



Accident or arson?

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County Groundwater Conservation District candidates named

Candidates for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors election in November have been

announced.

They are: Precinct 1 - Beth Ann Smith; Precinct 2 - Lloyd Davis Jr.

and Cecil Smith Precinct 3 - Christopher Ring

and Jennifer McDaniel Precinct 4 - Don Hood

City at large - Chuck Hall and Wes Robinson

Fort Clark Springs at large -Duke Meek, Donna Saylor, Dub

County at large - Tootsie

Herndon and Tony Frerich **Tour of Kickapoo Cave**

planned Sept. 4

The Kickapoo Cavern State Park is offering a Wild Cave Tour and Evening Bat Flight on Saturday, Sept. 4 and Saturday

The Wild Cave Tour is a primitive tour led by park staff, using only flashlight or headlamps for lighting over

rough terrain. Visitors are required to fill out a liability release form and bring two flashlights each. No smooth soled shoes or boots. The Evening Bat Flight offers visitors a chance to view over 500,000 bats emerge from Stu-

art Bat Cave. A program on bats and the environment will be given. Reservations are required for both tours. Call Kickapoo Cavern State Park for start times, fees and information at 830-563-

Calvary Brigade coming!

They're coming! Troopers returning and answering the call of their Fort Clark Springs Community Council's "Calvary Brigade.

As scheduled, Saturday, Sept. 4 at 9 a.m., mustering will take place at Shafter Hall for detailed assignments.

Also, volunteer recruiting is aggressive and no one will be aggressive and no one will be classified 4-F-just show up. At Alcala wins voter fraud case 11:30 a.m., a delicious "free" lunch will be provided, after which - troopers will be dismissed for "R and R" for the rest of the "Labor Day" weekend.

There are jobs for all, regardless of abilities.

Lethargic troopers are matched to Lethargic jobs and "gung-ho" troopers may choose "gung-ho" details.

INSIDE Steven LaMascus

One of the internet news

headlines today, as I write this, says, "How Would Jesus Vote?" That's a really good question, so let's explore it together. Opinion/Page 2 Chuck Hall

We had a phone on a "party" line. One had to lis-

ten closely when the phone rang. If it was a long ring followed by a short ring, the call was for our number. Lifestyles/Page 4

Roger Baker I plan to take a day or at least several hours aside to file,

prune, and just throw away things. Sound familiar so far? Religion/Page 7

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Jet fuel spillage temporarily closes Highway 90

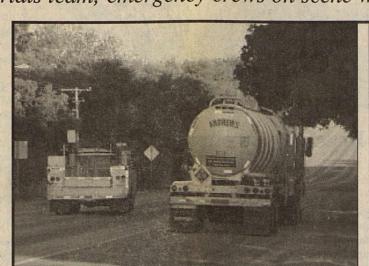
Hazardous materials team, emergency crews on scene within minutes; no injuries reported

Sixty gallons of jet fuel spilled on Highway 90 East Monday morning and within minutes, a hazardous materi-

als team was on the scene. "The jet fuel never left the pavement. It was contained with sand and then the contaminated sand was removed. Anything over 25 gallons that is carrried on a highway as a product is considered hazardous material," explained Cpl. Anthony Michael Ashley, Department of Public Safety trooper, who assisted Cpl. Duane Joseph Maldonado in

investigating the spillage. Also responding to the scene were the Brackettville Fire Department and the Texas Department of Transportation, Del Rio and Kinney County officials. No injuries were re-

ported. Most of Monday morning, Highway 90 was closed and highway was re-opened to Cura of San Antonio was west-



Cleaning up Emergency crews were on the scene in no time Monday following a jet fuel spill on Highway 90 East.

westbound traffic. Highway 90

westbound traffic was closed According to Cpl. Ashley, the 'spillage occurred Monday, westbound traffic was rerouted Aug. 30 at 7:28 a.m. at the into Loop 166 until the contami- tersection of Ranch Road 334 nated material was removed. and Highway 90 as Andrews By Monday afternoon, the Transport Inc. employee Albert

bound, driving an 18-wheeler

Laughlin Air Force Base.

Refining Inc. bound for the vehicle stopped, the liquid with berms and dusted with cargo shifted and spilled out sand.

Reportedly, the 18 wheeler through the manhole cover onto had an unsecured manhole the intersection. The rig contin-Highway 90 and Ranch Road stopped. As the rig stopped, liquup the contaminated material.

334, the driver applied his uid cargo spilled out of the top containing jet fuel from Age brakes to stop at a red light. As again. The spill was contained

Photos by Kathy Wilson

A hazmat team from Andrews cover on top. As the rig ap- ued forward and pulled off to the Transport was contacted and arproached the intersection of westbound shoulder and rived within 20 minutes to clean

Robert Garza will seek a new trial

By Joe Hyde www.delriolive.com

Former city councilman and mayoral candidate Robert Garza declared Tuesday, "I am 98 percent sure that I will file a motion for a new trial." Garza made the statement in response to 224th District Judge David

vor of Mayor Dora Alcala. The judge's ruling came three days after two days of teswitnesses to the stand. It had Garza and Alcala. been Garza's hope to prove to paign workers were handled

thrown out. Also, Garza and his lawyers sought to prove that a trio of women coerced voters to vote for Alcala in the May 15 mayoral election.

"We are requesting detailed findings of fact to see on what basis the judge decided the ballots were unlawful," Garza said. Judge Peeples of San An-Peeples' ruling Monday in fa- tonio, who was assigned the case earlier this year, threw out 75 mail-in ballots cast for Alcala and a net of 2 for Garza, timony in 83rd Judicial District but the vote totals came up Court here in which Garza and three ballots short of requiring his attorneys called about 90 a runoff election between

Once Garza obtains the the judge that certain mail-in court's findings of fact, he ballots handled by Alcala cam- wants to look at what basis the

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improperly and should be

www.delriolive.com DEL RIO - 224th District Judge David Peeples ruled in favor of Mayor Dora Alcala in the election fraud case resulting from the May 15 mayoral election. But Peeples indicated

Robert Garza made a valid point in his complaint. On May 15, Garza, native of Brackettville and the brother

of Brackettville Mayor Joe Garza, came in a distant sec-

ond in the 6-person race for He filed the lawsuit to demand a runoff between himself and Alcala because he said, more than 37 mail-in votes for Alcala were improperly "faciliin his ruling that challenger tated" by Alcala campaign workers, thus denying her a win by 50 percent plus one

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Del Rio to participate in groundwater permit hearings

County Groundwater Conserva- to the resolution," said Cole. tion District hearing involving

ports indicate that use of water servation District. in Kinney County from the Ed-

ity Aquifer in Val Verde County. the city of Del Rio, Texas and tion forms to participate and inter in Val Verde County, Texas and the San Felipe Springs that

Del Rio Mayor Dora Alcala believes the resolution is necessary to protect city's water Brackett News, was among the up for a vote, the mayor ab-

DEL RIO - City council mem- County matters. "I don't believe explained that some landowners bers here last week passed a reso- we have any business getting were asking for a tremendous lution to allow Del Rio to par- involved in Kinney County waticipate and intervene in Kinney ter issues. I am strongly opposed

