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City receives a helping hand

WaterTexas funds new water pump for city

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Brackettville's main water pump was sabotaged a few weeks ago, but it has been replaced, thanks to a donation from WaterTexas.

City employees had to manually pump the water until the replacement was installed last week.

Mayor Carmen Berlanga received the financial donation from Lynn Sherman of WaterTexas on behalf of Native Valley Alliance, which partners with local landowners in the Pinto Valley area to develop water projects.

"We got the check!" said an elated Berlanga, who refused any further comment.

Sherman said it was "truly a

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Lynn Sherman of WaterTexas

shame what happened to the well here in Brackettville."

"We are glad to step in and help. Our company's philosophy is to give back to the local communities where we work, so it was an easy decision," he said.

City officials believe a former employee out for revenge sabotaged the water pump.

"The electrician said it was probably an inside job," Alderwoman Mary Flores said. "That fence is too high to climb over, and there were no signs of a

break-in. He also said it had to be somebody that knew what they were doing."

Flores said the damage was the cause of the recent low water pressure citizens have been experiencing.

Brackettville citizens expressed concerns over the water supply to state officials, and it was Texas Rep. Timoteo Garza that approached WaterTexas to donate the money to the city.

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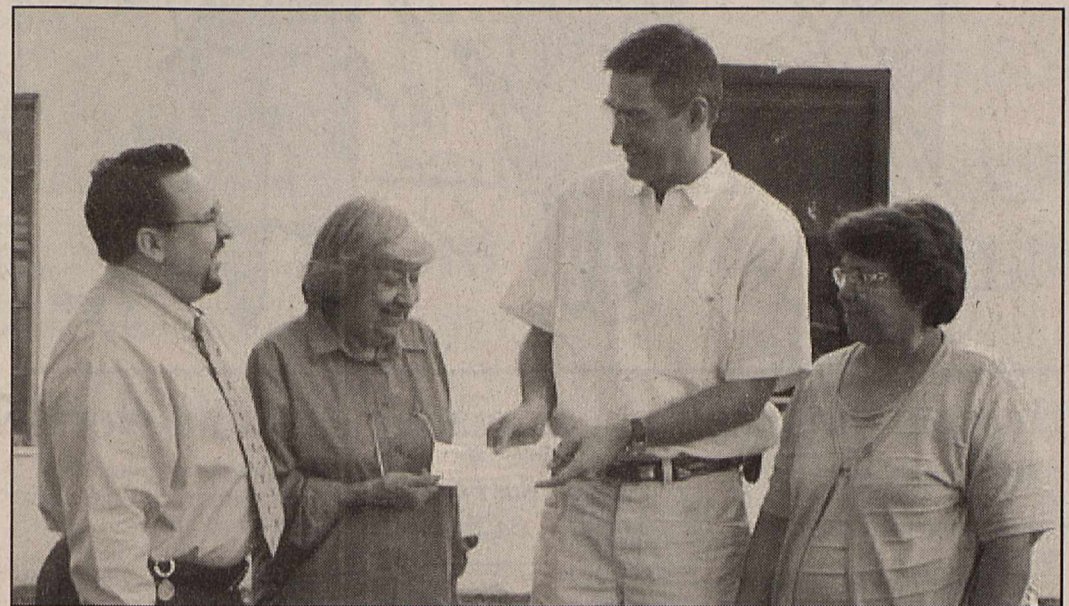


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Financial donation

J.J. Martinez (left) of Rep. Timoteo Garza's office and Alderwoman Mary Flores (right) look on as Mayor Carmen Berlanga (second from left) accepts a check from Lynn Sherman of WaterTexas for the city's new water pump.

Commissioners consider 12% tax increase

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Kinney County officials are proposing an 11.94 tax-rate increase, but no citizens chose to address the issue during a public hearing on Tuesday.

The Commissioners Court voted 4-1 last month to place the tax-rate increase proposal on the agenda for next Monday's meeting for adoption. County Judge Herb Senne and Commissioners Pat Melancon, Joe Montalvo and Francie Wylie voted for the measure, while Commissioner Nat Terrazas opposed.

The proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year will also be considered at next week's regular monthly meeting.

"During the seven-plus days of workshops and fiscal planning, every line item in the proposed budget was closely scrutinized for need, applicability and practical use in providing public services," Senne said. "No stones were left unturned. Many line items were cut out, some were totally deleted and none were significantly increased."

"Departments experienced, not one, but two rounds of significant reductions. Except for longevity pay, an allocation for tenure, neither raises nor cost-of-living adjustments were awarded to anyone. No department came out a winner and none appeared very satisfied or very happy. Cuts were severe, but both necessary and sensible."

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Labor Day Party

ABOVE: Claudio Balboa of Quemado (center) took top honors in the annual Alamo Village Labor Day Horse Races on Monday.

LEFT: Frank Garza of Brackettville demonstrates how to shear a sheep at the celebration.

Photos by J.J. Guidry

City raises taxes, decreases budget

Officials may increase budgeted salary of \$22,500 for a new city secretary

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

In efforts to erase a \$120,000 debt, Brackettville city officials approved a 3 percent tax hike and opted to lower its budget last week.

The budget for the upcoming fiscal year totals \$705,941.93, which is 13 percent lower than the city's current budget of \$813,543.43.

"Our expenses are pretty well fixed," Mayor Carmen Berlanga said. "There's not too much we can add and there's not too much we can subtract. Our purchases are limited."

City Council members Mary Flores, Tomas Gomez Jr. and Bonnie Wardlaw voted for the proposed budget, while Alderwoman Francisca "Chica" Garza opposed it. Councilman Johnny Samaniego was absent from the meeting. All four council members present voted for the increased tax rate.

The budget was presented to the City Council after being prepared by a four-member committee appointed by the mayor.

The most drastic cut in the budget was a 46.7 decrease in total salaries, from \$424,838 to \$226,486.68. Several employees resigned over the last year and those positions were not filled.

"The committee's main concern was the pay that some of

the employees are getting," said Garza. "They said that we really need to cut down on the salaries."

The council is developing job descriptions and reviewing the qualifications of all city employees, and may make adjustments to the salaries in the future.

"The salaries are subject to change if we choose," Berlanga assured citizens at the public hearing.

The new budget also includes a \$22,500 salary for a new city secretary. The position has been vacant since David Luna was fired in June.

"This is a big cut from what we were paying (Luna)," the mayor said. "The council wants someone with an education and experience."

Garza said the salary will likely be increased during the fiscal year.

"It's going to be a pretty heavy load for the new city secretary," she said. "Hopefully, we are going to be able to increase the salary."

Wardlaw added: "We have some employees making more than \$22,500. It would be hard to hire a secretary to make less than that."

Berlanga defended the employees' salaries: "On one of the big salaries that you see here, this individual has worked here 28 years. It's longevity and hard work."

Texas safety belt compliance hits all-time high

AUSTIN — Texans are getting the "Click It or Ticket" message. For the first time since Texas' safety belt law went on the books in 1985, safety belt use in the state's urban areas is nearing 90 percent, the Texas Department of Transportation announced.

On TxDOT's behalf, the Texas Transportation Institute has conducted multiple traffic surveys in 10 urban areas of Texas, tracking safety belt use prior to and after the "Click It or Ticket" education and enforcement campaign, beginning in April 2002.

Successive survey results show that more Texans are buckling up after TxDOT, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration launched the state's largest ever public education campaign and safety belt enforcement crackdown.

For a two-week period, from May 19 to June 1, an unprecedented barrage of TV and radio commercials, billboards and movie theater slides warned Texans to buckle up or face hefty fines.

Thousands of extra law enforcement officers patrolled Texas streets and highways to locate and ticket safety belt violators.

"Our efforts paid off, and we're delighted that so many more Texans got the message to buckle up," said Sue Bryant, TxDOT traffic safety director. "In cities with heavy 'Click It or Ticket' advertising and stepped up law enforcement, we saw significant increases in the number of drivers and passengers using their safety belts."

In 10 Texas cities, observational studies conducted by Texas Transportation Institute indicated a safety belt compliance rate of nearly 90 percent, up from 81 percent just a year ago.

