Tigers claim 39-6 win over Pirates in opener See story, Page 4

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City receives a helping hand

WaterTexas funds new water pump for city

By J.J. GUIDRY Editor

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

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

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

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

Sherman said it was "truly a

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

Lynn Sherman of WaterTexas

here in Brackettville."

"We are glad to step in and help. Our company's philosophy was an easy decision," he said. City officials believe a former

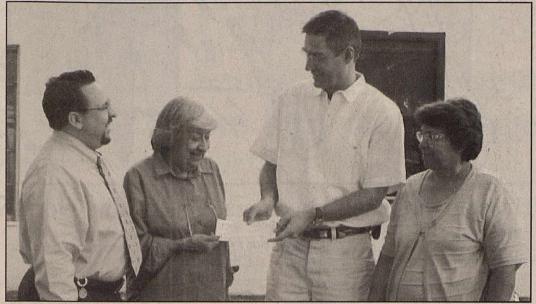
taged the water pump.

woman Mary Flores said. "That donate the money to the city. fence is too high to climb over, and there were no signs of a See WATERTEXAS/Page 3

shame what happened to the well break-in. He also said it had to be somebody that knew what they were doing.'

Flores said the damage was is to give back to the local com- the cause of the recent low wamunities where we work, so it ter pressure citizens have been

Brackettville citizens exemployee out for revenge sabo- pressed concerns over the water supply to state officials, and it "The electrician said it was was Texas Rep. Timoteo Garza probably an inside job," Alder- that approached WaterTexas to



Financial donation

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

Commissioners consider 12% tax increase

By J.J. GUIDRY Editor

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

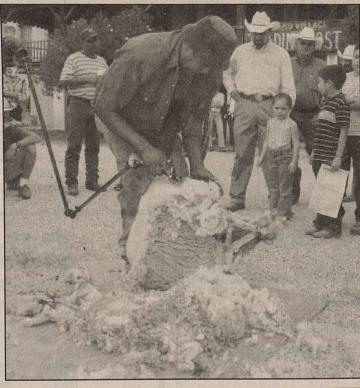
The Commissioners Court voted 4-1 last month to place the tax-rate increase proposal on the agenda for next Monday's meeting for adoption. County Judge Herb Senne and Commissioners Pat Melancon, Joe Montalvo and Francie Wylie voted for the measure, while Commissioner Nat

Terrazas opposed. The proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year will also

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

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

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

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

Photos by J.J. Guidry

City raises taxes, decreases budget

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

By J.J. GUIDRY Editor

In efforts to erase a \$120,000 ries.' debt, Brackettville city officials and opted to lower its budget last week.

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

"Our expenses are pretty well we can subtract. Our purchases fired in June. are limited.'

proposed budget, while Alder- experience." woman Francisca "Chica" Garza Samaniego was absent from the fiscal year. meeting. All four council memcreased tax rate.

the City Council after being pre- the salary.' pared by a four-member committee appointed by the mayor.

total salaries, from \$424,838 to than that." \$226,486.68. Several employees resigned over the last year and those positions were not

cern was the pay that some of work.

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

The council is developing job approved a 3 percent tax hike descriptions and reviewing the qualifications of all city employees, and may make adjustments

to the salaries in the future. "The salaries are subject to assured citizens at the public

The new budget also includes fixed," Mayor Carmen Berlanga a \$22,500 salary for a new city said. "There's not too much we secretary. The position has been can add and there's not too much vacant since David Luna was

"This is a big cut from what City Council members Mary we were paying (Luna)," the Flores, Tomas Gomez Jr. and mayor said. "The council wants Bonnie Wardlaw voted for the someone with an education and

Garza said the salary will opposed it. Councilman Johnny likely be increased during the

"It's going to be a pretty bers present voted for the in- heavy load for the new city secretary," she said. "Hopefully, we The budget was presented to are going to be able to increase

Wardlaw added: "We have some employees making more The most drastic cut in the than \$22,500. It would be hard budget was a 46.7 decrease in to hire a secretary to make less

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

INSIDE

Steven LaMascus

There are 27 amendments to the Constitution of the United States. Most of those amendments were added to protect rights.

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Chuck Hall

Whenever I am in any place with a Home Depot, I just have to go there. For some reason, tools and new gadgets have an alluring fascination to me. Opinion/Page 2

Roger Baker

"Labor Day" has a difficult taste in the mouths of those who do not have work. About 31 percent of the residents in our area live in poverty. Religion/Page 7

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Texas safety belt compliance hits all-time high

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

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

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

For a two-week period, from May 19 to June 1, an unprecedented barrage of TV and radio commercials, billboards and movie theater slides use increases, we can save an additional 25 lives warned Texans to buckle up or face hefty fines.

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

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

ducted by Texas Transportation Institute indicated a safety belt compliance rate of nearly 90 percent, up from 81 percent just a year ago.

