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## TWDB discusses Kinney County water

### Mace wants meeting to determine groundwater availability

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) met in Austin Oct. 16, to discuss the often contentious issue surrounding the amount of groundwater available for use in Kinney County.

"The availability and permitting of groundwater are controversial issues in Kinney County. The driver for this controversy is the potential export of groundwater from the county which has caused conflict on a myriad of policy and science issues between the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District and potential exporters. We are aware of two groups currently seeking permits to export water from Kinney County, one group in the northwestern part of the county in the Pinto Creek area (the Pinto Creek Group) and one group in the northeastern part of the county in the Grass Valley area (the Grass Valley Group)," read a memo from Dr. Robert Mace, TWDB Director of Groundwater Resources.

The TWDB states there is 69,800 acre feet of average annual recharge in the combined Edward Balcones Fault Zone

(BFZ) and in the Edwards Trinity Aquifers in Kinney County, but the KCGCD has capped its availability to 22,432 acre feet in the Edwards Trinity and 8,725 acre feet in the Edwards BFZ.

It is the low groundwater availability numbers that have the local water district, landowners, water marketers and the true believers on all sides, fighting it out in Kinney County, as well as in many other places across the state.

"Our goal in providing assistance (to the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District) is to be accurate and objective. We don't have a dog in this hunt. We just want to get good information out there for folks to make policy decisions," said Mace to the four TWDB members present.

"What we've done is provide some technical numbers to assist the (Kinney County) district in trying to evaluate what the groundwater availability is," said Mace.

"The (KCGCD) district put that number (69,800 acre feet) into its groundwater management plan and then the district

also decided that it would define total usable amount of groundwater as being equal to recharge. Therefore that number (ended up) being equal to the number we provided for recharge," Mace continued.

Mace accounted for estimating the amount of recharge in Kinney County in 2003, hosting a brainstorming session to establish the county's research needs and for the review and pending results of the controversial "Green Report" sponsored by the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

Mace concluded his summary of staff activities with the announcement of his desired to meet with the KCGCD.

"Finally, we are working to schedule a meeting with the groundwater conservation district to discuss where all these numbers come from related to recharge. We've seen a lot of confusion in terms of what these numbers are and what they mean, where they come from. So what we're trying to do is get a meeting where everybody gets together, gets in the same room, hears the same words come out of my mouth

about what these (Kinney County availability) numbers are, what they mean," said Mace.

Another item discussed at the meeting was Texas House Bill 1763 (HB1763).

"The language in this bill

encourages districts to permit to the managed available groundwater availability," Mace explained.

HB1763 was passed in the original 79th Legislative Session and applies to all groundwater districts.

"It's a new process for groundwater districts to determine their groundwater availability," said Mace.

As of press time the date and time for the meeting with Mace had not yet been confirmed.

## Kinney County 4-H'ers honored at District Gold Star Banquet

Submitted by Kinney 4H

Kinney 4H members Summer Allen and Natasha Smith were both awarded the Gold Star at the District 10, 4-H Gold Star Banquet Oct. 14.

The banquet was held at the Uvalde Country Club.

The Gold Star event honors the outstanding 4-H members in a multi-county district.

Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Wilson, Gonzales,

Guadalupe, Caldwell, Comal, Bastrop, Travis, Williamson, Burnet, Hays, Blanco, Kendall, Llano, Mason, Gillespie, Kerr, Kimble, Menard, Schleicher, Sutton, Edwards, Real and Bandera counties are included in District 10.

The Gold Star is 4-H's highest honor.

Gold Star recipients received the traditional Gold Star Pin from Texas Cooperative Extension, an engraved Cross Pen

from AEP-Texas and a gift bag from the guest speaker, Jackie Van de Walle.

The luncheon, sponsored by AEP-Texas for over 40 years, was provided for all honorees, their parents, the Gold Star Committee and Extension personnel.

The Gold Star Award requires that a 4-H member meet specific criteria to be considered for the award.

Kinney County Extension Agent Robert Elledge congratulated the girls on their receipt of the Gold Star Award.

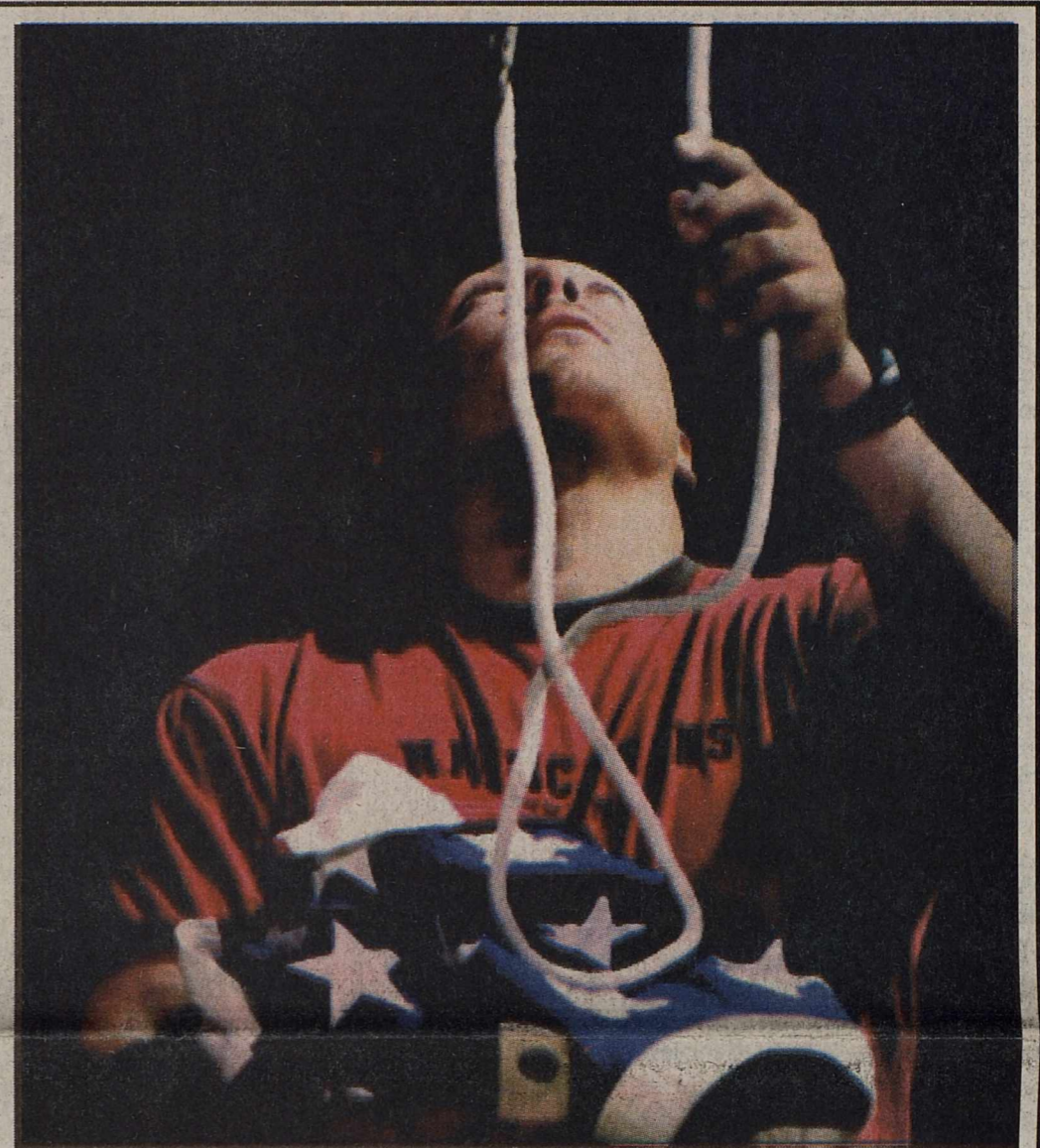
"We look forward to seeing what your future holds as you continue to 'Make The Best Better'," said Elledge.

### Gold Star Criteria

- 3 year 4-H member
- Active in 3 or more 4-H projects or activities.
- Completion of a 4-H Recordbook
- Evidence of leadership and community service.



