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Commissioners face major budget cuts

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

After approving four consecutive deficit budgets, Kinney County officials are considering major budget cuts during their current budget talks.

A number of county elected officials expressed their opposition to the cuts Monday afternoon during a workshop.

"It's a tight budget and there are a lot of reasons for it," County Judge Herb Senne said. Precinct 4 Commissioner Pat

Melancon said "the major increase in the budget is 18 to 20 percent a year just in health insurance."

The commissioners pledged over \$300,000 in savings last year to balance the current budget. Officials are predicting a loss of \$196,000 at the end of this fiscal year.

"Last year, we did not balance with what we were spending," Melancon said. "We were taking what we had in savings. There's not as much in savings this year to do the same this

"We have savings. We could balance that \$147,000, but we would be in the same boat next year with much less money. I would rather sit here and argue than be in the shape the city is in."

Commissioner Pat Melancon

year."

Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said his department had been hit with two major cuts.

"I figured you would have

your figures straight the first time I was in here. I thought you took what you needed then," he said.

"You called me in here the

first time and said you needed \$38,000 out of my budget, and you cut \$6,000 before I even got here. Now, I come back, and you say you want \$58,000 more. I told you I could not operate with that first cut."

Melancon said the additional cuts were necessary to balance the budget.

"We keep chiseling away because we're trying to get the budget balanced without going to the savings," he said. "We're not going to be able to continually go to savings. We're going to

run out of savings.

"The reason we do have some savings is revenue has been under-budgeted. Revenue is hard to predict in a lot of things, other than ad velorum tax. You can't tell me exactly how much revenue you're going to bring in."

The sheriff replied: "I'm bringing in more this year than I brought in last year. I'm above budget. Every department head I've talked to said they're bringing in more, so where's the money?"
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Finding a hole
Brackett Tigers fullback Tony Rosetti looks for running room during football workouts Wednesday. The Tigers began two-day-practices this week.
Photo by J.J. Guidry

County may lose trapper

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Members of the agriculture community turned out in full force Monday to express their fears in the proposed cuts to the county's predatory animal control program.

The program matches local funds with federal and state monies to employ trappers to control predator animals, such as coyotes and feral hogs, within the county.

Currently, Kinney County contributes \$25,000 to the program. But under the proposed budget, which has yet to be officially filed, the commissioners are pledging only \$15,000.

"I don't know where we'll end up," County Judge Herb Senne told the numerous citizens in attendance at the budget workshop. "We have some bottom-line figures to get to. We may revisit it. Right now, it's set at \$15,000."

The local portion of the funding for two trappers is \$43,200 annually, which includes salaries and all expenses. The county government has been contributing \$25,000 and the remainder has been paid by the Kinney

County Wildlife Management Association. If the county cuts its contributions, the difference will have to be made up by the association in order to keep two trappers.

"With any loss of funding, we're looking at a loss of personnel," said Mark Mapston, a district supervisor with the Texas Wildlife Damage Management Program. "Of course, when you do that, your services are going to have to change. One man certainly can't do the same job as two men."

Wes Robinson, a local businessman and former city council member, said the agriculture community felt the impact when the county went from three trappers to two.

"A lot of us that have been around here for a long time know how important the trapper program is to this county," Robinson said. "It's real obvious that the predators are getting worse and worse."

Stan Conoly, a local rancher representing the wildlife management association, said the predators have already had an impact on the local agriculture industry.

"I know that ag is not where

it once was, but part of that problem is the predators," he said. "It's really not a big problem until it's in your back yard. It's not a problem in Brackettville or Fort Clark yet, but it's not very far off. I've seen feral hogs in Fort Clark, and they multiply quite rapidly."

"If we lose one trapper, it affects the ranchers and people may leave the industry. That could also mean a loss of jobs for shearers and people who help gather."

Conoly said the local association has around 50 contributors who pay 10 cents an acre, which brings in between \$16,000 and \$18,000 annually. The group also raises funds with its annual Hunters Roundup.

"We're working every day to get people involved in wildlife management," he said. "I would say 99 percent of the places that are sold are not going back into ranching. They're used for hunting or recreation."

"The way I see it, if they're informed or if they've been here a while, they may come around. We need to get rid of these coyotes and feral hogs. We try to educate the people of what can

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City's brush area under investigation by the state

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is investigating the City of Brackettville's brush area, according to Mayor Carmen Berlanga.

The mayor made the announcement last week during a budget workshop.

"First, we were told that if we're going to burn, they're going to have to send their air person to tell us if the wind is blow-

ing in the right direction," Berlanga said. "Now they're telling us that they're investigating and will let us know, pending that we can have the fire department practice burns and burn our brush. We're in limbo. We don't know what to do with it."

Berlanga said the main problem with the brush area lately has been the lack of control.

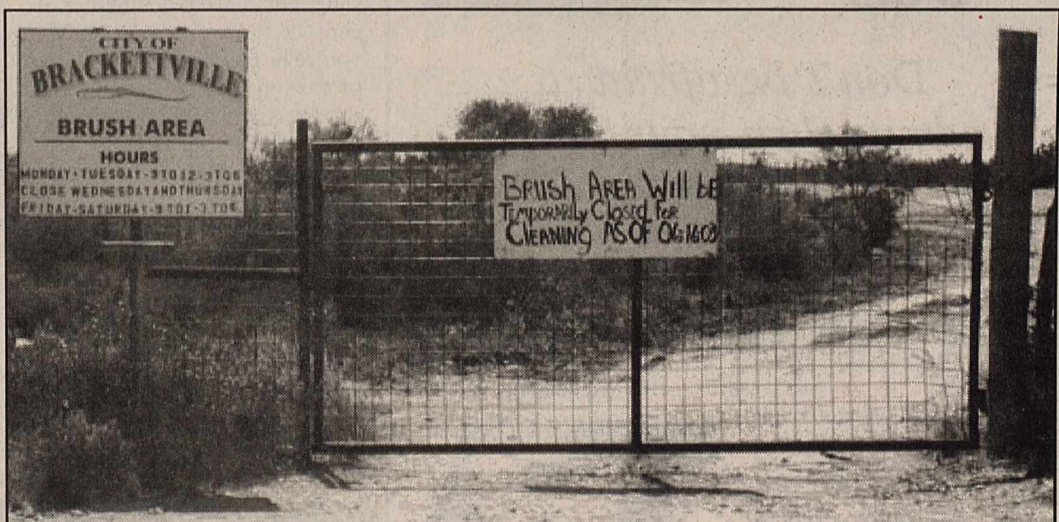
"We don't have anybody manning it," she said. "Now we have covered the area. We've burned everything. It's flat. It

looks like a pavilion, but we can't use it right now. We're under a hold from TCEQ due to the fact that somebody reported us. There were some mattresses and stuffed furniture out there, and we're not supposed to have that."

