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## Judge leaves Fort Clark in GM's hands



By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

District Judge Tom Lee has left Maggie Banner Kerr holding down the fort.

Lee gave the Fort Clark Springs general manager limited authority to run the association until he determines the lawful members of the board.

Lee will hold another hearing on the Fort Clark Springs matter on Oct. 17 at 9 a.m.

"The issue will be decided on Oct. 17," he said during a hearing last Thursday. "We will determine which board is the lawful board."

The original members of the board include Frank Cheaney, Carol Miller, Mona Miller, Jack Simpson, Tom Saylor, Glen White and Bob Williamson. Saylor and Mona Miller earlier this month appointed five new directors at a special meeting — Nolan Brandt, John Dixon, Al Jenkins, Rozetta Pingnot and Santos Yerena.

Lee signed an order preventing all 12 with claims to the board from acting as directors.

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**District Judge Tom Lee**

Specific details of the order were not available at press-time.

This past summer, over 400 members signed a petition, initiated by the Preservation Society, requesting a special membership meeting, which was held on Aug. 10, to recall the directors. The majority of the members voting chose to remove Cheaney, Simpson, White, Williamson and Carol Miller, and to keep Saylor and Mona Miller.

A lawsuit filed by the association states that the association "notified the membership of the proper procedure to call a special meeting and to hold a recall election" and that the individuals "deliberately choose to ignore following the procedures set out in the corporation's by-laws and protective restrictions."

### Citizens fill courtroom

Over 100 Kinney County citizens filled the courtroom last Thursday for the hearing on Fort Clark Springs. Judge Tom Lee has given General Manager Maggie Banner Kerr limited control of the fort until the matter can be resolved.

Photo by Wes Robinson

## LULAC meets with disgruntled parents

### School district officials deny allegations

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

Over 30 parents of Brackett ISD students met with officials from the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) last week, claiming their children are being discriminated against on the basis of race, socioeconomic status and because they don't have "brand names."

LULAC representatives Angie Garcia and Rosa Rosales told the group they would speak to representatives of the Justice Department's community relations branch and contact school district officials to set up a town meeting.

But don't count on the school district agreeing to a town meeting any time soon.

"I don't think that's a good forum at all," BISD's superintendent Taylor Stephenson said in an interview Tuesday. "I don't know why an outside group feels like it could solve a problem better than local groups. My board meets once a month. I'm in my office for 10 or 11 hours every day to help resolve problems."

Last week was the third meet-



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**Superintendent Taylor Stephenson**

ing of the disgruntled parents. The group formed after Gregg Nowlin was demoted as the high school head girls' basketball and softball coach. He subsequently resigned and was hired by the San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District in July.

Some of the parents in attendance said the problems within the district were based on racism, while others said the problems stemmed from not being a member of the "right group."

They claimed that anyone related to or associated with the School Board are subject to a different set of rules, exempting them from the same punishments as other students.

The group also said that students are passed over for varsity sports because they are Hispanic or because they are not

from an influential family. "We can see the majority of you are Hispanic, so we can say there is a racial problem," Garcia told the group at last week's meeting. "In listening to your grievances, we can see three cases of racism — in disparity, in sports and in enforcement of rules."

Stephenson said he was unaware of any type of racial problems within the district.

"Any time you make decisions and people are grieved at the decision that you make, if it doesn't go their way, sometimes they look for a reason," he said. "I've never had an accusation. I've been a superintendent for 28 years. People may call me hard-nosed, but I've never had anyone say I had racial tendencies or that I was unfair."

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## Water board adopts tax rate of 5 cents

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District officials adopted a tax rate of 5 cents per \$100 valuation at a special meeting earlier this month.

The Board of Directors previously considered a 4 cent tax rate, but opted to increase the rate because of greater expenses.

"Folks, a lot of things have happened," board member Don Hood said. "There have been a whole lot of legal things happening to us."

"We are being hit by some people with some real deep pockets. For what reason, I

can't figure out why. I think we need some money folks to fight these guys," he added.

During the same meeting, the directors voted to amend its budget, approving an additional \$20,580 in expenses.

The budget includes estimated revenues of \$67,528.41 and expenses of \$60,574.38 — a difference of \$6,954.03.

The original budget had total expenses of \$39,994.38, but the board approved additional expenses of \$10,000 for research, \$1,500 for office utilities and \$1,080 for office rent. Also, the directors increased legal and professional fees from \$5,000 to \$12,000 and office supplies from \$500 to \$1,500.



### Seminole Indian Scouts

Photo Courtesy of Bill Haenn/Autry Museum of Western Heritage

This picture of a Seminole-Negro Indian Scout detachment, taken at Fort Clark in the late 1880s, features Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. John Ward (front left), who rescued Lt. John L. Bullis. Trumpeter Isaac Payne (far left) also received the Medal of Honor from the Bullis fight.

## Honoring Indian Scouts' Heritage

### Seminole Indians still at war after 130 years

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

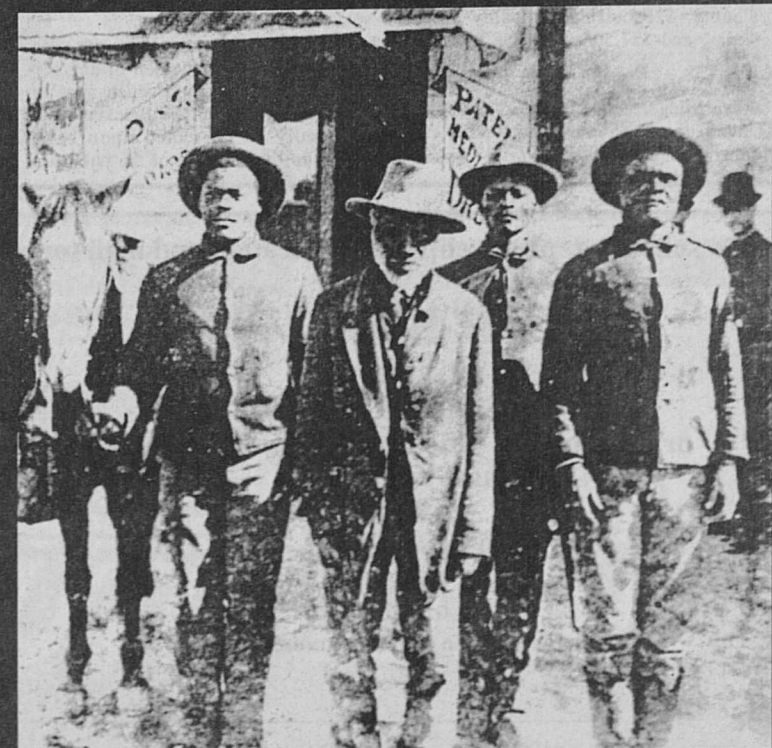
It has been 130 years since the Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts first inhabited Fort Clark Springs, but their descendents are still at war.

Don't storm your gun cabinets just yet, pardner. This is a war for heritage survival.

"We're engaged in a war to keep the Seminole legend alive," said Dr. John Fuller of Prairie View A&M University. "Without the legend, the history of the Seminoles at the fort would have died."

Fuller was the guest speaker Saturday as the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association celebrated its 130th anniversary "in the honor and reminiscence of"

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### Seminole Scout Group

Photo Courtesy of Bill Haenn/William Warrior

Seminole Indian Scouts Ben July (from left), Dembo Factor, Ben Wilson and John July pose for a picture in 1889 in front of what is believed to be the Filippone Store, now home of the Kinney County Heritage Museum.

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Fall officially arrived on Monday. We had a full moon on the first day of autumn. It was the harvest moon, which is the first full moon of the fall season.  
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I have heard many explanations about the difference between the Democratic and Republican parties. They all leave me feeling more confused than before.  
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Business is not 'fine' at the fort

My husband and I have been members of Fort Clark Springs Association for over 30 years, and residents since 1983. In all that time, we have never seen Fort Clark look as bad as it does now.

When you drive by on Highway 90, all you see is waist-high weeds instead of the well-manicured green area we have always had. Ask yourself what kind of impression that makes on potential members.

Have you seen the swimming pool lately? We had guests here for July 4 weekend. They took one look at the pool and decided they didn't want to swim in that green, slimy water. These were children! It looks worse now than it did then.

I would like to know what makes our general manager think that "business is going fine" at Fort Clark.

We have lost at least 20 employees of this association, that I know of, since she was hired. Some of these people had worked for us for many years and had done a very good job.

It seems to me that business is not "going fine" when long-term and well-respected employees leave because of one new manager.

I also don't understand how I can be "prosecuted" for entering the back areas of the fort after dark. We, the members, own Fort Clark. How can we be "prosecuted" for entering our own property?

The five board members that were voted out should realize that they were elected to represent the members, and not to rule them.

Ms. Kerr should realize that she is only an employee of the association, and that the members are the association.

They all should also realize that there are at least five past presidents of the Board of Directors in the Preservation Society, and all five of them were diligent and caring when they served their terms. My husband and I are proud to stand with them in their efforts to preserve Fort Clark.

