his residence in Brackettville. He was born Nov. 6, 1954, in Del Rio.

Perez was preceded in death by his wife, Alicia Perez, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rodrigo Perez Sr. and G.C. Talamantez Jr. He is survived by his parents: Zulema Talamantez Freeman, Rodrigo Perez Jr. and step-mother Rosa Elena Perez, all of Brackettville; grandmother: Elena S. Talamantez; children: Henry Manuel Perez of Del Rio, Vanessa Perez of San Antonio, and Kristy Perez of Henderson, and her mother, Lori Perez; grandchildren: Renee Pina and Alicia Perez; brothers: Peter Perez, Henry Perez, Rodrigo Perez III and Javier Perez; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on Tuesday at the Brackettville Funeral Home Chapel. Services were held on Wednesday at the Brackettville Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. William Adams officiating. Burial followed at the Kinney County Cemetery.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Sept. 30

10:12 p.m., A man reported that his vehicle tires had been cut at his apartment on E. First Street. The individual also stated that his cousin had been driving around his residence earlier that day.

Tuesday, Oct. 2

7:10 p.m., Michael Hamrick, 24, of Austin was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley on a warrant for burglary with intent to commit assault. The warrant was recalled and he was released by the Travis County Sheriff's Office.

Thursday, Oct. 3

9:45 a.m., Jose Carvajal, 28, of Lytle was arrested by DPS Trooper Escobar for fictitious registration. He was released the same day on a bail bond.

Friday, Oct. 4

2:48 p.m., A 911 caller reported a car accident on Highway 90, about five miles east of Brackettville. Constable Cordelia Mendeke, Chief of Police

Arnulfo Alonzo and DPS Trooper Tully Welch were notified of the situation.

4 p.m., Jose Lopez Carron, 22, of Mexico was arrested by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter for probation violation in Sedwick County, Kansas.

11:32 p.m., Jose Guadalupe Herrera, 32, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. for driving while intoxicated, second offense. He was released on a bail bond.

Saturday, Oct. 5

1:04 a.m., A 911 caller reported that a woman had fallen and needed assistance at her residence on E. Second Street. EMS was dispatched to the scene.

12:02 p.m., Santiago Lopez, 30, of Fredricksburg was arrested by Trooper Ashley for driving while intoxicated.

5:16 p.m., A Border Patrol agent reported a vehicle rollover on Highway 131, one mile south of Spofford. Trooper Ashley, Constable Mendeke and Deputy

Karl Chism were notified.

10:52 p.m., A 911 caller reported an elderly lady was walking with a walker on Highway 90, about 5 miles west of Brackettville. Deputy Chism, Deputy Pena and Constable Mendeke were dispatched to the scene.

11:41 p.m., A Fort Clark security employee called to report that someone was breaking windows at a residence across from Bullis Hall. Deputy Pena and Chief Alonzo were dispatched.

Sunday, Oct. 6

5:25 a.m., A Border Patrol agent requested assistance at the Fritter Park rest area, where a woman wanted to report a stolen vehicle. Trooper Ashley was notified of the situation.

Monday, Oct. 7

12:56 a.m., A man reported that a vehicle was in a ditch about two miles from Sycamore Creek. No injuries were reported. Deputy Pena was dispatched to the scene.

FCSA hearing set for Thursday

Continued from Page 1 change any records; and she cannot hire any new employees or fire any existing employees.

The original members of the board include Frank Cheaney, Carol Miller, Mona Miller, Jack Simpson, Tom Saylor, Glen White and Bob Williamson.

A recall election was initiated by a petition, and the majority of the members voting in the election chose to remove Cheaney, Simpson, White, Williamson and Carol Miller, and to keep Saylor and Mona Miller. Saylor and Mona Miller last month appointed five new directors to the board — Nolan Brandt, John Dixon, Al Jenkins, Rozetta Pingnot and Santos Yarena.

The lawsuit filed by the association claims the petitioners "choose to ignore following the procedures" in the bylaws and protective restrictions.

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School of Instruction meets Thursday before the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a Hearing on a Motion for Rehearing, a Permit Fee Hearing, and a Special Meeting on Monday, *October 21, 2002*, at 5:00 p.m., in the District Courtroom of the Kinney County Courthouse located in Brackettville, Texas

HEARING ON MOTION FOR REHEARING

1. Call to Order
2. Public Hearing and Possible Action on Motion for Rehearing filed by Native Valley Alliance, L.P. and Grass Valley Water, L.P..
3. Adjourn

PERMIT FEE HEARING

1. Call to Order
2. Public Hearing, Consideration, and Possible Action on Adoption of Fee Schedule for Permit Fees and/or Other Administrative Fees
3. Adjourn

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

REVIEW, CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION, APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ADOPT:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes for September meetings and hearings
3. Adjourn

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above NOTICE OF MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District, is a true and correct copy of said Notice. I have posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board in the Kinney County Courthouse, located in Brackettville, Texas, and said Notice was posted on *October 8, 2002*, and remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours immediately preceding the day of said meeting; a true and correct copy of said Notice was furnished to the Kinney County Clerk, in which the above named political subdivision is located.

Dated this *October 8, 2002*

Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District
Darlene Shahan, Sec/Treas

Tigers open district against Mustangs

By J.J. GUIDRY
Sports Editor

After a much-needed week off, the Brackett Tigers will open their District 30-AA football slate Friday night as they host the Natalia Mustangs at 7:30.

"The week off was great for our kids and our staff," Tigers coach David Yeager said. "It gave our kids time to heal, our staff had time to relax, and it gave us two weeks to prepare for a good Natalia team. It couldn't have come at a better time."

Brackett enters the contest with a 3-2 record, while Natalia is 1-4 on the season.

"All of their losses have been really close games," Yeager



Davis Massingill

said. "It's going to be a battle for all four quarters. They're not a bad ball club."