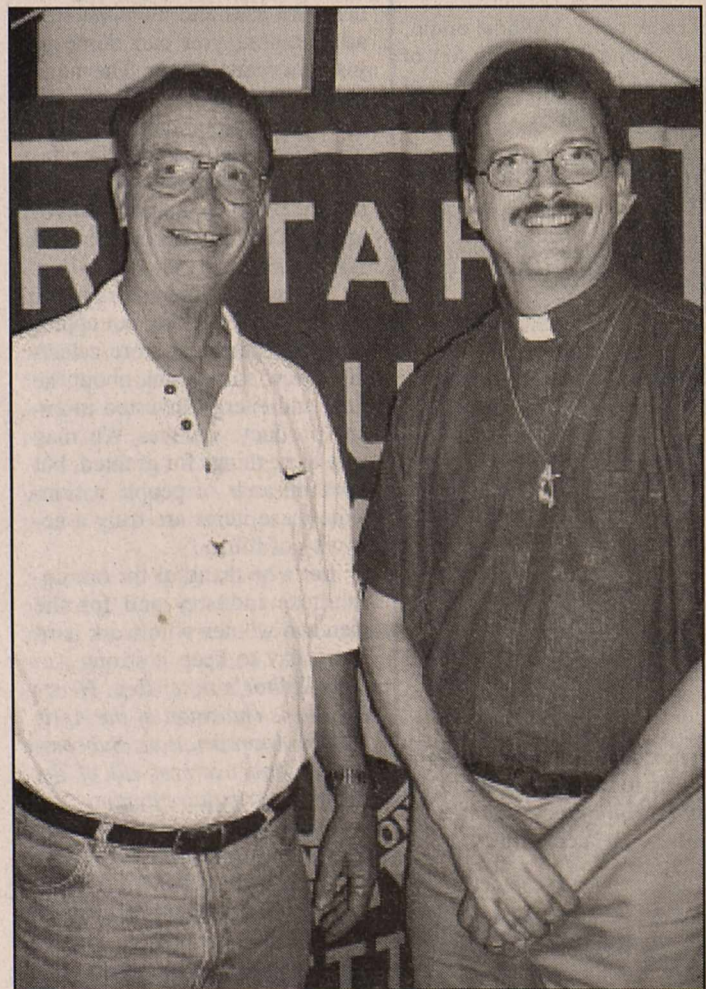
The mayor said the brush area has been a burden for the past 10 years.

"When we had the landfill, the actual pit in the ground at the York property, we put ev-

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Under investigation
The City of Brackettville's brush area, which has been closed since June 16, is under investigation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
Photo by Jewel Robinson



Guest speaker
Roger Baker (right) addressed the Rotary Club last week at the request of Taylor Stephenson.
Photo by Bill Haern

Baker discusses Methodists' history

By FRANCES McMASTER
Contributing Writer

Roger Baker, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Brackettville, discussed the Methodist Church and its history at last week's Rotary Club meeting. He also told his audience a little about himself. Taylor Stephenson introduced him.

Baker said he feels very fortunate to get to come to Brackettville since his wife, Lt. Col. Sue Baker, had been assigned to Laughlin Air Force Base as commander of the 47th Medical Support Squadron. The couple has two sons, Michael, 2, and a baby, Mathew Henry.

Baker, himself, was in the Air Force for 10 years. He spent seven years in the Army Reserve and was called back into service during Desert Storm. Baker went to Cambridge and became a hospital chaplain and a circuit minister, serving a number of churches.

Besides his main interest, which is the church, Baker is very interested in communication technology. In fact, both he and his wife have master's degrees in this area. He laughed and said, "You might call us two geeks. When we got together it

was like connecting our two networks."

Baker's goals are to get a doctorate in theology sometime in the future. He also wants to get a private pilot's license. His goal for the church here in Brackettville is to get an average year-long attendance of 100.

Baker said that John Wesley didn't start out with the intent of forming a denomination. He was the son of an Anglican (Church of England) priest, and he earned a scholarship to attend Oxford.

Wesley was a very serious young man who worried about not living a holy enough life to merit God's favor. He concocted long lists of what he should and should not do, but he was never able to believe he was worthy.

Wesley studied the Bible, and others joined him. They met weekly at first, then more and more frequently. Intellectuals and scientists, the members were very methodical in their approach to their subject. As a result, some people began to call them "Methodists."

Wesley became an Anglican priest for a short time and went to Georgia as a missionary, but this venture proved to be a failure. Crossing the Atlantic in a

small ship was traumatic to him and he was miserably seasick, which he interpreted as God's punishment for his shortcomings.

However, on the boat were some Germans singing hymns and praising God, which impressed Wesley. He had an epiphany — a feeling of calmness and assurance of God's love changed him completely.

Back in England, Wesley began preaching to small groups and encouraged others to do the same to make religion available to the people rather than focused on the aristocracy. He could not ordain anyone, however, since the Anglican Church was the only church legally recognized in England.

Wesley's followers became circuit preachers, traveling from town to town, preaching and taking care of needs. This same style served well later on the frontiers of America. The circuit preachers were not highly educated men, but individuals who could afford to devote the time to it, and they were given a small stipend.

Wesley and his preachers became very popular. He taught that Christians should receive

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We can all learn from everything

A few words for the students of BHS: Docent omina. This is a Latin saying which, roughly translated, means "everything teaches."

Think about that for a second or two. *Everything* teaches you something. It's not just homework, science labs and textbooks that will shape you into the person you will become. It's also the hard work, the adversity and the complexity you experience every day just being a teen-ager in today's world.

When a parent punishes you, like it or not, it will teach you something. So will hot, sweaty summer jobs, broken arms, rejection by a member of the opposite sex, road trips, friendships, competition and quiet time alone.

My advice to you is to not let any opportunity pass you by, no matter how small or inconsequential. In a few short years, when you are old like your teacher and parents, you will look back on insignificant moments and realize just how radiant they really were.

When the poet Irene Rutherford McCloud reflected back on her life, she had three deep regrets. One was that she got too much sleep, another was that she ate too many beans and not enough ice cream, and one was that she rode too many merry-go-rounds and too few roller



Making A Difference

Bobby Templeton

coasters.

These were metaphorical, but I think she was telling you not to plod through your life aimlessly, rather seize it and enjoy it. Maybe she is also telling you not to be afraid, to take risks and that the long road may be the fun road.