Barbara King

Haby commends county's EMS

One evening during the summer, I became very ill. I felt like an elephant was stepping on my upper chest. After a few minutes, I called 911.

I want to commend the Kinney County EMS for their prompt service. They would not even let me get my glasses or shoes!

They took excellent care of me while in the emergency unit. They were polite and courteous.

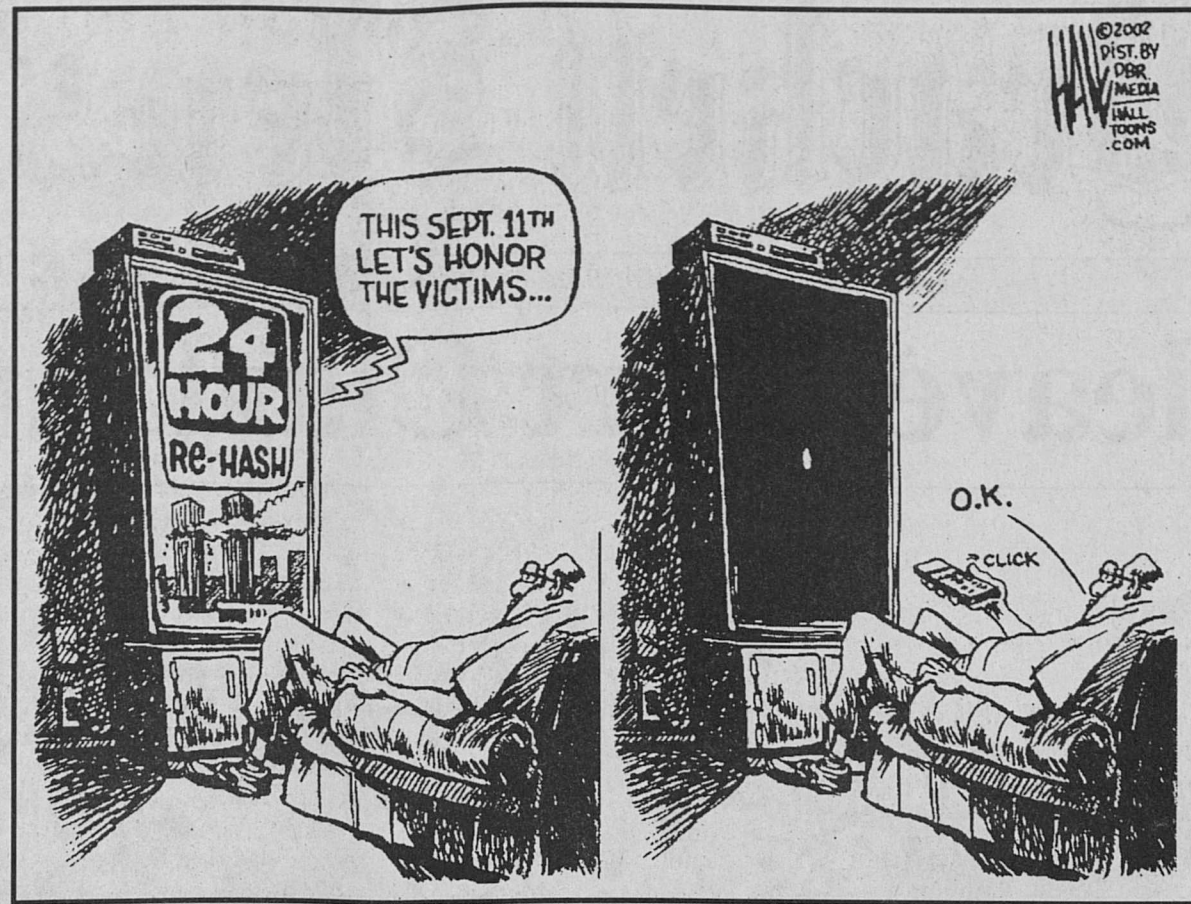
Some of their duties are not easy because the ride is not al-

ways smooth as they provide the services that need to be provided. Kinney County is lucky to have such dedicated technicians.

The two young men who rode with me were James Blanken-ship and Edgar Guadarrama. I am truly grateful to these young men.

I know Chris Calk personally and have known his parents for many years, and he has grown up with a truly great work ethic.

Doris Haby



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

Celebrate Hispanic heritage

Every year an entire month is dedicated to remembering the sacrifices and saluting the achievements Hispanic Americans have made for our country.

Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. It is a time for us to reflect on the sense of pride we share as Hispanics in our contributions, culture and accomplishments throughout history.

Hispanic Heritage Month, which Congress passed into law in 1988, provides a backdrop to recognize the many achievements Hispanics have made to our nation.

In a country whose history is intertwined with Spain, Mexico and Latin America, and where diversity is what makes our nation great, Hispanics are an important group whose story tells of struggle, perseverance and triumph.

Many Americans, regardless of their ethnicity, have relatives who came to this country with little more than the clothes on their back. Like their fellow immigrants, Hispanics' pride and ambition has been woven into the fabric of America, from the days when cattle riders drove herds across the vast Southwest frontier, to today's world in which bilingual business leaders participate in the global marketplace.

Hispanics have figured prominently in every aspect of our country's history, including business, science, the armed forces, medicine, the performing arts, government, sports and entertainment.

The Hispanic business community is the fastest growing sector of the small-business economy.

There are nearly 1 million Hispanic veterans in the United States. There is no greater example of the love Hispanics have for America than the 38 Congressional Medals of Honor that have been awarded to Hispanic Americans.

These achievements and sacrifices are an integral part of the rich mosaic that makes up America.

Today, Hispanics are the fastest growing population group in America, totaling almost 30 million across the nation.

By the year 2010, Hispanics will be the largest and youngest minority group in the United States.

We should be optimistic about the tremendous potential the future holds for us.

Hispanics historically have placed emphasis on the value and importance of solid education. It is part of our culture.

In order to remain competitive, Hispanic parents realize that education is the key to success. That's why many parents make tremendous sacrifices to provide their children with the best education possible.

We must continue to strive to teach our children so they will be prepared to lead our great nation in the next century.

As Americans, in order to move forward on the right path, we should look back and take stock of our rich and varied past.

By knowing where we have come from, we will be better prepared for our common destiny.

That is why I am proud to celebrate the influential role Hispanics have played and will continue to play in the growth of the United States of America.

Congress passes corporate accounting reform bill

In recent months, news of corporate corruption and the resulting effect on workers' savings and pensions has sent shockwaves from Wall Street to Main Street. Our economy — still recovering from the Sept. 11 terror attacks — has responded with expected unease.

In response to these disturbing events, Congress passed a corporate accounting reform bill this summer. President Bush signed the legislation, and the process of cleaning up America's boardrooms began.

As a former business owner, I know firsthand the importance of accuracy and accountability in the corporate world.

My colleagues and I knew we needed to work quickly to stop the cycle of corporate wrongdoing that has been crushing investor confidence. Companies and executives who pull the wool over investors' eyes should be held accountable for their deceptive practices.

The first step: The new law addresses a variety of issues related to accounting and corporate governance standards. One key element is the creation of an independent Accounting Oversight Board to ensure public companies and accounting firms are complying with professional standards. The law also establishes stricter standards for auditor independence by prohibiting accounting firms from pro-



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

viding most consulting services to the same clients they audit.

The legislation enhances standards for corporate responsibility. It requires CEOs and CFOs to certify the accuracy of their company's financial statements. For too long, corporate earnings statements have been accepted at face value — investors and employees had little reason to doubt a company's corporate conscience. Unfortunately, a few bad apples have forced us to be more vigilant about demanding accountability. The new requirement will ensure executives vouch for their company's financial statements.

The law also establishes notice requirements for periods when workers cannot access their retirement accounts. It prohibits senior management from trading company stock during these so-called "blackout periods," an important element which I worked hard to include. It also establishes tougher penalties for fraud and violations of securities laws, so we can en-

sure that executives who act outside the confines of the law pay a heavy price.

Finishing the job: We have taken important steps to safeguard against corporate wrongdoing and restore confidence in American business and financial markets, but our work is not complete. Now we must ensure workers' retirement savings are protected. In February, I introduced the Pension Plan Protection Act. Several elements from my legislation were included in the corporate accounting reform bill. Now, I am working hard to make sure Congress finishes the job and improves our nation's pension system.

Our economy is built on a strong foundation of free enterprise. More than 80 million Americans own stock and depend on corporate officers to give honest reports on earnings and value.

The scandals may have exposed some cracks in our system, but now we are working to repair and fortify our economic infrastructure. While much of the responsibility falls on the shoulders of those in the private sector and in the appropriate regulatory agencies, Congress is doing its part.

We must help protect the American dream and ensure that our nation's working men and women can confidently invest in their future.

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**Giving blood**  
Cynthia Pena (right) of the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center takes blood from Candy Hobbs during a blood drive last week at the First Baptist Church.