"For every percentage point that safety belt

CLICK IT OR TICKET

The following are the results of the "Click It or Ticket" survey, comparing April 2002 to May 2003:

City	April 2002 % Belted	May 2003 % Belted
Arlington	76.7	84.5
Austin	83.8	90.2
Corpus Christi	78.6	90.0
Dallas	82.2	90.5
El Paso	85.2	91.8
Fort Worth	84.0	88.2
Garland	84.6	93.0
Houston	79.6	88.7
Lubbock	76.5	88.3
San Antonio	73.6	88.5
Average Across Cities	89.1	89.1

use increases, we can save an additional 25 lives and prevent almost 600 injuries every year in Texas," Bryant said.

Not all motorists heeded the "Click It or Ticket" message. State troopers, police officers and sheriff's deputies issued more than 50,000 citations for safety and child safety seat violations during the special enforcement period. Officers also arrested 2,200 safety belt violators who also had outstanding warrants for felonies or misdemeanors.

"Click It or Ticket" campaign supporters included the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Municipal Police Association, the Texas Police Chiefs Association, the Sheriff's Association of Texas, hundreds of local law enforcement agencies and scores of community organizations.

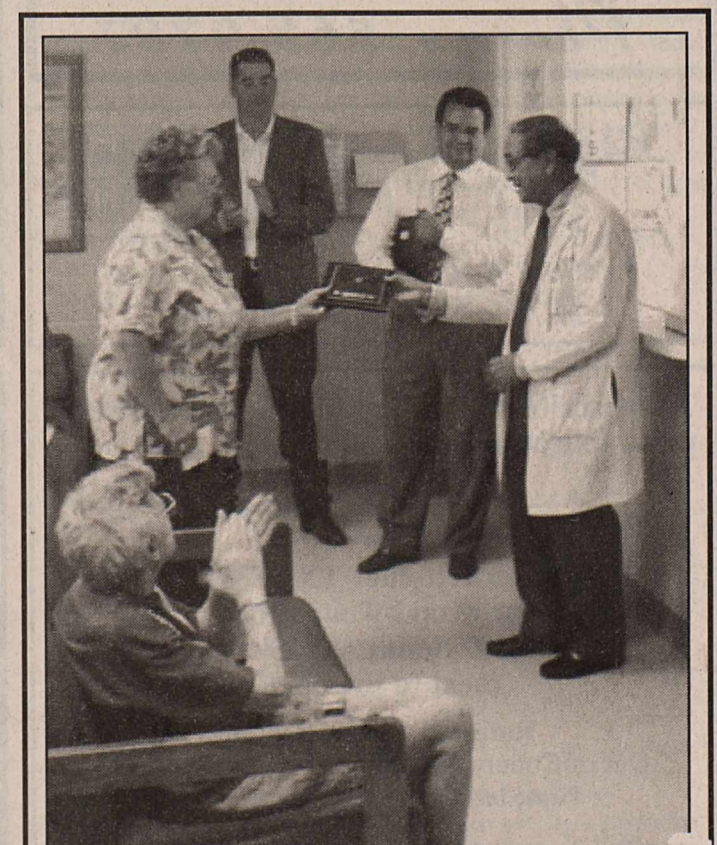


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Birthday celebration

Dr. Augustin Luz (right) celebrated his 80th birthday last week with a ceremony at the United Medical Centers Clinic. He received several plaques, including one from UMC board member Helen Marie Jones (left), and the lobby of the clinic was named in his honor.