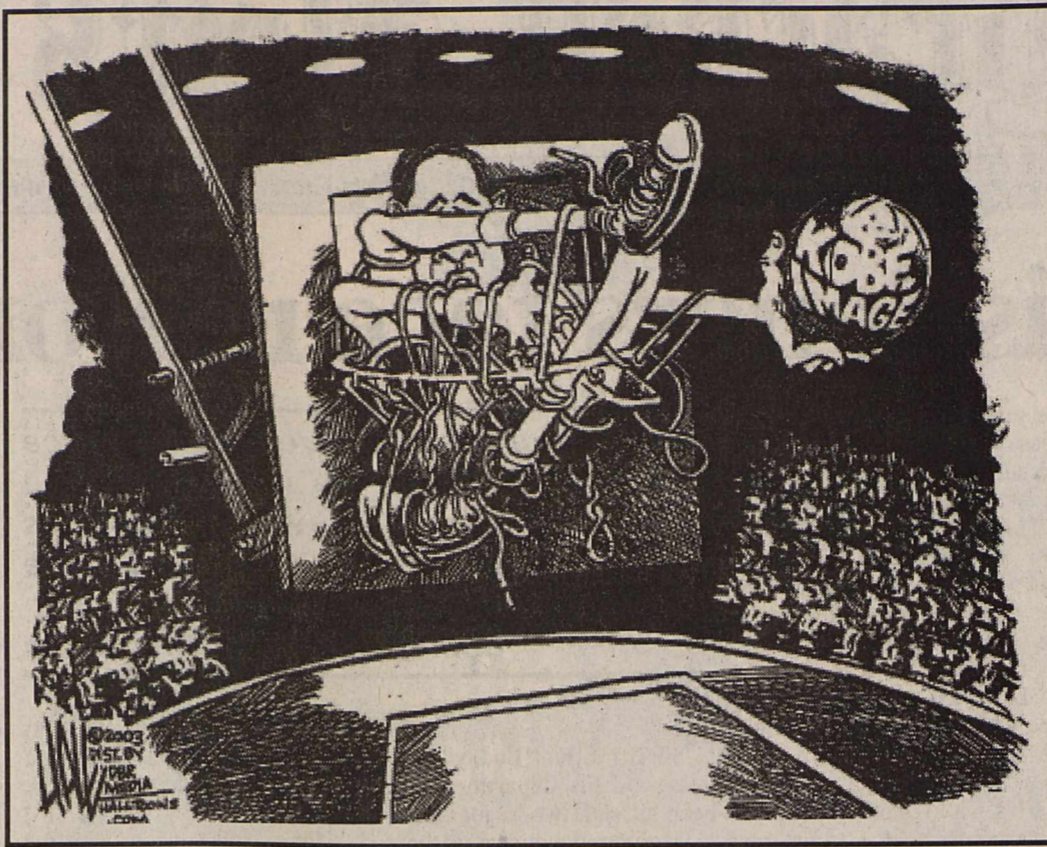
I hope you had some great learning experiences this summer and are ready to carry on with your traditional education in a few days.

You will hear me say over and over that when you graduate, you will have it tougher than any other group of graduates have ever had it, except possibly those that were drafted to Vietnam.

You will also hear me tell you over and over that you will have more opportunities than anyone in history.

Think about that for a second also. No group in history will have more opportunity for a life realization and achievement than you will have.

That's pretty exciting. In a way, I am a bit jealous. Have a good year.



Deficit budgets are catching up to county commissioners

Money is short and times are hard, unless you happen to be one of the county employees who retain their position during the next budget year. The county budget hasn't been filed yet, much less passed, but it's a pretty good bet some folks are going to be looking for a job.

It's looking like we'll have one less government trapper and quite a few less sheriff's department employees. How did we get to this point? If you go to the County Clerk's Office and look at the last four county budgets, here are a few of the things you'll find.

The Commissioners Court has passed deficit budgets for the last four years. In other words, they projected more expenses than revenue and balanced the budget with money from savings. For the 1999-2000 budget year, the deficit was \$161,892; \$226,009 in 2000-01; \$74,769 in 2001-02 and \$330,578 in the current budget. Wow!

Any experienced accountant will tell you it's a good idea to overestimate your expenses and underestimate your revenues. They'll also tell you when the shortfalls start reaching 5 percent or more of your budget, you're headed for trouble. Three of the four county deficits were in excess of 5 percent of the corresponding budgets.

Another thing that leaps out at you after about an hour on an adding machine is salaries. Budgeted salaries in 1999-2000 totaled \$1,027,025; \$1,025,503 in 2000-01; \$1,104,223 in 2001-



Between Us

Wes Robinson

02 and \$1,170,829 in the current budget. Once again, wow!

The difference in the first two years is probably attributable to the county adopting a step-and-grade system, which, by the way, I considered an excellent idea at the time. I can only attribute the last two years' increases to blanket pay raises in a majority of county departments.

If the commissioners court hadn't allowed some department heads to abuse the step-and-grade system, maybe some people wouldn't be losing their jobs.

Why do you increase salaries \$78,720 in 2001-02 when you're facing a deficit of \$74,769? Why increase salaries \$66,606 the following year while facing a \$330,578 deficit? Sorry, I just can't understand the reasoning behind these decisions.

It's also interesting that just about every elected official has received a raise every year during the last five budget years.

Two of these really jump out at you — the county judge and county attorney. The county judge received \$34,416 five years ago, this year it totals \$43,387. The county attorney was paid \$27,395 and \$46,617, respectively.

Part of this is a salary supple-

ment that I believe comes from the state — \$10,000 for the judge this budget year and \$16,950 for the county attorney — but they got raises from county funds in addition to the supplement.

Don't act suprised. It was printed in the newspaper every year.

It must be nice to get that kind of raise. Unfortunately, I have no first-hand knowledge.

Why are we going to cut county employees when we are currently participating in two drug task forces for a total of \$122,192?

They do have offsetting revenue of \$109,121, but it's still costing us \$13,071 this year. It looks to me like the county could save around \$13,000 by not participating in one and keep some local services and jobs.

It seems to me the county has fallen in to the same trap the city did a few years ago. They gave raises when the money wasn't there to start with and now they have to cut services and/or employees.

It's really a catch 22 for the politicians, isn't it? If they don't grant raises, they're really bad persons, and when it blows up in their face a few years later they're really bad persons.

The only thing that can change this endless cycle is you. Get involved in your local government.

Tell your elected officials when they do something right or when they do something wrong. Who knows, they might even listen.



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

The ag industry is the backbone of our country

Many of you know by now that I am chairman of the subcommittee that oversees all of our nation's agriculture funding. It's a great job and a huge responsibility.

Just a couple weeks ago, we finished work on this year's bill. It was a huge success. We funded some very important programs including food safety and inspection, child nutrition programs and the Agriculture Research Service.

Each year, while working on this bill, I start to think about the importance of agriculture and how often it touches our daily lives.

It's not something we think about every day. You probably don't get up in the morning, put on your clothes and consider who raised the sheep for your wool pants or who grew the cotton for your shirt.

When we get to the breakfast table, we often forget about the corn that was harvested for our morning bowl of cereal or the cows milked for our tall glass of calcium.

When our children arrive at school, we seldom think about the school lunch program they are provided each day. Nor do we think about the vaccinations that keep them safe from disease.

And when we stop at the grocery store on our way home, how often do we take for granted the high quality of the products we purchase?

The produce and meat are fresh, and the aisles packed with availability and variety. Not many countries have this type of luxury.

I make this point because it's important we understand how fortunate we are to have a safe and successful agriculture industry.