Photo by Jewel Robinson

## First day of fall brings full moon

Fall officially arrived on Monday. We had a full moon on the first day of autumn. It was the harvest moon, which is the first full moon of the fall season.

This year, the harvest moon came on the very first night of autumn. Kinney County residents have welcomed cooler weather with temperatures with a high of 85 and a low of 60. Our students and staff enjoy the moderate temperatures.

### Pep-Rally

The pep-rally this week will be at 2:15 p.m. School will be dismissed at the regular time.

### End of Grading Period

The first grading period of the year, the first six weeks, comes to a close this Friday.

The school year is divided into six-week sessions with semesters that include three six-week sessions. The grading periods are important as they re-



Making A Difference

Taylor Stephenson

fect a student's progress toward student achievement.

### BHS Athletics

The first district volleyball game was played Tuesday night against Natalia. We look forward to district volleyball season.

The junior high and junior varsity football teams play Sonora today at Tiger Stadium at 5 and 6:30. The high school football team plays at Sonora Friday night.

Our volleyball team will play in Comstock on Saturday, while

the cross country team travels to San Antonio.

### Picture Day

Picture Day is next Tuesday. We'll have an early dismissal at 1:15 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4, for staff development.

### TAKS Preparation

BISD continues to prioritize instructional goals in preparing students for the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills or TAKS. This is the new test that is more difficult than the TAAS, which has been retired. School is more difficult because the curriculum requires more. BISD teachers are doing a great job getting the students ready for spring testing.

I am proud of our staff. They have worked hard to make Brackett ISD one of the top schools in the state. We appreciate the support from the community. Have a great week!

## Dedication of marker scheduled

The public is invited to come and celebrate the awarding of the Texas Historical Building marker and medallion for the Filippone building. The dedication ceremony will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12.

Programs begin at 2 p.m. Community leaders will outline the project from the acquisition of the building as the site for the Kinney County Heritage Museum to the awarding of this important designation.

The museum will be open for tours and refreshments will be served.

## Cavalry Brigade plans clean-up on Oct. 5

Full charge ahead for the Cavalry Brigade to annihilate the "eye sore" enemies of Fort Clark Springs. The attack date is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 5, at 9 a.m.

The troops' assemblage at Shafter Hall armed with weapons of nets, trash spears, dust rags, brooms, mops, shop vac and other armory will activate their strategic talents to improve the surface cosmetic appearance of FCS. Battle stations are volunteered by the trooper, taking into consideration the individual's interest and ability. There are assignments for all, from the hot shot jumpers to the creaky crawlers. The volunteer troopers "pay off" will experience a delicious lunch prepared by a famous chef and served by lovely ladies from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

### Monday, Sept. 16

9:30 p.m., A man called to report a broken window at the Post Office. The post master was notified of the situation.

### Thursday, Sept. 17

10:25 p.m., A U.S. Border Patrol agent reported that an alarm was going off at the school. Constable Cordelia Mendeke was dispatched to the scene.

10:31 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a reckless driver in a blue and white pickup on Spring Street. Deputy Karl Chism responded to the call.

### Wednesday, Sept. 18

1:56 a.m., An anonymous caller reported a vehicle with its interior lights on. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

8:13 p.m., A Border Patrol agent reported that a hunting camp west of Brackettville on Highway 90 had been broken into. Deputy Pena responded.

9 p.m., A woman called to report that the lights were on at the football field and there were kids playing on the field. School district officials were notified.

10:55 p.m., A woman reported a domestic problem at a residence on N. Beaumont Street. Deputy Pena was dispatched to the scene.

11 p.m., Samuel Fernandez, 23, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Pena for public intoxication.

11:01 p.m., A 911 caller reported a black cow loose on Highway 277 near Pinto Creek. The owner of the cow was notified of the situation.

### Thursday, Sept. 19

7:36 p.m., A man said that his brother was causing trouble at his residence on N. Beaumont Street. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter responded.

8:43 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee said that gun shots were heard between the Adult Center and the Teen Center. Two other callers reported the shots being heard behind the Adult Center. Deputy Pena was dispatched to the scene.

### Friday, Sept. 20

6:52 a.m., A man reported that someone had broken into the Crazy Chicken. Deputy Bobby Guidry responded.

7:20 a.m., A Uvalde Police Department employee reported that the driver of an 18-wheeler failed to stop for a school bus. He requested that a deputy speak with the driver and check on his welfare. Deputy Guidry spoke to the driver at Pico and the Uvalde P.D. was notified.

9:10 a.m., A woman reported that the Country Style Hair Salon had been broken into. Deputy Guidry responded.

2:11 p.m., A 911 caller reported a vehicle rollover 5 miles

west of Brackettville on Highway 90. No injuries were reported. DPS Trooper Tully Welch was dispatched to the scene.

10:12 p.m., A woman reported that the lights were on at the Fort Clark Springs administration office. Deputy Pena responded to the call. An employee was working late.

### Saturday, Sept. 21

2:38 p.m., A man reported that an 18 wheeler was driving reckless on Highway 90, heading eastbound from Del Rio to Brackettville. He said the vehicle was travelling at a high rate of speed and running other vehicles off the road. Deputy Chism and Constable Mendeke responded.

3:36 p.m., A woman called 911 to report two men arguing and fighting at a residence on N. Beaumont Street. Constable Mendeke, Deputy Chism and Deputy Manual Pena Sr. responded.

7:54 p.m., A woman reported that she had a gas leak at her residence on the corner of Sweeney and Veltman. A city employee was notified.

### Sunday, Sept. 22

11:14 a.m., A woman said that her grandmother was holding her against her will at a Fort Clark residence. She said she wanted to return to her hometown. Deputy Karl Chism and Deputy Pena Sr. were dispatched to the location.

12:13 p.m., A man reported that he found a wallet at the car wash. Deputy Pena Sr. returned the wallet to its owner.

4 p.m., A woman reported broken glass on Highway 90, 3 miles east of Brackettville. A Texas Department of Transportation employee was notified.

6:58 p.m., A woman reported she was having sewer problems at her residence on the corner of N. Sweeney and Tiger Alley. A city employee was notified of the situation.

8:06 p.m., A woman called to report her horses had been poisoned the day before at the horse stables on Fort Clark Springs. Deputy Pena Jr. was dispatched to the scene.

### Monday, Sept. 23

1:54 a.m., A Val Verde Sheriff's Office employee reported that a vehicle hit a deer on Highway 90, 20 miles east of Del Rio. Deputy Pena Jr. responded to the scene.

3:19 a.m., A woman reported that her husband was intoxicated and had thrown her out of her house on Veltman Street. Deputy Pena Jr. was dispatched to the location.

3:23 p.m., Juan Nazario Hernandez, 51, of Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Pena Jr. for Public Intoxication.

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# Seminole Indians celebrate 130 years at Fort Clark

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our ancestors and our heritage." Fuller said the Seminole descendants needed education to win their ongoing battle.

"This war is going to have to be fought by education," he told those gathered at the celebration. "I would encourage all the young people here to prepare for that war. You have to finish high school and you have to go to college because that's going to be the weapon. Set your plans now, so within the next 10 or 15 years you can say as an excepted Seminole here, 'I have won the war — the biological war that we are engaged in.'"

Jeff Guinn, a writer with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, said that the Seminole Indian Scouts have great traditions.

"They have some of the richest, most colorful history in our

country," Guinn said. "Their history goes back over 400 years to when the first slaves set foot in America."

"It is incredible how this one group of people, throughout their history, has been treated very badly by everyone that they've trusted, and yet they came through it with honor and with dignity, always keeping their word," he said.

Guinn tells the story of the Seminole-Negroes in his book "Our Land Before We Die." He discovered the history of the black Indian tribe when he came to Brackettville in 1994 while working on a story for the Star-Telegram.

"It was quite obvious that Miss Charles Wilson and William Warrior were the last oral historians in the tribe, telling the stories that their parents and

grandparents had told them," Guinn said. "I thought it was important that we get it printed so that the history could be preserved."

In 1870, Congress granted permission to begin negotiations to enlist the black Seminoles — the descendants of Seminole Indians and the fugitive African American slaves who fled to Florida from Georgia and the Carolinas in the 17th and 18th centuries — as scouts in response to escalating raids by Indians.

The Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts became a unit on Fort Clark in 1872 and fought their first military engagement a year later.