Photo by Allison Taylor  
Kinney 4H Gold Star recipients Natasha Smith and Summer Allen.



Welcomed Home With Flying Colors

Photo courtesy of Kathy's Photography

Carlos Gomez raises the flag at Tiger Stadium Oct. 13. The packed house cheered the local Marine's return from the war in Iraq. Gomez is the son of Tomas and Honey Bee of Brackettville.

### Election schedule for the General Election on November 7

August 29, 2006

Last day of regular filing period for write in

September 8, 2006

First day to accept applications to vote by mail

October 23, 2006

First day for early voting

October 31, 2006

Last day to accept applications

November 3, 2006

Last day for early voting

### Candidate forum scheduled

The public is invited to participate in the Meet The Candidates Forum on Monday, Oct. 23, at the BHS Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

All candidates on November 7, 2006, ballot are invited to participate. This event is sponsored by brackettville.info, Kinney County Ground Zero, West Texas Springs Alliance and The Brackett News.

Submit your questions to: editor@brackettville.info or tbnws@sbcglobal.net

### News BRIEFS

#### Veterans Day Program

Jones Elementary Intermediate students will present a special veterans program on Friday, Nov. 10 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Kinney County Civic Center. This special program will be honoring those who serve our country. The community is invited.

#### Weekend WEATHER

#### Friday

Mostly Sunny  
High:75  
Low:58

#### Saturday

Mostly Sunny  
High:82  
Low:58

#### Sunday

Isolated Tstorms  
High:74  
Low:52

#### Spirit Week/Red Ribbon Week

This year's homecoming themes are: Monday: Come as you are. Students are reminded they must stay within dress code. Tuesday: Everyone wear red with a crazy red hat. Awards will be given for the best hat. Wednesday: Tacky Day. Again, students must stay within dress code. Thursday: Decades. Pick a decade - 50's, 60's, 70's or 80's. Friday: Black and Gold Day - Sports Day.

#### Angel Food Bank

The First United Methodist Church of Brackettville will be distributing food in partnership with Angel Food Ministries on Sat., Oct. 21, between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to unload trucks, set up tables and distribute the food. For more information contact Ava Lindeman 563-5641.

#### Water District News

The Boulware et al vs. KCGCD and Darlene Shahan

Hearing date has been postponed. Pursuant to a telephone conference held Oct. 11, a hearing in Boulware et al vs. KCGCD et al will be held in Uvalde on Oct. 30, at 10 a.m. to address all issues currently pending before the court. The Courthouse address is: Uvalde County Courthouse, Courthouse Square, 100 Getty Street, Uvalde, Texas

#### Recorded Rainfall

Only a few drops of rain was recorded at The Brackett News Weather Center this week. Report rain gauge readings from your part of the county by phone 830-563-2852 or via email tbnws@sbcglobal.net. Please include your address!

#### Homecoming Dance

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Homecoming Dance following the football game on October 27, 2006, at the Fort Clark Springs Service Club. Tino Gomez will be the D.J. and tickets are \$5.00 per person. The Dance is for BHS students, Alumni and other adults. Proceeds will benefit the Chamber Scholarship Fund and

operating costs for the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce. For more information call the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Monday - Friday from 10-12 and 1-3.

#### Hunter's Round Up

The Ag/Wildlife Committee invites all Hunters and Hunting Enthusiasts to the Annual Hunter's Round Up Nov. 4, at the Civic Center. Booths are available for FREE with a prize donation valued at \$25. Area businesses are encouraged to contact the Co. Extension Office 830-563-2442 for more info. Hats, gift certificates, hunting supplies are all excellent ideas that will get your business noticed throughout the night.

#### Alamo Trailride

Alamo Village & Shahan HV Ranches Trailride and Cattle Drive October 26, 27, 28, & 29. FOR MORE INFO (830) 563-2580; FAX (830) 563-9226; email: happy@hilconet.com or VISIT: www.alamo.village.com. Rental Horses are available, please call Bub Winn 830-279-0185

#### Uvalde Arts Council Auditions

The Uvalde Arts Council has announced its Christmas production and the audition schedule. Babes in Toyland will be presented Dec. 14, 15, and 16 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 17 at 2:30 p.m. Auditions will be held Oct. 23 & 24 at 7 p.m. each evening at the Grand Opera House. Children grades one through eight are encouraged to audition. For more information call 830-278-4184.

#### Fall Festival

Kinney 4H will be hosting its third annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 28, at FCS Rendezvous Park from 5 to 7 p.m. The night will include a costume contest, fortune teller, castle bounce, hay ride & ghost tour, dunking booth, games, food, karaoke entertainment, cake walk and a cake decorating contest. For more information or to participate call 563-2814.

#### Teen Challenge

St. John's Missionary Church will be hosting the Teen Chal-

lenge from San Antonio Sunday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

#### School & Sports Calendar

Thursday, 10/19: Jr. High Football vs. Rocksprings at Home at 5:30 p.m. Colorguard will sponsoring the concession stand. Friday, 10/20: Pep Rally in the Gym at 3 p.m. Tigers vs. Rocksprings at Rocksprings at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 10/21: Freshman, Jr. Varsity and Varsity Volleyball vs. La Pryor at La Pryor starting at 5 p.m. Monday, 10/23: Jr. High Volleyball vs. Comstock at home at 5 p.m. GT Parent Orientation at the Hunt Library. Tuesday, 10/24: Varsity Volleyball District Play-Off if needed. Wednesday, 10/25: Student early out at 1 p.m. High School and Jr. High Cross Country District Meet in Nueces Canyon. Thursday, 10/26: Jr. High football vs. Sabinal at Sabinal at 5 p.m. Friday, 10/27: Homecoming Parade 2:30 p.m. Pep Rally at the Five Points at 3 p.m. Tigers vs. Sabinal at home at 7:30 p.m.

## Editors Weekly PLOG

I appreciate the calls we received about last week's PLOG. It certainly shows two things: #1: People are reading TBN and #2: A lot of people have my phone number! Are there some heart-breakers feeling guilty out there?

Moving on...  
Lots of things happen in this little town. It's human nature to want to get your own way. Gamblers want to win. Politicians want to win. Parents want their kids to win. And when someone loses or thinks their losing, desperation takes over and people say and do very irrational things.

Weaving our way into...  
Two weeks ago I received a letter to the editor. After reading it, three things sent up red flags right away: #1: It was typed and then signed in blue ink (old lawyer's trick I learned a couple years ago) - made me think that the person who signed it didn't really write it. #2: No phone number or address was included - the paper clearly states that we have to have it or it will not be accepted. #3: Usually people will contact the paper before sending in a letter or we've been made aware of the situation already.

TBN should not have to explain to anyone "Why? Why?" this letter was not printed, but I will again - veeerrry cleeeearrry. Letters to the Editor are supposed to be a place where average citizens can express themselves. Raise concerns, bring their issue to the masses in an orderly manner.

You might joke with your friends and say that TBN is just like toilet paper. Ha. Ha. But, we still have a few standards around here.

I will print a letter if it meets the criteria and if you write it yourself. I am not going to print it if you write it and then purposely seek out a minority to sign it to unnecessarily stir up racial tension that will help you out politically.

This town is too small to lie. Everyone tells on everyone!  
In the end, this letter was withdrawn, but then the real authors of the letter sent it out in the mail to individuals in the community ANONYMOUSLY. Was this done for the good of the people? Or was it for vengeance and desperate self-preservation?

If you feel so strongly against someone, call them on the phone. The good book says you need to tell them right to their face what you have against them. Not that I would know exactly where that was printed, but I got a good feeling that the *King James Version* never mentions writing a letter to the editor that was untrue - and easily enough proven so.

Water under the bridge...  
I love newspapers. I really love this one. This is the history of our people captured week by week.

Write a letter - sign YOUR name to it, but be honest and sincere and let it come from you - do not allow yourself to be manipulated.

Leigh V.