"They play really good defense and they have good size. Hopefully, we can use our quickness and speed to get on the edge and do some things."

The Tigers offense is led by Tony Rosetti, who has scored 10

touchdowns on the season. The fullback has rushed for 570 yards on 78 attempts and has four receptions for 69 yards.

Tailback Eliot Stone has tallied 245 yards on 40 totes and quarterback Jared Hobbs has rushed for 141 yards on 40 carries. Backup quarterback Kody Yeager passed for a team-high 107 yards in Brackett's 20-13 overtime loss to Cotulla.

Tight end Dietrich Davis and tackle Whitney Massingill are expected to return to the Tigers lineup this week for the first time since the Cotulla game three weeks ago. Davis dislocated his elbow and Massingill broke his wrist. Guard Terrell Davis sat out of workouts this week with a severely sprained ankle and a

STANDINGS

DISTRICT 30-AA				
Team	Dst	OA	PF	PA
Brackett	0-0	3-2	97	74
Dilley	0-0	2-3	97	96
Natalia	0-0	1-4	37	69
George West	0-0	1-4	26	64
Three Rivers	0-0	0-5	72	125
Freer	0-0	0-5	52	104

Friday, Oct. 4
Benavides 28, Freer 27
Poth 48, Dilley 0
Taft 7, Three Rivers 0

Friday, Oct. 11
Dilley at Three Rivers, 7:30
Freer at George West, 7:30
Natalia at Brackett, 7:30

possible fracture in his thumb, but is expected to suit up Friday night.

Cubs claim thrilling come-from-behind win over Natalia

NATALIA — "We got down early, but our kids never quit."

Those were the words of Brackett coach Ricky Creel Thursday following the Cubs 24-20 come-from-behind win over Natalia on a last minute touchdown reception in junior high football action.

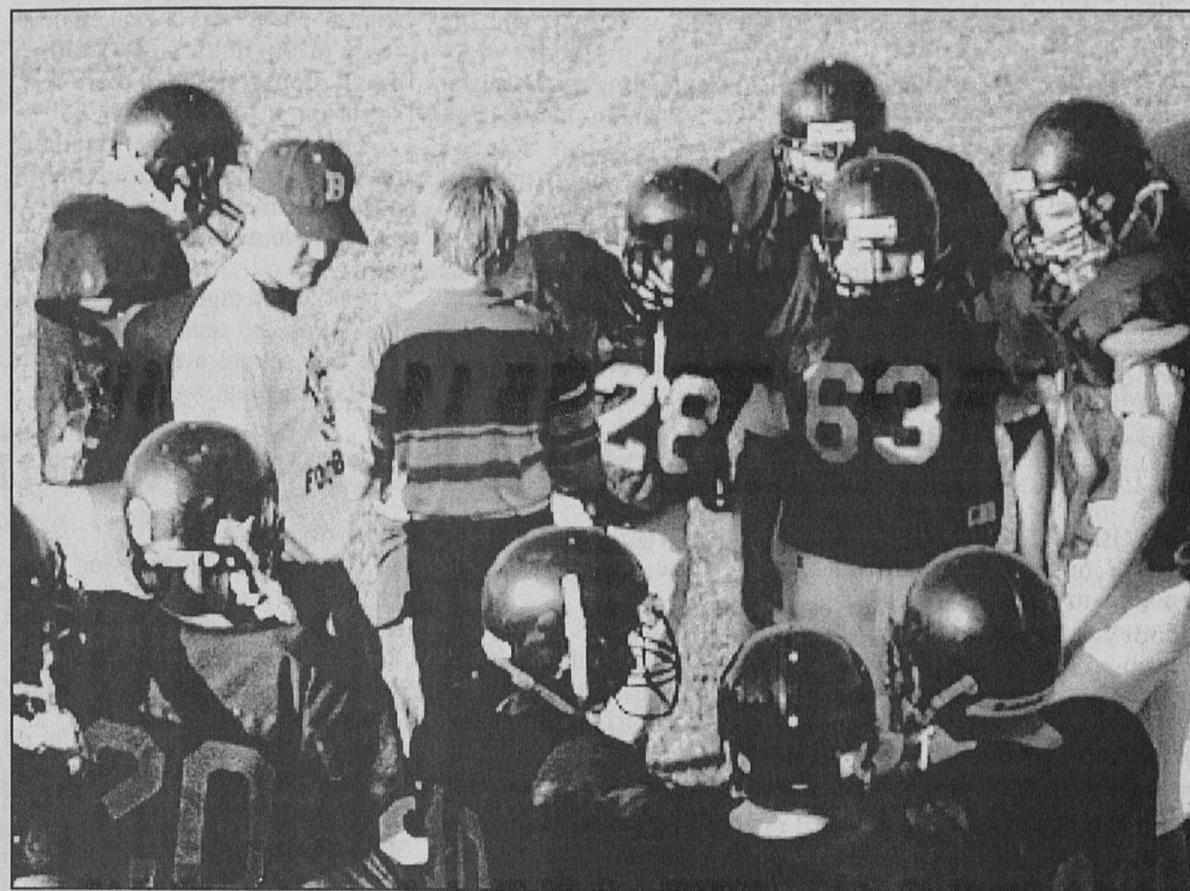
The Cubs were down 12-0 after the first two Natalia possessions.

As the second quarter was coming to a close, Robert Davis hit Ivan Pinales on a 55-yard touchdown pass as Brackett cut its deficit to 12-8 at the halftime break.

In the third quarter, Cesar Ortiz took a sweep to the outside for a 55-yard TD run to give the Cubs a 16-12 advantage, but Natalia regained the lead on a 90-yard touchdown run.

With less than three minutes remaining, Brackett started marching down the field. Pinales broke loose on a 34-yard scamper to the Mustangs' 30-yard line. On the next play, Davis completed a pass to Josh O'Neill for 25 yards to get the Cubs to the 5-yard line.