The measure passed by a vote 24 Kinney County landowners. of 3-2-1. The resolution gives The property owners have ap- retroactive approval to City plied for groundwater allocation Manager Rafael Castillo Jr. for permits. The resolution indicates his Aug. 12 filing of a form that Del Rio wants to be part of the allows the city to participate and hearing process because Texas intervene in hearings by the Kin-Water Development Board re- ney County Groundwater Con-

sibly the Edwards Aquifer can familiar with the Kinney County affect the amount of groundwa- Groundwater Conservation ter available in the Edwards Trin- District's rules and deadlines; therefore, he did not obtain city "It is in the best interest, wel- council approval prior to subfare and safety of the citizens of mitting various hearing registra-

for the protection of groundwa- tervene in the district's hearings. Also last week, the council met for three hours in executive the city participate in said per- session to discuss 24 Kinney ald reporter Karen Gleason mit hearings," reads the resolu- County landowners' applications, according to the council

Jewel Robinson owner of the

agenda.

source, yet when the issue came 24 applicants the panel discussed executive session. Cole and Rene (Reno) Luna op- panel was breaking the law by Rio should stay out of Kinney closed doors. Earlier, Alcala session.

amount of water and that that

was suspect. "Why so much water? What are they going to do with it?" The mayor said she and other city officials were concerned that the water might be sold and that could affect the flow of San Felipe Springs and deplete the aquifer or aquifers that recharge

At last week's meeting, Ro-According to the resolution, binson asked the mayor for perwards Trinity Aquifer and pos- Castillo and city staff were not mission to speak but was told she was not on the agenda. When Alcala announced the city council would be going into executive session, Robinson shouted, "Mayor!" but was not acknowl-

Instead the mayor declared,

"We have already discussed

edged by Alcala.

this."Later, Robinson answered a question by Del Rio News-Herabout Del Rio's fear of water sales. "I know. I know. I've been branded a water marketer, but I do not want to sell my water, not now, not ever. I have owned land in Kinney County since 1972. I chose to live there. It's stained. But council members Pat Robinson declared that the my home, too." Robinson left City Hall shortly after the counposed the resolution, saying Del discussing the matter behind cil went into executive

Accident or arson? Officials investigate cause of three house fires Officials here continue to innately, no one was home at the but it started up again and then Firefighters watered down suspected, said Hubertus. vestigate the cause of three fires

that consumed structures in two areas of town within the past few months. Deputy Fire Marshall Thomas Hubertus said the fires oc-

curred on Spring, Fulton and Veltman streets. The house on Spring Street was owned and occupied by the

Raul Morin family. Fortu-

time of the fire. According to Janie Gonzalez, a daughter of the owners, Raul and Liberada owned was in the house they Morin were on their way to had just finished paying for, said Laredo (they are long-distance Gonzalez. The Morins raised if the cat was okay. Gonzalez determined; arson is suspected. truckers) when their house their four children and 13 grand- said the cat was all right, so was caught fire. Reportedly, some- children in the Spring Street the family dog. one had put gas or diesel fuel house. Gilbert Fernandez, a Firefighters responded to the was visiting a friend when the when the fire started. Arson is termined; arson is suspected. scene and extinguished the fire house caught fire.

was extinguished again.

the house next door so it was Everything the Morins not damaged. Gonzalez said that the house on Veltman which was the first thing her mom asked was Cause of the fire has not been

Natividad Hernandez owned

when she contacted her parents vacant when the fire started. Two years ago, a house on

Beaumont Street, owned by The house on Fulton, owned Jesus Hidalgo, was consumed by on the window frame outside. grandson, was raised there but by Carol Dimery, was vacant fire. The cause has not been de-







Photos by Jewel Robinson

Fires under investigation

Left: The former home of the Morin family; center: Natividad Hernandez used to own this house on Veltman Street; right: Carol Dimery owned this building on Fulton Street

Clark Springs Board of Direc- members have stripped us of our tors voted to neglect their fidu- right to self determination, and ciary responsibility and interfere have circumvented the right to with the democratic process.

As members, we should be in the investigation of all viable mand my right to vote. solutions to the Associations ongoing financial problems. By voting not to explore any and

Recently, some of the Ft. all options, some of our board a membership vote.

I would urge the board to regravely offended that a major- consider their action. I would ity of our elected board mem- challenge the board to perform bers have opted (against legal the duties they were elected to advice) to refuse to participate discharge. As a member, I de-

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is part of the American culture. it. They get up in the morning And there is perhaps no better and decide they are going to do example of people uniting and working for the common good of the community than in small towns in South and West Texas. fying than helping an impover-

are naturally charitable. You livering a good, hot meal to an folks haven't forgotten to make elderly grandmother. Not only it a priority to give something do you bring smiles to the faces back to your communities. And it's not like you don't have any- but you get a warm feeling in thing else to do. You lead busy lives. You work, have families, go to church, etc., yet still make boundless. If you're not in-tinue and move us further and the time to volunteer.

Many people think heroes are the people who beat the odds and the odds aren't the only heroes. ognize that the world is full of thank you.



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

Volunteering to help others need, they do something about something to make their community a better place.

There is nothing more satis-In small Texas towns people ished child learn to read or deof those you volunteer to help, any top-quality organization, your heart that lasts a long time.

The opportunities to help are decision to just do it. Whether it's stopping along the highway achieve the impossible. But the and picking up trash, or orgapeople who do succeed against nizing a fundraiser to donate money to charity. You can make America is full of them. Heroes a difference. And to those who are the people who not only rec- are already doing it, a hearty inforce with parents what a high

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Speaking of running strong, the Brackett Independent School District is back in full swing and is dong well. Most importantly, enrollment is on the rise and we have had numerous requests for transfer to the district. As with people naturally gravitate toward it and want to be a part of it. With luck this trend will convolved, get involved. Make the help us remain the best small school in the state of Texas!

As I walked around during the first two weeks of school, I was on the lookout for a few areas and programs that I could write about in the column to requality education your children Have a great year! are receiving. To be honest, it was tough to settle on one or two.... or even ten positives to write about. The teaching staff

Templeton here is simply superb in every way and there are, literally, dozens of reasons to feel pride in this school. Over the course of of these positives with parents and invite feedback on anything you read or hear about. The education of your child is a partnership and could not be done without help and support at home. To that end, if you have

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or ideas on how to better serve

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How would Jesus vote?

One of the internet news headlines today, as I write this, says, "How Would Jesus Vote?" That's a really good question, so let's explore it together.

The headline, taken from the Associated Press story, pretends to ask a number of "religious experts' this question. As you chose are at best questionable, and at worst so far off the wall that they might as well be from Mars. Even the AP calls the trol, and animal rights? group "moderate to left-lean-

ing. Made George Bush Presidential," Moore said at Congregation Agudas Achim synagogue that "If ever there were a bleeding-heart liberal, it was Jesus Democrat.'

The article goes on to say: 'Michael Jinkins, a pastoral theology professor at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, said: 'Based on my reading of the Gospels, I think Jesus might surprise us all on his voting record. He was far less 'religious' than the people who criticized him most.

the year, I will be sharing some agree with. You see, being religious doesn't mean that you are a Christian. The people Jesus was confronting, the Pharisees and Sadducees, were very "religious." What they weren't was

They had perverted the Jewish religion until it was a religion based on the observance of man made laws and customs instead of the worship of God and obedience to his will. They were much more interested in obeying the Law than they were in being in touch with God. They were so caught up in their own importance that they failed to recognize their own Messiah!

poor and downtrodden, there is Jesus did preach individual and the only criteria for being a lib- of need. But it should come eral then Jesus qualifies without from the heart of the person not question. However, where would the coffers of the government.