The scouts were usually outnumbered 5-to-1 in most of their encounters with Indians, but not one scout was killed or seriously

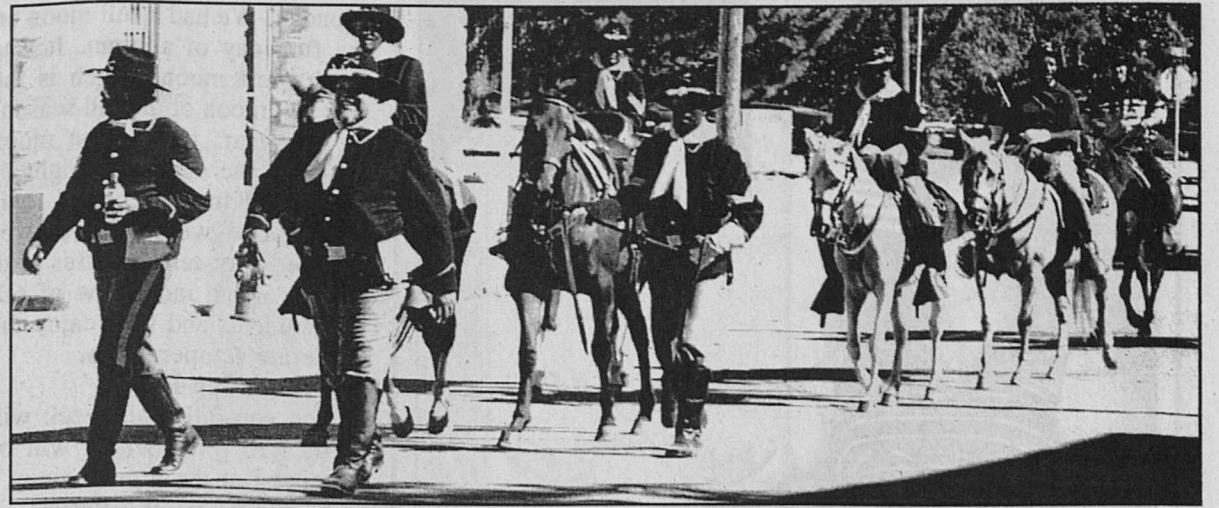


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## Celebrating heritage

The Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association celebrated the 130th anniversary of the Indian Scouts with a parade in downtown Brackettville on Saturday.

wounded in eight years. Much of the history lives on in the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery, which is home to the remains of four scouts who received the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry during the Indian wars. Their graves are distinguished by white marble gravestones and a metal fence.

Pvt. Adam Paine became the first scout to earn a Medal of Honor, received for bravery and courage shown while fighting Comanches near Palo Duro Canyon. Paine was said to be a formidable figure, standing 6-foot tall, weighing 200 pounds and wearing a buffalo-horn headdress. But he became a wanted criminal for stabbing a man in Brownsville.

On New Year's morning in 1877, Paine was shot in the back with a double-barreled shotgun by a sheriff's deputy. Warrior says the blast set Paine's clothes on fire. He died instantly.

Sgt. John Ward, trumpeter Pompey Factor and Pvt. Isaac Payne were awarded the Medal of Honor in 1875 for bravery under fire. They saved Lt. John L. Bullis in an Indian fight along the Pecos River.

The scouts had tracked a group of Comanche warriors who escaped with 75 stolen horses that day. They confronted the band of Indians on foot, firing shots from different directions to make it appear that there were more than four of them. The Comanches didn't fall for the trick, so the soldiers ran for their horses. All reached their horses except Bullis, who had organized the first group of black Seminole scouts. His horse ran off during the fight.

The three scouts rode back into the swarming group of Indians and buzzing bullets to rescue Bullis — Ward pulled him up on the back of his own horse. "They thought the world of him," Warrior says of Bullis. "He was with them all the way — ate the same food, suffered just like they did."

The black Seminoles ended up in Texas after they and other members of the tribe were forcibly relocated to Oklahoma Territory following the Seminole wars of the early 19th century.

Although promised independence, the black Seminoles were placed under Creek Indian rule. Rather than submit, and to escape slave hunters, many

walked south to Mexico in 1849.

The black Seminoles were employed by the Mexicans as scouts against raiding Comanches and Apaches, and in 1870 many came to Texas in response to Army offers of scouting jobs.

At Fort Clark, in 1873, Bullis became their commanding officer.

"The Seminole tribe has always said they are the only undefeated Indian tribe," Fuller said. "They had great warriors who were fighting against the American Army in Florida, and they were undefeated."

Fuller is confident the Seminoles will remain perfect in war and win the current battle to keep their legacy alive.

"Their history and the things that these people have endured is unbelievable," Guinn said. "Unless we all try to learn and honor their accomplishments, it could be lost and that shouldn't happen."

With leaders like John Fuller, William Warrior, Charles Wilson and many others, the current "war" will be won and the Seminole legacy will survive.



Photo by Jewel Robinson

## Remembering history

Dr. John Fuller (from left) of Prairie View A&M University visits with Charles Wilson and Agnes Vondy, both founding members of the Kinney County Historical Commission, during the Seminole Indian Scouts anniversary celebration on Saturday.

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## LULAC meets with parents

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"I think we have fine teachers who do not discriminate on the basis of race or socioeconomic status. We look at the needs of the kids. I don't want LULAC or any other group to run our fine teachers away," Stephenson added.

The LULAC representatives urged the parents to document every example of perceived wrongdoing they encounter with the school district.

Stephenson said there were currently no formal complaints pending with him or the school district's principals.

"We would assume that what complaints may have existed have been resolved at the level with the teacher, which is where it should be resolved," he said.

"We don't have any complaints pending now, and we've had very few in the last year."

The group claims that racism not only includes the students, but the makeup of the district. Only one of the seven board members is Hispanic, and only two are female. They also said that only four of the district's 60 professional employees are Hispanic, and that the only jobs Hispanics hold in the district are those of aides or custodians.

"We have a few more than the number they are counting," Stephenson said. "We would like to have more Hispanic certified teachers."

"The San Antonio newspaper said this week there is a shortage of 29,000 teachers in Texas. We're a small town. Many dis-

tricts have a much higher tax rate, and as a result are able to pay higher salaries than we have. We recruit widely in 30 universities and in major newspapers across the state, and we take every candidate that applies seriously. We have not had the applications."

"Many of our instructional aides are going back to school now to start to work on their degrees. We're hoping, over a period of time, to grow some of our own. We are encouraging that and trying to be helpful in that process."

"My commitment as a superintendent is to recommend the best qualified applicant to the board, and we've had very few Hispanic applications," he added.

## HEALTH

### Texas Department of Health warns of dangers of carbon monoxide in winter

As Texans try to keep warm indoors, they may risk carbon monoxide poisoning, often without realizing the dangers, warn officials at the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

Invisible, odorless and tasteless, carbon monoxide (CO) is a highly poisonous gas produced by burning fuel such as gasoline, natural gas, kerosene, charcoal or wood. Inside a home, CO can come from a gas-fueled furnace, water heater, clothes dryer, space heater, range or kerosene heater, fireplace or wood stove. At low concentrations, CO causes fatigue in healthy people and chest pain for those with heart disease. At higher concentrations, however, CO inhalation causes impaired vision and coordination, headaches, dizziness, confusion, nausea and death.

Without good ventilation during use of fuel-burning appli-

ances, carbon monoxide levels rise and, when breathed in, replace oxygen in the bloodstream. The more CO in the air and the longer a person is exposed, the greater the risk of illness or death.

"With any combustion source, there is a risk," said Kay Soper, TDH indoor air quality specialist.

Dangerous CO problems arise when home appliances are poorly maintained or used incorrectly. Non-vented gas and kerosene appliances have the greatest potential to produce dangerous levels of CO in the home, according to Soper.

In addition to these, smoldering or poorly vented fireplaces, slow burning fuels such as charcoal and vehicle exhausts also are potentially hazardous. New homes, or newly remodeled homes, have higher risks for carbon monoxide hazard because

often they are sealed tighter than older homes.

TDH offers these precautions to help prevent CO poisoning:

■ Be sure all appliances are installed and used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

■ Have ventilation systems, including chimneys, flues and vents, checked every year.

■ Don't burn charcoal inside a house, garage, vehicle, or tent — not even in a fireplace.

■ Don't use an un-vented gas or kerosene heater in enclosed spaces, especially sleeping areas.

■ Never leave an automobile running in a closed garage or in a garage attached to the house even with the garage door open.

■ Don't leave the rear window or tailgate of a vehicle open while driving. Carbon monoxide from the exhaust can be pulled inside the car, van or camper.



# Kinney County Red Hatters attend South Texas meeting

The Kinney County Red Hatters drove to Uvalde on Sept. 14 for the quarterly meeting of the South Texas Red Hatters. The meeting was held at the Uvalde Country Club and was hosted by the Crystal City Red Hatters.

Since the meeting was held the week of the anniversary of Sept. 11, all the members had their red hats decorated in a patriotic theme.

Members of the various groups came prepared to read poetry, do dramatic readings, sing and lead the whole group in a patriotic sing-a-long. A delicious buffet lunch was served. Door prizes were given out during the lunch.

The Kinney County members attending were Patsy Callnan, Clara McCord, Pat McKelvy, Mary Seaver and Louise Stone.

The Red Hatters originated two years ago in Tucson, Ariz. The idea came from a poem named "Warning" by Jenny Joseph and begins: "When I am an old woman, I shall wear purple with a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me."

Several friends got together and bought red hats, wore purple outfits and went out to lunch. They had so much fun



**Red Hatters**

Members of the Kinney County Red Hatters attending the quarterly meeting of the South Texas Red Hatters were: Pat McKelvy (from left), Mary Seaver, Patsy Callnan, Louise Stone and Clara McCord.