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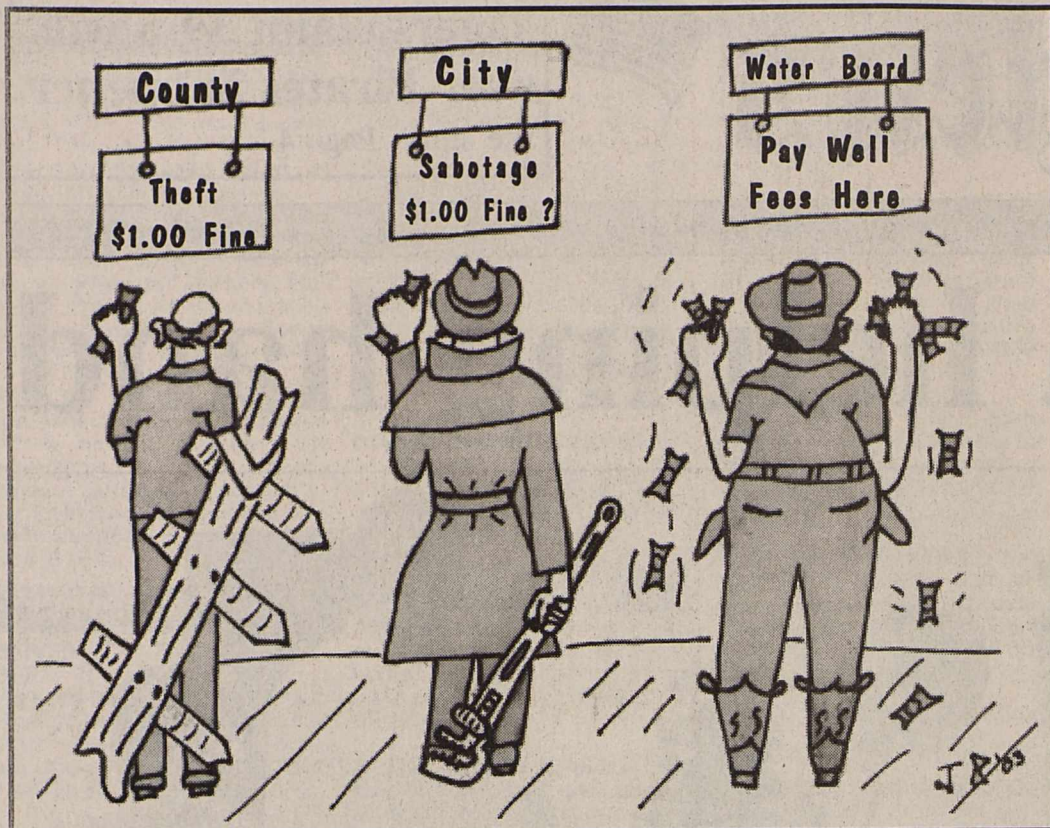
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Roger Baker

"Labor Day" has a difficult taste in the mouths of those who do not have work. About 31 percent of the residents in our area live in poverty.
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The truth about the second amendment

There are 27 amendments to the Constitution of the United States. Most of those amendments, specifically and especially that part known as "The Bill of Rights," were added to that great document to protect rights that the founders of this nation considered to be of paramount importance.

They were not written as a joke, or as a suggestion, or as a general guideline. They were written because the forefathers saw a danger to the sovereignty of the United States and acted to protect against that danger.

They saw the government as an instrument that could very easily become abusive, overruling the will of the people, instead of ruling by the will of the people. They understood this danger much better than we can. They had been under just such a form of government and were doing everything in their power to prevent another such travesty of justice. Thus comes the Second Amendment.

The Founding Fathers were fully aware that without arms in the hands of any law-abiding citizen who desired to own a gun, the government would eventually decide that it knew better what the people needed than the people themselves.

It has happened a thousand times in the past, and they were intelligent enough to realize that it would happen again in the future. They were desperate to keep it from happening in the United States. The only thing that they could see that would keep the government under control was if the people had sufficient military might, aside from the standing army, to overthrow any government arrogant



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

the path to totalitarian government. And that my fellow Americans is the truth of the matter.

I wish we lived in a time and a place where such worries were without basis, but we don't. We live in a world populated by conniving, scheming, power hungry humans who want to own us, not serve us as public representatives of our united free will.

You see, that is where the liberal mentality just breaks down, unable to grasp the simple fact that the government does not empower us, we empower the government.

We tell the government how much power it has over us. We sometimes allow the government to infringe on some basic human right because we believe that it is in the best interest of the populace. But it is our choice, not an edict by a sovereign ruler.