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

might expect, the "experts" they he stand on the issues of homosexuality, "gay" marriage, partial birth abortion, governmental welfare programs, gun con-

Romans 1:26 says, "Because of this, God gave them over to James C. Moore, co-author of shameful lusts. Even their "Bush's Brain: How Karl Rove women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men com-Christ. I think the carpenter mitted indecent acts with other from Galilee was the original men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perver-

> Hmm, seems like Jesus doesn't approve of homosexual-

And Matthew 19:4, 5, 6 -"'Haven't you read,' he replied, 'that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female, and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother Well, at least that much I and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'.?"

Nope, no homosexual marriages there!

Acts 11:6, 7 say, "I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles, and birds of the air. Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up Peter. Kill and eat.' Looks like animals rights is out

2 Thessalonians 3:6 says, "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us." And Now the question of whether 3:10 goes on, "If a man will not Jesus was a liberal or not calls work, he shall not eat." So much for some study. Jesus was for the for a welfare state! However, no question about that. If that is collective aid to the poor in time

> We all know how Jesus would feel about partial birth abortions, but here is what he said about little children. Mark 10:14, "... 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Now there were no firearms in Jesus' day, but the sword was the weapon of choice for personal protection. Therefore, Luke 22:36 says: "He said to them, 'But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one." By this passage it looks to me as if Jesus wasn't opposed to personal weapons of protection.

The real answer to this question is that Jesus was neither liberal nor conservative; he was God, Savior, Messiah, Jesus the Christ, and the Perfect Sacrifice. He obeyed the laws of God and didn't care a whit for the laws of man, which is what this argument really boils down to. Here, however, is my take on the subject. If we obey the laws of God we cannot be liberals in the modern sense of the word. We can be tender and openhearted and giving without being in favor of all the things that are contrary to God's will, as pointed out above. You make your own decision, I've already made

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Closing post offices key part of proposal

many in small towns, could be voting on its recommendations Corporation. Kiosks offering a closed under the recommendations of a presidential commisting that could have far-reaching being opened in shopping malls, sion that sees a better future for impact on virtually all Amerimail services offered in shopping malls, banks and grocery stores.

The commission also wants to change rates. It rejects the idea of making it a private com-

The final report of the offices. President's Commission on the United States Postal Service, formed by President Bush to study the agency and make recommendations for its future, is venient way," said commission center or town hall. scheduled by the end of the co-chairman Harry J. Pearce,

Money-losing post offices, month. The commission began chairman of Hughes Electronics cans if accepted by Congress and the president.

special commission to study the

post offices, you need postal ser- the facility to the local governvices delivered in the most con- ment for use as a community

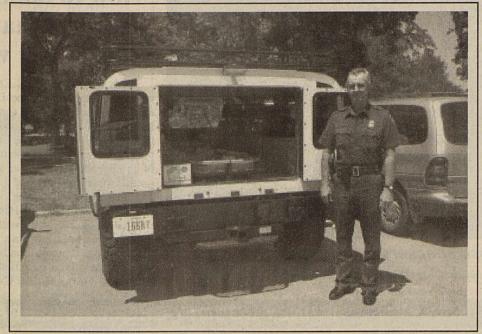
Wednesday, approving several wide range of mail services are

Pearce noted, and postal services can also be made available in grocery stores, banks and Likely to generate contro- other locations. In many commore freedom for the post office versy is a proposal to create a munities the post office owns valuable, centrally located real postal network and recommend estate that could be sold to raise closings and consolidations of income, the commission noted.

In other towns, where the post office has been a center of ac-'You don't necessarily need tivity, the agency might donate

The commission wants to see maximum local input in the final decision on each office, commented co-chairman of the merchant banking firm Perseus L.L.C.

A recommendation for more flexibility in setting rates is something the post office has sought for years, complaining often that the current process is too slow and cumbersome.



BORSTAR

Pictured with a Border Patrol H1 Hummer fully outfitted for search and rescue operations is Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Ron Miller of the Uvalde Station. Agent Miller spoke to the Rotary Club about the Border Patrol's BORSTAR program which provides the Border Patrol with a first response capability for emergency medical and search and rescue situations.

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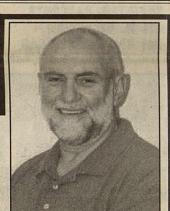
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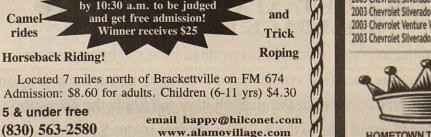
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Guest speakers Judy Hillis, left and Carol Calk of Utopis

'How to handle an emergency when you have no plan,' was topic of last week's meeting

city of Utopia was isolated from future emergencies. the rest of the world by water. With no emergency plan in and community, Hillis, Calk can do.

Judy Hillis and Carol Calk and two other ladies stepped up were guest speakers at the Lo- and handled everything from cal Emergency Planning Com- opening shelters, providing mittee (LEPC) meeting Monday food for emergency workers, night. On July 2, 2002 the Uto- and citizens and coordinating pia dispatcher Hillis was alerted volunteers. Their "seat-of-theof an impending flood from the the-britches" approach solved north. After 46 inches of rain their immediate problems and and three days of flooding, the helped to lay the foundation for

When it was over there was 1 life lost, 12 lost homes, 20 place, just a common bond of salvageable homes and few nonlove for their families, friends believers of what flood waters

a power outage on west Thorn

1:19 p.m., A 911 caller re-

quested a deputies assistance in

unlocking a vehicle at the Pico

parking lot. Gary Robinson was

31, of Del Rio, was arrested by

DPS Trooper Duenez for oper-

ating an unregistered motor ve-

ing while intoxicated. He was

later released after posting bail.

Sunday, August 29 11:50 a.m., A man reported

90 east. Deputy Pena was

rested by DPS Trooper Welch

for driving with license invalid.

He was later released after post-

Points was not working. TXDOT

was arrested by DPS Trooper

after posting bail.

was notified of the situation.

6:21 p.m., Deputies Pena and Page reported the light at Five

3:20 p.m., Mario Trevino

enroute to the location.

ing bail.

8:35 p.m., Oscar Arredondo,

dispatched to the location.

patched to the residence.

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KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, August 23

Tony Ashley reported a sign owner. down at the loop, west of Brackettville. TXDOT was notified of 21, of Plesanton, was arrested by the situation.

9:35 a.m., A TXDOT employee reported that the rest released after posting bail. park restroom display case had been vandalized and the maps Fenton, 21, of Ft. Worth, was stolen.

10:26 a.m., A woman reported that someone had nearly house. Chief Deputy Johnny residence. Deputy Page was dis-Fritter was dispatched to the residence.

10:30 a.m., A woman reregarding tires and windows. Chief Deputy Fritter and Sher- for driving while intoxicated. He informed.

4:31 p.m., A man reported that another man was walking in front of his house with a bat. Tony Ashley reported a lamb patched to the residence in unit was notified.