Agriculture affects so many aspects of our lives. Beyond food and clothing, the agriculture industry accounts for one in every six U.S. jobs. Farmers and ranchers are not the only people working for this huge industry. Agriculture supports your neighbor who works at the clothing production plant, your friend who manages the local grocery store and even your family pharmacist.

No doubt about it — agriculture fuels our economy. The agriculture industry accounts for 2 percent of our nation's gross domestic product. It also accounts for \$50 billion in exports each year.

Let's not forget that farmers pay incredible sums of money to cover their business expenses. In recent years, farmers paid as much as \$73 billion in purchases and over \$25 billion in employee wages.

When you add up the products, the jobs and the economic advantages, you can come to just one conclusion: The agriculture industry is literally the backbone of our country. This was true when the founding fathers met in Philadelphia, it was true during the industrial revolution of the 1800s, and it is still true today.

So the next time you're in the grocery store picking out apples or at a department store selecting a new shirt, think about the time and energy invested in every product you see. We may take these things for granted, but for thousands of people nationwide these items are truly a necessity of life.

Let's be thankful for our agriculture industry and for the men and women who work hard every day to keep it strong.

Editor's note: Rep. Henry Bonilla is chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, and oversees all of the nation's agriculture funding, the nation's food supply, emergency disaster relief, and farm and ranch programs. Bonilla is in his fifth term as a congressman from Texas' 23rd district.

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Continuing education
Ailene Reid (from left), Narce Villarreal and Theresa Davis of the Justice of the Peace's Office recently received their state certification.

Photo by Jewel Robinson

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, July 28
8:30 p.m., A woman reported that her husband had hit her at their home at the Rockledge Manor Apartments on Fort Clark Springs.

9:15 p.m., Ronald Vara, 36, Domingo E. Ramos, 40, both of San Antonio, were arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch. Vara was arrested on a warrant out of Bexar County for driving while intoxicated, third offense. Ramos was charged with driving with a suspended license. Vara was released the following day after officials learned the warrant was recalled. Ramos was also released the following day after posting a \$1,000 bail bond.

9:30 p.m., A woman requested assistance in retrieving her property.

4:30 p.m., A man reported that his truck had been stolen from his ranch, located about 10 miles east of Brackettville on Highway 90. He also said his trailer house had been ransacked.

Tuesday, July 29
4:55 p.m., Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter reported that a mule was loose on F.M. 2804. The owner of the mule was notified of the situation.

Wednesday, July 30
6:31 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a stranded motorist on Highway 90, about 2 miles east of Brackettville. Deputy James Blankenship was dispatched to the scene.

Thursday, July 31

11:40 a.m., Hilario Garcia, 17, and Kermit L. Gomez, 21, both of Brackettville, were arrested by Deputy Manny Pena for aggravated robbery. They were booked into the Kinney County Jail, where they were still being held at press-time.

2:15 p.m., Valentino Morin, 17, of Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Pena for aggravated robbery. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

Friday, Aug. 1
2:04 a.m., A man reported that there was a fight outside of the Las Moras Restaurant at Fort Clark Springs. EMS personnel were dispatched to the scene.

10 a.m., Samuel Hunt, 21, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Blankenship for aggravated assault. He was released later the same day after posting a \$5,000 bail bond.

4:30 p.m., A Super S Foods employee stated that two individuals were not welcomed at the grocery store, and asked if a deputy would speak to the men.

6:30 p.m., A woman reported a burglary at her ranch about 5 miles north of Standard Lane. The ranch gate was left open.

8:18 p.m., A man said that another man was driving reckless and yelling profanity at him near his residence on Fort Street. He said he had gotten into a fight with the individual the previous week.

11:50 p.m., A woman reported a minor car accident at

the corner of Ross and Fulton Street. Deputy Shannon was dispatched to the scene. He arrested Joana Marquez, 31, of Brackettville, for driving while intoxicated. She was transported to the Wackenhut Detention Center in Del Rio.

5:05 a.m., A man called 911 to report a disturbance at a residence in Unit 3 at Fort Clark Springs.

2:45 p.m., An anonymous caller requested EMS assistance at a residence on E. Veltman Street. The caller reported that their grandfather was having problems breathing. EMS was dispatched to the scene.

3:44 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a red Dodge Neon driving reckless, eastbound on Highway 90. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley and Border Patrol agents at the Cline checkpoint were notified of the situation.

6:09 p.m., A woman reported that her two sons were fighting near Rose Alley. Deputy Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene.

11:45 p.m., A woman said she was having problems with her son at her residence on E. Second Street. She said her son, who is on probation, was getting in her face and cussing her. The boy was taken to a relative's house in Brackettville.

Sunday, Aug. 3
5:11 a.m., A Border Patrol agent reported an accident 2 miles west of F.M. 1572 off of

Highway 90. No injuries were reported. Trooper Welch was dispatched to the scene.

6 a.m., Marco A. Ramos, 20, of Uvalde was arrested by Trooper Welch for driving under the influence. He was released later the same day after paying a \$257 fine.

1:00 p.m., A Laughlin Air Force employee reported that an airman was last seen in San Antonio at 4:45 that morning and had not shown up for work.

3:30 p.m., A woman requested assistance at her residence on E. Second Street.

7:12 p.m., A 911 caller reported a reckless driver in a white Chevrolet pickup, pulling a trailer, on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. She said the driver was hitting a little boy, who was a passenger in the vehicle. Del Rio DPS officials were notified of the situation.

9:15 p.m., A 911 caller reported a one-vehicle rollover on Highway 277, near the Maverick County line. No injuries were reported. Trooper Welch and Deputy Shannon were dispatched to the scene.

9:52 p.m., A man requested assistance at his residence on Beaumont Street. Two brothers were reportedly fighting. Deputy Blankenship was dispatched to the scene.

11:23 p.m., A man reported that his stepdad had tried to run over him on Gove Street. He came into the Sheriff's Office to speak with a deputy.

BISD SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

The following is Brackett Independent School District's supply list for the upcoming school year that begins on Aug. 18:

Brackett Junior High
No. 2 lead pencils (no mechanical pencils); 1 red ink pen for grading/checking; colored pencils (map colors), at least 12 colors; package of at least 4 different colored hi-liters; pink eraser; 12-inch ruler with markings in centimeters and inches; subject dividers, 1 Package for each class; 8 1/2-by-11-inch wide-ruled, loose-leaf, white notebook paper; pencil pouch/bag; no Trapper Keepers or similar notebooks with velcro fasteners.

Please use the color code given below to purchase the following items:
5 1-inch vinyl ring binders; 5 folders with pockets and fasteners (brads); 1 spiral notebook (for language arts).

Color Code: blue or light blue - language arts, red - reading, black - social studies, yellow - science, green - math.