After three downs, the Cubs could not punch the ball across the goaline. Fourth down would



Coach Ricky Creel and the Brackett Cubs claimed a thrilling 24-20 come-from-behind win over the Natalia Mustangs last Thursday. The Cubs are open today.

determine the game.

Davis dropped back to pass and Josh O'Neill came up with a circus catch for the winning

score.

Natalia had one last opportunity to score, but the drive ended Thursday when Josh Acosta intercepted

the ball to secure the victory.

The Cubs resume action next Thursday, hosting Del Rio at 5 p.m.

BRIEFS

Tigerettes fall short against Lady Wolves

DILLEY — The Brackett Tigerettes came up short Tuesday, falling to the Dilley Lady Wolves 15-5, 15-7 in District 30-AA volleyball action.

Celina Cano had four service points for Brackett, including a pair of aces, and Allison LaMascus scored three. Shanae Simmons finished with three blocks, Amanda Davis pitched in three assists and Ashley Castillo had two kills.

Juliann Ashabranner and Emily Petrosky led the junior varsity to a 15-7, 15-8 win over Dilley. Brackett won the freshman game 15-2, 15-6.

"Dana Bonner and Tonya Molinar served really well, and Brandy Smith and Timmeke Simmons both had outstanding games," Tigerettes coach Bonnie Brotherton said.

Tigers race past Mustangs in 40-6 win

NATALIA — The Brackett junior varsity improved to 3-2 last Thursday as the Tigers routed the Natalia Mustangs 40-6 in football action.

Noe Talamantes scored two touchdowns to pace the Tigers' offensive attack. Cody Edwards and Tres Rueda each rushed for a TD, and Brand Wylie connected with Maarten Vos for a touchdown pass.

The J.V. is open today, but will host Sabinal next Thursday in a 6:30 contest at Tiger Stadium.

Seventh graders Cubettes defeat Del Rio

It took three games, but the Cubettes claimed a 15-9, 11-15, 15-13 victory over Del Rio Blue on Monday in seventh-grade volleyball action.

Bailee Allen and Daphne Hunt each had 15 passes in the match. Erica Rodriguez converted on 23 serves and Amber Castilla had nine. Rodriguez also led the team with seven sets and three kills.

The Cubettes resume action Saturday as they compete in the Del Rio tournament. Brackett travels to Eagle Pass Monday for a double-header, beginning at 5 p.m.

Soccer teams come up short in Del Rio

By Ken Sellers
Contributing Writer

This past weekend, they encountered their first lopsided score, losing 6-0.

Even though the team has a record of 0-3-1, they are showing well for a first year soccer team.

Our two youngsters with the under-14 Sidekicks had a remarkable Saturday.

Going into the game without a win, they knew they were facing the daunting task of playing an undefeated team. Still, the Sidekicks prevailed with a 2-1 victory.

Congratulations to the Sidekicks on their first win, an impressive one, against the Heat.

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By LYNN McNEW
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Lions Club met for a regular meeting last Thursday at Las Moras Restaurant. Brad Coe of the Brackettville office of the U.S. Border Patrol was the guest speaker. He discussed current happenings in the Border Patrol.

The Border Patrol started in the 1920s. The original Kinney County office was in Spofford, and then moved to what is currently Tully Shahan's law office on Ann Street. From 1977 to 1992, the office was in what is now the funeral home on Highway 90. The current office on the edge of town is already too

small, Coe said. Sept. 11 caused many changes, including increased security on the border and more agents on the northern border of the United States. The Border Patrol hasn't changed what they do, which is to catch illegal aliens coming into this country.

Today, there are lots of gang members and drugs trying to enter the United States. In 2002, 17 million pounds of marijuana were confiscated — one catch in June netted over 900 pounds of marijuana. During peak seasons, it is not unusual to apprehend 2,000 people each day — approximately 50 percent of which are repeat offenders.

The Sky Marshall Program took about 23 percent of Border Patrol agents. Coe said the federal office of Homeland Security should beef up the Border Patrol with more agents, upgraded vehicles and more technology.

Lions Club members feel that the local agents are a great asset to our community. Lion Carolyn Rutherford mentioned her appreciation for their help with EMS. In addition, Border Patrol agents work with Little League and various service organizations and youth programs in Kinney County.

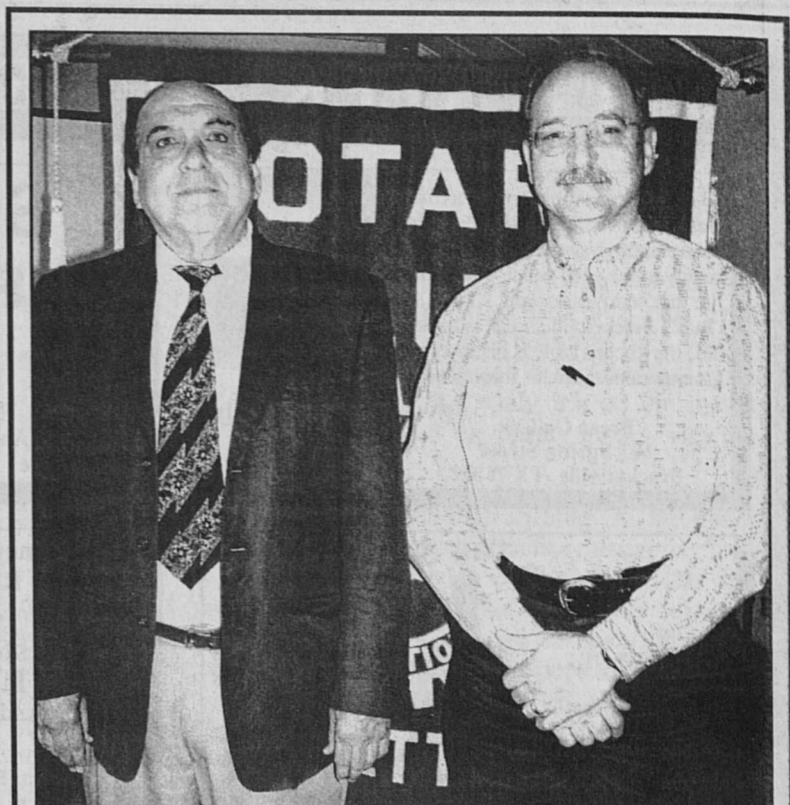
In other business, The Kinney County Health Fair will be on Thursday, Oct. 17, at the

Civic Center from noon to 6 p.m. There will be flu shots available, as well as vision screenings and other health care information.