15 on Fort Clark Springs. reported an illegal alien at a local ranch on highway 90. The used in a fight. US Border Patrol was informed

of the situation. Caldwell, 26, of Del Rio, was fied. arrested by DPS Trooper Marcos Hernandez for driving while license invalid.

Tuesday, August 24 12:12 a.m., A Border Patrol agent reported cows out on high-

way 334, seventeen miles out. 7:51 a.m., DPS Trooper Deputy Donald Page notified the

> Deputy Pena for driving with license suspended. He was later

6:00 p.m., Jacob Terry

arrested by Constable Bobby Guidry for probation violation. 8:42 p.m., A man reported

patched to the residence in the Kinney County Estates. 8:50 p.m., Salvador Ramirez ter posting bail. quested to speak with a deputy Casillas, 31, of Del Rio, was

arrested by DPS Trooper Barkley

Wednesday, August 25 7:52 a.m., DPS Trooper

5:15 p.m., An unknown caller the Sheriff's office to hand in a patched to the residence. knife and baseball cap that was

> 10:57 a.m., A man reported a possible break-in at his resi-

11:41 p.m., A man reported BVFD, EMS, and Deputy Ramon Gutierrez were all dispatched to the residence on notified of the situation. West Spring Street.

Thursday, August 26

4:21 a.m., Deputy Gutierrez Street. Texas Energy was disnotified The City and CP&L to 1:30 p.m., William Elliott, turn off the power and gas, due to a house fire.

Friday, August 27

11:33 a.m., A woman reported that some dogs had killed one of her dogs. The woman also stated that she was told the dogs would be taken care of. The City was notified of the situation.

1:35 p.m., Delbert McDonald hicle without motor vehicle lihit her and her vehicle near her toxic chemical in the air near his Jr., 67, of Brackettville, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch for possession of mariiuana. He was later released af-

11:50 p.m., A man requested a deputies assistance in regards to two men arguing at his bar. iff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess were was later released after posting Deputies Page and Gutierrez were dispatched to the scene on a stranded motorist on highway Beaumont and El Paso Street.

Saturday, August 28 1:00 a.m., A Del Rio man Deputy Ron Ring was dis- out on highway 693. The owner reported that a Brackettville Ochoa, 40, of Del Rio, was arwoman keeps calling, bothering 9:11 a.m., A man came into him. Deputy Gutierrez was dis-

2:10 a.m., A 911 caller reported cars racing and playing loud music in unit 3 on Fort Clark Springs. Deputies Page 11:30 p.m., Justin Gentry dence. Sheriff Burgess was noti- and Gutierrez were dispatched to the location.

the location. 6:50 p.m., Noe Valencia 9:58 a.m., A Sentury Alarm Perez, 26, of Copperas Cove, that his house was on fire. employee reported an alarm sounding at the BISD Central Ashley for driving with license Office. Deputy Manuel Pena was

invalid. He was later released 10:40 a.m., A man reported

ability insurance. He was later released after posting bail. www.mezaairconditioning.com David Ramos, 31, of Brackettville, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley for driv-

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PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2004-2005 KINNEY COUNTY BUDGET AND NOTICE OF PROPOSED OFFICERS' SALARIES

Pursuant to 111.007 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas gives notice that they will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2004-2005 Budget. The Proposed Budget is on file at the County Clerk's Office for public inspection. The Budget Hearing will be conducted Monday, September 13, 2004 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the County Courtroom in the Kinney County Courthouse located at 501 South Ann Street in Brackettville, Texas. The public is invited to attend and participate in the Hearing. The Commissioners Court will consider adoption of said budget following the Public Hearing.

Pursuant to 152.013 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas publishes the proposed salaries, expenses, and/or allowances of each elected County official and the amount as follows:

FY 2004-2005							
OFFICIAL	TOTAL AMOUNT	SALARY	OTHER ALLOWANCE	FOOTNOTES			
County Judge	49,071.76	32,931.00	16,104.76	*1,2,3,4			
County Attorney	49,127.00	30,557.00	18,570.00	*1,3			
County/District Clerk	31,717.00	30,557.00	1,160.00	*3			
Tax Assessor/Collector	25,111.00	23,851.00	1,260.00	*3			
County Treasurer	24,816.00	23,851.00	965.00	*3			
J.P.	28,448.00	27,011.00	1,437.00	*3,4			
County Sheriff	32,336.00	32,012.00	324.00	*3			
Constable	22,388.00	21,136.00	1,252.00	*3,5			
Commissioner. Pct. 1	10,727.50	10,727.50					
Commissioner. Pct. 2	11,084.50	10,727.50	357.00	*3			
Commissioner. Pct. 3	10,727.50	10,727.50					
Commissioner. Pct. 4	10,940.50	10,727.50	213.00	*3			

- *1 State Supplement
- *2 Juvenile Judge Allowance
- *3 Longevity Compensation *4 Travel Allowance
- *5 Cell Phone Allowance

The salaries and allowances as proposed will be discussed at the regular Budget Hearing that is set for Monday, September 13, 2004, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. at the County Courtroom in the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas. The Commissioners invite the public to attend and participate when the Public Officials' salaries, expenses, and allowances will be discussed and set on said date.

Water District Notice of Public **Hearing on Tax Rate**

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2004 on September 13, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. at the Kinney County Courthouse. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal:

ABSENT

Cecil Smith Dub Miller Tootsie Herndon Don Hood

AGAINST the proposal: PRESENT and not voting:

Hadley Wardlaw Chuck Hall Christopher Ring

The following table compares taxes on an average residence home-

stead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year. Last Year This Year

\$0.056900/\$100 \$0.053100/\$100 Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) Adopted Proposed Difference in rates per \$100 of -\$0.003800/\$100 Percentage increase/decrease in -6.68% rates (+/-) Average appraised value \$37,124 \$42,285 General exemptions available \$4,433 \$4,476 (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions) Average taxable value \$32,691 \$37,809 Tax on average residence home-\$18.60 \$20.08 Annual increase/decrease in taxes if tax rate is adopted (+/-) +\$1.48 and percentage of increase (+/-) +\$7.96%

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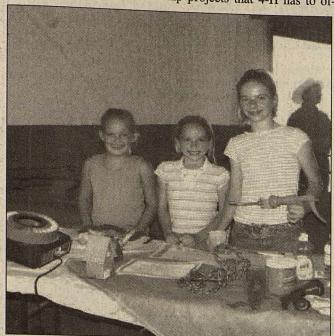
If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

The Brackell Mews

4-H Fun Day gives kids opportunity to learn about different leadership projects

By Ramon Gutierrez Contributing Writer

On Sunday, Aug. 22, the Kinney County 4-H Club hosted an evening where interested students could come and learn about all the different leadership projects that 4-H has to of-



4-H Fun Day Photo by Jewel Robinson From left: Tyler Griffith, Jessica Dunbar and Taylor Dunbar provide information on 4-H sheep projects.

fer. Members and leaders demonstrated and gave students hands-on experiences. Students could register to participate in 4-H during the 2004-2005 year.

Individuals who would still like to participate in 4-H, can contact the Kinney County Extension Office at 563-2442 to



Photo by Jewel Robinson 4-H Fun Day From left: Korlee and Summer Allen displaying information on a 4-H beef project.

