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Hall appointed interim Justice of the Peace

Charles "Chuck" Hall has been appointed as interim justice of the peace for Kinney County.

Hall was appointed during an

emergency commissioners court meeting held last Thursday.

Hall was appointed by a 3-2 vote of the court after a lengthy discussion. Commissioners

Marvin Davis, Joe Montalvo and Nate Terrazas voted for Hall. Commissioner Pat Melancon and Kinney County Judge Herb Senne voted for former commissioner Francie Wylie.

The position came open for appointment by commissioners upon the suspension of John Ford. Ford was suspended by the state commission on judicial conduct following his indictments for theft by a public servant and fabricating physical evidence last week.

Senne initially recommended the court not appoint anyone who had declared candidacy for justice of the peace or anyone that might declare.

"My recommendation to the court is going to be that we fill this position, not off the ballot by anyone who has announced nor anyone that we know of that plans to announce, but rather someone in house," said Senne.

At that time only Hall and Wylie had filed for the position. Senne also told the court Woody Massingill and Santos Yerena had picked up applications for the position from Mary Flores, Democratic County Chair.

Senne suggested the court ask anyone it considered for the position if they intended to declare candidacy for justice of the peace.

"If that answer is yes, then I think we need to position ourselves to withdraw that appointment and appoint someone who is not going to be on the ballot," said Senne.

"That's the preliminary discussion and recommendation on my part. If you don't step up and discuss then I'm in a position to make a motion," Senne added.

"With all due respect to the recommendation, Judge, I would like to nominate Charles Hall for the position of interim justice of the peace," said Davis.

During the discussion that followed Montalvo asked Senne if he had someone in mind.

"I do, Narce Villarreal," said Senne.

Villarreal currently works in the justice of the peace office. Villarreal requested the court withdraw her name for consideration.

"Your honor, with all respect, I will decline the offer to be appointed because I will put my name on the ballot," said

Villarreal.

Villarreal told the court that members of the public had requested she put her name on the ballot.

"Had this happened before anybody filed, I think we'd all have a lot easier decision than what we're looking at now," said Melancon.

"I think by the court appointing somebody who has filed, is short or barely short of an endorsement by this court for that candidate.

"Whether that's legal or not, I think it would be an unfair advantage for that candidate, and I'd just soon stay clear of showing preference.

"Like Joe said, 'Let the voters decide'," Melancon added.

"We have a position that is important to fill right now and we can't keep anybody that we appoint today, no matter what they say, from going down and filing once we appoint them. I really think it is a non issue," said Davis.

"If we choose a person that appears on the ballot then there is a certain amount of advantage that person has whenever he or she goes to the poles. It's an en-

dorsement regardless of how you say it.

"Once the announcement was made and the election process started, then I feel like the action this court takes will send a message to the voter that this is our choice.

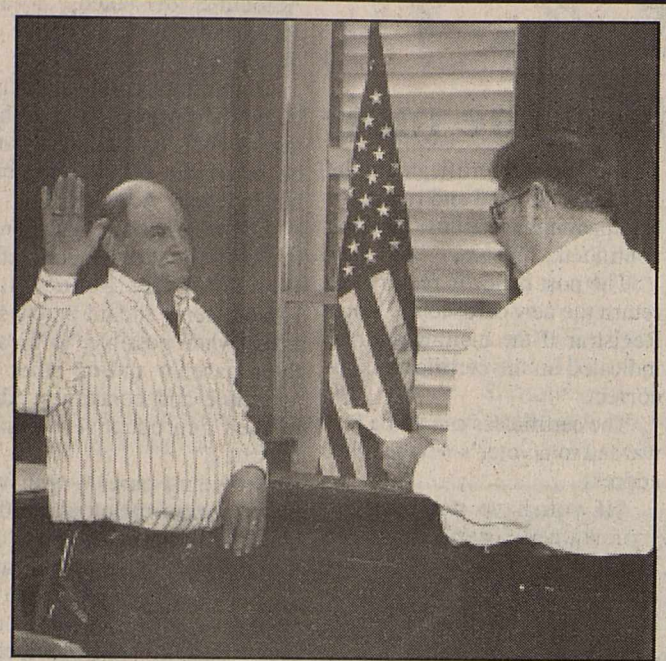
"But I don't think its politically astute nor ethical to show that we are endorsing, as a court, an individual at this point in time," said Senne.

Senne told the court his position had not changed but he simply did not have anyone to recommend at the time. He suggested the court hold interviews and possible place an advertisement in the paper concerning the position.

Montalvo then seconded the nomination of Hall. Melancon nominated Don Ralston, however the nomination died for lack of a second.

"Then I will put a nomination on the floor, of a person on the ballot and change my position because I see that is the position the court is headed. I'll nominate Mrs. Wylie and that nomination will require a second," Senne.