Without firearms in the hands of the people, that simple, basic tenet would cease to exist like ground fog on a hot summer day. Because no matter how trite it may sound, the truth is still that an unarmed citizen is nothing more than a subject! And a president with absolute power is a king!

You have a voice in your government now, but you may not always have that right. Take advantage of it while you can.

Romans 13:1-2 says: "Every-one must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves." NIV

enough to become oppressive. That was the purpose of the Second Amendment to the Constitution. In fact, the purpose of the Constitution was to limit the power of the federal government. It was not meant to describe what the government could do, but what it could not do.

Today you hear the phrase "legitimate sporting purpose" bandied about as identifying the type of weapons we are so graciously allowed by our government to own. We cannot possess "assault weapons," or pistols that hold more than 10 rounds in the magazine, or submachine guns, because those are dangerous and have "no legitimate sporting purpose."

That is a direct contradiction to the original purpose of the Second Amendment! What should be protected is our right to own assault weapons. Those are exactly what the designers of this nation meant when they drafted the Second Amendment.

We have no basic, constitutionally-guaranteed right to hunt and plink at tin cans. That was never the purpose of the Second Amendment. It was as much a right to protect ourselves from our own government as to protect ourselves from crooks or foreign invaders.

And every single gun law that is enacted by the congress pushes us one more step down

How do those self-check machines really work?

Did I tell you about my recent trip to Austin? I forgot to relate one of the best parts of the story.

Whenever I am in San Antonio, Austin or any place with a Home Depot, I just have to go there. For some strange reason, tools and new gadgets have an alluring fascination to me. I used to wonder why my mother would go shopping and just look at things. Now I find myself doing it.

However, on the last Austin adventure, I did actually buy some things. Nothing big, nothing worth writing about, just some odds and ends that I thought I might need. Someday.

When I went to check out, I found a few new surprises. The first counter had a nice sign that read, "Check-out for five or fewer items." No use going to that line. The signal at the aisle next to it was worse, "Check-out for five to 15 items."



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

What do I do? I had a box of screws that had no telling how many items in it.

Luckily, my daughter bailed me out of my dilemma: "Dad, why don't you use the new self-check line?"

I hate new things. I am too set in my ways to start learning new routes out of a hardware store. But I had her to rely on, so why not?

If you haven't tried a self-check out, try one. You're in for a treat. The machine talks to you.

"Please scan your first item." So far, so good. Item number one scanned.

"Please put item in bag" Hey, this is neat. I don't have to think at all.

"Please scan next item." I could like this. Before it even told me to do so, I put the item in the plastic bag.

"Please scan next item." In my haste, I had picked up two items, scanned one and put them both in the bag. It really was an honest mistake. I was not trying to steal. I picked up both items to rescan.

"Please put item back in bag."

Now what? Which one was scanned and which one wasn't? I guess I picked the right one. Or maybe it didn't matter. Either way, I totaled out, paid in with a \$20 bill, got the correct change and was on my way.

It took me a while to figure it out. There's a little bitty man inside that machine. There's no other way it could have been that smart. But I could be wrong.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wardlaw: Brackettville citizens should be enraged

In reference to Terry Martinez's letter: First of all, I would like to clarify the issue of the mail boxes, Ms. Martinez. This was brought to the city's attention four years ago — I did not bring this issue to the council. I would also like to clarify this was not door-to-door delivery.

This is not of great importance to me. Our debts were and are my primary concern.

I came into my office with the attitude to work as a team. I have tried to work with our mayor, but let me let you in on a few details. She has kept information from myself, as well as other council members. She refuses to listen to any ideas we may have.

She took this position on herself. Why couldn't she take it over before?

Anyone could have looked at the city budget and tell something was wrong.

Yes, she was elected over and over by a misled city. She never once made the public aware of the situation they were in. As far as the citizens knew, everything was OK. Was it not her responsibility to make us aware?

If she was so "intimidated," she should have stepped down and not took on this elected office. We trusted her.

Call it rage or whatever you will, but someone needed to get enraged! I appreciate your interest in our town, but please get the facts straight.

I would also like to point out her only "support" letters have come from you and an 11-year-old.