Cheese lovers favorite

Fellow cheese lovers, this is the dish for us! The only thing I think of that would make this better is to know there's left overs just for me! Serve with a green veggie and/or salad and dinner is ready in under 30 minutes even if you throw in a desert of instant pudding.

Cheesy Beef & Bow Ties *bow tie pasta, botini or penne, 1 lb. ground beef (at least 80% lean), 1/2 cup chopped green dium - low and cook 5 minutes. onions (8 med), 1 (10 3/4 oz.) can cheddar cheese soup, 1 cup 3 to 5 minutes or until thorthick'n chunky salsa, 6 oz. (1 1/2 cups) shredded cheddar and American cheese blend.

Cook pasta as directed on package. Meanwhile, in large skillet, brown ground beef until no longer pink. Drain.



Goodies From G.G.

> Vada Baldree

Reserve 2 tbsp. onions for 6 oz. (2 1/2 cups) uncooked garnish; stir remaining onions, soup and salsa into beef. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to me-

> Stir in cooked pasta and cook oughly heated, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle with cheese, cook just until melted. Top with reserved 2 tbsp. onions. Serves 4

* Rotini or penne pasta may be used.

A short history of phone numbers

I first came to Kinney county in 1951. My family lived on the Anacaho ranch.

We had a phone on a "party" line. One had to listen closely when the phone rang. If it was a long ring followed by a short ring, the call was for our num-

Phone numbers in those days get that?" were listed by a prefix. Some were Butterfield or Bu, Emerald, or Em. In our case it was Jordan lem. 3, or JO3, or 563. But we did not have to dial the 563 part of a capital two." the number to reach our party. We got away from letters for a own prefix.

The duties required taking calls. returned."What is your number please?"

tional Grandparents Day, Sept. your child can handwrite a let-tally appropriate process. courage children to practice

"No, please repeat it." "Capital 2, 3451. Did you But I could be wrong.

But I Could Be Wrong

Hall

Chuck

"What seems to be the prob-"I don't know how to make

Some of the early phone

numbers were JO3 followed by few years, but now are back only one or two digits. Then one somehow. Every place had it's day we all got 4 digit numbers. They all started with 2. I still I remember a joke about a remember when we first had to new employee with a company. dial all of the digits. 563-2329.

That brings me to another One caller asked that his call be question. Why is there a dash in the number? Why are there parentheses around the area "Capital two, three four five code? Can you dial a dash? No. one.." Silence. "Did you get So why put it as part of the listing? That's it. From now on my phone number is 8305632329.

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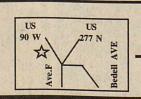
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Don't punish yourself over your past

Rolando was a little insistent, Josie thought. "But he is a nice man and he was always friendly in church. It wouldn't hurt if she agreed to meet him just to get better acquainted. On the other hand," she thought, "he is divorced and what would people say?" She smiled and answered her own question. "But then so

She decided that it was best thinking of me Rolando. Tell you fear. what. Let me think about it and I'll call you back tomorrow."

Rolando was silent for a few moments. He had assumed that she would want to go out with him. "Ok, Josie," he said. "I respect your wanting to think about it. I'll look forward to vour call tomorrow.'

shared was warm and soothing. thing was on her mind. She faith and education.)



Empowering Families

Dr. Donald Smith

The warmth reminded her of times when she was a little girl. Her mother's warmth was always

to point the way. The memories have. were reassuring. Josie's smile turned into a frown. "Just once," she thought. "Just once I didn't listen." It was like watching herself in a movie.

Lola could see her daughter That evening Josie visited knew that Josie was looking into Family Project working in Bracwith her mother. The tea they a world in her past and some- kettville to strengthen family,

broke the silence. "Josie, she said. "You are lonely. Go very slow and you will do what's right in the eyes of God."

"I know, Mamma," Josie said. I've made one horrible mistake. I don't want to make a second like the first.'

Lola took Josie's hands into her own. "Don't punish yourself over your past, Sweetheart. Because you turned to God in to go slow. "I appreciate your there to sooth her anxiety and sincere repentance, He gave you a miracle from your trag-Her advice was always there edy. Look at what a fine son you

> As to your future," Lola continued. "Once a very wise man advised that you not give your time to fools (Sirach 30:1-3)."

(This column is brought to deep in thought. Intuitively she you by the St. Henry deOsso

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Garza to file motion for new trial

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decision and analyze the rationale of the judge and compare that rationale against our notes and review the transcript of the proceedings," Garza said Monday evening. "You can expect cording to Garza. Del Rio LIVE! us to start filing our post-trial motions soon."

We had different numbers them over the Internet. [than the judge did in his rulwe are entitled to a runoff," Garza said. He maintains that there are 80 illegal ballots that need to be thrown out, not 75. Furthermore, there were four or five ballots where Alcala's vote facilitator marked the ballot for Alcala without the voter's consent, but only asked the voter to sign the ballot. He wants nating the facilitated vote than those ballots to be counted in winning the mayoral election. the overall ballot total but not "Of course I'd like to be mayor, cast for Alcala.

case by relying on recent eliminate this problem, changes to State of Texas Statutes in regards to elections. Specifically, a September 2003 amendment to the election code requires anyone handling the ballot to sign the envelope indicating the ballot was assisted. The assisted voters did not uninto court one-by-one and ignorantly admitted that the law was broken under oath. Of the 97 witnesses, Judge Peeples ruled that at least 75 of them were unlawfully cast primarily because of handled by Alcala's facilitators but the facilitators did not sign for them.

What about the three Alcala campaign workers that facilitated the mail-in vote? Garza believes the three ladies broke the law, too. "Based upon the from them [in the past] but I altestimony of the 75 voters, it is our position that these ladies ers 'don't do anything wrong'. [Olivia Escobedo, Dora Gonzalez, and Alma Staples] perjured themselves," Garza said.

The three ladies provided the my campaigns," he said.

court videotaped depositions claiming to have played only a judge used to determine minor role in facilitating votes. which ballots was illegally cast. According to Garza, Dora Gon-"We're going to analyze the zalez claimed to have only gathered 25 ballots. Olivia Escobedo claimed to have gathered no ballots, and her daughter Alma Staples claimed she had "nothing to do with anything," acis working to obtain the videotaped depositions to stream

Furthermore, according to ing]. We had numbers to show Texas Statute Section 86.0051, the three ladies may face criminal charges for their conduct during the election. It is up to the district attorney to pursue the criminal matter.

To date, Garza says he has spent in excess of \$20,000 to pursue this lawsuit, but at this point he cares more about elimi-I'd be lying not to admit that. Garza made his point in the But our goal has always been to

Referring to the facilitated vote, he said, "It subverts the free will of the people and as long as this cancer continues to operate in our community, we carrier envelope containing a will never have a free election," Garza said. "At issue is that you win or you lose, but in the end, everyone plays fair." The way derstand the new law and came it is now, you have one candidate starting from the 40 yard line and that's not fair for the community."

Rumors circulating around town that he turned on these three ladies because they refused this technicality in the election to help him this election as they code: the carrier envelopes were have in the past, is an "absolute falsehood." Garza notes that in his 1996 and 2000 city council elections, he may have benefited from the facilitated vote machine, but he did not ask them to join his campaign.