### Letter To Editor POLICY

The Brackett News welcomes and encourages letters to the editor. Letters should not exceed 350 words and be on subjects of interest. The editor reserves the right to refuse or edit all letters submitted for length, potentially libelous statements and accuracy of information. All letters must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification purposes. All writers must provide proof of identity. Letters found or believed to be written by a person other than that of the signed author will be refused. The Brackett News will not publish letters sent via e-mail. Letters published and viewpoints of columnists do not necessarily reflect the editorial beliefs of this newspaper.

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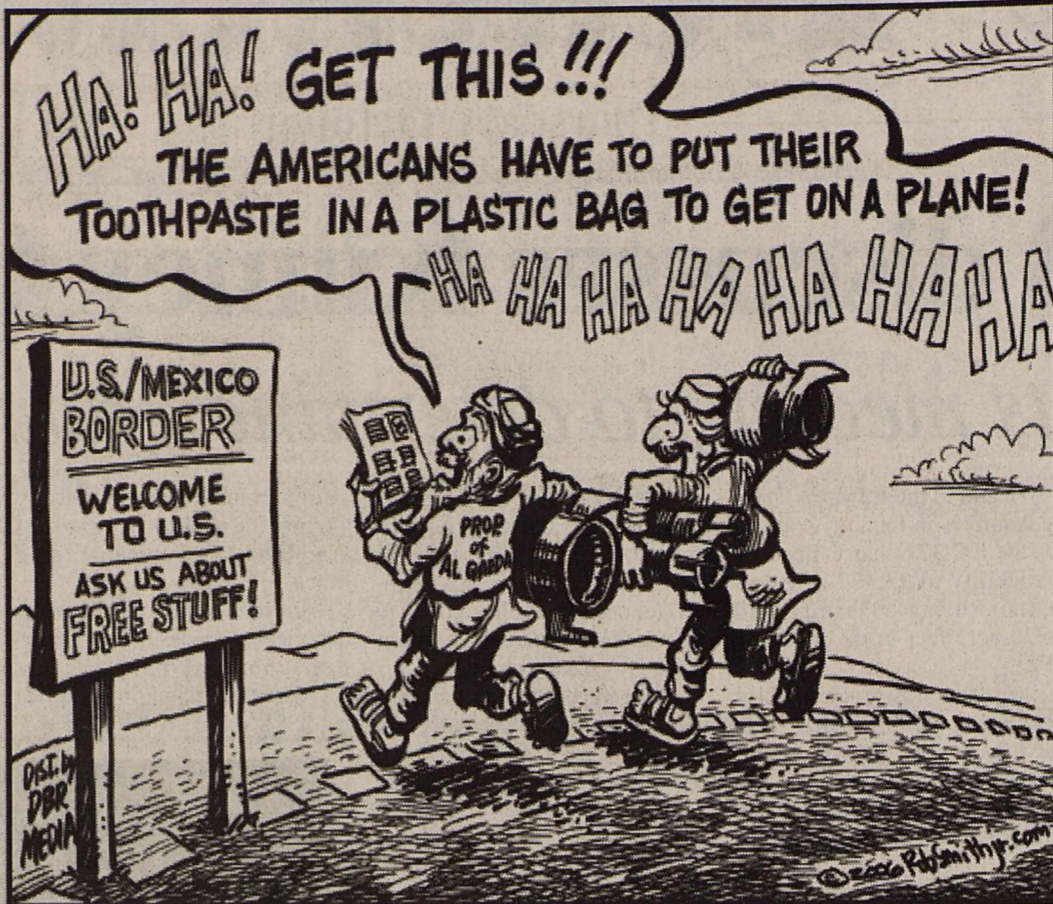


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## Boxell supports dye test

Although I am no longer a candidate for the position of Director, Precinct 1, for the KCGDB [Kinney County Groundwater District Board], I am very interested in the protection of both surface and groundwater in Kinney Co., Texas. I am a retired Geologist/Oilfield Production Engineer, having spent 31 years working the Permian Basin of West Texas and Southeastern New Mexico, living in Odessa. I am 76 years young and my wife and I moved to Ft. Clark Springs in May, 2006. Las Moras Springs was one of the many reasons we moved to Brackettville.

I have followed the situation that is going on between the KCGDB and Grass Valley Water LP since we arrived and I have done a lot of computer research on the Edwards aquifer and the sources of recharge that contribute rainwater into it. Many friends that we have made since coming to southwest Texas have furnished me information concerning the groundwater war that is going on. Having to protect surface and groundwater all my life in the oil industry, I am very concerned about the progress that is not being made by the KCGDB. A longtime local rancher told me that the Board, and General Manager, are lucky that I was ruled as an invalid candidate because the General Manager didn't know the rules of a Texas General Election when it came to filing dates. I agree with him. You would have seen some major changes had I been elected. The purpose of my letter is to let every citizen in Kinney

Co. know that I am behind the Dye Testing recommended by a Grass Valley representative at a recent Board meeting. In fact, I recommend that the testing be initiated in the well that was drilled on the Shahan ranch in 2001 and thoroughly tested by LBG-GUYTON Associates, instead of the Grass Valley Water LP well that is 12 NE of Brackettville, on the Postell ranch.

The Shahan well is due north of Brackettville, approximately 6 miles north of Las Moras Spring and this close proximity will let the dye show up in the Spring much faster, if it shows up at all. I also recommend that other wells on the Shahan ranch be monitored, as well as any springs, and wells, to the west around Pinto Creek, and other wells to the east and southeast of the Shahan well.

We need more scientific proof of where the Edwards aquifer extends to the West half of Kinney Co. as well as determining how homogeneous the aquifer is between the Shahan ranch, Las Moras Spring, and the Grass Valley Water LP well, as well as to the south and east of Brackettville.

This will be a start toward developing the recharge acre feet "magic number" that eludes the KCGDB General Manager when allocating acre feet to applicants in Kinney County. They deserve this and they haven't been getting a "fair hearing" by the Board. Instead of requesting clarification from the Texas Water Development Board, let's start developing our own scientific information and go on about our business before the

State decides to step in and take control of our groundwater.

I would also like to comment on the Grass Valley Water article that appeared in last week's issue of The Brackett News.

The statement under their last heading "How can we do anything about it?" a. "That includes allowing the pumping and export of sustainable amounts of groundwater passing through Kinney County each and every year on its way to the gulf."

This statement is an assumption until proven scientific evidence is presented confirming where our water goes and how much we have available.

Who, but us, has the right to determine where our Kinney County groundwater goes.

A similar statement was made recently on behalf of Grass Valley's position, referencing the city of Amarillo, Texas. Amarillo falls under the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority that governs the Ogallala aquifer.

The Ogallala is the largest underground aquifer in North America, 40 times the size of the Edwards.

There is no comparison of the two aquifers. We do not need statements of this nature to mislead our citizens.

What we do need is more concern, and more participation at local meetings, from all of us in Kinney County.

It's our water. Let's use "common sense" in protecting it.

If it goes, we go!

John Boxell  
Fort Clark Springs

## Mind your P's and Q's!

Inevitably, with school in session, many parents will be hosting birthday parties and special

events for their children's classmates.

So, how should you distribute invitations at school to a non-school related party?

When inviting classmates to a home party, find out the school's policy for extending invitations.

If there is no policy, be aware

that when invitations are extended at school, those children who are excluded will feel left out.

If at all possible, include all the student in the class.

If not, those invitations should be sent discreetly, either after school, by mail or by phone.

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## Gen-Xers face retirement challenges



Emily Cooper

If you have children or grandchildren born in "Generation X" - loosely defined as those people born between 1965 and 1980 - they still have quite a ways to go before retirement.

But that doesn't mean they shouldn't be thinking about retirement - and saving for it.

Unfortunately, many members of the Gen-X cohort are doing a poor job of retirement planning.

About half of all workers born between 1965 and 1972 are "at risk" of having too little money to maintain their standard of living during retirement, according to the National Retirement Risk Index created by the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. (This study didn't include the younger Gen-Xers because their financial histories are not considered long enough to yield meaningful interpretations of future behavior.)

The Retirement Risk Index uses a variety of variables to come up with its projections, but they pretty much boil down to one conclusion: Older Gen-Xers aren't saving enough to pay for the type of retirement they'd like to have.