"I'll second," said Melancon.



Hall receives oath Photo by Wes Robinson
Chuck Hall (left) receives oath of office from Judge Herb Senne shortly after his appointment.

Republican county primary will be held

A Republican party will be held in Kinney County this coming March.

The Brackett News erroneously reported Kinney County had no Republican chairperson last week.

Rendall Moore was recently appointed Republican county chair for Kinney County.

Republican candidates can file with Moore by contacting him at 563-3377 on or before Jan. 2.

J. E. Meil has filed to run for commissioner Precinct 4 during the March democratic primary.

Meil will face incumbent Pat Melancon. Melancon is seeking his third term as commissioner.

Meil has filed by petition while Melancon paid the \$750 filing fee.

The six local positions on the ballot include county judge, commissioner for Precinct 2, commissioner for Precinct 4, county clerk, county treasurer and justice of the peace.

Candidates seeking election to those positions can file through Jan. 2. Candidates must file for election through the respective party chairman or file as an independent. Applications for candidacy are available from the county chairpersons or

county clerk.

Signatures for candidates filing by petition must be by a registered voter eligible to vote in the election for the office sought.

Voters may only sign one petition for each office. Signing multiple petitions for the same office will invalidate the signature.

Brackettville City Council member Mary Flores is county chair for the Democratic Party. Democratic candidates can file with Flores Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. Kinney

As of Tuesday, nine candidates have filed for six positions.

Incumbent Janis Floyd will be challenged in the primary by Joy Ralston for the position of county treasurer. Chuck Hall and Francie Wylie will vie for justice of the peace. Incumbent John Ford has not filed for reelection.

Currently running unopposed are Herb Senne for county judge, Dora Sandoval for county clerk and Joe Montalvo for commissioner Precinct 2. All three candidates are the incumbents for their respective positions.

Early voting for the primary elections will be held Feb. 21 through Mar. 3.

Nelsons to renew vows on New Year's Eve



50 Year Anniversary

Robert and Marguerite Nelson will renew their vows on New Year's Eve to celebrate 50 years of marriage. They married on December 31, 1955 at St. Anne's Church in Las Vegas, Nevada. The couple's children and spouses are Brent and Lee Anne Nelson, Chad and Theresa Nelson, and Kris Nelson. Their nine grandchildren are Seamus Robert Nelson, Ian Nelson, Khara Cornelius, Lauren Cornelius, Rebecca Nelson, Rachel Nelson, Noah Nelson, Amy Nelson, and McKayla Nelson. Congratulations Marge and Bob!

Photos special to The Brackett News



Free Concert Photo special to The Brackett News
Layci Guyon, a senior at the Conservatory of Music in Boston, Mass., will be performing at the Post Theatre on Jan. 1 at 3 p.m. The free concert will feature Guyon dancing, singing and playing the piano. Guyon, 21, is the granddaughter of Bill and Rae Bray of Fort Clark Springs.

Celebrate New Year's Safely

One unsafe act can turn a holiday celebration into a season of sorrow and personal tragedy, so the Texas Forest Service urges increased attention to outdoor and indoor fire safety over the holidays.

Holiday celebrations increase the possibility of wildfires, says Gary Laco, chief of fire prevention with the Texas Forest Service.

The holiday period offers numerous opportunities for fire to bring tragedy instead of celebration to the holiday," stated Laco. "Careless debris burning and use of fireworks around dry vegetation can ignite wildfires now that vegetation is dead and dormant. Also, overloaded electric outlets; unsafe disposal of natural Christmas trees, boxes and wrapping paper; and unsafe use of ovens and stoves for home heating all could spark senseless fires.

By observing outdoor and indoor fire safety precautions, people can help prevent fire tragedies from occurring.

Outdoor Fire Safety

- * Check for and obey any burn bans and fireworks use restrictions. Violations of burn bans or fireworks restrictions not only increase the likelihood of wildfires, they also could cost violators up to \$500 in fines.
- * When and where outdoor

burning is allowed, create a fire-break down to bare dirt around any outdoor fire before lighting, and stay with your fire until it is cool to the touch.

- * Keep tools and water nearby just in case a wildfire starts. It doesn't take much of a spark or burning ember to ignite dry, fine-textured fuels like grasses and weeds.
- * Read and follow label instructions on how to properly discharge fireworks.
- * Only use fireworks with close adult supervision.
- * Use fireworks only in areas clear of dead, dry grass and weeds; and avoid using fireworks around buildings. Stay far enough away from buildings so that wind won't carry hot fireworks onto roofs where leaves or other flammable debris may have accumulated.