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they decided to do it at least once a month and some friends of friends joined them. There are no dues, no elected officers, not any planned programs, just friends getting together with friends to have a fun lunch.

Sometimes a member would bring in a poem or funny story that she would share with the

group. The groups spread all over the country and are now in other countries because of military wives, etc.

The local group has decided to meet the first Wednesday of the month at Barbara's Table at noon. If you want to have a nice time and a lot of giggles, the group invites you to join them.

Any kind of red hat will do and if you don't have something purple yet, come on anyway.

If you like the concept of just having fun, you can probably find a purple shirt or dress later and remember, the group promises that you won't be elected to an office or have to call and remind people of the meeting.

## Cruz discusses trees with Mt. Laurel Garden Club

By PATSY CALLNAN  
Contributing Writer

The Mt. Laurel Garden Club met on Thursday morning at the Adult Center on Fort Clark.

There was a social hour to begin the meeting. The hostesses were Ella Chambers and Shirley Hadsell.

The refreshment table was beautifully decorated in an early fall theme. Homemade breads with spreads of different cream cheeses were served with nuts, candies, coffee, tea and juice. The napkins and plates were also of a fall theme.

The meeting was called to order by Chambers, club president, the invocation was given by Patsy Callnan, and the salute to the flag followed.

A very short business meeting was held. A Long Range Planning Committee was appointed, consisting of Callnan, Norma Connor and Clara McCord. One of the most important plans is to begin a fund

to install a sprinkling system for the area around the horse statue, which is the focal spot of Fort Clark.

Frank Cruz, owner of Laguna Nursery in Uvalde, was the guest speaker. He has a master garden degree from Texas A&M University.

Cruz presented a slide show on trees for this area of Texas. He also brought books that included all the materials that he discussed in his presentation.

The Garden Club bought a copy of the book, "The Best of Texas, Landscape Guide to Texas Plantings" compiled by the Texas Nursery Landscape Association, for its library and many of the members who were present also bought books.

A question and answer session followed the slide presentation.

The club will meet again on Oct. 10. The program will be "Identifications of Weeds" by Robert Elledge, Kinney County extension agent.

## Salisbury steak is cooking smart

This week we're going to learn how to make a Salisbury steak.

Here's what you need: 1 pound of ground round; 1/4 cup of finely-chopped onion; 3 tablespoons of fine, dry breadcrumbs; 1 egg white; 2 tablespoons of water; 1/4 teaspoon of beef-flavored bouillon granules; 1/4 teaspoon of pepper; 1/8 teaspoon of salt; vegetable cooking spray; 1 teaspoon of margarine (melted); 3/4 cup of sliced fresh mushrooms (optional); 1 small onion, sliced and separated into rings; 1 (15 3/4) can no-salt-added beef broth, undiluted; 3 tablespoons of low-sodium worcestershire sauce; 1 tablespoon of corn starch; and two 2 tablespoons of water.

Combine the first eight ingredients, mixing well. Shape into four patties, 3/4 inches thick. Coat non-stick skillet with cooking spray and, over medium high, heat until hot.

Add patties and cook five minutes on each side. Drain and pat dry with paper towels. Wipe skillet clean.

Coat skillet with cooking spray and add margarine, mush-

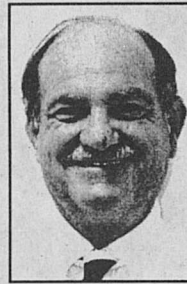
rooms and onions. Cook until tender on medium heat.

Add broth and worcestershire sauce, and cook for five minutes. Return patties to skillet. Cover, reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes.

Remove patties using a slotted spoon or pancake turner, and place on platter or individual plates and keep warm. Combine cornstarch with water in small bowl or cup, mix well and stir into broth mixture. Bring to a boil and cook, stirring constantly one minute, or until thickened. Spoon evenly over patties.

Canned mushrooms may be used with little change in flavor. No need to saute, just heat.

Nutrition info: 244 calories; lean meat, 1/2 starch exchanges; fat 8.5.



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

## Democrats and Republicans

I have heard many explanations about the difference between the Democratic and Republican parties. I don't like any of them. They all leave me feeling more confused than before.

One guy told me that the variance was in their quest for votes. Republicans know they're getting the votes from the rich, not getting the votes from the poor, so they target the middle class, hoping to convince them if they vote Republican, they too will one day become rich.

Democrats, on the other hand, he continued, know they're not getting the votes from the rich, but are getting votes from the poor, therefore they go after the votes from the middle class, claiming they will become poor one day if they don't vote Democrat.

I'm really not sure there is a difference. Maybe somebody will clarify it for me. I know that in my short voting life, I haven't noticed a lot of change in my life no matter which party was in control. Not a lot of change in my pockets either.

I am quite sure, on a national level, no matter what you might argue, that neither group understands the working class of people. How could they?

Name one U.S. senator that ever worked for a living. Just one, and I'll be quiet — nah, probably not.

So until I hear from someone who can explain the difference between Democrats and Republicans, I guess my conclusion is that there isn't any difference at all. Not a single one.

But I could be wrong.

## Shriners host circus Oct. 7 in Del Rio

The Suez Shrine is proud to present its annual Shrine Circus in Del Rio at the Val Verde Fairgrounds on Monday, Oct. 7, at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Discount advance tickets will be sold at H.E.B. Food Stores at 200 Ave. F and 500 Pecan St.

Children 12 and under can pick up free tickets at the above locations and in most local stores.

Read The Brackett News to find out what's going on in Kinney County!

### BRIEFS

#### Eckenrod hosts Beta Sigma Phi meeting

The Preceptor Theta Sigma chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of B.J. Eckenrod on Monday with Arlys Simpson presiding. Dates and places for Halloween and Thanksgiving celebrations were discussed. The Halloween party will be Oct. 21, with everyone coming in costume.

After the business meeting, Eckenrod gave an interesting and informative program on orchids. She became interested in growing these beautiful flowers about one year ago and found them to be rather easy to raise. She shared several books with beautiful pictures of orchids and also displayed some of her most beautiful specimens.

Orchids come in many different varieties and forms — some as large as one foot across, to some as small as the head of a pin. Orchids should be planted in pots with holes and watered by dipping the pots in and out of water. Sisters Janie Meredith and Clara McCord then repotted some orchids, under Eckenrod's guidance.

A delicious supper of pasta salad, vegetables, cookies and iced tea were served to the following members present: McCord, Meredith, Simpson, Jan Chism, Luella Gilliland, Shirley Hadsell, Doraline Kellar, Pat McKelvy, Lynn McNew and one guest, Eckenrod's mother, Pauline.

The next meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 7, at 5:30 p.m., at the home of Pat McKelvy.

#### Old Quarry Society hosts play auditions

Auditions for the first play of the 2002-03 season for the Old Quarry Society will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Post Theatre.

The play requires several men and women of various ages, including young people and senior citizens. If you enjoy being on stage, or have never given it a try, "come on down," and read for a part. You never know what might happen!

Season tickets for the upcoming season will go on sale soon. Watch the paper for more details. For more information, call 563-9229.

#### Fort Clark Voices to begin rehearsals

The Voices of Fort Clark will begin rehearsals on Monday at 7 p.m. at Post Theatre. Anyone who likes to sing is welcome to attend.

The Voices will sing for the Community Thanksgiving Service and will present a Christmas concert, as well as other engagements. For more information, call 563-9229.

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# Curtain opens on ACEP season in October, "Nutcracker" coming

The curtain opens on the 2002-03 season for the Arts Council of Eagle Pass Saturday, October 26, 2002 with a performance by the internationally acclaimed Two O'Clock Lab Band from the University of North Texas. This band is the premiere performing ensemble of the UNT Jazz Studies-Program. Directed by Neil Slater, Grammy nominated composer and chair of jazz studies at UNT. The company tours big band jazz, from arrangements dating back to 1947 to current original works by living jazz composers. The Two O'Clock Lab Band will perform at C.C. Winn's fabulous auditorium.

The holiday season will be ignited with the performance of The Nutcracker by the Rio Grande Ballet Company of McAllen, Texas. Set to be performed at C.C. Winn's Auditorium on Saturday, November 30, 2002. The Nutcracker will feature approximately 25 dancers trained in the art of classical ballet. The Rio Grande Ballet Company, directed by Deborah Case, has performed The Nutcracker annually for the last 29 years. The company has been recognized both throughout the state of Texas and nationally for its artistic choreography and unique repertoire highlighted by enchanting scenery.

Returning to Eagle Pass following a great performance in 1997 will be Tin Roof Tango. Billed as an acoustic band, Tin Roof Tango performs American and Celtic music, including old-time fiddling, Cajun dance tunes, Zydeco, Bluegrass, Salsa and Jazz. Tin Roof Tango will perform on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003.

Spring will be highlighted with a performance by silver medalist Maxim Philippov. A recent winner of the 11th Annual Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Maxim will perform in Eagle Pass on Friday, March 28, 2003 at the lovely and intimate Moore Hall.