CLICK IT OR TICKET

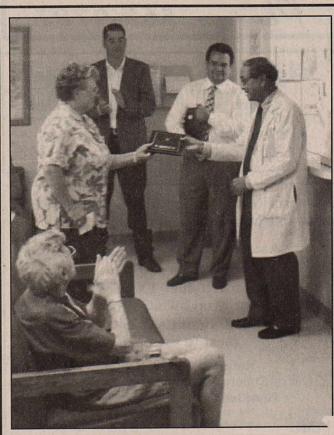
The following are the results of the "Click It or Ticket" survey, comparing April 2002 to May 2003:

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

and prevent almost 600 injuries every year in Texas," Bryant said.

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

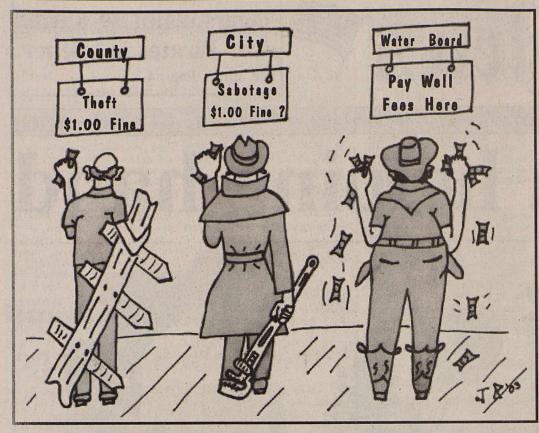
"Click It or Ticket" campaign supporters in-In 10 Texas cities, observational studies con-cluded the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Municipal Police Association, the Texas Police Chiefs Association, the Sheriff's Association of Texas, hundreds of local law enforcement agen-"For every percentage point that safety belt cies and scores of community organizations.



Birthday celebration

Photo by J.J. Guidry

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



How do those self-check machines really work?

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

Whenever I am in San Antonio, Austin or any place with a Home Depot, I just have to go there. For some strange reason, tools and new gadgets have an alluring fascination to me. I used to wonder why my mother would screws that had no telling how go shopping and just look at many items in it. things. Now I find myself doing

adventure, I did actually buy some things. Nothing big, nothing worth writing about, just some odds and ends that I new routes out of a hardware

When I went to check out, I so why not? found a few new surprises. The fewer items." No use going to you. that line. The signal at the isle next to it was worse, "Checkout for five to 15 items."



But I Could Be Wrong

> Chuck Hall

What do I do? I had a box of

Luckily, my daughter bailed me out of my dilemma: "Dad, However, on the last Austin why don't you use the new selfcheck line?"

I hate new things. I am too set in my ways to start learning thought I might need. Someday. store. But I had her to rely on,

If you haven't tried a selffirst counter had a nice sign that check out, try one. You're in for read, "Check-out for five or a treat. The machine talks to

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

"Please put item in bag" to think at all.

"Please scan next item." even told me to do so, I put the of justice. Thus comes the Secitem in the plastic bag.

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

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

It took me a while to figure it out. There's a little bitty man trol was if the people had suffiinside that machine. There's no other way it could have been that the standing army, to overthrow is enacted by the congress those who do so will bring judgsmart. But I could be wrong.

The truth about the second amendment

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

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

an instrument that could very do. easily become abusive, overruling the will of the people, instead of ruling by the will of the people. They understood this danger much better than we can. Hey, this is neat. I don't have They had been under just such a form of government and were doing everything in their power I could like this. Before it to prevent another such travesty ond Amendment.

The Founding Fathers were fully aware that without arms in the hands of any law-abiding to the original purpose of the more than a subject! And a presicitizen who desired to own a gun, the government would eventually decide that it knew better what the people needed

"Please put item back in than the people themselves. It has happened a thousand times in the past, and they were keep it from happening in the United States. The only thing keep the government under concient military might, aside from



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

enough to become oppressive. That was the purpose of the Second Amendment to the Constitution. In fact, the purpose of

scribe what the government government. They saw the government as could do, but what it could not Today you hear the phrase "legitimate sporting purpose"

bandied about as identifying the type of weapons we are so graciously allowed by our government to own. We cannot possess "assault weapons," or pistols that hold more than 10 rounds in the magazine, or submachine guns, because those are dangerous and purpose.'

should be protected is our right king! to own assault weapons. Those are exactly what the designers of this nation meant when they drafted the Second Amendment.

We have no basic, constituintelligent enough to realize that tionally-guaranteed right to hunt one must submit himself to the it would happen again in the fu- and plink at tin cans. That was ture. They were desperate to never the purpose of the Second Amendment. It was as much a right to protect ourselves from authorities that exist have been that they could see that would our own government as to pro- established by God. Consetect ourselves from crooks or quently, he who rebels against foreign invaders.

any government arrogant pushes us one more step down ment on themselves." NIV

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

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

You see, that is where the liberal mentality just breaks down, the Constitution was to limit the unable to grasp the simple fact power of the federal govern- that the government does not ment. It was not meant to de- empower us, we empower the

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

Without firearms in the hands of the people, that simple, basic tenet would cease to exist like ground fog on a hot summer day. have "no legitimate sporting Because no matter how trite it may sound, the truth is still that That is a direct contradiction an unarmed citizen is nothing Second Amendment! What dent with absolute power is a

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

Romans 13:1-2 says: "Everygoverning authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The the authority is rebelling against And every single gun law that what God has instituted, and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wardlaw: Brackettville citizens should be enraged

mail boxes, Ms. Martinez. This She took this position on her-Call it rage or whatever you tion four years ago — I did not over before? bring this issue to the council. I not door-to-door delivery.