Indoor Fire Safety

- * Avoid overloading extension cords and wall outlets or hanging ornaments on tree lighting wires.
- * Keep natural Christmas trees well watered and away from candles, fireplaces, space heaters and other ignition sources. Dry, natural trees will burn very rapidly and explosively.
- * When using candles, locate them away from flammable materials and place in containers

wide enough to contain candles should they accidentally tip over.

- * Do not use ovens or other kitchen appliances to heat residences.
- * Keep portable electric heaters well away from flammable materials and locations where they might get bumped and tipped

over.

The state prevention leader added a recommendation to take used natural trees to a recycling center. Used natural trees can be ground up for mulch or used to help stabilize sand dunes, build structure for fish in a lake or pond, or provide shelter for birds and other wildlife.

Weber takes first place

Issacs pinned for Eagle shot on 14th

Marion Weber took first place at The Las Moras Ladies Golf regular Tuesday Tournament this week.

The game of the day was Bingo, Bango, Bongo. The rules of this game are: divide into groups of 3 or 4 players. Each player takes a shot at their ball. The player that gets behind gets the next first shot until someone gets on the green, then that player gets a "mark".

As everyone is on the green the one that is closest to the hole gets a mark. A mark is also given to the one that makes the first putt. There is a chance to get three marks on every hole and the person with the most marks on 18 holes is the winner.

Twelve ladies participated and Tuesday's winners included

Weber in first place with 23 marks. Debbie Isaacs took second place with 21 marks. Joyce Williamson and Betty Lee both tied for third place with 20 marks. The ladies had no chip-ins for the day, but Sue Spencer, Ann Malin and Carol Benfield won skins, or best score on a hole.

Last week's event ended with Debbie Isaacs, a two year member of the golf club, receiving a pin for an eagle on the fourteenth hole.

Marge Maderich placed first in the low net game with a 54. Sherri White and Carol Benfield tied for second place with a 60.

Skins winners were Debbie Isaacs, Sherri White and Ann Malin.

Chip-in winners were Pat Alexson and Debbie Isaacs.

I Spy: Terrorists at Work

By Nathan Tabor
Contributing Writer

To spy or not to spy? That is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of unknown yet preventable terrorist attacks, and keep our precious civil liberties untarnished, or, take arms against a sea of possibilities, and by our own foreknowledge, oppose them? Shakespeare's famous soliloquy wasn't talking about terrorism, but the world is today.

The news has been full of stories about President Bush and his spying program, with most of the spin being against his actions. The left is calling for a censure, an investigation, at the very least their faces in the news showing seething indignation. How could he? How dare he invade the lives of innocent people, record them without their knowledge, and monitor their activities? How could this happen, in America?

Wake up world, America is at war. Not sure why we need to be reminded of this, but it's a fact. We've been at war for four years now. Many American lives have been lost in fighting this war; many innocent American civilians have died in the attack that started this war. Real lives, real people, fighting to stop terrorism. These people give up

their freedom, live in harsh conditions, and often do not come home. Ever. They make the ultimate sacrifice for us, for our country. We owe them the best protection we can possibly give, to ensure each soldier the best chance of success and safety as they perform their duties. We owe that to these Americans, fighting for us as we go about our daily lives.

We owe them.

And that means spying. Yes, spying. Recording those who have contacts with countries that harbor terrorists, monitoring groups or organizations that our government deems as a possible threat, and also detaining individuals who are deemed suspicious by our government. This is war, and this is what happens during a war. People die, innocent people get hurt and inconvenienced. To give up spying activities by our government is like tying a blindfold on a ground soldier, asking him to 'guess' where the enemy might be, and hopefully guess right. We have to do better than that.

This war is different than any other we have engaged in. We aren't fighting a specific country, we're fighting a sick idealism that paints Americans as an evil force. We do not have anyone to reason with here, we do not have a stage to bargain on, we only have the agenda of the

Jihad- Americans must die. These people are more than willing to kill themselves trying to kill us. They act individually, they can strike anywhere at any time, as we have experienced. They are there, and they are waiting for us to let our guard down.

Civil liberties are important, you'll get no argument here to the contrary. However, what good are civil liberties when our

country is under constant threat of an unknown attack, when we can no longer feel safe going to the grocery store? Crossing the Golden Gate Bridge? Flying cross-country? Eating, drinking our food? Turning a blind eye to possible terrorist planning makes all of these activities high risk. We become prisoners, civil and liberated yet afraid to leave our homes.

Forewarned is forearmed.

Spying gives us valuable knowledge about possible terrorist planning and activities. We can use that knowledge to protect American lives, and continue to fight against terrorism. To suggest we curtail spying to protect our civil liberties is nothing more than liberal propaganda that will, in the end, cost us more innocent American lives. There is nothing noble about that.

Let the People Be Heard

By Gina Parker
Contributing Writer

The U.S. Supreme Court recently heard arguments on a New Hampshire law, which required parental notification when a child under 18 requested to have an abortion or allowed a judge to waive the notification requirement.