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# Cowboys lasso Tigers in overtime

## Brackett closes non-district slate with road game against Sonora

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Sports Editor

COTULLA — Oliver Jordan scored on a 1-yard TD plunge in overtime to give Cotulla a 20-13 win over Brackett Friday as the Cowboys handed the Tigers their first loss of the season.

The two teams were knotted at 13-all in the closing minutes of regulation when Brackett corner back Boyd Brotherton intercepted a Jordan pass and returned it 36 yards to give the Tigers possession on the Cowboys' 23-yard line.

Brackett (3-1) moved the ball down to the Cotulla (3-1) 4-yard line, but came up less than a yard short on a fourth-and-2 play. The Tigers then failed to get a first down in the overtime period.

"I was pleased with our effort," Brackett coach David Yeager said. "I thought the kids gave it all they had — we just came up a yard short. It was a close game. It could have went either way, but I was proud of

our kids' character because they gave it all they had."

The Tigers were without three-year starting quarterback Jared Hobbs, who was out with an ankle sprain, but sophomore Kody Yeager stepped in and completed 6-of-10 passes for 107 yards.

"I thought Kody played a very solid game," the coach said. "He showed a lot of poise and leadership on the field. He did a good job of leading our offense."

Tony Rosetti led Brackett's ground game with 150 yards and two touchdowns on 19 carries. He also caught three passes for 53 yards.

Late in the opening stanza, Yeager hit Dietrich Davis on a 36-yard bomb to give the Tigers a first down at the Cowboys' 7.

Three plays later, Rosetti crossed the goal line from 1 yard out. Mark Kesteloot booted the PAT to give Brackett a 7-0 advantage with 57 seconds left in the first quarter.

In the second period, Rosetti



Morgan Yeager

broke loose for an 85-yard touchdown run. The extra-point kick was blocked, but the Tigers held a 13-0 lead with 3:16 remaining in the first half.

Jordan led the Cowboys offense. The senior was 10-of-13 passing for 150 yards, including an 18-yard TD pass to Jason Conner. Sophomore Carlos Miranda completed 6-of-12 passes for 67 yards. Conner finished with five receptions for 60 yards, and Isaac Saldivar caught three passes for 67 yards.

Brackett's defense held Cotulla to only 69 yards rushing on 36 attempts. Tigers linebacker Glen Morgan had a season-high six tackles for losses,

including four sacks.

The Tigers lost three players in the contest — Davis dislocated his elbow, tackle Whitney Massingill broke his wrist and tackle Jason Smith suffered a severely sprained ankle.

Brackett resumes action tomorrow night with a 7:30 road game against Sonora. The Broncos (2-2) advanced to the state semifinals last year and won the state title in 2000.

"Sonora has probably won more games in the last five years than any other team in the state," Yeager said. "They're a very good football team. They're well coached and they have a good combination of size and speed. They lost to two good 3A teams, but they have a good program. I don't see any weaknesses."

Hobbs will return to the lineup this week, along with running back Jaime Puente, who has been sidelined since straining his medial calateral ligament in the season opener against Lytle.

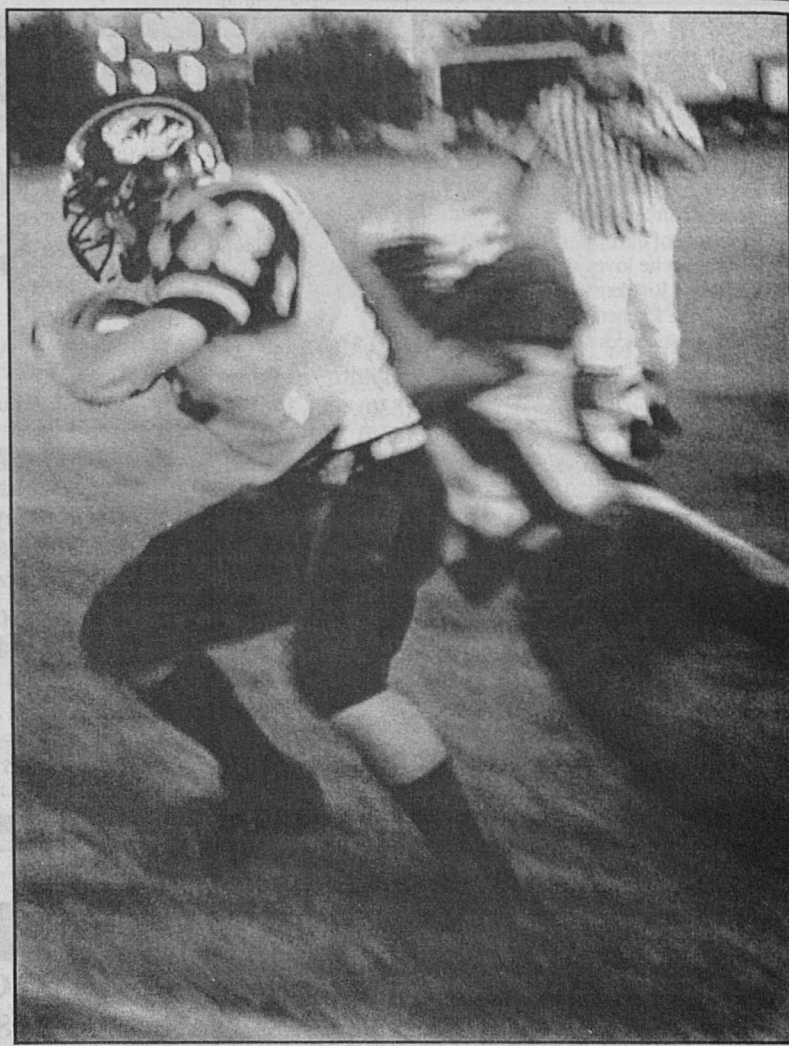


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Fighting for yards  
Brackett running back Eliot Stone (12) fights for yardage during the Tigers 20-13 overtime loss to Cotulla Friday.

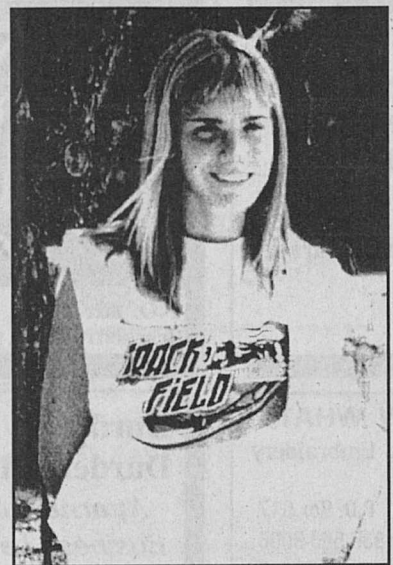
## Ashabraner takes top honors in Pearsall

PEARSALL — Juliann Ashabraner ran a 13:32 Saturday to take top honors at the Maverick Invitational cross country meet.

She helped the Tigerettes to a second-place finish. Kenedy won the meet after tallying 50 points, while Brackett turned in 57 points.

The Tigerettes had three other runners in the Top 20. Fifth was Tammy Smith with a time of 14:30, Nicole Mata finished 13th with a time of 15:27, and Jessica Crane was 17th with a time of 15:32. Brandi Smith finished with a 15:35 and Davina Pena ran a 18:50.

The team resumes action Sat-



JULIANN ASHABRANNER

urday, competing in the UTSA Whataburger Invitational in San Antonio.

# Tigerettes fall to Natalia

Brackett almost picked off defending conference champion Natalia in its district opener, but the Tigerettes just couldn't pull it off, falling to the Lady Mustangs 15-12, 12-15, 4-15 at Tiger Gym.

"We had a chance for a big upset," Brackett coach Dusty Brotherton said. "We won the first game and had them on the ropes in the second game, but we couldn't pull it out."

Shannae Simmons led BHS with eight kills, a season high for the team, and Ashley Castillo had three. Allison LaMascus pitched in three as-



Simmons

sists. Vanessa Castillo 23 digs, 13 service points and three blocks. Celina Cano picked up 10 digs, and Simmons also had three blocks.

The J.V. team won over Natalia 15-13, 11-15, 15-8.

"Divina Pena, Emily Petrosky and Kristin Meyer all had outstanding games," Brotherton said.

The freshmen Tigerettes won

15-11, 15-9.  
"Tammeka Simmons and Tanya Molinar both had really good games," the coach said.

The varsity Tigerettes dropped a 15-6, 15-10 decision to Sabinal last Tuesday.

Amanda Davis led Brackett with five service points, while Beth Ballew scored four.

Ballew and Stephanie Bonner each had two kills, while LaMascus had five assists and Davis had three.

Defensively, Vanessa Castillo picked up 20 digs and Celina Cano and Stacey Terrazas had 10 apiece.

## Cubs suffer first loss of the soccer season

By Ken Sellers  
Contributing Writer

DEL RIO — The Brackett Cubs encountered their first loss this past Saturday in Del Rio Youth Soccer League action.