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

tried to work with our mayor. but let me let you in on a few details. She has kept information

In reference to Terry Marti- from myself, as well as other she should have stepped down like to clarify the issue of the listen to any ideas we may have. fice. We trusted her.

would also like to clarify this was the city budget and tell some- the facts straight. thing was wrong.

once made the public aware of old. I came into my office with the the situation they were in. As far attitude to work as a team. I have as the citizens knew, everything was OK. Was it not her responsibility to make us aware?

If she was so "intimidated," ettville Mayor Carmen Berlanga.

nez's letter: First of all, I would council members. She refuses to and not took on this elected of-

was brought to the city's atten- self. Why couldn't she take it will, but someone needed to get Anyone could have looked at est in our town, but please get

I would also like to point out Yes, she was elected over and her only "support" letters have over by a misled city. She never come from you and an 11-year-

> **Bonnie Wardlaw** Alderwoman

Editor's note: Terry Martinez is the niece of Brack-

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Texas voters are now being

to the Texas Constitution, 410

amendments have been added to

the document since it was first

asked to consider another 22

home mortgage issues to prop-

Early voting for the Sept. 13

constitutional amendment is un-

derway and continues through

Sept. 9 in the County Clerk's Of-

open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1

to 5 p.m. Voters are asked to

amendments began as joint reso-

lutions in either the state House

or the Senate, and each amend-

ment had to pass both houses by

a two-thirds majority and earn

being presented to Texas voters.

Sando-val said that voter turn-

out for constitutional amend-

ment elections is typically low

sues may not help make this

year any different. She said 23

"We may have around 100

voters turned out as of early

people on election day," Sando-

Geoffrey Connor said that the

considers

tax hike

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Terrazas again expressed his

County

Wednesday.

come out and vote."

the governor's signature before tax sale.

Each of the 22 proposed

bring proof of identification.

erty tax freezes for the elderly the Texas way."

By J.J. GUIDRY

adopted in 1876.

and disabled.

Editor



Agents apprehend 2,993 in July

DEL RIO — U.S. Border Patrol agents from the Brackettville Station apprehended 416 illegal aliens in the month of July.

Agents from the Del Rio Sector apprehended a total of 2,993 illegal aliens, including 1,021 in Eagle Pass, 479 in Carrizo Springs, 399 in Del Rio, 188 in Uvalde, 170 in Abilene, 147 in Llano, 96 in Comstock, 46 in San Angelo and 31 in Rocksprings.

Border Patrol officials also seized 3,247.82 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$2,598,256 during the month of July.

Booster Club to elect new officers

The Brackett Tiger Booster Club will meet Sept. 17 in the BISD Hunt Library at 7:30. to elect new officers.

The Booster Club will host its annual Pot Luck Dinner in the school cafeteria on Sept. 24 at 7:30. Tigers' and Tigerettes' fans will have the chance to meet Brackett High's athletes and coaches

Sandwich concoction can be a nice change

I had a great time last week, subjecting friends to an untested entree. There was no doubt that it wouldn't be tasted since the meal consisted of my sandwich concoction, plus pasta salad and desert made by others.

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Prop. 16: Authorizing a

home equity line of credit, pro-

pretation of home equity lend-

ing law, and otherwise relating

payment and enforcement of

■ Prop. 18: Authorizing the

cal subdivision without an elec-

tion if the person is the only can-

authority of the Legislature to

provide for the creation of rural

issuance of general obligation

bonds or notes not to exceed

general revenues of the state to

provide loans to defense-related

by the defense-related commu-

Prop. 21: Permitting a cur-

appointment of a temporary re-

fire prevention districts.

Prop. 19: Repealing the

Prop. 20: Authorizing the

home equity loans.

■ Prop. 7: Permitting a six- viding for administrative inter-

■ Prop. 8: Authorizing the to the making, refinancing, re-

nicipalities to donate surplus Legislature to permit a person

■ Prop. 11: Allowing the didate to qualify in an election

firefighting equipment or sup- to assume an office of a politi-

dence homesteads of the disabled nity, for economic development

Prop. 15: Providing that placement officer to fill a va-

Prop. 14: Providing for military installations.

the issuance of bonds and other water district.

Naturally, I didn't reveal my surprise plan, nor fail to have had a back-up, just in case. To length-wise from each loaf. our delight, it turned out very Cover with damp towel. good and it was a nice change from the usual group sandwich.

You must plan a day ahead, Prop. 17: Prohibiting an candidate to qualify in an elec- increase in the total amount of warning! Inform guests it's not school district ad valorem taxes a desert, as one of the gentle-■ Prop. 9: Relating to the that may be imposed on the resimen thought — he got a big suryour future for you. That's not use of income and appreciation dence homestead of a disabled prise!