If you think your child or grandchild - let's call her "Jen" - might be in the low-savings group, what changes can you encourage her to make to reach a different - and more favorable - destination?

Here are a few suggestions:

• Don't panic. Gen-Xers have got one really good asset on their side: time. Even the first wave of Generation X members have got roughly 25 years until reaching the "typical" retirement age of 65. That means Jen still has time to make some moves that can help her make good progress toward her retirement goals - if she doesn't wait too long.

• Take advantage of retirement savings opportunities. If Jen has a 401(k) where she works, encourage her to take full advantage of it. Her money will have an opportunity to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and her contributions are typically made with pre-tax dollars, which means the more she puts in, the lower her adjustable gross income.

Ideally, Jen should contribute as much as she can afford, increase her contributions whenever she gets a raise, and spread her money among the range of investments available in her plan.

Also, if Jen can afford it, she should contribute to a Roth or traditional IRA every year. Both offer tax advantages and can be funded with money going into virtually any investment - stocks, bonds, government securities, etc.

Identify retirement goals. We all have different visions of the ideal retirement.

While Jen might want to work until 65 and then open a small business, her friend might want to retire early and travel the world.

Consequently, the amount Jen will need to save - and even the investment philosophy she follows - should be based on her individual retirement goals.

• Get professional help. It's not always so easy to create and maintain long-term investment strategies.

Which investments are right for Jen's individual needs?

How aggressive should she be?

When should she make changes to her portfolio? A financial professional can help Jen answer these and many other questions that will arise over the years.

For people in Jen's age group, retirement may seem like a distant vision. But it's moving closer every day - and she'll want to be ready when it finally arrives. Encourage her to take the steps necessary to prepare herself.

# Photo Contest

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## Photo Contest Winners

### Most Original

The Statue of Liberty submitted by Sandy and Bill Herman of Carrizo Springs

### Most Funny

Julianne and her teammates submitted by Stacey Ashabramner of Brackettville

### Furtherest Away

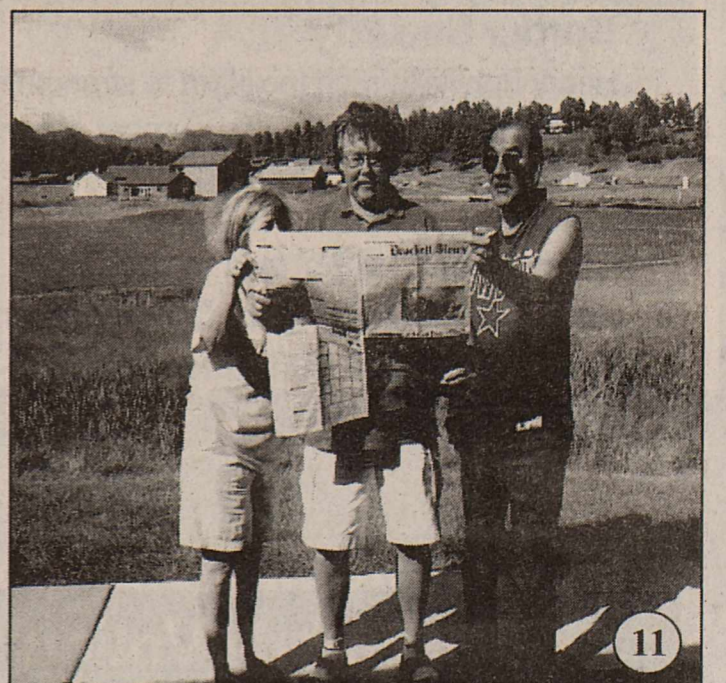
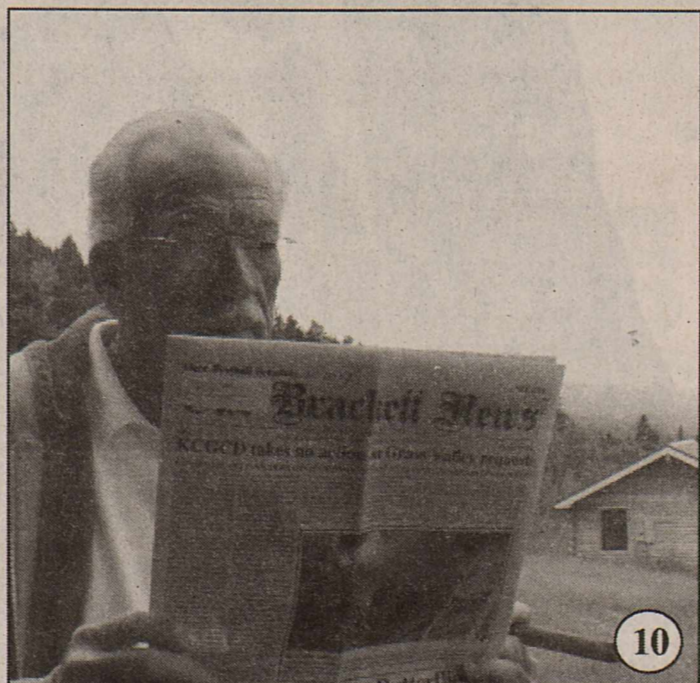
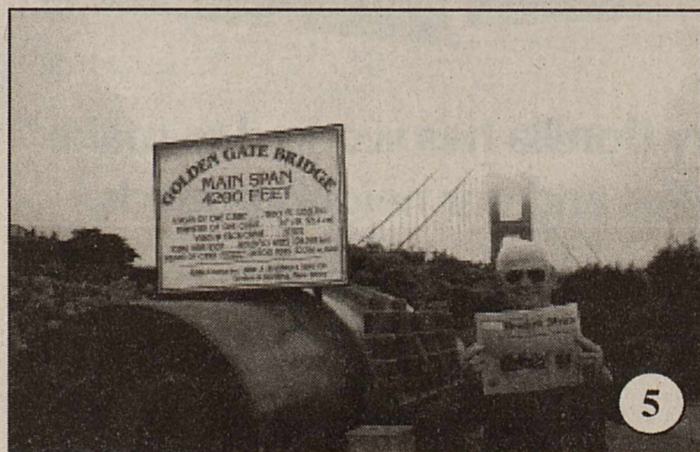
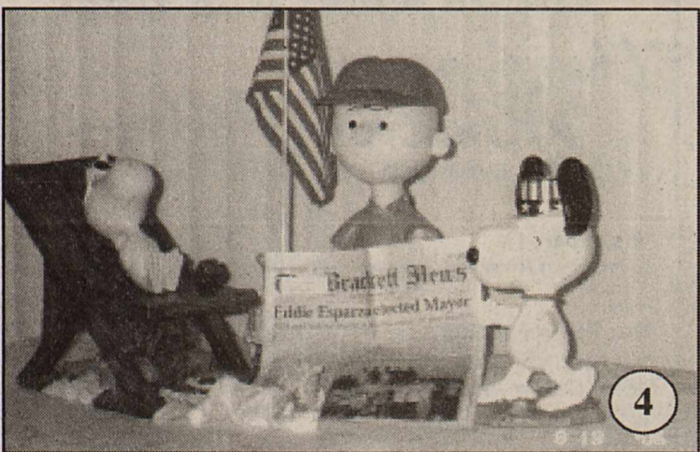
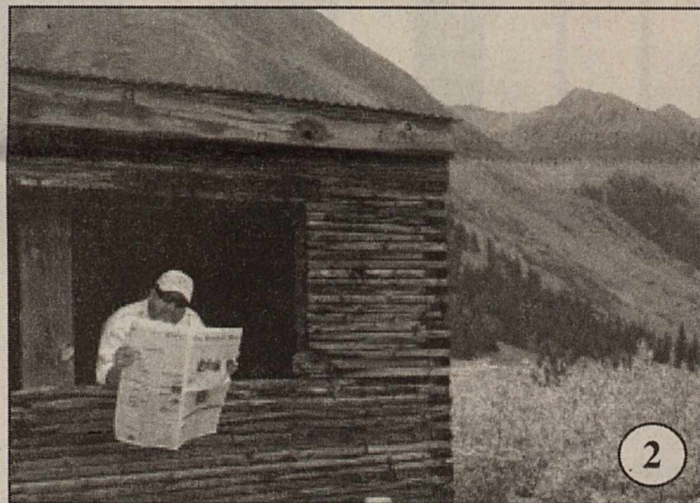
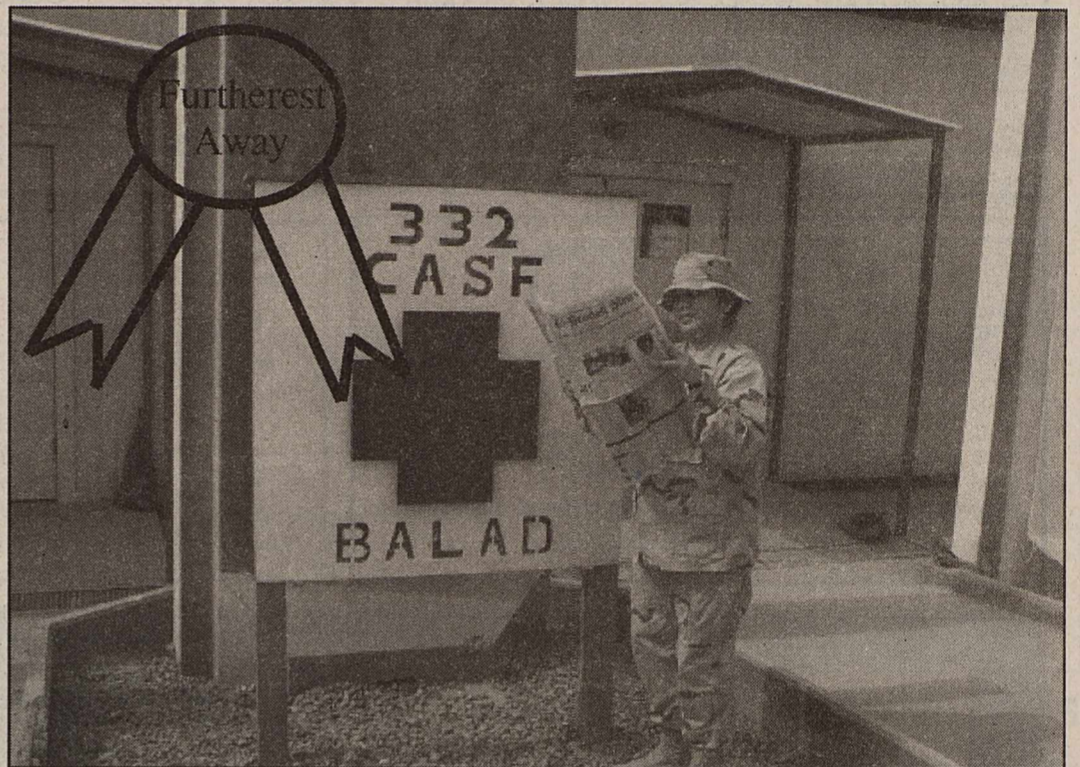
Ana Talamantes in Balad, Iraq submitted by Jose Perez