While liberal justices like Stephen Breyer and Ruth Bader Ginsburg complained that there was no exception for the "health" of the mother, Justice Antonin Scalia noted, "It takes 30 seconds to place a phone call [to a judge]."

Requiring a child's parents to be notified prior to a child having an abortion should not only be supported by conservatives, but by every American.

Even the mission statement of the pro-abortion organization Planned Parenthood states, "Adolescents should be encouraged, when possible, to involve their parents and/or other responsible and concerned adults in their reproductive decision-making."

Providing parents with vital medical information about their children is simply a good idea. Parents have the right to know whether their children are ill, need an aspirin, and most certainly that they are considering life-changing medical procedures such as abortion.

As Henry Ward Beecher once remarked, "There is no friendship, no love, like that of the parent for the child."

The courts must not interfere in the relationship of a parent and a child.

Our elected officials carefully consider the effects of important laws such as parental notification before they are passed.

The problem arises when courts decide to take matters into their own hands by rewriting the law from the bench.

By legislating from the bench, the courts are denying the rights of every citizen to be represented by the elected officials they choose to voice their values in the capitol.

The people's laws are being struck down by liberal activist judges.

From outlawing prayer in public schools to legalizing abortion, the judicial system has grown from the weakest of the three branches of government into the most powerful.

This abuse of power is exactly why it is imperative that Judge Samuel Alito be confirmed in January as a justice of the Supreme Court.

Judge Alito, a proven conservative legal mind, understands that our Constitution provides for judges to interpret the law, not create the law.

Whether it is a logical, important piece of legislation like parental notification or defining marriage as between one man and one woman, Judge Alito will not silence the voice of the people and will certainly not disregard the Constitution.

We must all take a stand against judicial activism by continuing to support our elected representatives and encouraging them to support Judge Alito for the Supreme Court. As 2006 approaches, Election Day draws near, and new laws are written, we must take back our representative form of government.

We must unite our voices against the tyranny of an out of control judiciary that denies the people their rights and freedoms and rewrites the Constitution.

Gina Parker is the CEO of Dental Creations, a dental manufacturing company, and is also a successful attorney. Miss Parker now speaks on issues of national importance, including the need for judicial reform.

LIFESTYLES

New voter registration cards in the mail

Martha Pena Padron of the Kinney County Voter Registrar completed the mass mail-out of the new voter registration certificates on Dec. 22.

The new certificates will become effective January 1, 2006 and should be used for the upcoming primary elections in March and the general election in November.

The voter registration cards are pantone yellow in color and will be valid for two years.

The date of birth is no longer printed on the cards, only the year of birth.

"If at any time since you initially registered to vote, any information on your certificate has changed or is incorrect including your residence or mailing address, name or year of birth, you must make changes or corrections in writing either on the back of your new certificate or by completing a change form," said Padron, County Tax Assessor-Collector.

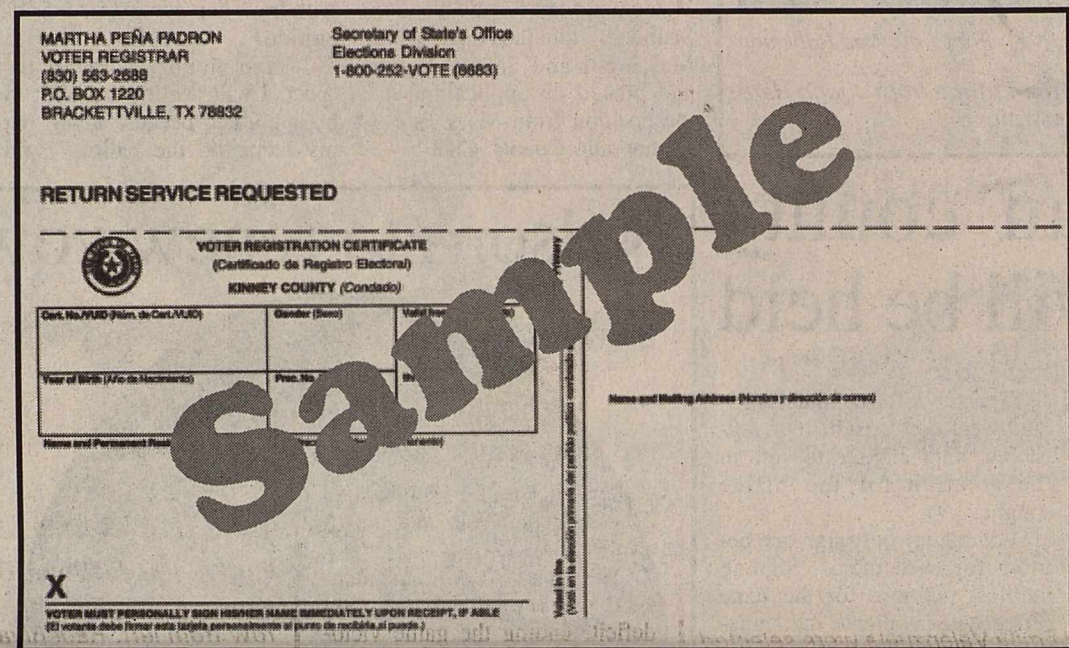
"The voter must then deliver the changes to my office in person or by first class mail. If all the information is correct as shown, voter must personally