Sandwich Loaf

1 whole wheat sandwich loaf (2 pounds, 14 ounces), unsliced layer of ham. Top with the last white sandwich loaf (2 pounds, 14 ounces), unsliced **Chicken Filling**

4 5-ounce cans of boned chicken or 3 cups chopped frosted the next day. cooked chicken

1/4 cup celery, chopped 1/2 teaspoon salt 1 tablespoon lemon juice

1/3 cup mayonnaise **Ham Filling** 3 cups ground cooked ham

\$250 million payable from the (about 1 pound) 1/3 cup pickle relish

2 tablespoons brown sugar

1/2 cup mayonnaise tion that is leased for use as a and of the elderly and their projects, including projects that Egg Filling enhance the military value of

coarsely chopped 4 teaspoons capers, drained teaspoons salt

tablespoons cider vinegar 2/3 cup mayonnaise

4 8-ounce packages of cream except:

not held or used for the produc- certain benefits under certain lo- cancy created when a public of-1. Using a sharp serrated

12 hard cooked eggs, servings.

Frosting

Prop. 22: Authorizing the 1 cup milk

Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

2. Make fillings (I made mine the day before).

3. To assemble the loaf, use but all is simple and quick. Take a suitable size serving tray. Use the whole wheat at the base, and cover with an even layer of chicken filling. Cover with the white slice, and spread with the egg filling. Cover with the whole wheat, and spread with an even white slice.

If desired, the loaf may be covered with waxed paper and a damp towel, refrigerated and

To frost, put the cream cheese that has been brought to room temperature in a large bowl and beat at medium speed with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Gradually add milk, beating continuously. Set aside a 1/2 cup for decorating.

Frost the entire surface (I 2 tablespoons prepared mus- used a broad spatula) as with a cake. Decorate edges with a pastry bag. Refrigerate over-might. Garnish with parsley or watercress. This makes about 32

I couldn't find unsliced bread, plus I only needed a meal

for a small group. Purchase one wheat and one white loaf of bread, layering accordingly. I left the crust on

Each layer consisted of four slices of bread. The end had watercress or parsley (op- rounded tops outward, with tops cut off the two center slices.

I decorated where the bread knife or electric knife, remove slices met, this guiding my cutall crusts if desired (I leave mine ting. I halved all ingredients to on). Cut four 1/2-inch slices assemble one loaf.

cal public retirement systems ficer enters active duty in the New Secretary of State tion of income. ■ Prop. 6: Permitting refi- may not be reduced or impaired. United States armed forces. WaterTexas helps to replace city's sabotaged water pump

Jacquelyn Conoly, 15, and Laura Ford, 16, were among the entertainers on hand Monday at Alamo Village's annual Labor Day Celebration. Conoly is the daughter of Stan and Lisa Conoly of Brackettville.

early voting period allows a nancing of a home equity loan

istered voters have the opportu- person jury in a district court

impact the future of our state for tion if the person is the only

for the aged or infirm and to rizing and governing the opera-

■ Prop. 2: Establishing a health care providers, and other

■ Prop. 3: Authorizing the ties, cities and towns, and jun-

Early voting began last Legislature to exempt from ad ior college districts to establish communities, that will be repaid

■ Prop. 5: Authorizing the public securities secured by the

tion of a mineral interest sold lature to determine limitations

for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a on non-economic damages.

make principal, interest, and tion of wineries in this state.

misdemeanor trial.

Legislature to permit a person

to take office without an elec-

of the permanent school fund.

plies for the benefit of rural vol-

■ Prop. 12: Concerning civil

■ Prop. 13: Permitting coun-

authorization of the issuing of

provision of parks and recre- on a short-term basis by a state of a public college or university

ational facilities by certain con- transportation agency for trans- to receive compensation for ser-

servation and reclamation dis- portation-related projects, and vice on the governing body of a

■ Prop. 4: Relating to the notes or the borrowing of money rent or retired faculty member

lawsuits against doctors and

actions, authorizing the Legis-

unteer fire departments.

funds to provide veterans homes Legislature to enact laws autho- for that office.

Prop. 10: Authorizing mu-

Ford, a Fort Worth native, is the granddaughter of Dwite and Luella Gilliland of Fort Clark Springs.

greater opportunity and conve- with a reverse mortgage.

Early voting underway in state

nience to make sure that all reg-

nity to have their voices heard.

ans will be making tremendously

important choices which will

years to come," Connor said in

This year's proposed consti-

■ Prop. 1: Authorizing the

tutional amendments include:

Veterans' Land Board to use as-

sets in certain veterans' land and

bond enhancement payments on

two-year period for the redemp-

Thursday. County Clerk Dora valorem taxation property an ad valorem tax freeze on resi-

school or that is owned with the spouses.

owned by a religious organiza-

revenue bonds.

amendments, affecting every- a statement. "By not voting, you tion for that office.

thing from civil liability caps to are letting someone else decide

fice at the Courthouse, which is veterans' housing assistance

and the length of this year's bal- intent of expanding or construct-

would take an interest in it and valorem taxation travel trailers

lot and the complexity of the is- ing a religious facility.