Bonnie Wardlaw
Alderwoman

■ Editor's note: Terry Martinez is the niece of Brackettville Mayor Carmen Berlanga.

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Tigers run over Pirates in opener

Powerful ground game helps lift Brackett to 39-6 win over Lytle

By J.J. GUIDRY
Sports Editor

Brackett racked up 231 yards on the ground and took advantage of seven Lytle turnovers Friday night as the Tigers powered their way to a 39-6 victory over the Class 3A Pirates in the season opener for both teams.

Brackett's balanced running attack was led by Tony Rosetti, who had 106 yards on 11 carries. Glenn Morgan finished with 67 yards on 11 attempts, Jaime Puente had 31 yards on five totes, Mark Kesteloot had 21 yards on five carries and Noe Talamantes finished with 20 yards on two attempts.

The Tigers took control of the contest early, scoring 20 points in the second quarter and holding the Pirates to only two first downs and 22 yards of total offense in the first half.

Brackett struck first at the 7:57 mark when Puente crossed the goal line from 4 yards out. Tres Rueda recovered a fumble

on Lytle's next possession, and four plays later the Tigers went up 12-0 on Talamantes' 21-yard jaunt.

The Pirates began their next possession on their own 17-yard line, but three plays later, defensive end Dietrich Davis tackled Lytle running back Kenny Carrillo in the end zone for a safety at the 3:42 mark.

Brackett went up 20-0 with 56 seconds left in the first half when Morgan broke loose and sprinted 7 yards for a touchdown.

The Tigers didn't waste any time in the second half, scoring on their third play of the third quarter when Rosetti raced 75 yards for paydirt. Kesteloot booted the PAT, putting BHS up 27-0 at the 10:07 mark.

The Pirates scored their only points of the game with 2:52 left in the third quarter when Carrillo connected with Eric Zepeda on a halfback-pass for a 32-yard scoring strike.

Lytle was fighting its way



Photos by Danielle Moore

Fighting for yards

Brackett's Glenn Morgan (30) fights for extra yardage in the Tigers 39-6 win over Lytle in Friday's season opener. The senior fullback rushed for 67 yards and one touchdown on 11 carries in the contest.

back into the game early in the fourth quarter, driving the ball 50 yards to the Tigers' 30 before Cody Edwards intercepted

a Chad Tilley pass and returned it 81 yards for a touchdown, putting Brackett on top 33-6 with 8:47 remaining.

The Tigers clinched the win with 5:49 remaining when Davis picked up a Tilley fumble and returned it 51 yards for a score.

Brackett resumes action tomorrow night with a 7:30 road game against Crystal City, another Class 3A team.

Tigerettes fall short against Lady Eagles

EAGLE PASS — The Brackett Tigerettes came up short Tuesday night, falling to Class 5A Eagle Pass 25-10, 25-10, 25-11.

Brackett served 85 percent in the contest.

Stacy Castilla and Shanae Simmons each had three kills, while Beth Ballew and Ashley Castillo had two apiece. Simmons also had 2 1/2 blocks.

Brandy Smith and Amanda Davis both had four assists. Valerie Terrazas finished with five digs, Ashley Smith tallied three, Davis had three and Stephanie Bonner added two.

BHS competed in the Devine tournament last weekend. The Tigerettes fell to Potest 25-22, 25-10 and to Del Rio 25-18, 25-14 on Saturday.