sign his or her certificate on the front as instructed and retain for the upcoming elections," Padron continued.

The post office is required to return the new cards to the Voter Registrar if the mailing address indicated on the certificate is incorrect.

The certificates cannot be forwarded to a voter's new mailing address.

"If you have not received your new certificate, please come by our office located on the first floor of the County Courthouse," concluded Padron.



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Leftover turkey ideas

Here we are at the end of another year. Isn't it amazing how time for those of us who have a few years on us. It speeds by faster than lightning!!

Also, why everybody seems to be getting older but me & thee!

Okay, so it's time to get real. Do you have some turkey left?

By all means freeze what you can in meal serving size packages. Save all bone to boil for extra rich broth using scraps of turkey for soup or a delicious pot pie.

Have lots of turkey? Try this casserole for a rich tasting meal you will be proud to serve.

Chicken/Turkey Rice Supper

- 1/4 cup margarine or butter
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 2 cups cut-up cooked chicken or turkey
- 1 1/2 cups cooked wild rice
- 1/3 chopped green peppers
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds
- 2 tbsp. chopped pimiento, optional
- 1 can (4 oz.) mushroom stems & pieces, drained
- Heat margarine in a 2 quart

Goodies
From G.G.

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room temperature
2 cups sugar
2 tsp. vanilla
3 large eggs
3 tbsp. flour
1/8 tsp. salt
1 cup buttermilk
1 cup chopped pecans, few more if desired

1 9 inch deep dish pie crust
Pre-heat oven to 300 degrees.
Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy.

Adding the sugar 1/2 cup at a time. Add vanilla & eggs, one at a time.

Combine flour and salt; add gradually beating well. Add buttermilk, stirring well.

Sprinkle nuts in bottom of crust. Pour custard over nuts and bake one hour or until firm. Serves 8.

Super Quick Rolls

- 1 cup self rising flour
- 1/2 cup 2% milk
- 2 tsp. mayonnaise
- 1/2 tsp. sugar

In small bowl, combine all ingredients. Spoon into six muffin cups coated with cooking spray.

Bake at 450 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from pan.

Buttermilk Pecan Pie

1/2 cup butter, no substitutes at

Garden Club picks yard of the month

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club had their final meeting of 2005 on Thur., Dec. 8. The meeting was called to order by President Mary Jane Olson with 17 members and 4 guests present. A short meeting was held to nominate "The Yard of the Month" which went to Ron and Sherri Hall on Oak Lane.

The Garden Club will also place a plaque in the Rose Garden in the administration courtyard in honor of Norma Connors for all her hard work in the club.

Meeting adjourned and our annual gift exchange was held. Refreshments were served by Rosie Mattingly and Anne Barron.

The next meeting will be Jan. 12, 2006 at the Adult Center. Anyone interested is welcome to join us at 9:30 a.m.



Yard of the Month Photo special to The Brackett News
Ron Hall stands in his yard on Oak Lane on Fort Clark Springs. Ron and his wife Sherrie are the Mountain Laurel Club's yard of the month.

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7th grade girls put down Pirates

The seventh grade girls basketball team defeated Center Point on Dec. 15, 30-19.

Although the Pirates were quick and aggressive, the young Tigerettes out played them offensively. Marisol Aguirre was named the game MVP by Coach Candi Voyles after scoring a total of 14 points.

Paige Nowlin also scored for the home team with six points.

Stella Guajardo and Kelsey Bruce scored four points each and Sarah Davis put two points up on the board.

"We will be working more on help defense. The girls have learned to play as a team and that every person contributes to the success of our team," said Coach Voyles.

Playing for the Tigerettes were Cheyenne Smith, Bianca

Cruz, Courtney Kirkland, Karley Harris, Mary Lou Pena, Rachel Nash, Erica Villameva, Danika Villarreal, Ana Sandoval, Nayellie Rojas, Brenda Pacheco and Abby Gutierrez. "They all played a role in helping our team," concluded Voyles.

The girls will travel to Hunt on January 9 for their next game.

Varsity Tigerettes place second at La Pryor tourney

The Varsity girls basketball team took second place at the La Pryor Tournament on Dec. 15 and 17.