'During this election, Tex-

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val said. "I wish more people Legislature to exempt from ad state highway fund.

source — a bridge between the

WaterTexas partnered with local landowners more than two years ago. These partnerships helped create close friendships

bridge, between the two groups."

J.J. Martinez

According to Sherman, the WaterTexas business model requires that the company find ways to reinvest in local com-

"Our hallmark principles are simple: respect, fairness and prudence. We believe it is imperative to partner with landowners and rural communities on a local level, and to protect the ru-

"In water policy, one of the said.

response to the local water cri- things that has never been implemented within the state of Texas is the need for allowing local communities to benefit from water projects that are done. When we formed our business, we made it a core principal that we would find ways to help out local communities."

> "We're very happy to have Lynn Sherman be as responsive in a clear indication of the friendship that he wants to form with the community," Martinez

"We worked to provide a resource - a

two groups," said J.J. Martinez, who works in Garza's office. "We had an imminent financial need at the city. There were not any state agencies that could facilitate a quick financial backing of that problem. We felt that we might be able to access some of the resources that Lynn, from the beginning in his business plan, had said were going to be available for this community."

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opposition to the tax hike Monday, pointing out that the county has more cash assets now than it did a year ago, but Senne said those figures would soon change. As of June 30, the county

had \$1,026,004 in cash and CDs, compared to \$886,000 when the fiscal year started on Oct. 1. Senne is projecting expenses of \$469,000 through

the end of the fiscal year,

resulting in a negative cash with many area residents and ral way of life. flow of \$198,996. motivated the company's quick

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Saturday, Aug. 23 8:22 a.m., An Austin man re-

travel trailer burned down at his is still under investigation.

said someone broke into his resi- and then ran into their house. dence and stole a TV, bike, ste- She then exited the vehicle and reo speakers and some mag wheels were gone. The case is still under investigation.

10:30 a.m., DPS Trooper Tony Ashley reported a water leak on Fritter Street, near Tully Shahan's law office. City employees were notified of the situ-

5:06 p.m., A woman reported that a bicycle was stolen from her residence on Rufus Alley. Officials are investigating.

8:30 p.m., A woman called

911 to report that an intoxicated woman was driving reckless and ported that his hunters said his almost ran over some kids on Rose Alley. Deputy Cody Shproperty on Highway 90, near annon was dispatched to the the Cline checkpoint. The case scene. The woman ran through one fence, backed up and drove 10 a.m., A Brackettville man through the neighbor's fence

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attacked the complainant. 8:42 p.m., Lulu Reyes, 51,

of Brackettville was arrested for driving while intoxicated by Deputy Shannon. She was transported to the Wackenhut Correctional Facility in Del Rio.

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Tigers run over Pirates in opener

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

By J.J. GUIDRY Sports Editor

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

Brackett's balanced running safety at the 3:42 mark. attack was led by Tony Rosetti, who had 106 yards on 11 car- 56 seconds left in the first half ries. Glenn Morgan finished with 67 yards on 11 attempts, sprinted 7 yards for a touch-Jaime Puente had 31 yards on five totes, Mark Kesteloot had 21 yards on five carries and Noe time in the second half, scoring Talamantes finished with 20 yards on two attempts.

The Tigers took control of the contest early, scoring 20 points in the second quarter and hold- 27-0 at the 10:07 mark. ing the Pirates to only two first downs and 22 yards of total of- points of the game with 2:52 left fense in the first half.

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

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

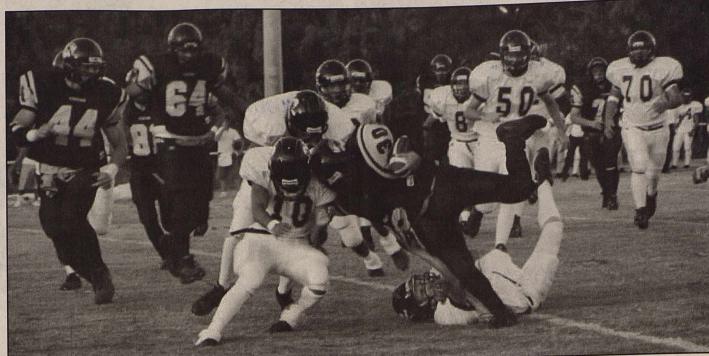
The Pirates began their next possession on their own 17-yard line, but three plays later, defensive end Dietrich Davis tack-Carrillo in the end zone for a

Brackett went up 20-0 with when Morgan broke loose and

The Tigers didn't waste any on their third play of the third quarter when Rosetti raced 75 yards for paydirt. Kesteloot booted the PAT, putting BHS up

in the third quarter when Brackett struck first at the Carrillo connected with Eric back into the game early in the a Chad Tilley pass and returned Zepeda on a halfback-pass for a 32-yard scoring strike.