"Our serving percentage

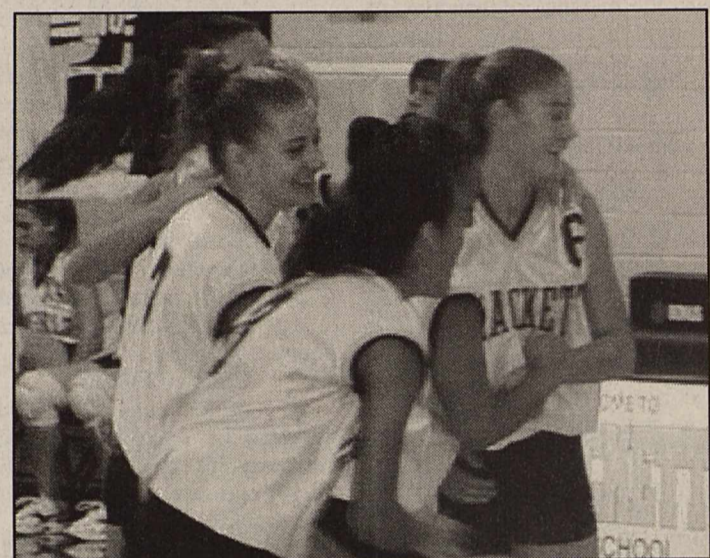


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Hard-hitters

The Brackett Tigerettes return to the volleyball court tonight when they face Crystal City on the road.

dropped 14 percent and we made more non-playable passes than we did good passes," Brackett coach Rhonda Marquardt said.

In pool play on Friday, the Tigerettes fell to Three Rivers

15-12, 15-8, St. Mary's Hall 15-2, 15-2 and Pleasanton 15-13, 15-11 and split with Del Rio 15-6, 11-15.

Brackett resumes action tonight with a 7 p.m. road game against Crystal City.

J.V., freshman teams win Del Rio tourneys

ROUNDUP

Brackett's junior varsity and freshman volleyball teams took top honors in the Del Rio tournaments on Saturday.

Timmeka Simmons was voted the most valuable player of the tournament after leading the J.V. Tigerettes to the title. Brackett claimed a 25-20, 26-28, 15-8 win over Uvalde in the title game.

Courtney Frerich tallied six blocks and Jessi Crane was the leading digger for the day.

"It was a great display of total team unity and effort," coach Bonnie Brotherton said.

The freshmen won nine of 10 games en route to the gold. They opened against Del Rio in pool play and split 15-25, 25-23. They later defeated Del Rio 25-19, 25-15.

The Tigerettes also defeated Uvalde in pool play 25-11, 25-10 and 25-14, 25-19. In the championship game, Brackett topped Del Rio 25-22, 25-17.

Laura Meyer was the top server of the day with 96 per-

cent, and Allyson DelBosque served 90 percent.

Meyer also served eight aces, while Lola Cano and Lisa Morgan had three apiece. Danika Schmidt finished with three kills and Morgan had two.

On Tuesday, Brackett's junior varsity and freshman teams split with Eagle Pass.

The ninth-graders lost 25-19, 25-11.

DelBosque had two kills, while Meyer had two digs and served 100 percent.

The J.V. served 96 percent in a 25-13, 12-25, 25-23 win.

Crane finished with nine digs, Frerich had four kills and three blocks, and Kara Yeager added three assists.

The Tigerettes return to action tomorrow when they face Crystal City on the road. The action begins at 5 with the freshman contest.

J.V. Football

Clyde Adams rushed for 137 yards and two touchdowns last Thursday as Brackett's junior varsity football team won its season opener, blanking the Lytle Pirates 22-0 on the road.

Adams scored on runs of 30 and 11 yards, respectively. He also ran in a conversion. Ramiro Pena scored the Tigers' other touchdown on a 5-yard run and quarterback Robert Davis also scored on a conversion run.

Pinales finished the contest with 56 yards rushing, while Brand Wylie had 23 yards on two carries.

Davis rushed for 42 yards and completed his only pass of the game on a 12-yard strike to Josh O'Neill.

Brackett's defense held Lytle to only four first downs. Davis had an interception and Pina recovered a fumble.

The Tigers resume play tonight at 6 when they host Crystal City.

OUTDOORS

Outlook good for Texas' hunting seasons

AUSTIN — Thanks to timely rainfall and good wildlife production, this fall's hunting prospects are good, state wildlife biologists predict.

"Based on the reports I'm getting from the field, this year is shaping up to be a good one across the board," said Mike Berger, wildlife division director for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "I urge hunters, both veteran and new, to get out and be a part of it."

Hunting plugs about \$3.6 billion into the state's economy, but equally significant is Texas' hunting heritage. Last year, more than 1 million hunters took to the field in pursuit of game ranging from squirrel to white-tailed deer.