### Other Entries:

1. Rosalie Boysen's brother, George submitted this photo taken at the post office in Bethel, CT.
2. Steven LaMasus submitted this photo taken on Engineer's Pass in Colorado.
3. Donna and John Paul Schuster submitted this photo of Stetson, Shelby and Tyler taken on their ranch in Brackettville.
4. Oralia Jackson of San Antonio submitted this photo of

- Charlie Brown and friends with the edition about the new Mayor of Brackettville.
5. Hank Woodward of California submitted this photo of Anthony DeFusco taken at the Golden Gate Bridge.
6. Wes Horton submitted this photo of Mary Swinson reading TBN on her 82nd birthday.
7. John and Lois Carlson of Brackettville submitted this photo taken in Richards Bay, South Africa.

8. Samantha Perez Wallace submitted this photo with her daughter Emma from Frankston, Victoria, Australia.
9. Joshua Salazar of Snyder reads TBN, submitted by Ramona Falcon.
10. Mary Brown submitted this photo of Trent Brown taken at Cuchara, Colorado.
11. Taken in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, Alicia and Gil Raymer of Brackettville, along with Lino Rodriguez read TBN.



## Remember the best protection is early detection

Submitted By Pat Sitzes exams. I am hoping that you have been doing your monthly breast examination and that you women of Kinney County about mammograms, and self-breast gram. The good news for all of

us is that new technology is coming out daily related to breast cancer detection. One new technique is called FirstCyte Ductal Lavage. This technique is for women who are considered at higher risk for developing breast cancer due to their grandmother, mother, and/or sister having had it. It gives you and your doctor additional information above and beyond your family history. It is a procedure which looks at cells obtained from the milk ducts of the breast by inserting a catheter through the nipple into the milk duct to extract cells to check for atypical cells. I can already hear, you saying "not on my breast". Don't worry, they do numb the area. However, this gives more information about whether further study is needed. If atypical cells are found that would indicate to the doctor that the woman needed to be followed more closely or have mammograms more frequently. As you can see, progress is being made in diagnosing breast cancer. However, these new technologies, doing your self-breast exams and getting your mammogram require you to do them. As women, we need to be willing to do these things, because remember early detection is the best protection.

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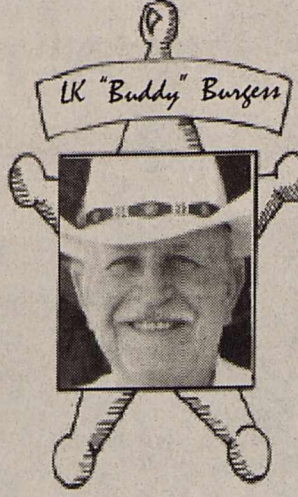
**Kinney County Sheriff's Report**

**Thursday, October 12**  
 11:04 pm. Vector Security called KCSO stating the alarm at the Dollar General was going off again. The manager was notified, and a deputy was dispatched.

**Saturday, October 14**  
 9:44 am. KCSO recieved a call stating there was a white truck on fire on 2523 in Edwards CO. Edwards CO SO and Fire Dept was notified.  
 7:25 pm. Brackettville BP Station called requesting a deputy to the station. They had a subject that was charged with a possible unauthorized use of a motorized vehicle that was taken from a local car dealership. Subject is still in custody at press time.

**Sunday, October 15**  
 2:35 pm. On the above date and time a call came into KCSO, a woman stated that her neighbors were arguing outside in there front yard. A deputy was dispatched.

**Tuesday, October 10**  
 7:29 pm. A DPS dispatcher called KCSO stating that a trooper had pulled over a vehicle 1 mile west of Brackettville, the trooper was requesting a deputy. A deputy was dispatched.  
 10:46 pm. Vector Security called KCSO stating the alarm at the Dollar General was going off. A deputy was dispatched.