Lytle was fighting its way



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

fore Cody Edwards intercepted 8:47 remaining.

fourth quarter, driving the ball it 81 yards for a touchdown, put-50 yards to the Tigers' 30 be- ting Brackett on top 33-6 with picked up a Tilley fumble and game against Crystal City, an-

Brackett's junior varsity and

freshman volleyball teams took

leading digger for the day.

The freshmen won nine of 10

games en route to the gold. They

opened against Del Rio in pool

play and split 15-25, 25-23. They later defeated Del Rio 25-19, 25-

Bonnie Brotherton said.

naments on Saturday.

The Tigers clinched the win with 5:49 remaining when Davis morrow night with a 7:30 road returned it 51 yards for a score. other Class 3A team.

J.V., freshman teams win Del Rio tourneys

Brackett resumes action to-

Tigerettes fall short against Lady Eagles

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

Brackett served 85 percent in the contest.

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

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

tournament last weekend. The Tigerettes fell to Poteet 25-22, 25-10 and to Del Rio 25-18, 25-14 on Saturday.

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dropped 14 percent and we 15-12, 15-8, St. Mary's Hall 15-BHS competed in the Devine made more non-playable passes 2, 15-2 and Pleasanton 15-13, than we did good passes," 15-11 and split with Del Rio 15-Brackett coach Rhonda Mar- 6, 11-15. quardt said.

"Our serving percentage Tigerettes fell to Three Rivers against Crystal City.

Brackett resumes action to-In pool play on Friday, the night with a 7 p.m. road game

ROUNDUP

top honors in the Del Rio tourserved 90 percent.

Timmeka Simmons was voted the most valuable player of the Meyer also served eight aces, while Lola Cano and Lisa Mortournament after leading the J.V. gan had three apiece. Danika Tigerettes to the title. Brackett claimed a 25-20, 26-28, 15-8 win Schmidt finished with three kills over Uvalde in the title game. and Morgan had two.

Courtney Frerich tallied six split with Eagle Pass. "It was a great display of to-

The ninth-graders lost 25-19, tal team unity and effort," coach 25-11 DelBosque had two kills,

while Meyer had two digs and served 100 percent. The J.V. served 96 percent

in a 25-13, 12-25, 25-23 win. Crane finished with nine digs, Frerich had four kills and three Josh O'Neill. The Tigerettes also defeated blocks, and Kara Yeager added

Uvalde in pool play 25-11, 25three assists. 10 and 25-14, 25-19. In the championship game, Brackett tion tomorrow when they face covered a fumble. topped Del Rio 25-22, 25-17. Laura Meyer was the top action begins at 5 with the fresh-night at 6 when they host Crysserver of the day with 96 perman contest.

J.V. Football Clyde Adams rushed for 137 yards and two touchdowns last

cent, and Allyson DelBosque Thursday as Brackett's junior varsity football team won its season opener, blanking the Lytle Pirates 22-0 on the road. Adams scored on runs of 30

and 11 yards, respectively. He also ran in a conversion. Ramiro On Tuesday, Brackett's jun- Pena scored the Tigers' other blocks and Jessi Crane was the ior varsity and freshman teams touchdown on a 5-yard run and quarterback Robert Davis also scored on a conversion run.

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

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

Brackett's defense held Lytle to only four first downs. Davis The Tigerettes return to ac- had an interception and Pina re-

Crystal City on the roads The The Tigers resume play to-



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ologists predict. "Based on the reports I'm getting from the field, this year is shaping up to be a good one

ers, both veteran and new, to get out and be a part of it." equally significant is Texas' hunting heritage. Last year, winter through spring. Antler

white-tailed deer.

White-tailed Deer

Texas boasts a whitetail population of about 4 million and most are heading into the

fall in good condition. According to TPWD deer program leader Clayton Wolf, across the board," said Mike timely spring rains resulted in Berger, wildlife division direc- range conditions that helped optimum forage conditions just tor for the Texas Parks and Wild- jump-start antler development in

life Department. "I urge hunt- most areas of the state. "White-tailed deer hunting prospects look good for most of Hunting plugs about \$3.6 bil- the state," Wolf noted. "Most of lion into the state's economy, but the state had good soil moisture and forb production from late more than 1 million hunters size per age class should be good took to the field in pursuit of to excellent. Body condition game ranging from squirrel to should be average to above average, but this late summer dry Based upon recent field cen- spell could have some negative sus, TPWD officials are suggest- impact on body weights if it pering the following general out- sists. That won't necessarily be



A Little on the Wildlife Side

> Henry Lutz

prior to and during the hunting season could result in increased harvest success.'

mourning dove and white- and sunflower in most of the best winged dove should be good to dove hunting areas of the state. excellent, according to Jay Roberson, TPWD dove program leader.

While the mourning dove breeding population index in May 2003 showed no change from the previous year, accordlook for the upcoming 2003-04 bad for the hunters. Less than trations have already been noted erage.