In the first game against Sabinal, the Tigerettes battled back and forth for the higher score, but lost by a mere three points with the final score being 42-45.

Emily Valenzuela and Ashley Castillo each scored 15 points. Timmeke Simmons put up six

points. Julie Castillo scored four points and Daphne Hunt took two points.

The Tigerettes dominated La Pryor with a big win in the second game, 52-15.

Valenzuela put the big numbers on the board again with 13 points. A. Castillo scored 11 points. Bailee Allen scored 10 points. Simmons scored six points. Cassie Mata scored five points. J. Castillo ended the

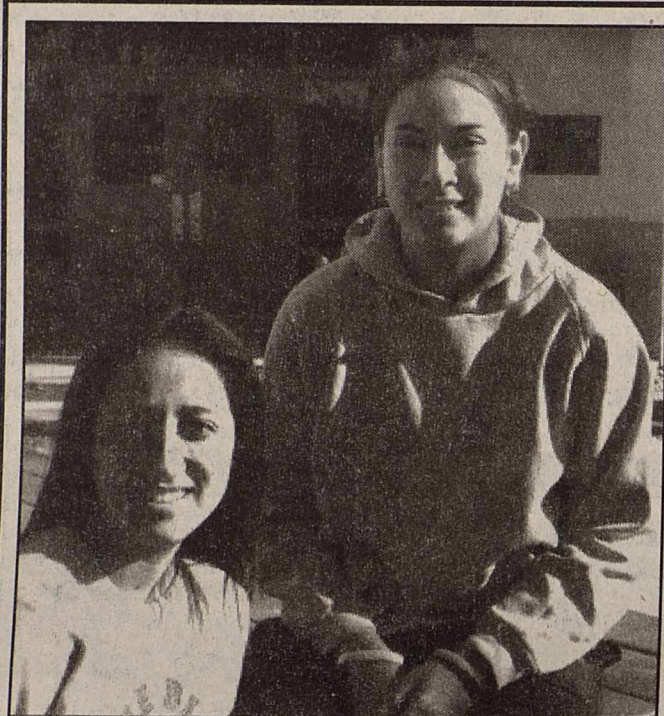
game with four points. Lola Cano scored two points and Hunt finished with one.

In the third game, the Tigerettes played the Hondo J.V. and easily won 55-27.

Valenzuela and A. Castillo lit up the scoreboard with 16 points each. Allen scored eight points. Simmons scored six points. J. Castillo scored four points. Hunt put up three points and Cano two.

Two Tigerettes, Emily Valenzuela and Ashley Castillo, were selected for the All-Tournament Team.

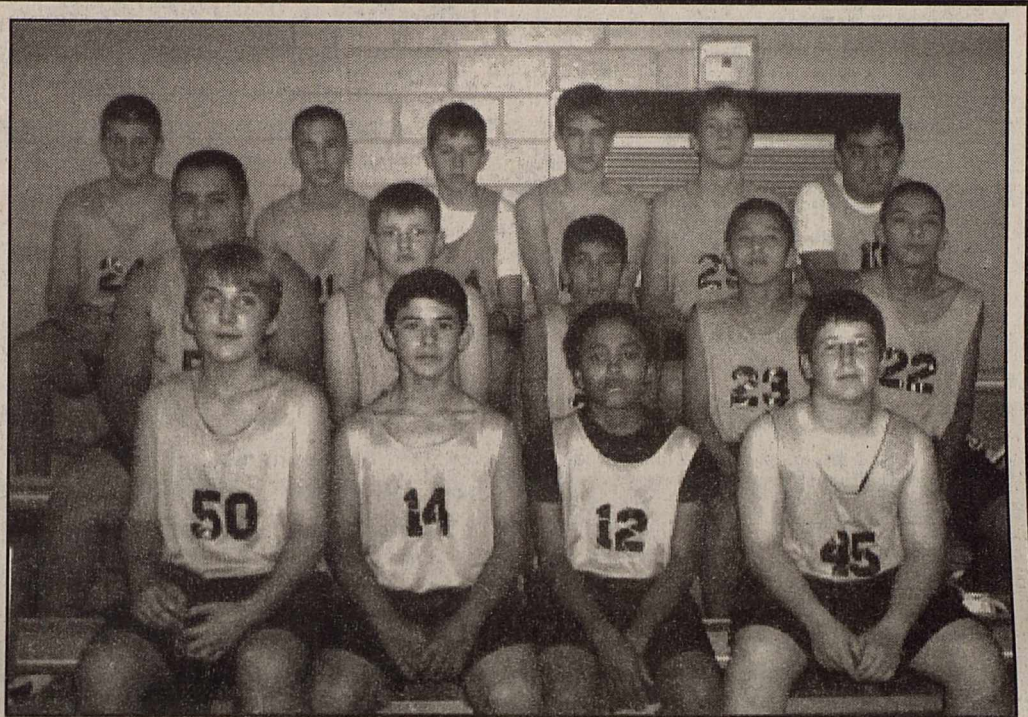
The girls will play Sabinal again at home today, at 5 p.m.