Based upon recent field census, TPWD officials are suggesting the following general outlook for the upcoming 2003-04

hunting seasons in Texas.

White-tailed Deer

Texas boasts a whitetail population of about 4 million and most are heading into the fall in good condition.

According to TPWD deer program leader Clayton Wolf, timely spring rains resulted in range conditions that helped jump-start antler development in most areas of the state.

"White-tailed deer hunting prospects look good for most of the state," Wolf noted. "Most of the state had good soil moisture and forb production from late winter through spring. Antler size per age class should be good to excellent. Body condition should be average to above average, but this late summer dry spell could have some negative impact on body weights if it persists. That won't necessarily be bad for the hunters. Less than



A Little on the Wildlife Side

Henry Lutz

optimum forage conditions just prior to and during the hunting season could result in increased harvest success."

Dove

Hunting prospects for both mourning dove and white-winged dove should be good to excellent, according to Jay Roberson, TPWD dove program leader.

While the mourning dove breeding population index in May 2003 showed no change from the previous year, according to Roberson, large concentrations have already been noted

in South Texas.

"This may indicate earlier or larger production of young this year," he noted. "We expect at least a 10 percent improvement in hunter success this year."

As most ardent dove hunters know, success depends largely upon habitat conditions and weather. Heading into the season, conditions are starting to look ripe.

Biologists indicate an abundance of wild dove feed available including pigweed, croton, and sunflower in most of the best dove hunting areas of the state.

Fall Turkey

Most of the state had good production for about the third year in a row. Fall hunters should see an abundance of jakes, as well as two and three-year-old birds. Statewide fall turkey season should be above average.

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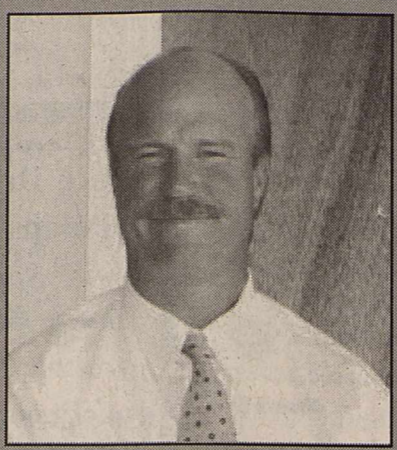
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37 Liz's third
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41 Hot under the collar
42 Sticky stuff
43 Unable to care for oneself
45 Teaching or engineering
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ROARING TWENTIES

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—forward, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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| September 4.....Jack Huey | September 8.....Helen Smith |
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| September 4.....Bill Poff | September 9.....John Mattingly |
| September 5.....Marvin Davis | September 9.....Esperanza Rodriguez |
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8. Cheyenne	18. Richmond
9. Concord	19. Salem
10. Dover	20. Topoka

HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A business deal goes better than expected. Socially, you gad about quite happily this week. Take time to catch your breath over the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) In defending a friend, don't get into a fight with your mate. Sometimes, you're too involved in others' problems. Loved ones can take offense.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A minor delay in your plans throws you off track. However, things clear up by midweek. Later, travel and romance go hand-in-hand.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Take some time this week to reconnect with your mate. Some quiet, alone time is just what you both need. This weekend, tackle some chores you'd been procrastinating on.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Look for ways to improve yourself. Believe it or not, it can be done. Ultimately, this aids in your success.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're tempted to give in to stress. This isn't good for you emotionally or physically. If need be, don't be afraid to ask for help.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You've been somewhat oblivious to a close friend's play for attention. Experience this person's crutch.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's unlike you to be reticent about anything you have to say. Don't worry. You can speak your mind tactfully and still get your point across.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Financial matters are favored. However, domestic matters are another story. By week's end, you sort everything through satisfactorily.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Stay out of the fray this week on the home front. Others will strive mightily to get you involved. However, this really has nothing to do with you, and you're wise to realize it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Early in the week, business meetings prove frustrating. Put that mind to work and come up with a new plan. You're certainly up to the challenge!

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Friends are making unfair demands on your time. Feel free to say no. You don't have to attend every party or event.