After the victory in their opening game, they were very disappointed. However, the coaches are encouraging the team to put every game in perspective and look forward to playing all their games, whether they win or lose.

The Brackett Tigers had a bye on Saturday and are hard at work preparing for their next game when they hope to earn their first win.

### BRIEFS

## Cubettes win one of three in tournament

EAGLE PASS — The Brackett seventh grade volleyball team won one of three matches Saturday at the Eagle Pass tournament.

In the first round, the Cubettes lost to Carrizo Springs 8-15, 15-7, 15-11. Chiato Sanchez had nine passes in the contest and Julie Castillo converted on 13 serves. Brackett then claimed a 13-15, 15-10, 15-7 win over Del Rio White. Jolisa Wright and Bianca Stewart each had six passes. Anita De Leon had 13 successful serves, and Wright had eight. In the consolation finals, the Cubettes fell to Del Rio Blue 8-15, 15-5, 16-14. Sanchez and Daphne Hunt both had 12 passes in the contest, and De Leon converted on 15 serves.

On Monday, the seventh graders split into two teams and lost on a doubleheader in Comstock. The Cubettes lost to Sacred Heart 15-8, 15-5. Hunt had six service points in the contest and Bianca Stewart had 12 passes. The other group lost to Comstock 15-5, 15-4. Whitney Gum scored four points and Meghann Davis converted on 11 passes.

## Cubs come up short against Cotulla 20-8

Fermin Villanueva rushed for 152 yards on 17 carries against Cotulla Thursday, but it wasn't enough as the Cubs fell to the Cowboys 20-8 in junior high football action.

"The kids played hard, but we came up short," Cubs coach Ricky Creel said.

Villanueva scored Brackett's only touchdown late in the fourth quarter on a 45-yard scamper. Robert Davis led the defense with seven tackles and Ivan Pinales finished with 6. Jesus Balderes had two tackles and caused two fumbles.

The Cubs resume action today at 5 as they host Sonora.

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| 1 Middle Easterner               | 37 Breathing           | 4 Arthur                             | 30 Biscuit's cousin               |
| 5 Heeds one's alarm              | 38 Biblical book       | 5 Formal account                     | 32 Gratified                      |
| 10 question; query               | 39 Major-leaguer       | 6 Piano key material                 | 33 Sail arrangement               |
| 14 Ancestral knowledge           | 40 Proverb             | 7 Parched                            | 35 Takes advantage of             |
| 15 Happening                     | 41 Single              | 8 Suffix for correspond or transcend | 37 Summer concoctions             |
| 16 Hawaiian foods                | 42 Obliterated         | 9 Ambrose & Anthony: abbr.           | 38 "I cannot tell..."             |
| 17 Place of exile                | 44 Slips               | 10 Deity who exemplifies manly youth | 40 Actor's speech to the audience |
| 18 Virginia seaport              | 45 Soldiers, for short | 11 Spirit                            | 41 Range                          |
| 20 41                            | 46 Portable shelter    | 12 Windy day item                    | 43 Marbles                        |
| 21 Speaker who puts you to sleep | 47 Word with bed or in | 13 Pallid                            | 44 Felt                           |
| 22 Lane                          | 50 Envy and sloth      | 19 Puts a letter in the box          | 46 Name                           |
| 23 Linger                        | 51 Drink like Rover    | 21 Abbr. after Smith or Marx         | 47 Identical                      |
| 25 Nothing                       | 54 Reductions          | 24 Charity                           | 48 Ski lift                       |
| 26 Lady of the Evening           | 57 In addition         | 25 Item that smells                  | 49 Make                           |
| 28 Peach and orange              | 58 Barn resident       | 26 Musical instrument                | 50 In a sore                      |
| 31 apple                         | 59 Nimble              | 27 Love greatly                      | 52 City in Italy                  |
| 32 Ground covering               | 60 Rose                | 28 Ancient abode                     | 53 Byron or Tennyson              |
| 34 Old French coin               | 61 White-tailed eagles | 29 Updated                           | 55 Wow!                           |
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|                                  | 63 Make corrections in |                                      | 57 Act like                       |

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1. Parts; 2. Kick-the-can; 3. Egypt; 4. The Ra II; 5. Ray Watson; 6. Your hair; 7. The Black Red, White and Yellow; 8. Warrlock; 9. When he was a baby, Beaver could't pronounce his real name, Theodore; 10. A deck of cards.

**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?

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**Trivia Time by Walter Branch**

- What is the most common street name in the U.S.?
- What hide-and-seek game is played around a tin can?
- What country's air force was destroyed on the ground on the morning of June 5, 1967?
- What was the name of the craft in which Thor Heyerdahl sailed from Morocco to Barbados in July, 1970?
- What actor portrayed the devil in the movie "Damn Yankees"?
- What do you lose when you suffer from phalacroisis?
- What four seas are named for colors?
- What term describes an animal with a constant blood temperature?
- How did the Beaver get his nickname on "Leave it to Beaver"?
- What was a "California prayer book" to an Old West gambler?

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

- ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) An adviser has good advice concerning financial matters. Be sure to heed it. Later in the week, tact comes to your rescue when dealing with a difficult situation.
- TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You have something on your mind as the week begins. However, wait a bit before speaking out. Bigwigs are more receptive toward the end of the week.
- GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A pushy individual could invite himself over to your home. Don't be shy. Let this person know that it's not convenient and leave it at that.
- CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You're not at your best creatively this week. Thus, put aside any projects of that nature. Over the weekend, you're inspired anew.
- LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You strike just the right balance this week between family and work. A child needs help with a school project. Address this over the weekend.
- VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You have more work this week than you can handle. Feel free to delegate. Others are more than willing to help you out.
- LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your efficiency at work gains admirers. One co-worker, though, tends to take advantage of you. It's nice to be helpful, but don't do all the work.
- SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You take on a new responsibility at work. For some, this means a management position. Use that authority wisely.
- SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You're sought out this week for advice on a love matter. Tread carefully. This could lead to problems later on.
- CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your judgment is off this week in general. Any important decision to be made can wait a bit. This weekend, you're apt to be more on track.
- AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) What you hear in private should remain there. It's not meant for the general public. Later in the week, you're confident and authoritative.
- PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A friend becomes even more important to you this week. For once, sit back and let this person take the lead. Finances are favored over the weekend.

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**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

- Apple
- Banana
- Brownie
- Candy
- Carrots
- Cheese
- (Cold) cereal
- Cookie
- Donut
- Ice cream
- Orange
- Peanuts
- Pie
- Popcorn
- (Potato) chips
- Pretzels
- Pudding
- Raisins
- Sandwich
- Yogurt



# God values all of his creations

Are you a failure? Perhaps you believe that you are and really aren't. Perhaps you believe you aren't and really are.

Of what value are you? You and I, being our own worst critics and enemies, are not qualified to fairly answer these questions. I want you to think about your relationship with the rest of humanity and your personal relationship with God.

Let me start off by saying, no one is useless to God. Not a child, not the unattractive, not the clumsy, not the tired, not the depressed and discouraged, no one.

Our value is inherent, it's not based on our material worth. We have a value simply because we are the creation of the God Almighty. Our lives have purpose and nothing is going to slow down God's purpose for our lives. God has the answers and the plan.

No matter what you do, no matter how far you fall, no matter how ugly you become, God

has a relentless undying love from which you cannot be separated. Not ever!

Let me ask you, what do you need most today? Maybe it's just a word of hope. The word of God says that there is no hopeless situation, no hopeless illness, no hopeless marriage. God hasn't given up and we can't either.

We need to remember that no friendship is perfect, no marriage is perfect, no person is perfect. The power of a strong relationship sustains us and gives us strength — it's that power of knowing that if I fail my friend is still there, my wife is still loves me. More importantly, God still loves me!

Have you ever felt like you've spent your life in an endless pursuit of happiness and contentment? Perhaps you fought your way to the top of the ladder, just to find out that it's not what you wanted.

Did you dream of the perfect mate, marry and then realize that



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popular opinion says that it's OK to be immoral — when your friends are cheating on their income taxes and their wives. But if you remain true to what you know is right and Godly, God says you will be blessed.

I sometimes wonder if we stay so busy because we're trying to forget yesterday's failures. We do need to forget those past failures, but if we never stop to deal with them, the guilt of them will hound us to our graves.

Ignoring them and pretending that they don't exist, usually causes them to express themselves in ways that we neither like or often times anticipate: Anger at someone else, frustration at something else, lack of control. Sometimes we try to deal with a mistake by covering it up with more mistakes, or by repressing it, or by some how justifying it.

Give your mistakes, your failures to God. God can take them and turn them into new opportunities.

he or she is not so perfect after all? Happiness and contentment are not to be found in the things of this world!

I am frightened by our ability to convince ourselves that we don't need God. We can build fortunes, obtain degrees, own all kinds of things, cars, houses all on our own. We can become blinded by our possessions. And yet, there's a certain affluence that we can attain when we become poverty stricken. A certain humility that comes with trials that brings us face to face with our creator and savior.