All-Tournament
Ashley Castillo (left) and Emily Valenzuela were selected for the All-Tournament Team at the La Pryor basketball tournament. Photo by Leigh Volcsko



Seventh Grade Boys Basketball Team
2005-06 Junior High Basketball-Seventh Grade Boys: Front row from left: Mickey Flores and Josh Smith. Middle row from left: Bodie Harris, Ezequiel Salazar and Victor Robledo. Back row from left: Robert Torrez, Jaime Sandoval, Jaime Rodriguez and Sam Stewart. Not pictured: Ayland Letsinger, Tyler McDonald, Manuel Pena and Damien Falcon. Photo by Leigh Volcsko



Eighth Grade Boys Basketball Team
Front row from left: Charles Conoly, Ramon Gutierrez, Jay Proulx and Shawn Davis. Middle row from left: Raul Rivas, Cody Kirkland, Danny Molinar, Isaac Talamantes and Adam Pinales. Back row from left: Jeff Sitgreaves, Guy Rigby, Chris Blake, Cody Clark, John Gray and Gerardo Pacheco. Not pictured: Paul Novel. Photo by Leigh Volcsko

BRIEFS

8th grade boys play Centerpoint

The Brackett eighth grade boys walked the plank Dec. 15 after a loss to the Center Point Pirates.

The Cubs battled back within one from a huge points deficit, but eventually lost 20-27.

John Gray was the team leader in points, scoring 15.

Seventh grade boys win

Seventh grade boys defeated the Center Point Pirates Dec. 15 on the road, 23-19.

The Cubs struggled, but managed to overcome the nine point deficit, ending the game victorious.

The boys will play again Jan. 9, against Hunt.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Dec. 19

6:12 p.m., A woman filed a report at the Sheriff's office regarding a domestic situation. The situation was later resolved without incident.

8:38 p.m., A 911 caller reported two vehicles driving recklessly on Hwy. 90. Neither vehicle had their headlights on. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez and DPS Trooper Virgil Verdezco were both informed of the situation and en route to the location.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

8:03 a.m., U.S. Border Patrol Agents at the Cline Check-point called to request assistance in regards to minors in possession of alcohol. Six minors in a Lincoln Navigator had a case and a half of beer and a half gallon of Kentucky whiskey.

A citation was issued to the driver for possession of alcohol. Another occupant in the vehicle was issued a citation for possession of a fictitious ID. All subjects were released, but the alcohol and fake ID were admitted to evidence at the Sheriff's office.

5:17 p.m., Juan Jose Mendez, 18, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for indecency with a child; sexual contact. Mendez was still being held at press time.

7:30 p.m., Juan Eduardo Hernandez, 30, of Del Rio was arrested by Trooper Tully Welch for driving with an invalid license. Hernandez was released the next day after securing a \$1500 bond.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

5:43 p.m., A woman called to report smoke in the air outside her house. Deputy Gutierrez was informed of the

situation and was en route to the location.

7:10 p.m., A woman called to report an inoperable vehicle on Hwy. 131. She was concerned that it was a road hazard. Deputy Kenneth Freitag was advised of the situation and en route to the location.

Friday, Dec. 23

5:40 p.m., A woman called to report that her ranch fence had been cut. Deputy Carl Chism was advised of the situation. Chism found the man responsible for the damage and the man stated that he would repair it.

5:40 p.m., Eagle Pass Police Dept. called to report that a ranch on Hwy. 131 had been burlarized. Deputy Chism was advised of the situation.

9:53 a.m., Richard Guajardo, 42, of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Welch for theft of services. Guajardo was released the same day after securing a \$1000 bond.

Saturday, Dec. 24

12:40 a.m., A man called to report loud music at his next door neighbors residence. Deputy Freitag was dispatched to the location.

1:09 a.m., A motorist called to report a vehicle parked on the shoulder of Hwy. 90 near Laughlin AFB. Val Verde S.O. was notified.

4:10 a.m., A dispatcher from Del Rio P.D. reported that a 911 caller was upset over a family situation and may have taken an overdose of some perscription medication.

Kinney County dispatcher attempted to reach the woman, but there was no answer. The woman's family was contacted, but they did not know where she was and stated that her hus-

band should be with her.

4:00 p.m., A man called to report an injured deer. Reserve Deputy Manny Pena was advised of the situation.

6:00 p.m., A U.S. Border Patrol Agent reported that a bull from a ranch on Hwy. 2523 was in the middle of the road. The rancher was advised of the situation.