Sixth Grade
2 black and white composition notebooks; 6 1-inch floppy binders (red, yellow, green, black, purple, blue); 5 pocket folders with brads (red, blue, green, 2 yellow); 4 packages of dividers; notebook paper; pencils - no mechanical pencils; markers; colored pencils; scissors; ruler; protractor; compass; highlighters; school glue; Kleenex; 3 hole-hole punch; pencil bag; combination lock (no key locks); pencil sharpener; paper towels.

Fifth Grade
3-ring binder, 2-inch; 3-ring binder, 2-inch for language arts; notebook paper, supply for year, wide rule; subject dividers, 2 packages, 5 tabs each; folders with packets and brads - 2 red, 2 blue, 2 green, 2 yellow, 2 purple; highlighters - yellow, green, blue, pink; red grading pencils, not pens; map

colors/pencils - 2 sets; No. 2 pencils - no mechanical pencils please; ruler - inch and centimeter; washable markers; scissors with pointed tips; erasers - small pink; pencil bag - zipper bag, large sturdy one (no pencil boxes please); glue stick and small Elmer's school glue; Kleenex - 2 family size boxes; paper towels - one roll; combination lock for locker (practice at home before school starts); Ziploc - one box, quarts size.

Fourth Grade
6 packages of 36 No. 2 pencils (not mechanical); 1 4-ounce glue; 1 glue stick; 500 wide-ruled sheets; 2 boxes of Kleenex; 2 highlighters (any color); 1 Pair of 8-inch scissors; 1 large roll of paper towels; 1 2-inch binder; 1 package of 16-count crayons; 2 70-page spiral notebooks; 1 30-count, gallon-size freezer baggies (girls); 1 30-quart size freezer baggies (boys); 4 pocket folders with brads (any color); 1 box of classic color markers; 1 package of subject dividers.

Third Grade
1 ruler with inches and centimeters; 40 No. 2 pencils (not mechanical/no decorations); 1 pair of scissors (Fiskars); 2 boxes of family-size Kleenex; 5 folders with brads and pockets - 4 red, 1 blue, 1 green, 1 yellow, 1 purple; 1 large glue stick; 24-count crayons; 24-count box of map colors; 1 roll of paper towels; 1 box of quart-size freezer baggies; 1 small plastic school box; 1 large pink eraser.

Second Grade
2 1 1/2-inch binders; 1 composition book; 1 package of wide-rule notebook paper; 1 pencil pouch to go in binder; 40 No. 2 pencils; 4 large pink erasers; 1 package of pencil-top erasers; 1 ruler with inches and centimeters; 1 8-count box of crayons for binders; 2 boxes of 24-count crayons; 2 boxes of family-size Kleenex; 1 roll of pa-

per towels; 4 jumbo glue sticks; 1 4-ounce bottle of Elmer's glue; 1 box of gallon-size Ziplock baggies; 1 box of quart-size Ziplock baggies; 1 backpack (no wheels please). Please do not label your child's supplies.

First Grade
1 backpack; 24 No. 2 pencils; 2 boxes of 24 crayons; 2 large glue sticks; 8 Expo's dry-erase markers; 1 large eraser; 1 100-sheet spiral, wide-rule notebook; 1 pair of Fiskar scissors; 1 2-inch, 3-ring binder; 1 folder with side pockets; 1 school box; 2 boxes of Kleenex; 2 rolls of paper towels; 1 package of wide-ruled notebook paper; 1 pack of subject dividers; 2 red pencils; 1 package of red pens; 1 large zipper pencil pouch.

Kindergarten
1 backpack; 20 No. 2 pencils - plain; 16 pencil-cap erasers; 1 pair of scissors; 1 16-ounce Elmer's glue; 1 jumbo glue stick; 2 one-subject notebooks; 2 Big Chief tablets; 3 plastic folders with brads and pockets - red, blue, green; 1 box of Expo's dry-erase markers; 2 boxes of 8-count colors; 1 box of 16-count colors; 1 plastic school box (no large boxes); 1 box of family-size Kleenex; 2 rolls of paper towels; 1 package of heavy-duty gallon Ziplock baggies; 1 package of heavy-duty quart Ziplock baggies.

Pre-Kindergarten
1 plastic school box; 2 packages of 8-count crayons; 1 8-ounce school glue; 1 pair of school scissors (Fiskar, not pointed); 10 No. 2 pencils; 1 box of family-size Kleenex; 2 rolls of paper towels; 3 plastic folders with brads and pockets - 1 yellow, 1 red, 1 blue; 1 backpack; 2 boxes of plastic Ziploc baggies (different size); 1 box of short colored pencils; 2 jumbo glue sticks; 1 one-subject spiral notebook.

2003 Property Tax Rates in Kinney County Commissioners Court

This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for Kinney County Commissioners Court. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	General Fund	Special Road/Bridge Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$933,847	\$24,665
Last year's debt taxes	\$20,134	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$953,981	\$24,665
Last year's tax base	\$122,023,663	\$123,325,000
Last year's total tax rate	0.7818 /\$100	0.0200 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$947,639	\$24,527
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+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$125,037,590	\$126,345,276
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.7578 /\$100	0.0194 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.7772 /\$100	
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.8005 /\$100	

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$927,639	\$24,527
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+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$125,037,590	\$126,345,276
= This year's effective operating rate	0.7419 /\$100	0.0194 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.8012 /\$100	0.0209 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.0172 /\$100	0.0000 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.8184 /\$100	0.0209 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.8393 /\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Kinney County Commissioners Court adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7772 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2002 taxes by \$328.

Schedule A: General Fund Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$590,000

Schedule B: General Fund 2003 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	\$20,885	\$0	\$0	\$20,885
Total Required for 2003 Debt Service				\$20,885
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2003				\$20,885
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 96.13% of its taxes in 2003				\$841
= Total Debt Levy				\$21,726

Schedule A: Special Road/Bridge Fund Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Special Road/Bridge Fund	\$0

Schedule B: Special Road/Bridge Fund 2003 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Total Required for Debt Service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2003				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 96.55% of its taxes in 2003				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 412 S Ann St., Brackettville, TX 78832-1377.

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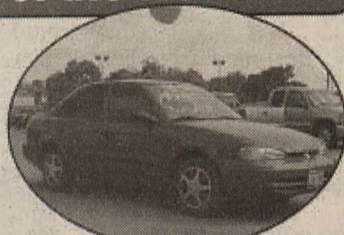
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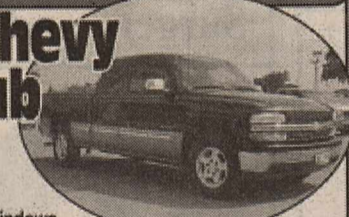
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2000 Buick LeSabre	35,210 miles	SN 4985
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2000 Chevrolet Suburban	42,120 miles	SN30633A
2000 Chevrolet Silverado C1500	28,734 miles	SN 5023
2000 Chevrolet S-10 Pickup	33,243 miles	SN 5052
1999 Isuzu Rodeo	40,941 miles	SN 5072
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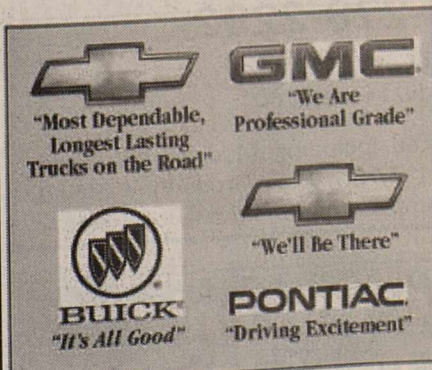
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It's a blessing to be a mother

"I'll be glad when school starts," Susie remarked. "The summer is hectic, trying to take care of kids and work. It's getting to me."