"It is possible I benefited ways told my campaign work-Garza said. "I never recruited (Gonzalez, Staples, Escobedo); I never asked them to work on

What should America's domestic priorities be?

readers. The first of three survey columns, this Capitol Comment is about domestic oil and gas exploration to reduce 3. At the end of this year, key postal mail information below. Listening Post

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1. Unfortunately Congress has gallon yet to adopt a comprehensive ever, I am still hopeful we can options

Today marks the start of pass one this year. In your opin-Senator Hutchison's annual ion, what should be our top en- nancing, such as new highway Listening Post survey of your ergy priorities? (Choose all that tolls

Allow for more domestic

Lower gasoline consump-

Provide tax incentives for ate floor, asking questions at renewable energy sources, such that apply.)

hydroelectric power Additional comments:

to speak out. Every August I 2. Congress is attempting to reconcile the House and Senate rates for all brackets next year passed versions of the six-year transportation reauthorization credit remains in effect next year legislation. Texas always has been the single largest "donor agenda items. In the following state," sending more than five weeks, surveys will concen- billion dollars in gasoline taxes 4. Over the past 18 months, a and homeland security. Last since 1956. Which of the follow- obstructed action on year I was overwhelmed by the ing do you think Congress several common sense liability response, and I hope to hear should do to better meet Texas reform bills. Which of the folfrom even more of you this transportation needs? (Choose all lowing proposals that apply.)

listed at the end of this column. of return on gasoline taxes sent Later this year, I will dis- to Washington for highway construction. Currently our state revey in Capitol Comment col- ceives 90.5 cents on every dolticipation and look forward to going to pay for roads in other

currently stand at 18.5 cents per ance premiums

national energy policy. How- light-rail and other mass transit cology (OB

Encourage alternative fi-

Additional comments:

priorities. Respondents can our dependence on the Middle provisions of the tax relief enanswer using the email or East and other foreign countries acted in 2003 will expire and, in 2011, all tax cuts enacted in retion by raising mandatory stan- cent years will disappear unless gether. In Washington I'm always dards for fuel efficiency in cars, Congress acts. Which of the folspeaking out on behalf of the trucks and sport-utility vehicles lowing would you like to see firearms manufacturers or Congress pass this year to prevent a tax increase? (Choose all

> Extend marriage penalty relief into next year (double standard deduction and 10% bracket Claims Resolution Fund to for married couples)

Maintain lower marginal Ensure increased child tax

Eliminate the death tax,

comments:

Additional

trate on international affairs to build roads in other states minority group of Senators have Please visit my website and

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economic damages to \$250,000, and cap punitive dam- Senator Kay Bailey Hutchiumns. I appreciate your par- lar in taxes paid, with the rest ages at twice the economic dam- son ages (or

\$250,000, whichever is greater) Raise gasoline taxes, which to alleviate skyrocketing insur-

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Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

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Judge rules in Alcala's favor

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words, volunteers for Alcala's campaign unlawfully assisted these mail-in voters; they did not follow procedure set forth by State Law.

Garza theorized that if he dates. could have a least 37 of the votes for Alcala thrown out, she no 1 majority, thus requiring a runoff election.

Ninety-seven mail-in voters as live witnesses in court Thursday and Friday last week.

thrown out and a net of four for Garza were thrown out.

Although Garza made his not follow procedure, Garza lost the case because he did not obtain enough ballots to throw out. The official court tally of the

Of the court's adjusted recount, Alcala receives 2,074 votes. The five other candidates collectively receive 2,071.

election indicated that 4,224 bal-votes for Alcala are thrown out lots were cast for all six candi-

The court adjusted the ballots according to evidence of the longer enjoyed a 50 percent plus case proceedings: 75 ballots for sion of the ballots for the pur-Alcala were disallowed; six votes for Garza were disallowed; and two votes for Garza were rein- mandated [by State Law]." were subpoenaed and appeared stated. The court's adjusted total ballot count is now 4,145.

Of the court's adjusted re-As a result of their testimony, count, Alcala receives 2,074 75 votes cast for Alcala were votes. The five other candidates collectively receive 2,071.

Therefore, Peeples ruled that point that Alcala's campaign did votes. The final result is Alcala registration dispute and the plus one of the ballots: 2,074-

Peeples ruled that 75 of the reinstated. Judge Peeples ruling:

because these mail-in voters "received unlawful assistance from persons who helped them mark their ballots and/or took possespose of mailing them, without signing the oath and information

The court ruled that "six votes for Robert Garza were cast in violation of the same election

code" and therefore thrown out. The court also said that two votes for Garza were improperly the election stands by only four disallowed—"one because of a receives more than 50 percent other because of an incorrect comparison of signatures." These two votes for Garza were

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provide for my children" don't like it that way. Each week

loved the most

truly knew how to enjoy to the

fullest the enchantment of the

mountains and of their snows,

showed me that you can accom-

plish to the fullest the Will of

purest and best joys which life

nature, music and the theatre, the mountains and trips, love and

the family with temperance and,

were clear: those of the law and

of the grace of God. You knew

I celebrated with hundreds of

thousands of people among

whom were Pietro Molla, her

husband, and Gianna Emanuela,

Church proclaim her "Saint

Gianna Beretta Molla." I share

this gift with you; especially to

wives and mothers, that you may

be inspired, that you may have

hope, and that you may praise

The Lord raises up saints to

witness to us the way of disciple-

ship and to intercede on our

behalf. In your prayer ask St.

Gianna Molla to pray for you

and to help you to live truly the

vocation of spouse and mother.

God be with you and Our Lady

be your shield! From the East.

God for his goodness.

and creation offer us.

how to be sober."

Peace be with you! Long I have been wanting to write you but it is only at this time that God has given me the grace. Providence has brought me to the Philippines and it is with great joy I send greetings from this land rich in faith. There are many things I want to tell you about the Philippines, but first I Pope John Paul III said, "She is would like to share with you one of my last experiences before leaving Rome.

I met a woman named Gianna Beretta Molla. She was born and raised in the northern Italian city of Milan. I was humbled by the beauty of her soul and the beauty of her face reflected the very light of Christ. A doctor by trade, she honored the husband she loved by bearing him three children. Her words were like pure and feasts. Gianna, you have gold or precious stones saying such things as..."Purity must control the proper use of the pleasure of the senses. Our body is sacred. It is in conjunction with the soul in doing good. Purity is a resultant virtue, that is a unity of other virtues that ample that one can enjoy life and bring it into custody.

How does one keep custody of purity? By surrounding our body with the hedge of sacrifice. Purity becomes beauty, purity becomes freedom. "She also said, "You must adopt yourself all the time to family life because you cannot enter into this way if you do not know how to love. To love means the desire to perfect oneself and the loved one, to overcome selfishness and to give oneself.

Love must be total, full, complete, governed by God's law and it must carry over into eternity. "I was amazed at the depth of her wisdom. She was pregnant with her fourth child when she was told by her doctors she had developed a fibroma in her uterus.

Being a physician herself, she knew well the gravity of her condition. Her doctors told her that unless she aborted the baby she would likely die. She was ready to give her life for the sake of the child saying," If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate: choose the child - I insist on it. Save him!"