10:49 p.m., A dispatcher from the Val Verde S.O. reported an accident on Hwy. 90 between Brackett and Uvalde. Deputy Pena, Deputy Freitag and EMS were all dispatched to the location. Deputy Freitag later reported that there was a one vehicle rollover near the weather ball.

10:41 p.m., A 911 caller from the Kinney County Detention Center requested EMS assistance in regards to an inmate that they believed to have hung himself. EMS was dispatched. The U.S. Marshals are currently conducting an investigation.

11:29 p.m., A woman called to request that the Sheriff's Deputies patrol around her residence. The woman stated that people were attempting to steal her yard ornaments.

Sunday, Dec. 25

12:24 a.m., A 911 caller re-

ported that two vehicles stopped in front of his house and the occupants started fighting with each other.

All units were advised of the situation, but the individuals left the scene before their arrival. Some of them left in a black truck.

1:49 a.m., Texas Dept. of Transportation officials called to report that they had put up "guardrail damage" signs near the site of the rollover accident that occurred on Dec. 24.

4:00 p.m., A woman filed a report at the Sheriff's office in regards to a domestic situation. Deputy Chism took the report and photographs were taken of her face.

9:23 p.m., Christian Ruiz, 21, of San Antonio was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for driving with an invalid license. Ruiz was released on Dec. 26 after securing a \$1500 bond.

9:23 p.m., Alexis S. Castaneda, 19, of San Antonio was arrested by Deputy Donald Page for possession of marijuana; under 2 ounces. Castaneda was released after securing a \$1500 bond.

10:40 p.m., A caller reported a stranded motorist on Hwy. 90, three miles west of Brackettville.

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In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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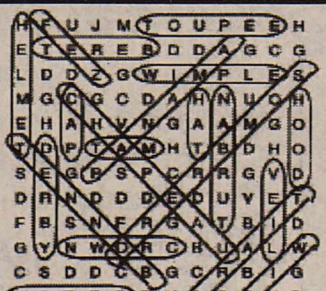
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3. Cap	13. Sombrero
4. Chapeau	14. Tam
5. Crown	15. Tiers
6. Derby	16. Toupee
7. Fez	17. Turban
8. Hat	18. Veil
9. Helmet	19. Wig
10. Hood	20. Wimple



FLOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're in a playful mood this week. However, not everyone appreciates your sense of humor. On the upside, you'll be the hit of the weekend New Year's Party.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Try to take it easy this week. Your stress level is building. The weekend is a good time to just chill out and celebrate quietly.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You learn something new and quite helpful this week. Use this to your advantage where work is concerned. You have good intentions, but try not to make resolutions you know you won't keep.

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LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week to come up with a budget you and your family can live with. Your mate is particularly helpful in this area. Review all credit cards and devise a game plan to pay them off in the coming year.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're not feeling your best this week. Fortunately, this is minor and will pass quickly. Over the weekend, a family gathering is the perfect way to ring in the New Year.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You're juggling way too much this week. Remember, you don't have to tackle everything at once. Taking one step at a time gets the job done.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) For the most part, this is an uneventful week for you. Nothing much is happening because of the holidays. Later in the week, friends provide a nice social outlet for the New Year celebration.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected financial windfall comes your way. Get together with family members to make a joint decision on what to do with it. While not exactly a fortune, it definitely comes in handy for those upcoming holiday bills rolling in next month.

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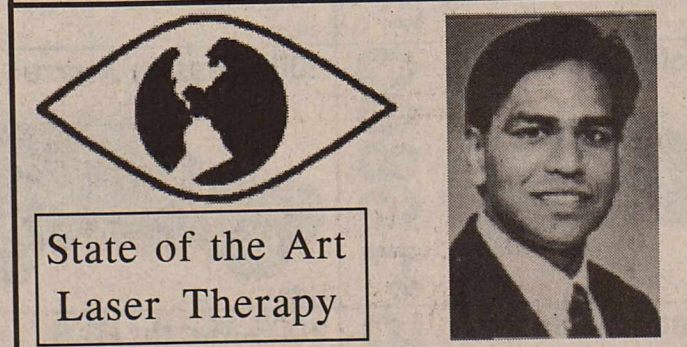


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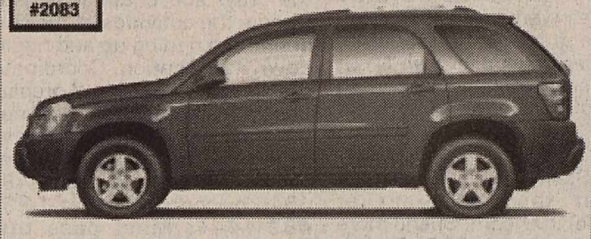
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