The Lions Club will sponsor a Broom and Mop Sale on Thursday, Oct. 24, starting at 8 a.m. in front of the Bank and Trust. These products are made by the blind and are high-quality cleaning tools.

If you are interested in becoming a Lion, contact any member of the Brackettville Lions Club or call 563-3382 or 563-9229.

The next regular meeting of the Brackettville Lions Club will be on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at Las Moras Restaurant.



Ben Martinez (left), a candidate for the Texas legislature is welcomed to last Thursday's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting by Dave Alexander, president.

Fast chicken gives you quick elegance

Have you ever had people unexpectedly visiting and you wanted them to stay for a meal?

Ingredients for this easy dish, which cooks in 30 minutes, you'll find can be kept on hand for such times.

To make Fast Chicken Divan, this is what we will need: two 10-ounce packages of frozen broccoli, florets or chopped; 3 cups of cubed roasted or cooked chicken or turkey (canned may be used), two 10 3/4-ounce cans of condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted; 1 cup of mayonnaise, 1 teaspoon of lemon juice, 1 cup (4 ounces) of shredded sharp cheddar cheese, a 3/4-cup of dry bread crumbs, 3 tablespoons of butter or margarine (melted), and 1 tablespoon of sliced pimientos (optional).

Cook broccoli in boiling water for one minute and drain. Put the broccoli in a greased 11-by-



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7-by-2-inch baking dish and top with chicken.

Combine the soup, mayonnaise and lemon juice, and spread it over the chicken and sprinkle on the cheese. Then, combine the bread crumbs and butter and sprinkle it over the top. Bake in a pre-heated 325-degree oven, uncovered, for 30 minutes or until it is heated through. Let stand for 10 minutes (helps it to "set") before serving. Garnish with pimientos if desired.

This dish makes four to six servings. You can use the "standing" time to fill tea glasses or fill individual salad bowls with lettuce topped with tomato cube.

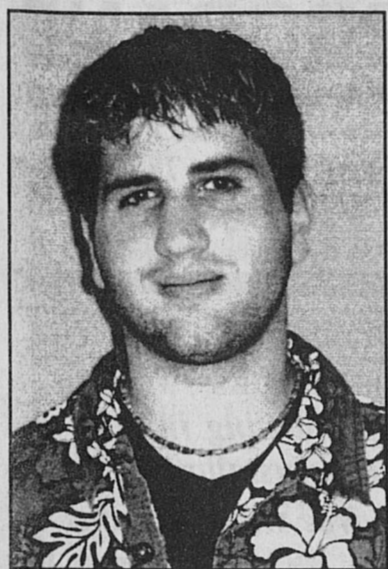
Brackettville native to appear in play

SEGUIN — Chris Petrosky of Brackettville will appear in the Texas Lutheran University Department of Theatre's production of "Light Up the Sky" by Moss Hart. This 1940s comedy is the first event of a season that explores the theme "Engines of Creation."

Performances of "Light Up the Sky" are 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday. All performances will be in the university's Jackson Auditorium.

The comedy highlights a group of theatre-folk who attend the opening of their new play in Boston. The lead actress, director, producer, and related entourage are in seventh heaven at the prospect of a tremendous success — pinning their hopes on the work of a young unknown writer.

"Light Up the Sky"



CHRIS PETROSKY

chronicles the highs and lows of a life in theatre. The story helps explain why humans feel compelled (in spite of it all) to "light up the sky" through dramatic creation and expression.

Petrosky, a freshman at Texas Lutheran, is one of 15 students cast in the play. He will portray one of four Shriner characters in the play.

Need a cheap vehicle?

Before I start my serious stuff, I have two quick questions.

Since it rained and thundered and lightning ... that's my first question: What is the past tense of lightning? Is it lightninged? Or lightedning? Or lightninging? Or do I just say there was lightning?

Second question, just like the first, what is the past tense of weed-eat? Weed-ate? Weed-eated? Weeded-eated? I like that one the best — weeded-eated.

After the rains, I had the displeasure of removing four vigenarons from my house. I didn't want to kill them since they seem harmless enough. I just captured them, released them outside and went about my own business as they went about theirs.

Sunday afternoon in my daughter's house, another creature presented himself for our viewing pleasure. This was a small bull snake. After screams



But I Could
Be Wrong

Chuck
Hall

and jumps from all of us, I succeeded in capturing the serpent. I took him outside to be released.

Everyone present told me I should dispatch the miniature boa constrictor, but I knew him to be of a beneficial nature so I declined.

The snake enjoyed his newfound freedom. He raced away. Well sort of. He went straight to my daughter's vehicle, slithered up a tire and disappeared into the various parts thereof.

My daughter now refuses to drive the car. I know where you can buy an automobile cheap.

But I could be wrong.

Play opens this weekend in Uvalde

The Uvalde Arts Council will open its 2002-2003 season this weekend with the Tony Award-winning Broadway comedy "Lend Me A Tenor" by Ken Ludwig.

"Lend Me A Tenor" will open a six-performance, two-weekend run on Friday and will conclude on Oct. 20. Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 8 p.m. and Sunday's matinee performances will start at 2:30 p.m.