She said, "I am doing God's Will and God will provide for my children." Gianna brought the baby to full term and delivered a healthy girl. On the eighth day after it's birth Gianna expired due to complications. She returned to the Father in heaven

in the Spring of 1962. I met her for the first time on May the 16th, just before I left Rome, when she was raised to the Altars as one of the newest saints in Holy Mother Church. I fell in love with her that day..a true champion for our times.

In my arms



Jerry Davenport

Brother

We spent the day having fun together. It started out with me doing an old family tradition. Fixing pancakes for breakfast. Then we had some little jobs to do and that was followed by a lunch of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. We had planned to go swimming later but a storm headed our way so we canceled. We had the windows open and I was sitting in the easy chair in the living room enjoying the cool air from the storm when all of a sudden the lights went out. My two young grandchildren came running and wanted to get up in my lap. They said, "We are scared!" I said, Don't worry I will protect you". Later on my daughter's dog even got up in my arms and there we sat, all four of us, till the storm passed by. How I enjoyed that moment with my loved ones in my arms. As I sat there I realized how God can and will (Proverbs 18:10) take care of us (Psalms 107 29-30) but there is one condition, we must be close to Him (1 John 3:24, Matthew 8:23-27). We do that by first accepting Christ (Romans 10:13) then we must live the way he wants us to (John 14:15).

See you in Church next Sun-

Brother J

Mother decides, "God will Best laid plans often go astray My office is a mess and I

I start out with good intentions. I plan to take a day or at least Postcard several hours aside to file, Home prune, and just throw away things. Sound familiar so far? Brother But then, after a few minutes of Henry Clay cleaning and organizing, some-Hunt III the telephone rings, or I spot an unanswered letter, or I remember that I wanted to write down a witness to the vocation of wife some important point for a serand mother." Pope Paul VI said mon or a column. Sometimes it's her heroic action was a "medivisitors or a needy person stopated self-immolation." She laid ping in. But somehow, my plans down her life for those she loved, get changed. My office remains something somewhere between following the Christ whom she an "attractive hazard" and a can-

Her husband Pietro said, "She didate for an EPA superfund

trips and concerts, the theatre better about my own! Seriously, though, I find that there are many important things to do that supercede my own desire for order. A call to a hospi-God and become a saint without tal must be made quickly. Visits renouncing the Fullness of the to members who are sick or ill are crucial. The needy people in our community need help right You have given me the exaway, not an hour or two later. The weekly sermon requires careful preparation, not simply maybe God wouldn't have it dreamed up a few minutes befor you, the limits of temperance fore. Newspaper columns need careful thought and preparation. Most weeks I put aside my own dreams of a nice executive of-That day in St. Peter's Square fice and settle into my piles of living the Gospel of Jesus paper to type away before dashing off on another visit or to an-

clean-up. I joke to local business-

man Wes Robinson the reason I

visit his office monthly is to feel

her daughter for whom she gave of paper and awaiting files, I this Sunday! We'll greet you her life. We witnessed the wonder - what is important in with love!



First United Methodist Church

Rev. Roger Baker

thing always happens. Usually your life? Do you spend more time watching the Olympics than talking or writing to your children? Is your desire to serve Christ all consuming or simply time-consuming? Are you a slave to fashion or a slave to Christ? Which wears out more quickly - your Bible or your remote control?

> Commitment - and even repeated recommitment - is a part of Christian growth and development (1Cor 9:24). So this week, again I will start with good intentions and hopes of a cleaner office. I plan to take a day (or at least several hours) to clean, file, and just throw away things. But if you want to knock on my door, to talk of the things of God or just to have a cup of coffee, please do so. Come on in. There is a welcome waiting for you. And I think any other way. (1Cor 9:19)

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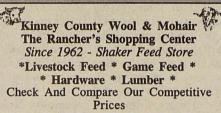
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VIRGO (August 23 to Septem- Later, an unexpected windfall ber 22) Money matters are fa- comes your way. vored this week. In fact, things are really looking up. Take time this weekend on family activi- (c) 2004 DBR Media, Inc.

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) LIBRA (September 23 to Oc-You're thrown by an unex- tober 22) You get some good pected turn of events this week. news this week. In fact, it's just However, fortunately, this what you'd been hoping for. works out to your advantage. Travel is possible this weekend. Later in the week, you're out and about on the social scene. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You should

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You finally achieve a long with cranky co-workers this sought-after goal this week. week. If not, a nasty dispute Now it's time to relax and take could arise. Tread lightly. stock. Take this success and make plans for the future.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good week to surround yourself with friends. One in relationships will also experience particular can be helpful to you, a renewal. Over the weekend, both personally and profession- try not to force an issue with a ally. Cherish this person's sup- family member. port.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're able to resolve a personal y put kend,

t 22) You're on exemplary behavior this week at work. It seems ev- and positive. erything you touch turns out PISCES (February 19 to well. Thus, feel free to bask in March 20) You're finally able the praise of higher-ups; you've to see the big picture at work.

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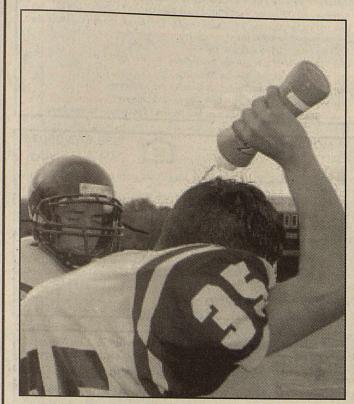
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CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Some are in line for a promotion or raise this ig you week. In general, business matbe the ters are favored. You're defiou ex- nitely on the road to success.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Any venture in which you have a partner is favored this week. This applies both to business and home life. This weekend, you're upbeat

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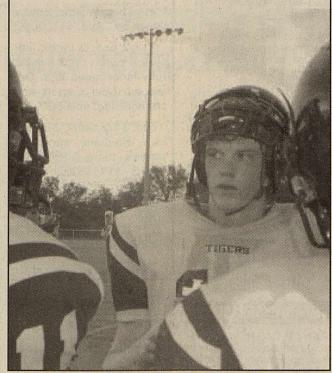
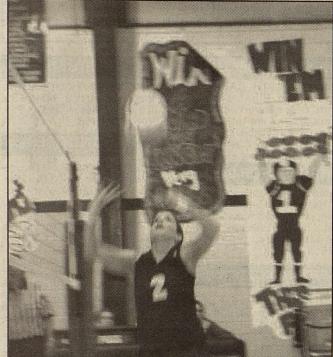


Photo by Danielle Moore Game plan Quarterback Kody Yeager talking to his teammates on the



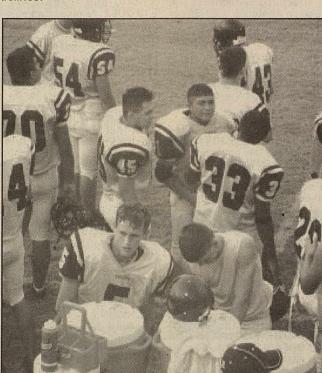


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Photo by Danielle Moore Ready to go! Tigers prepare to take the field. Kara Yeager #2 returns a volley. Junior Varsity pounds Pirates