**UK "Buddy" Burgess**  


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**October 21,** Board Meeting 9 am BR, Museum 1-4, Sutlers Store 1-4, Activity Center 6-10  
**October 22,** Museum 1-4, Sutlers Store 1-4  
**October 23,** Par 3 Scramble 9 am. Wood Carvers 9 am. Unit 37, Aerobics 9 am PT, Art Studio 1-4  
**October 24,** Ladies Golf 8:30 am., Architectural Com 9 am BR, 500 cards 6 pm AC  
**October 25,** Men's Golf 9 am, Aerobics 9 am PT, Tap Dance 10:15 am. PT, Stitch RV 1-3, Dominos 6 pm AC  
**October 26,** Couples Golf 9 am  
**October 27,** Aerobics 9 am PT, Mens Bridge 1-5 AC, Activity Center 6-10, Bingo 7 pm SH. Homecoming Dance SC 9 pm - 1 am \$5 each.  
**October 28,** Historical Meeting 9 am. End of the Month Scramble 9 am, Museum 1-4, Sutlers Store 1-4, Activity Center 6-10  
**October 29,** Museum 1-4, Sutlers Store 1-4, Daylight Savings Ends  
**October 30,** Par 3 Scramble 9 am, Wood Carvers 9 am, Unit 37, Aerobics 9 am PT, Art Studio 1-4  
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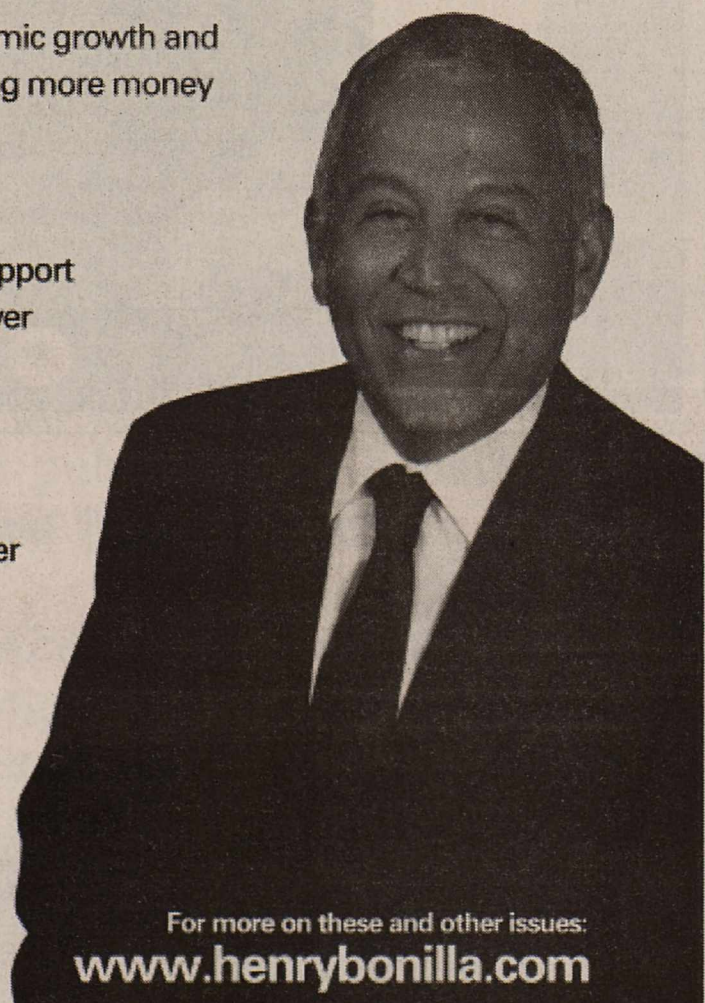
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# Tiger Pride

## Football tiger style



Tiger Gridiron  
Thomas Hurney

The Brackett Tigers and D' Hanis Cowboys met Friday night in a terrific game that defies an easy one sentence summation. After giving up two long touchdown passes early in the first quarter the Tiger "D" shackled the potent Cowboy offense for most of the second half, and the offense unveiled a few new wrinkles of its own as Brackett edged D' Hanis 28-21 in overtime at a raucous Tiger Stadium.

Coming into the game the Cowboys were unbeaten. They had scorched opposing defenses for nearly 200 points, while allowing only seven. The Cowboy faithful packed the visitors' stands decked out in purple and gold, with the gold and black clad Brackett fans cheek and jowl in the home bleachers. Everyone, it seemed, was ready for this game except (initially) for the Tigers.

D' Hanis took the opening kickoff up to the 23 and moved quickly up to the Brackett 45, aided by two Tiger offenses penalties. On 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from the 45 quarterback Paden Lynch aired it out to a wide open Trey Mumme who ran untouched into the end zone. The Cowboys tacked on the extra point and led 7-0.

D' Hanis picked off a Robert

Davis pass on Brackett's opening drive and scored again on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12 from their own 35, as QB Lynch found his favorite target Mumme once again, this time for a 65-yard touchdown strike that put the Cowboys up by 14.

The Tigers had the ball back on their own 20, but wresting momentum from red-hot D' Hanis would seem to be a much tougher proposition-so they made their own. The Tigers mounted an 80-yard, 21-play drive, capped off by a 12-yard touchdown toss from Davis to tailback Travis Bonner. Jacob Schroeder's PAT split the uprights and the Cowboy lead was reduced to seven. At the half D' Hanis led 14-7.

Brackett took the second half kickoff up to the 35 and moved in fits and starts up to the 50. On 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12 at midfield Travis Bonner caught a rather ordinary swing pass from Robert Davis, a pass that its' designers had hoped would gain maybe 10 or 15 yards a pop, but Bonner obviously didn't get that memo and took the ordinary swing pass 50-plus yards into the Cowboy end zone. Add the point after, and the two District 29 1-A title hopefuls were all tied up at 14.

But D' Hanis wasn't done. The Cowboy offense that had produced an average of 38 points per outing in its' first five games re-emerged in the fourth quarter, as did fleet wideout Trey Mumme, who at times appeared to be in fifth gear to everyone else's second. On 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 from the Cowboy 41 Lynch uncorked a deep pass to Mumme, who took it to the house, and with less than two minutes left in

regulation D' Hanis had retaken the lead, 21-14.

The Tigers had the ball back on their own 38 and less than two minutes to work with. A key play occurred on 4<sup>th</sup> and 6 at the Brackett 35, as Bonner took the pitch on the option and gained just enough to sustain the drive. THE play of the game however, occurred on a 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 at the Cowboy 32 as Robert Davis launched a wobbly, arcing pass that seemed to peter out as it approached the end zone and seemed a lock to be picked off by a leaping D' Hanis defender, but tailback Ivan Pinales wrested the ball from his hands and with 1:01 left in regulation the two teams were knotted up at 21, with overtime looming.

D' Hanis won the overtime coin toss and opted for the first possession. On 2<sup>nd</sup> and goal from the 13 Robert Davis picked off Paden Lynch in the end zone (dueling quarterbacks indeed!) in what was easily the defensive play of the game. Brackett took over and never looked back. On 1<sup>st</sup> down from the 25 fullback Fermin Villanueva rumbled to the 13, and three plays later Davis took it in from the one, final count Brackett 28, D' Hanis 21 (the Tigers had to kick the point after, even though the game was over-don't ask me, I don't get it either).

A buddy of mine (more to the point it was Cash Letsinger, our statistician) said before the game "if they can beat these guys, they can win the district". The Angoras might have something to say about that. The Tigers visit Rocksprings this Friday.

### GAME STATS by CASH LETSINGER

	TIGERS	Cowboys
Points Scored	28	21
First Downs	16	16
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	10/5/1	7/6/3
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	2/14/14	3/7/43
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	9/9/100	1/2/50
Total Yards / Avg per Play	307/5.1	338/7.9
Total Yards Rushing	162	118
Rushing Att/Avg	46/3.5	26/4.5
Total yards Passing	145	220
Pass Att/Comp/Int	14/6/2	17/7/2
Average Yards per Pass	10.4	12.9
Punts /Avg	2/38.0	1/36.0
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	1/2/2	1/0/0
Punts Blocked	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	3/39/13	3/64/21
Fumbles /Lost	0/0	1/0
Total Turnovers	2	2
Penalties /Yards	8/59	3/24
Sacks /Yards	2/10	1/1
TDs	3	3
TDs Rush/Pass	0/3	0/3
Field Goals Att/Made	0/0	0/0
Time of Possession	26:44	21:16

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Cowboys	14	0	0	7	0	21
Tigers	0	7	7	7	7	28

#### Scoring Summary

D' Hanis: 8:02 1st Q, Lynch, P passes to Mumme, T for 46 yd TD PAT kick - Good D' Hanis: 2:03 1st Q, Lynch, P passes to Mumme, T for 65 yd TD PAT kick - Good Brackett: 4:59 2nd Q, Davis, R passes to Bonner, T for 12 yd TD PAT kick Schroeder, J - Good Brackett: 7:55 3rd Q, Davis, R passes to Bonner, T for 50 yd TD PAT kick Schroeder, J - Good D' Hanis: 3:28 4th Q, Lynch, P passes to Mumme, T for 59 yd TD PAT kick - Good Brackett: 1:01 4th Q, Davis, R passes to Pinales, I for 32 yd TD PAT kick Schroeder, J - Good Brackett: 1st Overtime, Davis, R 1 yd rush for TD PAT kick Schroeder, J - Good

### CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

Submitted by Coach Dusty Brotherton

The Varsity Girls took 1st place at the Uvalde Cross County meet Saturday, October 14, 2006 Individually: 1st Daphn Hunt 12:26, 3rd Harmony

Pettett 12:54, 5th Gabby Schroeder 13:14, 16th Katie Braesicke 14:12, 17th Brianna Escamilla 14:12, 20th Lauren Cornelius 14:40, and 22nd Brook Gose 14:45. Junior Varsity Girls: Salina Flores - 15:59. Junior High Girls: 9th

Courtney Kirkland 13:41, 18th Bianca Cruz 23rd Cheyenne Smith 14:38. Varsity Boys: 26th Manny Rosas - 18:16, 30th Edward Travieso 8:51, 35th Chris Blake 19:41 and 40th Izzy Muniz 19:55. Junior Varsity Boys: 79th Victor Cantu 24:50.