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

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

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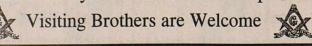
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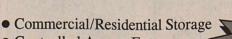
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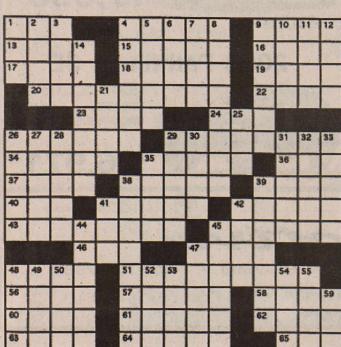
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by Charles Cooper

A business deal goes better than expected. Socially, you gad Take time to catch your breath over the weekend.

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

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

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Take some time this week to reconnect with your mate. Some quiet, alone time is just what you both need. This week- ily to get you involved. Howend, tackle some chores you'd ever, this really has nothing to been procrastinating on.

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

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

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You've been some-

what oblivious to a close about quite happily this week. friend's ploy for attention. Experience this person's crutch. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's unlike you to be reticent about anything you have to say. Don't worry.

You can speak your mind tact-

fully and still get your point across. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Financial matters are favored. However, domestic matters are another story. By week's end, you sort everything through satisfacto-

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Stay out of the fray this week on the home front. Others will strive mightdo with you, and you're wise to realize it.

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

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

Spiritual wealth is the only What would Jesus do? cure for spiritual poverty

a bit of a wry feel in my mouth. of credit cards has long passed The truth is, most of us don't the point of convenience and work on Labor Day, and few of developed into sophisticated slaus really think of the holiday as very. anything more than a celebration with an extra day-off.

taste in the mouths of those who do not have work. About 31 percent of the residents of Brackettville and the surround- to serve yet another seven years ing area live in poverty. It's not to get what he wanted. that we don't have a work ethic - people are struggling to find work, and that's an entirely different story.

Amid the sand and cactus, there isn't a lot of raw material to build the American dream. The new prison facility will bring needed jobs for those whose education and background can pass muster, and it will bring added revenue to the area while providing a much needed service.

need more to pull our neighbors out of the trap of poverty that that money can solve any prob- much money (Matt 19:20).

I took a bath today and I bet

everyone is glad. Bathing

flushes off the dead skin cells,

unclogs the pores, and helps to

wash away bacteria that may

appealing to those around you.

What would happen if you

The same thing applies to

washing yourself with the word

the football game on TV, but his

woman that would understand

voice was calm and deliberate.

she asked. "The kids are begin-

Megan asked me if you were see-

want me to tell her?"

mind was on last night.

A good bath or shower brings

cause illness.

month?

The phrase "Labor Day" has mediate reward. The modern use

In the Old Testament, the promise of pretty Rachel's hand "Labor Day" has a difficult in marriage convinced Jacob to work for seven years for Laban, but he got the "bait and switch" from his father-in-law and had

> Sound familiar to you? How many times has the use of credit cards only served to further enslave our young families to consumer debts? The Epistle of St. James warns of the wrath of the Lord of the Sabbath against those who have cheated the working man (James 5:4).

Spiritual poverty can be a trap, too. Chasing after riches only serves the physical man.

I cringe every time I see It's a good start, but we will Christians buying lottery tickets, hoping for a windfall, apparently forgetting how Jesus

Do we really believe that sud-



Methodist Church

Rev. Roger Baker

foolishly and selfishly? How can ards of unearned riches?

The only cure for spiritual poverty is spiritual wealth. Real spiritual wealth comes from

Despite some television faith" yields financial prosperity, the Biblical truth seems to be quite different. These selfstyled evangelists forget that the Son of Man was homeless (Matthew 8:20), that Peter had no 3:4), and that even Jesus advised

labor in anticipation of an im- earned dollars is a blessing? "from God" isn't an act of faith bring your Bible!

- it's greed, pure and simple. By the same token, Jesus did not elevate poverty to holiness, but simply noted it as a difference of condition (Matthew 26:11), and a necessary part of possessing the Kingdom of God (Luke 6:20).

If we value our possessions How can we possibly expect to more than we value Jesus, we avoid the temptation to spend become like the rich man's camel, so laden with the treawe suddenly become good stew- sures of our own labors that we cannot enter into the gate of the Kingdom. If we abandon our own labors and trust solely in Jesus, we have a treasure waitknowing Jesus (Colossians 2:1- ing for us in the Kingdom of God.

If there is a spiritual message preachers who claim that "true in Labor Day, I think it must be that our labors are best used at sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have to be good stewards of all the good things God has given to us.

At First United Methodist, I money to give beggars (Acts promise we won't try to squeeze your wallet while shaking your has been baited with the illusion described the real problem of too the wealthy to shed their riches hand. Come worship with us as to follow Him (Matthew 19:21). we learn what Biblical steward-

Refreshing ourselves with the

Giving some preacher money ship is all about! Worship starts Sometimes we promise our denly receiving millions of un- in hopes of getting more back at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday. Please

Those of us who follow professional football know that this is decision time. The beginning of the season is almost upon us and coaches have to make some hard decisions of whom they will select to be on the team for this year.