All performances will be at the Janey Slaughter Briscoe Grand Opera House in Uvalde, located on the square at 104 W. North St. Tickets are on sale now and may be reserved by calling (830) 278-4184. Ticket

prices are \$10 for orchestra seating and \$8 for premium seating.

"Lend Me A Tenor" is a modern comic gem about a temperamental opera singer who makes life miserable for those around him, including an aspiring young tenor who idolizes him.

The play is set in a hotel suite in Cleveland in 1934, during the biggest night in the history of the Cleveland Grand Opera House.

World-famous Italian tenor Tito Merelli is supposed to be making his American debut in "Otello," the highlight of the company's most important fundraiser for the season. But Tito's troubled life, his hot-headed wife, Maria, and a

"Dear John" letter — mistaken as Tito's suicide note — sends everybody's head swimming. No Tito, no \$50,000 in ticket sales. Find the dead singer!

Meanwhile, Max, an opera singer wanna-be, is coerced by his boss, Henry Saunders, into impersonating the Italian great to save the show. In costume, wig and make-up, he's a dead-ringer for the dead singer.

And then it happens. Tito Merelli wakes up from his apparent one-too-many-sedatives, refreshed and ready for the spotlight! Now there's two Tito's running around.

Which is which? No one knows for sure until the end of this madcap comedy.

Water district hires new legal counsel

Continued from Page 1
proper, ethical way to do it," Davis said. "It's not that I don't think he would be a good attorney. I wasn't aware until this morning that this was going to happen."

Davis said Shahan, the secretary of the board and the district's interim general manager, should have "kept all the board members abreast of what was going on."

Shahan told Davis the agenda was posted, and added that the district could not afford to wait to take action on hiring an attorney.

"I know that this district needs help right now," Shahan said. "I can't progress any farther at the stage that I'm at without some help. We've got applications sitting here. There's nothing I can do until I can get some help."

Young agreed: "Everybody is trying to do the best job they can. Sometimes it is very difficult because we have some difficulty in making decisions based on how to go about it. It's not an easy job to do. We need a lot of help to do what's right."

Sledge replaces Jace Houston as the district's legal counsel.

Houston suggested Sledge for the position last month, according to Shahan.

"Jace was wanting to be relieved of his duties," said Smith, president of the board. "The job he has pays him a lot more than Kinney County pays him."

Sledge, who represents seven other water districts in the state, said the district is facing legal opposition from some "heavy hitters" in Austin.

"There is hope," Sledge said. "With all the folks y'all have got involved in this deal, I don't know how much hope there is — I would like to think there is a hope."

Sledge said he previously turned down work in Kinney County "for some folks that I thought were taking positions that were adverse to groundwater conservation."

"That's not an easy decision to make in my business because we're in the business of representing clients and making money."

Some of the board members hoped to discuss the agreement with Sledge in executive session, but were informed they were unable to do so legally.

"You can say anything you

want about me, I won't hold it against you. I'm an Aggie and I'm a lawyer. I'm the butt of every joke as it is," Sledge joked. "Thank God I'm not a Pollock."

Hood said one of the board's biggest concerns was the necessary revisions to the rules.

"I really think 90 percent of our rules, which have already been blessed by Jace, are fine — it's that 10 percent we have a problem with," he said.

Prior to joining Lloyd Gosselink, Sledge was director of research for the Texas Water Development Board from 1997 to 1999.

Sledge also has worked in numerous capacities in the Texas House of Representatives, including general counsel and chief clerk for the Texas House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources. He was lead staff for the Joint Committee on Water Resources Development and Management, and general counsel for the House Joint Committee on TNRCC Funding.

He received a bachelor of arts degree in 1990 from Texas A&M University and his law degree in 1994 from the University of Houston.

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1. Ending for neck or shoe
5. Refuges
10. Head overseas
14. Name for a Russian boy
15. Nearly
16. Of a time
17. Quite
18. Dairy purchase
20. Sea eagle
21. 2nd in a series of
22. Fencing props
23. Stamps of authenticity
25. Grand Opry
26. To indulge
28. Entanglements
31. Student's concerns
32. Spiteful
34. Web-footed bird
36. Men
37. Music lover's purchase

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1. ___ with; tolerate
2. Ripening agent
3. Thicker response
4. Suffix for stich & station
5. Can coverings
6. Touches
7. Whit
8. Furrow
9. Canonized one: abbr.
10. Tendency to anger easily
11. City, tribe, or lake
12. Old wives' tale
13. Forest creatures
19. Pass on
21. Cheers and others
24. Sea denizens
25. Preposition
26. Price
27. Ram
28. Prison: slang
29. Listens secretly
30. Connected

rooms
32. Garbage containers
33. Both
35. Rock group
37. Long grass stem
38. Enjoy a feast
40. Treat with leniency
41. Confused state
43. Worshipped
44. Dessert
46. Items packaged in sticks or tubs
47. Cause of heartburn
48. Ploy
49. CA's La Tar Pits
50. Snack
52. Aries amiga
53. Lack
55. Unpleasant spouse
56. Signal
57. Former French coin

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Louis Armstrong; 7. Its head; 8. The Grand Canyon; 9. 68 degrees Fahrenheit; 10. Bashful; 11. Four; 12. Hops; 13. A flush; 14. Oahu; 15. A trampoliner; 16. A snail's reproductive organ; 17. The Glenn Miller Story; 18. The Colorado River; 19. Room temperature; 20. The Seven Dwarfs comes first alphabetically.

ROARING TWENTIES

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions— forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: **CONSTELLATIONS**

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- How many people died at Kent State during the anti-war protest in May of 1970?
- What gives beer its distinctive bitter flavor?
- What is the lowest hand that beats a straight in Poker?
- What island is Pearl Harbor on?
- What is spaceball played on?
- Who was the singing trumpet player in the film, "The Glenn Miller Story"?
- Where are a snail's reproductive organs?
- What would you be exploring if you followed the Bright Angel Trail down to the Colorado River?
- What is room temperature?
- Which of the Seven Dwarfs comes first alphabetically?