We all know that it is not easy to hear the voice of God when

## It's never good to break a promise

"Jimmy, where have you been this afternoon?" Jerry asked. "Mr. Peters called."

"Uh, oh!" Jimmy exclaimed, trying to avoid his dad as he walked through the kitchen. "Call him back and tell him I forgot. I'll do it later. Lonnie and Dave are waiting outside for me. I've got to hurry."

Jerry waited at the front door for his son to reappear.

Jimmy stopped in front of his dad and started to go to one side to make his escape. Jerry's command was pointed and left no room for misinterpretation.

"Sit down in that chair," he said, motioning across the room.

Jimmy sat where he was told.

Jerry stood in front of his son, hands on his hips. "Now," he said. "What about Mr. Peters?"

"I told him I would rake his leaves this afternoon. That's all, Dad. It's no big deal. I'll do it later," Jimmy said as he fidgeted and squirmed in the chair.

"It is a big deal, Jimmy," Jerry retorted. "You volunteered to rake Mr. Peters' leaves and you told him you'd be there this afternoon. Just when do you plan to do it?"

"I dunno," Jimmy replied. "Maybe tomorrow."

Handing Jimmy the phone, Jerry spoke: "Here, call Mr. Peters and apologize for not

being there this afternoon like you promised.

"Tell him you'll be there tomorrow."

"But Dad, I've got to ..."

Jimmy did not get to finish his protest.

"Listen carefully to me," Jerry said, looking Jimmy squarely in the eye. "It's not acceptable to volunteer to help Mr. Peters and then back out. You won't build a good name that way."

"A very wise man long ago said that the breaking of promises is the making of enemies (Sirach 20:22).

"If you keep your promises and be honest with people you will always come by what you need (Sirach 29:3).

"Like clouds and wind when no rain follows is the man who boastfully promises what he never gives (Proverbs 25:14)."

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## Isn't God wonderful?

Several years ago, my sister, who lived in Billings, Mont., at the time, was talking on the phone to her granddaughter in Seattle. Katie excitedly told her Nanna that it was snowing in Seattle.

My sister said, "Well, Katie, it is snowing in Billings, too." Katie replied, "Isn't God wonderful? He can make it snow in Seattle and Billings at the same time!"

I often think about this statement from an innocent 3-year-old and thought, "Yes, God is wonderful in our everyday lives."

Walking has made me realize how wonderful God is. As I walk in the early morning, I find myself noticing things more and more. I never realized how many people have back porches on their houses, or what a pleasure it is to say "good morning" to those people as they sit on their porch, drinking their morning coffee.

Have you ever really looked at all the little baby century plants growing up around the edges of a very old plant? Many homes in my neighborhood have beautiful tended lawns and gardens. Pat McKelvey's bougainvillea is one of the prettiest I have ever seen.

Mama birds sitting on the ground, with babies chirping in the tree, trying to lure strangers away from her nest. Little rabbits and ground squirrels with their cheeks stuffed with nuts. Baby deer following closely behind their mothers —



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Lynn McNew

there are two beautiful bucks that will stand and watch me as I walk by.

Fall is coming and it is one of my favorite times of the year. In fact, it is probably the time of year when I miss Illinois the most — watching the leaves turn color. But as I walk in the morning I am beginning to see signs of changes to come. The air is cooler and nature is beginning to cover herself for the season ahead.

Somewhat, when I am walking, I can think and pray better. I feel closer to God as I experience the miracles in His world.

Some of you are probably thinking, "Wow, this isn't new — I've known it for years." I say you are lucky. For those of you who don't walk, you should try it. It is not only healthy for your body, but for your spirit as well.

Thank You, Lord, for the wonders of nature you have given us to enjoy. And thank You for giving me time to enjoy them.

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

## Are you walking in faith or fear?

A man of faith once said, "Fear tolerated is faith contaminated." God has not given you the spirit of fear, but the spirit of power, the spirit of love, and a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7).

The words that you speak and the choices you make daily show whether you walk in faith or fear. You may have invited Jesus to live in your heart, but if you speak fear and death in your conversation and in your heart, then you have forgotten whose child you are.

"For you have not received a spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself bears witness with our Spirit that we are the children of God." (Romans 8:5)

This man of faith also said, "Faith connects you to Jesus while fear connects you to the Satan." "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

"Fear is faith in death instead of faith in life." When you fear something or someone, you are afraid that it has the power of life and death



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## OUTDOORS

# Man convicted in death of game warden

A Port Arthur man was convicted of aggravated assault on a public servant — a first-degree felony — last week in the 2001 death of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game warden Michael Pauling.

Jurors will now deliberate about what penalty to give Dennis Mouton III.

The charge carries a penalty of 5 to 99 years in prison or life in prison — the same as murder.

The prosecution put on more than 20 witnesses in the trial, which lasted a week. Mouton took the stand in his own defense.

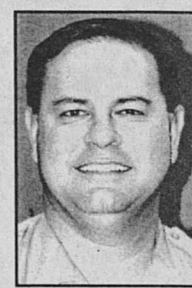
The whole department has been extremely upset about los-

ing Pauling," said Col. James Stinebaugh, head of law enforcement at TPWD. "He has been greatly missed by his own family and his Parks and Wildlife family. We are all glad that justice has been done in this case."

Pauling, 47, was killed Aug. 2, 2001, shortly after midnight. He was heading to Pleasure Island to work a law enforcement operation with another warden.

While on Highway 73, just east of Highway 82, he stopped to assist a woman apparently in distress on the shoulder of the road.

The woman had been arguing with Mouton, her boyfriend, and took refuge in Pauling's ve-



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hicle while the warden went to check on the welfare of the couple's two young children in the other vehicle parked nearby.

According to testimony, Mouton then sped off in that vehicle with Pauling partially inside. He was thrown to the roadway and killed.

The prosecution expressed

satisfaction at the verdict Wednesday morning. Jurors deliberated approximately six hours.

Pauling had been a game warden since 1996. He attended the 44th Game Warden Academy and had been assigned to Beaumont in Jefferson County since being commissioned.

He graduated from Texas A&M in 1976 and served 12 years in the U.S. Army before becoming a game warden.

Pauling left behind a wife and two sons.

In May, his name was unveiled on the Game Warden Memorial in Athens.

Pauling is the 14th warden to die in the line of duty since 1919.

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THE COUNTY OF Kinney, will accept sealed bids until 3:00 p.m. October 11, 2002 for a Type 1 Medium Duty EMS Ambulance Freightliner FL 60 Business Class or equivalent. The bids will be opened and read aloud at the Kinney County Commissioner's Court meeting, Kinney County Courthouse on Monday October 14, 2002 at 10: a.m. Detailed specs are available and may be obtained by contacting Carl Esser, Planner Middle Grande Development Council, 216 West Main St. Uvalde, Texas 78801, or by contacting Carolyn Rutherford, Kinney County EMS Director at Brackettville, Texas. Total funding for this EMS Ambulance will be provided through the 2002 Texas Community Development Grant from the Office of Rural Community Affairs. Bids should be mailed or delivered to the Honorable Herb Senne, Kinney County Judge, Kinney County Courthouse, PO Box 348 Brackettville, Texas 78832. Bids for proposals should be sealed and labeled on the outside of the envelope: Kinney County EMS Ambulance. The County of Kinney reserves the right to reject any and all bids or proposals or any part of any bid or proposal. Bids should include delivery of this truck to the town of Brackettville by or before December 1, 2002.

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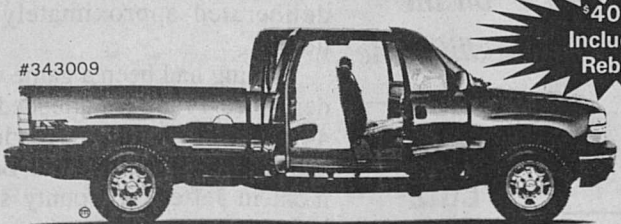
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PERMIT NO. 10194-002  
APPLICATION. City of Brackettville and Fort Clark Municipal Utility District, P.O. Box 1437, Brackettville, Texas 78832, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. 10194-002 (EPAID. No. TX0112119) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 500,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately 2.3 miles south of the intersection of U.S. Highway 90 and State Highway 131 and 0.75 miles west of State Highway 131 in Kinney County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to Las Moras Creek; thence to Rio Grande Below Amistad Reservoir. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on July 16, 2002. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Fort Clark Municipal Utility District Building, 310 Swampark Lane, Brackettville, Texas.  
The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of the technical review, the TCEQ will issue a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision.  
**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.  
Written public comments or requests for public meeting must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.  
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**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. The TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.  
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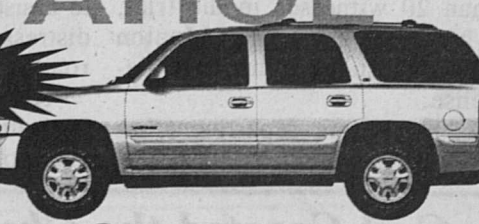
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