"I can sympathize," Janie said. "At least Ted and I can organize our schedules at work and, with our parents close by, the kids have supervision. I'm glad you and I live close so Ted and I can be of some help to you. It's tough being a single mom."

Susie continued: "I'm really frustrated and I'm sure it's having an effect on my kids. I don't get one minute of freedom or time for myself. I'd like to take time to go back to school and develop a career so I could get ahead and make something of myself."

Susie paused and looked down. "Then I feel guilty as though I want to abandon my kids. And," she said hesitatingly, "sometimes I'd like to have a man in my life."

Janie put her arm around her friend and said, "God has given you two beautiful children and so far they're adjusting well to your situation."

"Right now you're doing the right thing. Your children need a mother much more than you need a career or a man in your life. There will be time



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in the future for both of those things. Just be patient and allow God to open the doors."

Susie looked admiringly at her friend. "Thanks for the encouragement. I guess I get in a hurry and think every day it may be too late."

"It will never be too late Susie," Janie said. "Long ago, a very wise man said that especially blessed is the mother who finds joy in her children." (Sirach 25:7)

"I know there are others around who resent the demands of their children and even disparage them," Janie continued. "They are fools and their children will bring them sorrow in their old age. Don't give your time to such people lest you become like them." (Sirach 27:12)

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

God commands all to repent

"That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from everyone of us:

"For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, for we are also his offspring.

"For as much then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the God head is like unto gold or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's



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device. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent. (Acts 17:27-30) Glory!

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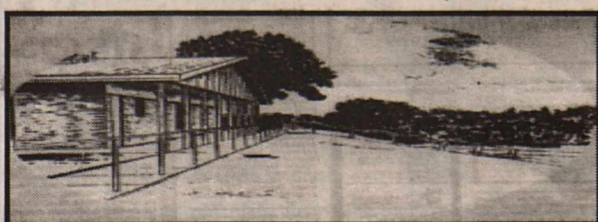
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Will you be living in the city of Sodom when Jesus returns?

Lot started out pitching his tent towards Sodom and the next thing you find is that he and his household lose everything they own and are carried away by the enemy to be slaves.

Worse than that, after having been rescued by his uncle, Abraham, Lot goes a step further and moves into the city of Sodom, placing his family in the midst of a grievously sinful city. (Genesis 13:12, Genesis 14:11-12, Genesis 19:1-24)

Lot had placed his family in jeopardy of receiving the same judgment from God for his own family as the city of Sodom.

By living amongst the people of Sodom and not speaking out against their lifestyle, Lot lost his spiritual credibility. So much so that when he tried to warn his son-in-laws to leave the city with him and his daughters, they



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thought he was mocking them or teasing them. It cost them their lives as they perished with all the city of Sodom.

Even though God called Lot a "just" and a "righteous" man, what condition had he fallen into?

2 Peter 2:7-8 says that God "delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds."

Lot was bombarded daily with the filthy conversation and unlawful deeds of homosexuals. It troubled his soul, and yet he did not remove his family from the city until angels came and warned him to leave before God destroyed it.

He also lost his wife because she looked back at Sodom when God was destroying the city — after she had been warned not to. (Genesis 19:26)

Even amidst all this wickedness, God made a way of escape for Lots family, as long as they obeyed him.

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished." (2 Peter 2:7)

Those that were saved were those who respected spiritual authority.

Jesus will return and be revealed to all mankind sooner now than ever before. Will you be living in the city of Sodom?

"As it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." (Luke 17:30)

Use your voice now to stem the tide against wickedness. Do not let our city and country become another Sodom and Gomorrah.

Speak out even if it is not "politically correct" so that you may be counted by God amongst the righteous.

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

Faith includes a little mystery

Leon Hill was sort of a legendary West Texas Baptist preacher. Brother Leon used to tell a story about a Church of Christ preacher who used to golf with three deacons from the Baptist church.

One Sunday the Baptist deacons decided they'd pay their friend the compliment of going to hear him preach the Gospel. The preacher was delighted to see his friends at the Church of Christ and hurriedly motioned to one of the ushers from the pulpit.

The preacher whispered, "Get three chairs for the Baptists up here!"

The usher looked at the preacher quizzically, but was greeted again with the whispered message, this time with the urgency only a preacher can give: "Get three chairs for the Baptists up here right now!"

The usher shrugged, smiled, turned towards the front of the congregation, crouched down in front of the podium in his best cheerleader stance, and yelled, "OK, everybody, three cheers

for the Baptists! Hip, hip ..."

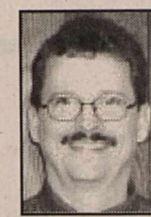
I love to tell stories that poke fun at our Christian "denominations." Surely, the atoning love of Jesus demonstrated upon the cross is far more important than bickering about theological issues.

Preachers, myself included, can be the worst about this. Jesus called us "blind guides who strain out a fly but swallow a camel" (Matthew 23:24).

I believe that following the injunctions to preach the Gospel, to feed the hungry, to visit the sick and to clothe the naked, are far more important than some of our theological fine points. Sometimes we put so much emphasis on "knowing" God (as if we could fully comprehend God!) that we forget to do the things that God commanded us to do.

One member of my congregation brought this out to me on Sunday after we celebrated the Lord's Supper.

"Pastor, why do we say 'the mystery of faith'? Doesn't the Bible tell us everything we need



First United Methodist Church

Rev. Roger Baker

to know? Where's the mystery?"

He had a good point. Faith is as simple as accepting Jesus as we find Him in the Bible and experiencing the Holy Spirit in our lives. Certainly there is no mystery there. But I'd suggest that as we grow in faith and maturity, we begin discovering things that require careful study and prayer.

How could Jesus die if he was truly Divine? How was Jesus' resurrection from the dead different from Lazarus' rising? When will Jesus come again?

Maybe it is good to have a little mystery to our faith. After all, faith is accepting with our heart that which our head cannot fully comprehend.

It is more than blind trust. Mature faith has to be aware of

the uncertainties, the imperfection of our knowledge, and yet still trust and still act.

We know only in part (1 Corinthians 13:12), and we need to acknowledge that imperfection as part of our faith, too.