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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A bit of red tape this week won't stand in your way. You're able to slice right through it! Over the weekend, judgment is off concerning financial matters.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your charm is able to bring out the best in those around you. However, someone is suspicious of you. You win the day just by being yourself in the long run.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Despite some wanderlust, this is a good week to just stay put. You accomplish more at home than anywhere else. By week's end, you experience a deep sense of satisfaction.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A bigwig disagrees with your approach this week. By sticking to your guns, you're able to prove that you're right. Couch this in the most diplomatic of terms.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A co-worker puts you in an uncomfortable situation this week. Assert yourself before matters get out of hand. You don't have to be this person's personal court jester.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although you're quite perceptive, it's best to avoid making too many assumptions. You won't always be right. Later in the week, you're the unfortunate focus of a power play.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Work matters are off to a rocky start this week. This sorts itself out by midweek. This weekend, your focus is on out-of-town company.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close to you doesn't realize you feel somewhat overwhelmed. Don't let this person smother you. Try to spend some quiet time by yourself.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Feuding friends aren't in the mood to listen to your advice. Stay out of this one. It will only come back to haunt you in the end if you insist on being involved.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The office rumor about a possible promotion is just that. Don't put too much stock into it. When the time comes, you will get the recognition you deserve.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Make it a point to stick to your budget this week. While a child's demands are tempting, don't give in. You're not in the financial position to grant all wishes.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's not like you to take risks. However, you're tempted this week by something which sounds lucrative. Don't take the bait; it's only greed that's motivating you.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

- Andromeda
- Aquarius
- Ara
- Aries
- Cancer
- Cygnus
- Gemini
- Hydra
- Leo
- Lyra
- Orion
- Pegasus
- Persus
- Pisces
- Sagittarius
- Scorpius
- Taurus
- Ursa Major
- Ursa Minor
- Virgo

Trusting in the Lord is the key

We, as Christians, often use the phrase, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phillipians 4:13)

This phrase is most frequently used to encourage ourselves in getting done those things which we know God has told us to do, or even in getting through the day's work.

We rarely think about applying it to the difficult act of softening our hearts and repenting of sin. It is easier to use that "sword," which is the word of God, (Ephesians 6:17) to go after evil outside of ourselves. But how about when we need surgery performed inside our own hearts, the surgery of forgiving others and repenting of our own hard heartedness?

God looks after our best interests, and sometimes that means that, as the great physician, he has to remove our hard-

ened hearts and give us a soft one in order to let his blood flow healthily through the rest of the body.

We can choose to be like a little spoiled child, stand where we are, and pout about what other people have done against us to deserve our anger and unforgiveness, or we can allow our Heavenly Father, who loves us unconditionally, to tenderly perform the spiritual surgery and restore us to a healthy state of mind, a healthy relationship with him, and a more powerful body in the body of Christ.

Unforgiveness in a heart is like a disease that causes a child to have to look out the window at other children playing while he or she only has the strength to sit inside and watch the world pass by.

God has such a powerful plan for you to participate in, but an



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unforgiving, hardened heart will stunt your growth and cause you to live in weakness.

Trusting in the Lord is the key. Just as you trusted your parent to remove a splinter from your finger as gently as possible, and even though it may have slightly hurt for just a moment, you were glad to be free from the pain in the end and your wound ceased to fester. Afterward, you could use your hand again with strength.

The same thing applies when

you trust the Holy Spirit to perform the job as tenderly as possible. If you jerk away, it only makes the job harder, longer and more painful. If you stand still and endure it, "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." (Psalms 30:5)

Go to your Heavenly Father, crawl up on his spiritual knee, hold up your pain-filled heart, choose to forgive, and with a steadfast look into his eyes say, "Fix it, Daddy."

You can have the strength to forgive people who you feel are the ones who started the problem. You can even have the strength to go and ask their forgiveness and restore a broken relationship. You can do this through Christ who strengthens. He will heal the pain.

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Our beauty grows in the inside

By Rev. Nathan Lafrenz
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

I read this story recently and wanted to share it with the good folks of Brackettville.

A stranger came by the other day with a strange offer. He wanted to buy the old barn that sits out by the highway. He said it was very beautiful and I told him he had a funny idea of beautiful.

Sure, the barn had been handsome in its day. But the many winters have taken their toll. The summer sun and spring rains have beat down on that old barn until the paint and the wood has turned silver-gray. Besides, the old barn is even leaning a good deal, looking kind of tired.

The stranger said he wanted to use the lumber to line the walls of his den in his new country home up the

road. He said the silver-gray look was just the look he wanted for his walls. Only years of standing in the weather, bearing the storms and scorching sun can produce that beautiful barn wood.

We are a lot like that, you and I. Only it's on the inside that the beauty grows with us.

But the Good Lord knows what He's doing. As the years pass, He is busy using the hard wealth of our lives, the dry spells and the stormy seasons, to do a job of beautifying our souls. I suspect that when we are hauled off to heaven we will be more beautiful then for the seasons we've been through here, and just maybe even add a bit of beauty to our Father's house. Join us at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church as we celebrate God's grace each Sunday morning at 9.

Don't let anger lead to downfall

Billy sank deep in the soft chair facing the TV. He was not his usual tired-but-happy self after football practice. Eddie turned to his son, noticing his mood.

"How was football practice, Billy?" Eddie asked.

Billy groaned, then responded: "I'm sick of it, Dad. It's getting to me."

"I thought you were enjoying football, son," Eddie responded. "Something happen today?"

"Coach blew up at the team. It was really bad," Billy answered.

"Coaches are kind of like that, son," said Eddie. "They all seem to have short fuses. But it sounds like this was out of the ordinary."