### District 30A Brackett beat Sabinal 26-24; 25-22; 25-15

Submitted by Coach Rhonda Marquardt

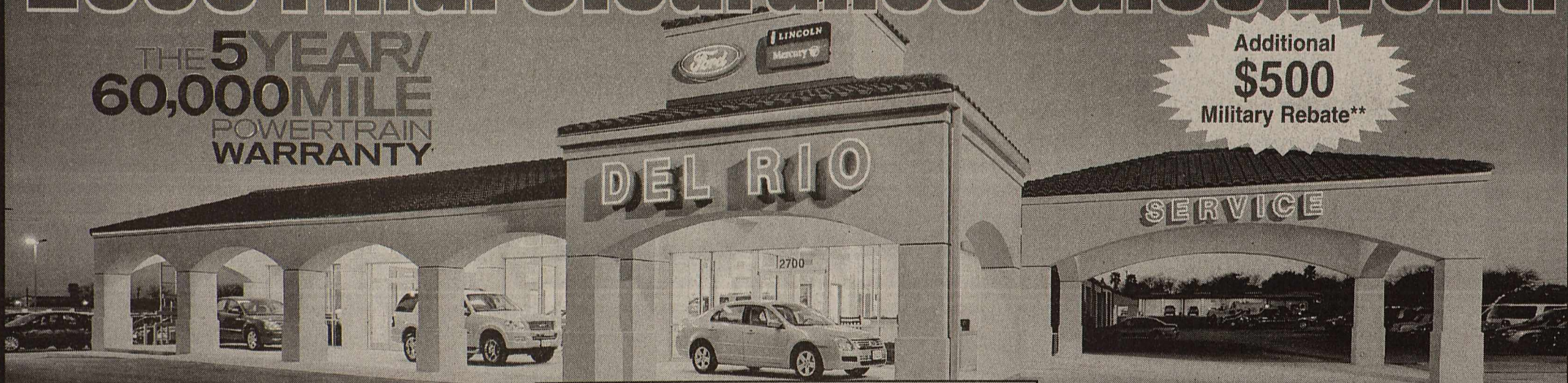
Sabinal stats Kills: Christian Tristan - 12 Aces: Gloria Rodriguez - 2 Assists: Lindsey Horton - 10 Digs: Katie Bales - 5 Blocks: Teresa Alejandro - 3

District Record: 6-3 Overall REcord: 21-15 Brackett stats Kills: Emily Valenzuela 11 Bailee Allen 9 Bianca Stewart 6 Rebecca Mann 3 Julie Castillo 2 Daphne Hunt and Samantha Moore - 1 Assists: Julie Castillo 28 Aces: Daphne Hunt 3 Julie Castillo, Laura

Meyer, Bianca Stewart 1 Blocks: Rebecca Mann, Daphne Hunt, and Emily Valenzuela - 1 Digs: Daphne Hunt 13 Bailee Allen and Emily Valenzuela 5 Julie Castillo 4 Laura Meyer and Bianca Stewart 2 Rebecca Mann 1 Brackett record 24 - 10 7-2

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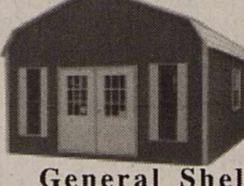
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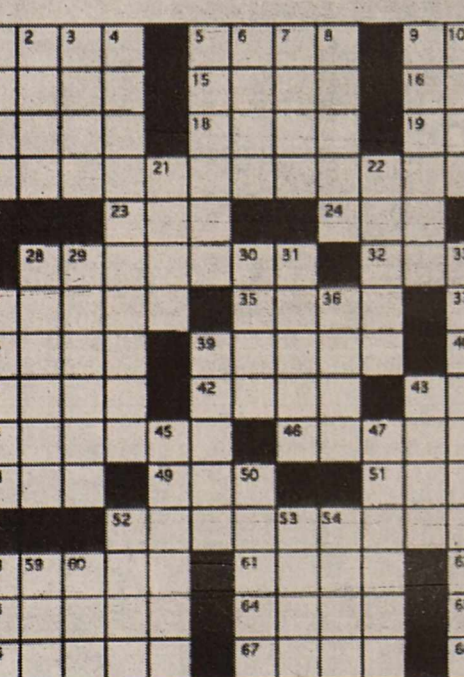
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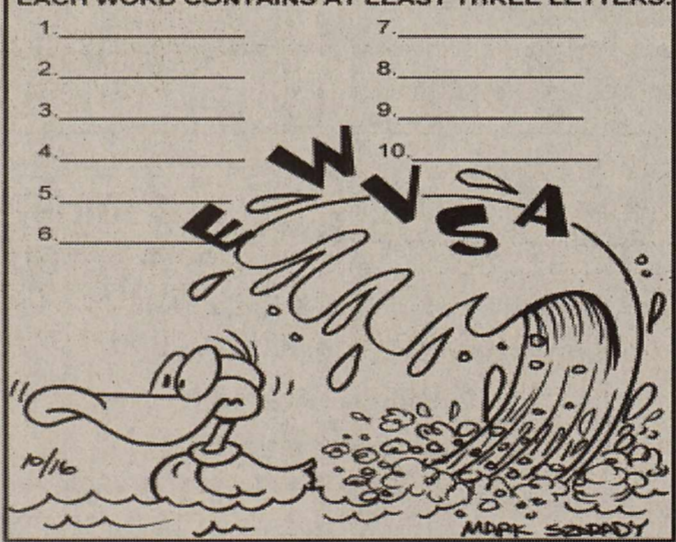
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## WORD PILE By Mark Szorady

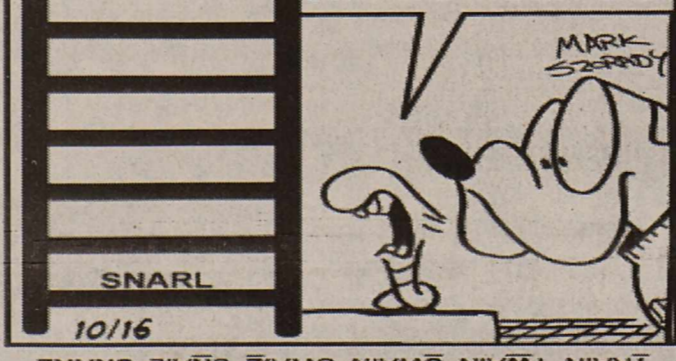
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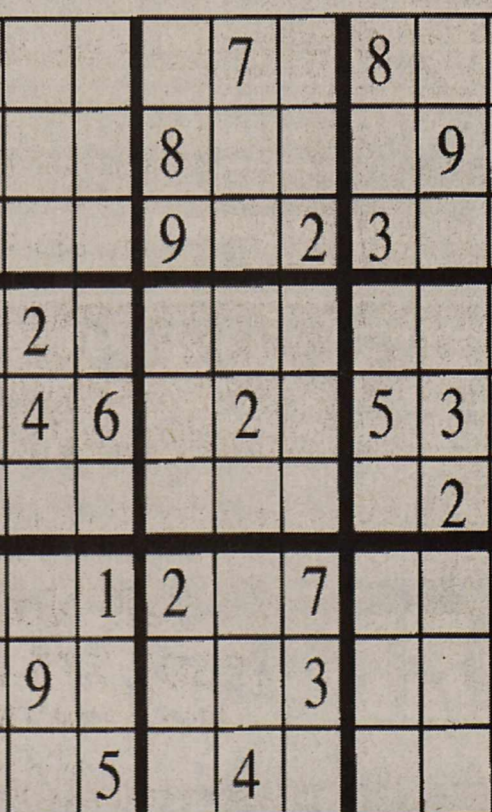


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# Hunter Education class set for Brackettville



Henry Lutz

## A Little on the Wildlife Side

A Hunter Education Training Course has been set to begin Monday, October 23, 2006. The course will continue on Tuesday, October 24, Monday, October 30 and conclude on Tuesday, October 31, 2006.