Proclaiming the mystery of our faith means that we admit we don't know it all. We are servants of a perfect God, who is perfecting us through the justifying grace of Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. It is the testimony of the Holy Spirit that removes the "mysteries," not our own wisdom. (1 Corinthians 2:3-5)

I look for the day when all Christians will be one just as Jesus and the Father are one. (John 30:9) Until then, I'll probably keep telling Brother Leon's jokes to remind us, in love, that our earthly knowledge isn't yet perfect.

And when we are gathered together at the final Lord's Table "up yonder," I think I want to get a seat near Brother Leon — I'll bet he has lots more jokes about Methodists, too!

What does the Pledge of Allegiance really mean?

Thinking back to my school teaching days, I remember how my students would often recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag with great monotony, not really thinking about the words they were saying -- the way we sometimes recite our prayers!

Anyway, I happened upon a beautiful explanation of the pledge that I wish I would have had years ago. It said:

I: me, an individual.

Pledge: promise, dedicate myself.

Allegiance: devotion and loyalty to our flag, a symbol of free-

dom. United: standing side by side; together, like a family.

States: individual communities joined in a common purpose.

And to the Republic for which it stands: a state in which the government is the people, elected by the people.

Indivisible: incapable of being divided; forever bonded.

With liberty: freedom; to live, without fear or threat from others.

And justice: dealing fairly with one another.

For all: you and me; or, it's



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Lynn McNew

as much your country as it is mine.

I would like to think that if my students had listened to this, they would have grown up to believe these words.

Isaiah 9:7 says, "Of the increase of his government and

peace there shall be no end ..."

This Bible verse speaks of a world with an ideal government, one that promotes each tenet of our Pledge of Allegiance. To make that dream real, we must work for it, not just give it lip service.

Father, our country, founded with Your guidance, is still not perfect. May we continue to grow as one nation — under God.

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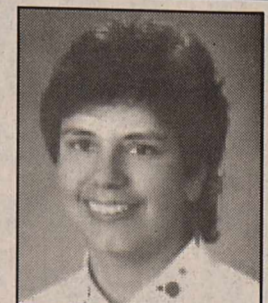
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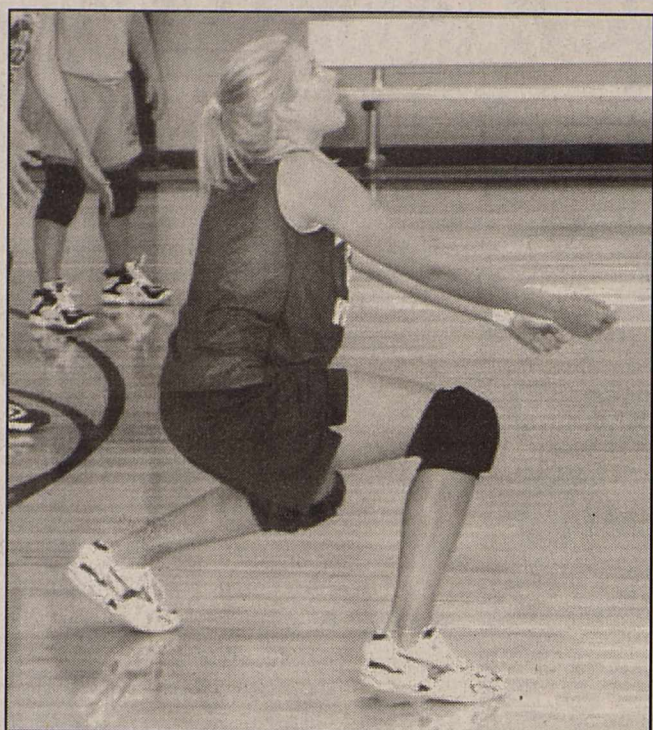
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Getting down
Brackett's Ashley Smith goes down for a dig during volleyball practice. The Tigerettes began two-a-day workouts this week.

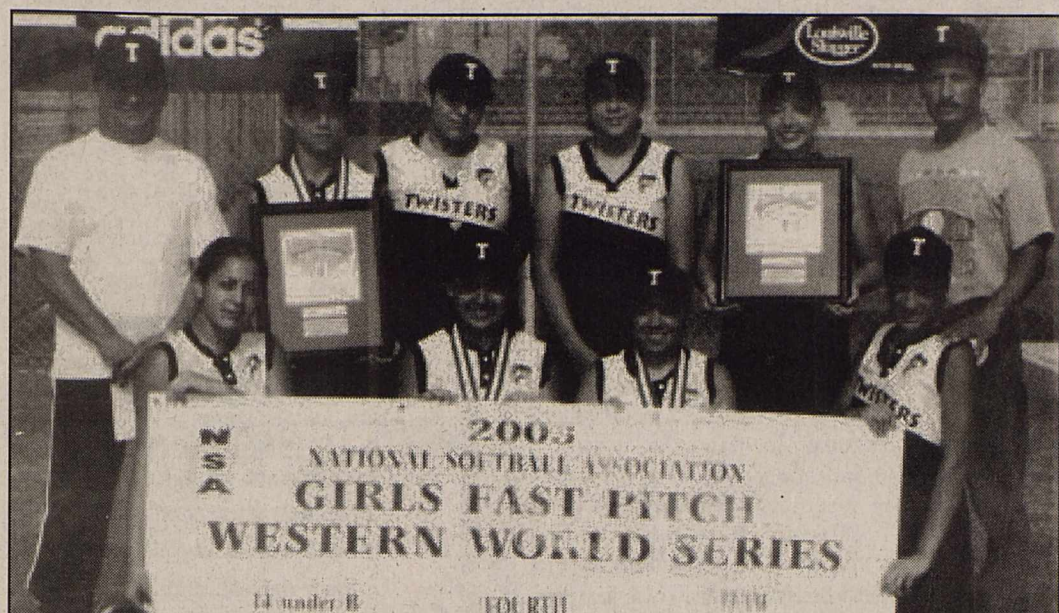
Southwest Twisters finish fourth

Team earns berth in Super World Series in Illinois

The Southwest Twisters softball team took fourth place in the NSA Western World Series in Beaumont, earning a berth in the Super World Series in East Peoria, Ill., Aug. 29 through Sept. 1. Berths to the Super World Series were given to the top nine teams.

Team members Angelica Cortez, Jacqueline Sanchez and Nadine Terrazas were awarded medals for being the fastest team in the west. The Twisters also received the team sportsmanship award.

The Southwest Twisters' entry fee for the Super World Series will be paid by the regional director and his wife, but the team is still asking for donations to help with expenses.



World Series bound

The Southwest Twisters will be competing in the Super World Series later this month in East Peoria, Ill. Team members include, bottom row (from left): Alyssa Alfaro, Angelica Cortez, Jackie Sanchez and Marisol Lopez. Top row: Manager Nat Terrazas, Nadine Terrazas, Vanity Contreras, Nicole Tijerna, Alyssa Briones and Coach Lopez.