Sadly, some veterans and rookies will have their professional football dreams shattered during the next few days. But the coaches need to make the tough decisions of whom to take with them into the pro football battles.

We Christians also have dedecision is decidere, which means to cut off. This means that to make a decision is to cut off all other options.

When we are faced with a decision, it is as if we have and we have to decide which road we will be going on.

Sometimes we Christians think that once we have made a decision for Christ, then no made. That is false. Each day and in innumerable situations at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

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> Nathan Lafrenz

we are faced with decisions. Our decision is to choose the way of life, or choose the ways of the world.

In every decision, we are called to choose with the thought in mind, "What would Jesus do? Is the action cisions to make, each and ev- I'm about to do or the words I ery day. The latin word for am about to say Christlike? Is what I'm about to do or say uplifting, merciful, loving, forgiving? Or are my actions or words self serving and self-

Daily let us ask the Holy come to a fork in the road, Spirit to give us enlightenment to choose what Christ would have us do.

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"Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

"They also do no iniquity, they walk in his ways. Oh, that of our faith without wavering; cies; who satisfieth thy mouth my ways were directed to keep for he is faithful that promised with good things; so that thy thy statutes. Then Shall I not be and let us consider one another youth is renewed like the ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

"I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned my righteous judgments. I will keep thy statues; oh, forsake me not utterly.

"Where withal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed there to according to thy

"With my whole heart have I sought thee; Oh, let me not wander from thy commandments, Thy word have I hidden in mine

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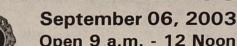
heart, that I might not sin against

"Blessed art thou, O, Lord; teach me thy statues.

"With my lips have I declared all the ordinances of thy mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all

"I will mediate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes; I will not forget thy word." (Psalm 119:1-16) Praise God!

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better circulation to the skin and daily basis cleanses us, and prerefreshes the body in general. It blemish. When we are faithful pares us for presenting ourselves sanctifies it and cleanses it by also makes you glow with that to bathe in God's word, he is as a witness of the glory of God the washing of water by the freshness and makes you more faithful to accomplish this in our to those around us. It is like

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word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any only took a bath once a year, such thing; but that it should be twice a year or even once a holy and without blemish." (Ephesians 5:26)

Let us hold fast the profession loving kindness and tender merto provoke unto love and to eagle's." (Psalms 103:1-5) good works." (Hebrews 10:24)

I believe we all would like to living water of God's word on a be without spot, wrinkle or any hearts, our minds, our wills and

Lord, Oh My Soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. much time as you take to bathe. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and "Let us draw near with a true forget not all his benefits: who He gives guidance. Ummm, heart in full assurance of faith, forgiveth all thine iniquities; don't you smell good now, a "Jesus washes his bride, the having our hearts sprinkled who healeth all thy diseases; who sweet smelling fragrance unto church, having cleansed it with from an evil conscience, and our redeemeth thy life from destruct the Lord. Stand in faith, rest in

Like the word says, "Bless the

Then increase the time in it as

people seeing you in your "Sun-

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Give God's word at least as

except your time.

the shedding of his blood and bodies washed with pure water tion; who crowneth thee with hope, walk in love. The lack of self-control and temptation leads to disaster Dave was trying to attend to Marcella's question.

"I know what's going on Dave. You have refused to talk Out of alibis, he knew he to me and you won't get help from our pastor or a counselor," needed to get out of the other relationship. He excused himself she said. "Yesterday I talked to by imagining how bad a wife a lawyer and started paper-Marcella was and he needed a

Dave could see the seriousness in her voice. She contin- thought to himself. "I love my Marcella's voice broke his ued, "You've got one last thoughts. Dave was startled. Her chance to get your life in order. What do you want me to tell the "Where were you last night?"

Dave knew this would come sooner or later. Suddenly, he ning to notice. Yesterday, saw his family crumbling and his ing another woman. What do you he looked at the floor.

"Why did I do this?" he



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children. It wasn't supposed to happen this way."

In the next moments, his foolishness floated like a bad movie through his mind. The guilt and shame of being exposed to his family was too much. Reaching life in a mess. In stunned silence out to Marcella, he began to cry uncontrollably.

Marcella took his hand.

"I'll stay with you Dave, but only if you make the decision right now to end your affair and get help. For the sake of the children, do it now. You've got one week to make it happen.

"A very wise man long ago advised, never sit with another woman or another man or share their table drinking wine lest you succumb to the temptation and lose your self-control and slide to disaster." (Sirach

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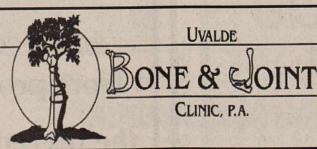
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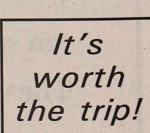
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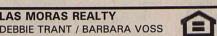
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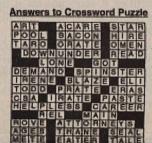
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The kinney county commissioners

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KINNEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 11.94 percent

On SEPTEMBER 02, 2003 at 9:00 A.M.

The kinney county commissioners

court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in

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