Darin Koenig Sports Writer

The JV football team pounded the Center Point Pirates able to keep their offense on other Tigers combined for six terception. The interception was 48-0 in their season opener track, racking up 209 yards on yards on nine carries. The of- made by Mason McWilliams, Thursday night. The Tigers de- the ground. fense completely dominated the game from the opening kick-off controlling the game, quarter- similar to the 1985 Chicago defense was headed by Clay until the final second ran off the back Travis Bonner only at- Bears and William "Refrigeraclock. The Tigers' offense took tempted one pass which fell in- tor" Perry, checked-in at runcontrol of the game early with a complete. The rushing attack ning back and carried the ball powerful running attack. On the was led by Villanueva who car- three yards for a two-point con- Israel DeHoyos with four tackfirst offensive play Brackett's ried the ball five times for 106 version. Fermin Villanueva rumbled 38 yards with two touchdowns and yards for a touch down. From three two-point conversions; that play on the Tigers scored Cesar Ortiz contributed 44 yards almost at will against the Cen- on four carries and one TD;

ter Point defense. Both teams Bonner had five carries for 38

had trouble handling the foot- yards scoring two touchdowns first turnover came via the lost ball combining for eight and a two-point conversion. fumble which was recovered by fumbles, with each team loosing Ivan Pinelas contributed 15 Villaneuva. The second turnone. Brackett's JV squad was yards on two carries and four over came in the form of an infensive surprise of the night who returned the pick 22 yards With the running attack came from Junior Adams who, for a touchdown. The Tigers

Pirates did not help their cause, next game is tonight turning the ball over twice. The

Threadgill who had five tackles and two assists, most of them behind the line of scrimmage; les, two assists, and a safety on The Pirates' offense could one of the tackles; Adams with never get on-track as the Tigers three tackles and one assist; and held them to a total of negative Joey Castillo with two tackles 10 yards of total offense. The and three assists. The JV Tigers'

2004 Brackett Varsity Football Schedule

*DENOTES DISTRICT 29-A FOOTBALL CONTEST

DATE	OPPONENT.	SITE.	TME
SEP. 3	SONORA	HOME	7:30
SEPT. 10	NUECES CANYON	AWAY	7:30
SEPT. 17	LEAKEY	AWAY	7:30
SEPT. 24	ROCKSPRINGS	HOME	7:30
OCT. 1	BLANCO	HOME	7:30
OCT. 15	D'HANIS* (HOMECOMING)	HOME	7:30
OCT. 22	LAPRYOR*	AWAY	7:30
OCT. 29	SABINAL* (PARENTS' NIGHT)	HOME	7:30
	CHARLOTTE*	AWAY	7:30
NOV. 5			

Tigers cruise past the Pirates, 34-10

Darin Koenig Sports Writer

total offense.

The Brackett Tigers opened its season in impressive fashion

Friday night. They cruised past the Center Point Pirates 34-10 to start their season 1-0. The Tigers faced a tough challenge against a ranked Center Point team that entered the game with a highly touted offense. It was the Ti-

On the opening drive Center Point's offense struck the first blow, completing a 71 yard pass

gers' offense that displayed

power, racking up 423 yards of

Brackett six yard-line where, on tions. fourth and one, they were stopped behind the line. The nine yard-line and on the first offensive play of the season, Noe Talamantes went 91 yards for a

return Center Point went back Pirates were forced to punt

Brackett once again fumbled tion for 11 yards. the ball and the Pirates recovered on the Brackett 21.

The Pirates cashed in on this opportunity with a five play drive, capped by a 30 yard field

The Tigers took control of the 24 yard touchdown pass and Talamantes exploded again with a 66 yard touchdown run. Yeager capped off the first half scor-

Talamantes racked up 190 yards on five carries in the first

"I was just following my blocking. I need help from everyone to play," Talamantes said of his first half stats. Brackett secured the victory late in the third quarter when Clyde Adams broke through the defense on a nine yard touchdown run.

Center Point was finally able to find the end zone in the fourth quarter on a 15 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Shelby Fielder to Riad Frazier.

The Brackett rushing attack totaled 358 yards on the night, while Yeager finished with 65 The Pirates drove to the yards passing on three comple-

Talamantes led the ground game with 193 yards on seven Tiger offense took over on the carries, with Mark Kesteloot going for 85 yards on 13 carries, and Clyde Adams chipped in 37 yards on 11 carries.

Yeager, Cody Edwards, The Pirates next drive stalled Charlie Slaughter, and Brand out, but after a fumbled punt Wylie combined for 43 yards on 13 carries. Tillman Davis led to work. Brackett's defense once the receiving corps with one again answered the call and the catch for 30 yards, Robert Davis had one catch for 24 yards, and Kesteloot contributed one recep-

With their season opener behind them, the Tigers now face what could be their toughest test in the regular season.

This Friday's game features a Sonora team that is state ranked and won their season opener 21game in the second quarter when 0. Last year Brackett pulled out quarterback Kody Yeager con- a 20-19 win against Sonora and nected with Robert Davis for a marched on to an undefeated

Can the Tigers repeat that performance this year? Come ing when he found Tillman find out Friday night at 7:30 Davis in the end zone for a 30 when the Tigers match up yard touchdown, Yeager's sec- against Sonora at Tiger Stadium.

Another successful win for Tigerettes

Darin Koenig Sports Writer

Drama is becoming a theme contributed 10 kills. for the Brackett Tigerettes this

season. ion, the varsity volleyball team ing one block to the effort. beat Junction in another suspenseful win last week.

match by scores of 25-20, 18-25, 22-25, 25-21, 15-8.

games. Falling behind early in to a fifth game.

The Tigerettes pulled away tively. early in the final game to win.

were led by Courtney Frerich with 12 kills, Shanae Simmons had 11 kills and Ashley Castillo

Simmons also led the team with three blocks, with Frerich, After winning the Brackett Castillo, Brandy Smith, and Tim-Tournament in exciting fash- meka Simmons each contribut-

Defensively, Smith and Timmeka Simmons led the team with Currently ranked eighth in four digs each, while Castillo class 1A, the Tigerettes won the and Jessie Crane both had three digs. Crane also led the Tigerette offense with three aces. After winning the first game, Emily Valenzuela, Kara Yeager, the ladies dropped the next two and Stephanie Bonner each had two aces for the offensive effort. the fourth game, BHS came Timmeka Simmons and Yeager from behind to send the match also contributed offensively by adding 18 and 14 assists respec-

What will become of all Coach Rhonda Marquardt said the drama the volleyball team has "We started out with weak serv- given lead to for the rest of the ing and pulled that together. season? We will have to wait In the fifth game the momen- and see as the Tigerettes seek tum was in our favor and we another tournament championmanaged to pull out the win." ship Thursday and Saturday in The Tigerettes were led by the Leakey.

Girls' Tigerette **Varsity Volleyball Team Roster**



Varsity Tigerettes

No.	Player
2	Timmeka Simmons
2	Kara Yeager
3	Juliann Ashabranner
4	Brandy Smith
5	Whitney Hobbs
6	Stephanie Bonner
7	Kristin Meyer
8	Ashley Castillo
9	Divina Pena
11	Jessie Crane
12	Courtney Frerich
13	Tanya Molinar
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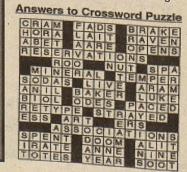
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