"Dad, it was like something was coming from inside him that I had never seen before. All the guys were uncomfortable. It wasn't a good example. Why do people act like that?" Billy questioned.

"Well, son, unfortunately there are people who never learn to discipline their feelings and their tongue. It seems like anger is a spiritual disease that is running rampant in our culture."

"Just think about that woman recently shown on TV beating her daughter in the car. People who behave like that have something inside that is wrong. Long ago a very



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Dr. Donald Smith

wise man said that wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. (Sirach 27:30)

"How did you feel when you witnessed coach blowing up?" Eddie asked.

"I was real upset and uncomfortable. I hated it. Sometimes I feel like quitting the team," Billy answered.

"Whether you quit or stay with it, it is your decision to make. I think you can handle it as long as you don't internalize the emotions and make them your own. You and I can talk about it when it comes up and that'll help."

"The wise man said that one cannot justify unjust anger. Anger plunges a man to his downfall. (Sirach 1:19)

"Just remember, son, when the other man falls as a result of his own folly, you don't have to follow him down."

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

Man's role is to accept all things as God's gifts

The United Kingdom of Israel, some 3,000 years ago, had three great kings. First Saul, who was king when David slew Goliath, then David and thirdly David's son, Solomon.

Of the three, Solomon possessed the greatest wisdom — a gift from God. Solomon, in I Kings 3:5-13, asks God for great wisdom and understanding, so that he might lead and judge justly.

Solomon wrote the book of Proverbs to give "prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young and to make men wiser."

Solomon wrote the book of Song of Songs, where the unsurpassed power and value of love draws men and women together. God intended that such love be a normal part of marital life in His good creation.

Solomon wrote the book of Ecclesiastes with his life largely behind him. He takes stock of the world as he knew it. He sees his fellow man in mad pursuit of first one thing and then another. He sees his fellow man vainly pursuing false hopes and false expectations that are "meaningless, a chasing after the wind."

Faith teaches Solomon that God has ordered all things according to his own purposes.



Frontier Baptist Church

Rev. Dave Crowe

Solomon learns that man's role is to accept these things, which include his own limitations, as God's appointments.

Man therefore should be patient and enjoy his life as God gives it. He should know his own limitations and not have unrealistic expectations.

He should be prudent in everything. Living carefully before God and keeping his commandments.

Solomon learned and taught that a life not centered on God is purposeless and meaningless. Without God nothing can be satisfying. With God, all of life and His other good gifts are to be gratefully received, used and enjoyed to the fullest.

The book of Ecclesiastes is the reflections of an old man, most of his life meaningless because he had not relied on God as he should have.

Solomon was a great king. He was an economic genius, he was

a great builder of temples and yet he worshiped heathen Gods of all sorts for the pleasure of his 700 wives and 300 concubines.

In the end, Solomon discovers that human wisdom, even that of a godly person, has limits. It cannot find out the larger purposes of God or the ultimate meaning of man's existence.

Solomon learns and shares with all who will read his words, the meaninglessness of man's efforts on earth apart from God. He learns and shares the profitlessness of working to accumulate things to achieve happiness.

He learns and shares, that in spite of life's enigmas and meaninglessness, it is to be enjoyed as a gift from God.

He learns and shares, that since old age and death will soon come, man should enjoy life in his youth, remembering that God will judge.

In conclusion, Solomon learns and shares that we are to reverently trust in and obey God.

Let me ask you, are you really satisfied with and content with your life as it is? Or are you just complacent?

I invite you to read Ecclesiastes and learn. In 3,000 years, very little has changed.



St. John's Missionary Church

Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

Clarkson leads revival at St. John's

We are hosting revivals every night at 7 this week, through Saturday, at St. John Missionary Baptist Church.

The church is located at 116 W. Crockett St. in downtown Brackettville.

The guest speaker is Elder Glen Clarkson.

Believe and Receive. (Matt. 21:22)

Everyone is invited.

The Christian life is the outliving of the in living Christ. (Read Galatians 5:15-23)

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

Hallelujah!

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (St. John 3:16)

Praise God!

Perhaps more of our problems can be solved if we approach them in unity of purpose

In Phillipians 2:1-2, Paul writes to his Christian friends in the church at Philippi: "If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose."

I am glad that he qualified "being of the same mind" with "maintaining the same love, united in spirit" for we can never all be of the same mind!

And so it is in Brackettville — on both the north and south sides of Highway 90. The volume of controversy and the rise in hostility seem to me to be out of proportion to the size of community we are.

Some may attribute it to the heat of a West Texas summer, just now subsiding. Others may attribute it to continuing frayed nerves resulting from 9-11 and the war on terror. I would personally like to blame it on the president's urgency to attack Iraq, but I would just be using the occasion to my personal ends.

Perhaps we are simply becoming more belligerent as a society. Certainly, no single thing is to blame. There is no single approach to dealing with anger or hurt caused by disagreement. But, deal with it we must, if we are to live together



First United Methodist Church

Rev. Ken F. Sellers Jr.

in community.

As I have been reflecting on these problems, I have encouraged by the kind nature of many people here. I was extremely encouraged by the comments of Shanae Simmons, a high school student of mixed race, regarding the allegations of racism in our school district.

Whether or not you agree with her assessment of the circumstances — and I do agree with her — Shanae wrote with passion about the subject without having to use derogatory language. My thanks to this teenager for showing some of the adults, whose words graced the same page of last week's edition of *The Brackett News*, just how one can be in disagreement without intensifying the situation with inflammatory words and statements. She showed respect, grace and dignity in her writings.

When Paul calls the churchgoers of Philippi to unity, it is not to agreement in thought. Paul instead calls his friends to unity of purpose, in love and

spirit.

We can seek and ultimately find unity of purpose with issues here in Brackettville, without unity in thought. However, nothing gets accomplished without great cost if the rhetoric we use in explaining our viewpoint is laced with harsh words and insinuations for those who do not agree with us.