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County officials face major budget cuts

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"People can't pay any more taxes in this county. You're maxed out. But you cut back on services — that's what I don't understand. People are paying more and they're getting less service," Burgess added.

Melancon said the commissioners had no choice but to cut county services.

"Where the budget is right now, we are still short \$147,000. Where do we get it? We can't go up on taxes. We have to get it somewhere.

"We have savings. We could balance that \$147,000, but we

would be in the same boat next year with much less money," he said. "I would rather sit here and argue than be in the shape the city is in."

As a result of the proposed cuts, the sheriff said he would have to cut jobs and would no longer be able to house federal prisoners in the county jail.

"I don't believe we make any money out of prisoner care anyway," Melancon said.

Burgess argued that housing federal prisoners brings in over \$300,000 annually in revenue.

"I don't know how you expect me to operate," the sheriff said. "I can give you two jailers

and a cook. When I cut jailers back, I won't have any security there to guard the federal prisoners. When you cut back on security, that's when accidents start to happen."

Senne said the commissioners looked at the history of the departments to determine the priority of cuts in order to remove the "fluff" from the budget.

"Typically, county governments will add a little bit of fluff to their budgets — put some money in there just in case something that you can't predict in the way of expenses occurs," Senne said.

"No one, irregardless of

how good you are, can predict a year in advance exactly how much it's going to cost you to do whatever it is that you do," the judge added.

The sheriff argued that the various departments within the county government have done their part to reduce spending.

"They realize that they work for the taxpayers," he said. "The taxpayers pay their salary. I don't believe there is a department in this county that doesn't try to give money back."

"I warned you three or four years ago what was going to happen, but nobody paid any attention to me," Burgess added.

City's brush area under investigation

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everything in there — everything," she said. "When we came into Subtitle D in 1993, we had to go to the Gobbler.

"They couldn't throw their brush so people were burning at their houses, burning leaves and limbs. That's a no-no by TCEQ. Somebody got fined \$200 for burning on their property. So what do we do with the brush?" Berlanga asked.

The city currently rents the land for the brush area for

\$6,000 annually from Johnny Fritter, chief deputy sheriff.

The council discussed moving the brush area to land owned by the city, but the mayor said the city had no land that met TCEQ's spacing requirements in relationship to residences.

Tim Ward said the city should consider charging for the service.

"I think at the time you talk about spending the money and you determine the need and that you're going to provide it, at the

same time you have to say, 'Are we willing to charge for that public expense?' because you don't have any other alternative.

"You're already in a deficit situation. It's easy to say, 'We're going to provide it. We need it.' We all agree, that's probably true. But at the same time, are you willing to make an addition in your charges to accommodate that service that you're going to provide," he said.

Ward is heading a four-per-

son budget advisory committee appointed by the mayor that also includes Anita Ertle, Gene Slate and Leroy Slubar.

Ward also pointed out that the city was losing over \$35,000 annually with its garbage collection through Garbage Gobbler.

"I think you have to keep in mind that we're losing money there. What are we going to do to change that? You are going to have to make a real drastic move," added Ward, who is a former county judge and city secretary.

Baker discusses history of the Methodist church

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to the Lord's supper once a week in their local church. His followers began to crowd into the churches to hear the minister, receive communion, and would then go on to listen to Wesley's preachers.

The churches were not prepared for such numbers, and the people had to wait in line. To keep them focused, Wesley and his brother, Charles, wrote hymns for them to sing. Hymn books today are still full of Wesley's hymns.

Baker said Methodists consider the church to be a priesthood of all believers. They believe the Lord's supper should be restricted to the baptized.

Their ministers serve seven to 10 years before they are officially ordained, and it is considered a lifelong commitment.

Methodists baptize babies and believe the Bible to be true and accurate. They support lay preaching. They do not believe in same sex marriage and believe in worship as a method of birth control.

Baker said that Methodists are a "lively bunch," and although at one time they believed in abstinence and were very conservative, he sees them as having become more relaxed and believing in moderation.

Rotary welcomes Baker and his family to the Kinney County community.

County may lose one of two trappers

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happen if you let things go.

"We can't depend solely on the trappers. We all have to do our fair share, even more so now because we only have two. But they are much more knowledgeable than we are when it comes to trapping animals. They have been trained. We need them to keep the predators from going wild in our county."

Joe Montalvo, Precinct 2 commissioner, asked if the association has considered raising its fees.

"We have," Conoly said. "It's tough. Money is tight — not only with the county, but everybody's pockets are pretty tight. Some of the members have said they can't afford it. The more that you cut, we have to increase on our end. Hopefully, the ranchers and wildlife people will come together and raise the funds."

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2003 Property Tax Rates in Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District

This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$60,106
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$60,106
Last year's tax base	\$120,212,000
Last year's total tax rate	0.0500 / \$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$59,700
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$122,970,750
= This year's effective tax rate	0.0485 / \$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.0499 / \$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$59,700
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$122,970,750
= This year's effective operating rate	0.0485 / \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.0523 / \$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.0046 / \$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.0569 / \$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.0485 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2002 taxes by \$74.

Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance		
Schedule B 2003 Debt Service			
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).			
Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
\$5,479	\$0	\$0	\$5,479
Total Required for 2003 Debt Service			
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			
- Excess collections last year			
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2003			
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95.00% of its taxes in 2003			
= Total Debt Levy			
\$5,479			
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\$5,479			
\$288			
\$5,767			

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 412 S Ann St., Brackettville, TX 78832-1377.

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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 spaces 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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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You usually put your best efforts forward. However, this time, you're pushing too hard. Relax, and that work project practically finishes itself.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The beginning of the week is quite hectic. All calms down by midweek, giving you a much-needed breather. The weekend is a good time to spend with family.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A remark you make in jest could come back to haunt you. Don't worry about it. The person taking offense has no sense of humor anyway!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Don't take on more than you can handle. Yes, you're quite competent. However, you need to realize your limitations.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're moving at a slower pace than usual this week. Enjoy this. There's nothing really urgent you need to attend to.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You see the potential in something everyone else has just about given up on. Keep plugging at it. Eventually, you succeed.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're much more laid back this week. Co-workers respond to your calmness. Over the weekend, take advantage of some physical activities.

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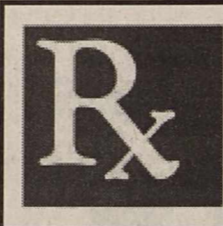
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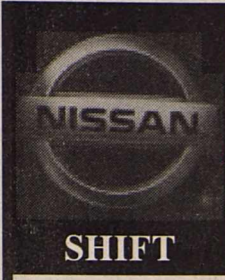
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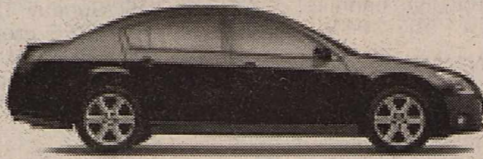
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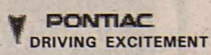
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