I encourage all that are privileged to have their viewpoint on any subject printed or quoted to make two drafts before issuing or making your statements.

The first draft should be as passionate as you feel, dealing with all your anger or hurt feelings.

The second draft should be made no sooner than 24 hours later. It should replace all inflammatory language with living language. It should open the subject for honest dialogue and it should not use "facts" not known first-hand.

In following these guidelines, perhaps we can all become better at expression of our disagreement. Perhaps more of our problems can be solved if we approach them in unity of purpose.

Visit a church this Sunday in search of the healing you need that only God can provide through community. If you have no church home, come visit us at First United Methodist Church for worship this Sunday at 10:45 am.

E-mail offers some good food for thought

This article was sent to me as an e-mail that many of you may have already seen. It was passed on in memory of Erma Bombeck, who wrote this after she found out that she was dying of cancer. Fortunately, most of us are not facing such a crisis. However, it still offers some good food for thought.

If I had my life to live over I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.

I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage. I would have talked less and listened more. I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained, or the sofa faded.

I would have eaten the popcorn in the "good" living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.



St. Mary Magdalene Church

Lynn McNew

When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner."

There would have been more "I love you's." More "I'm sorry's." But mostly, I would seize every minute, look at it and really see it, live it, and never give it back.

Stop sweating the small stuff. Don't worry about who doesn't like you, who has more, or who's doing what. Instead, let's cherish the relationships we have with those who do love us.

Let's think about what God has blessed us with. And what we are doing each day to promote ourselves mentally, physically, emotionally, as well as spiritually. Life is too short to let it pass you by. We only have one shot at this and then it's gone. I hope you all have a blessed day.

You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God Bless You.

See ... small ads do work!

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HELP WANTED

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT - THE Middle Rio Grande Development Council is accepting applications for a Workforce Case Manager in the Kinney County Workforce Center. Applicants must possess a minimum of a high school diploma and preference will be given to applicants with college hours, a degree and direct experience. Direct or related experience may be substituted for credentials preferred. Applicants should possess a customer orientation and ability to work with all types of customers served through the workforce centers. All applicants must be able to use Microsoft Word and other software applications on a personal computer. Salary range for this position depending on experience range from \$19,155 - \$25,391. All interested persons should submit an application, resume, and copies of transcripts to the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, attention Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Executive Director, at P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. Application deadline for this position will be open until filled. Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aides and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Our voice or TDD telephones (830) 876-1260 or main number is (830) 876-3533.

THE KINNEY COUNTY Groundwater Conservation District is now accepting applications for the position of General Manager. Applicants should demonstrate a working knowledge of the Texas Water Code, Texas Administrative Code, Texas Government Code, etc., and all matters pertaining to the administration of a Texas Groundwater Conservation District. Please direct all inquiries and/or resumes to P.O. Box 369, Brackettville, Texas 78832.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE. The State of Texas County of Kinney: By virtue of an order of sale dated the 3rd day of October, 2002, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Kinney County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 3rd day of October, 2002, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in November, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Courthouse door of Kinney County, in the City of Brackettville, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Kinney and the State of Texas, to wit: No. 3112, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Julia G. Servantes, et al Lot 4 and the West (1/2) of Lot 5, Block VI, Maverick Addition to the City of Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas; No. 3118, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Juan Ramon Falcon, et al; Tract 1: Lots 3, 3 1/2, 4, 4 1/2, 5 and 5 1/2, Block W, Original Town of Brackett, Kinney County, Texas; Tract 2: Lots 10 and 11, Block K, Original Town of Brackett, Kinney County, Texas; Tract 3A: Lots 6, 6 1/2, 7 and 7 1/2, Block W, Original Town of Brackett, Kinney County, Texas; Tract 3B: Lots 8, 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2, 10, 10 1/2, 11, 11 1/2, 12, 12 1/2, 13, 13 1/2, 14 and 14 1/2, Block W, Original Town of Brackett, Kinney County, Texas; No. 3190, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Grover Neuman, et al; Lot 125, Fort Clark Springs, Unit 15, situated in Kinney County Texas according to the map or plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3220, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Rocio R. Auero, Lot 74, Unit 15, Fort Clark Springs situated in Kinney County, Texas, as shown by a Deed of Record in Volume A-93, Page 348 of the Deed of Records of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3230, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Armando C. Gonzales and Enriqueta Gonzales, et al; A 0.46 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the Francisco Salinas Survey #282, Abstract #554, situated in Kinney County, Texas, as shown by a Deed of Record in Volume A-110, Page 577 of the Deed Records of Kinney County, Texas; No. 3231, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Nellie Jo Goodloe, Lots 8 and 9, Block IX of the Maverick Addition to the City of Brackettville, situated in Kinney County, Texas, as shown by a Deed of Record in Volume A-89, Page 252 of the Deed Records of Kinney County, Texas; or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time proscribed, in the recollection of the deed, in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs. Dated this 3rd day of October, 2002, at Brackettville, Texas. Leland K. Burgess, Sheriff, Kinney County, Texas

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THE JOINT COMMISSION on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of UNITED MEDICAL CENTERS on NOVEMBER 18th thru 20th 2002, to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. Anyone believing that they have pertinent and valid information about quality care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representative at the time of the survey. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins, and must indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to: Ambulatory Care Service Team; Joint Commission on Accreditation Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. The interview will be notified of the date, time and place of the meeting.

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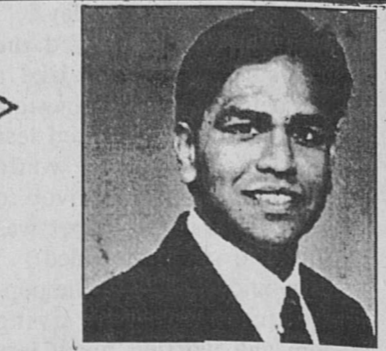
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