Registration for the 4 evening class will be Monday night at 6:30PM, followed by class until 9:30PM each night. Classes will be held at Brackett High School, Annex Room 5 (Science Room) in Brackettville,

entrance off of Fulton Street, across from the new high school building. The cost is only \$5.00 per person.

The class is a 12 hour course needed for certification. Everyone must attend all 12 hours to successfully complete the course and be certified.

Every hunter born on or after September 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course. Hunters of all ages are welcome to attend.

A parent or other relative is encouraged to attend with their child. The minimum age of certification is 12 years old. In other words, you must be 12 years old at the start of the course.

If you are a hunter and you are 17 or older and born after September 2, 1971, you must

have this course to hunt. You will receive a citation if you hunt and have not completed the course.

This course is good for life. It has to be completed only one time. Other states may require that a hunter complete a Hunter Safety or Education Course before hunting there.

This course meets the requirements necessary for hunting out of state.

Additional information in regards to Hunter Education: If you were born on or after September 2, 1971, and you are:

—age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a hunter education course to hunt

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—under 12 years of age, you must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older when hunting. You are not old enough to take the course and be certified.

Hunters, regardless of age, need to purchase a hunting license and any stamps (if needed) and must carry them with him or her at all times while hunting. Upon completion of the Hunter Education Course, you will receive proof that you have completed the course.

This proof of certification is required to be on your person, along with your hunting license, while hunting. It is not required to purchase a license.

If you need more information or have questions about the Hunter Education class, please call Game Warden Henry Lutz at 563-5727.

# Are you needing encouragement?



Jeff Janca

Wow! What a football game last Friday night. Congratulations to the Coaches and Players of the Tiger Varsity Football team. As one man told me the other day, "You sure got your money's worth at that game." I must admit that is one of the most exciting finishes that I have seen in High School Football.

One of the things that impressed me most was the way the Brackett Fans got behind the Team and cheered and encouraged them in the fourth quarter and then again in overtime. Earlier in the day I saw the fans at the Varsity Girls Volleyball game cheer on the Tigerettes as they played. The fans cheering impressed me at that game too. I noticed one particu-

lar group of students that actually got up after each game and moved to the side that the Tigerettes had moved to when they changed sides. They wanted the girls to know that they had their support.

Several weeks ago many in the community including myself had a wonderful opportunity to see a play put on by the Second Grade Classes. I was impressed at the quality of the performance by everyone involved. Those children did an excellent job. It was very entertaining. Following the performance they were showered with applause. Later that week, they were honored along with other classes for their scholastic achievements. Again they were encouraged by the attendance of family. Encouragement, a pat on the back is a wonderful thing.

In life there seems to be very little encouragement. If you are trying to make it on your own you know that is true. But there is someone who wants to help you and encourage you each day as you go through this life. That someone is Jesus. Jesus wants you

to be on His team. When you ask Jesus to come into your life and be your Lord and Savior and to forgive you of your sins, you are placed on His team. Jesus has a very special place on His team for you.

Another wonderful thing happens when you are on His team. Jesus will be there for you each and every day, in the good times

and bad times. Jesus promises never to leave or forsake us. Even when we mess up, Jesus is there to help us put all the pieces back together. Jesus loves, forgives, and restores. That is great encouragement.

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## FACTS IN RESPONSE TO PAID ADVERTISEMENTS BY APPLICANTS FOR TRANSPORT PERMITS IN KINNEY COUNTY

### Response to "...And what have you gotten in return?"

Since 2002, the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD) has had two interim General Managers and two General Managers.

#### Section 1:

1. All tax paying, voting landowners in Kinney County, Texas have groundwater rights. Grass Valley (GV) would have you believe that the only people with groundwater rights are water marketers. Does GV own land in Kinney County, vote or pay taxes? (Check the Deed Records, GV sold their land promptly after applying for their permits).

2. There are currently two lawsuits filed against the KCGCD by water marketers. These suits have not been filed against the rules, but against the District being able to collect Groundwater User Fees.

3. Payment of expenses of the District is addressed in the fee schedule adopted by the Board of Directors.

4. Has GV been faithful to the agreement with the District to pay for expenses incurred on their behalf in the processing of their permit? When were they first asked to provide funds and when did they finally come up with a portion of what they were billed?

5. Under District Rules and By-Laws, the General Manager is responsible for the preparation of budget worksheets for the board, in order for them to prepare the budget, set tax rates and fee schedules.

### 9.6 SETTING TAX AND FEE SCHEDULES

A. Each year after notice is given and a Public Hearing is held, the Board approves its annual budget. Following that, the board shall, by resolution, adopt the District-imposed ad valorem tax rate for the coming fiscal year.

6. Why does GV so violently attack the management of the District? It is possibly to get rid of the person who has been doing the research, documentation and will be making recommendations of their Permit Application?

7. The "small cadre" of happy residents that GV refers to would include ALL RESIDENTS OF Kinney County. Everyone who owns property in Kinney County has groundwater rights, and you bet they think the water belongs to them!!!

#### Section 2:

1. The "expenditures" DID NOT significantly exceed the approved budget.

2. The General Manager does provide financial statements (Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet, Check Register, etc.). The General Manager is NOT responsible for recommending a budget.

3. The General Manager is responsible to the board members and reports to them.

4. All financial information was provided to the board prior to the first budget workshop held August 24, 2006.

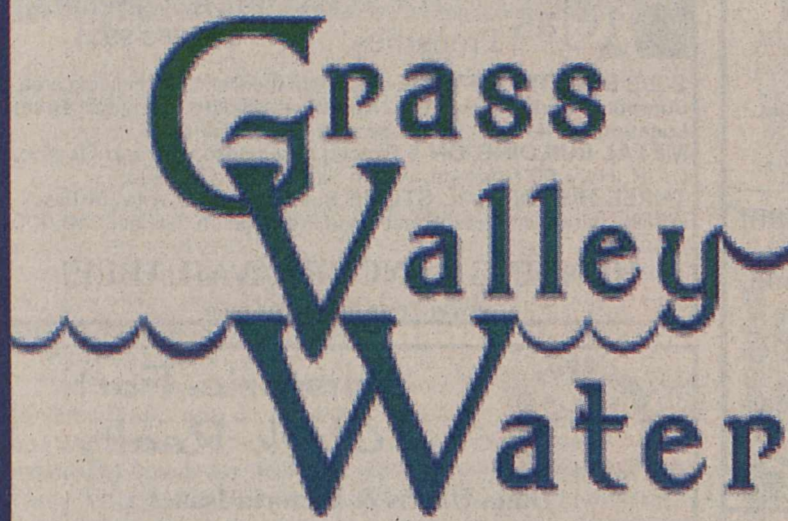
5. The Proposed Tax Rate published on behalf of the Kinney County Groundwater District is the tax rate that has been set for 2006.

**SUMMARY:** Be careful what Grass Valley says! The problem is not accounting, the General Manager, a budget, rules or By-Laws; the problem is that water marketers wish to take our water, that flows to Laredo naturally, and get rich off of it.

**BUT WHAT ABOUT THE CITIZENS OF KINNEY COUNTY???**







**PRESS RELEASE**

**October 18, 2006**

**Grass Valley Water Files Complaint with TCEQ  
Over Mismanagement of Kinney Co. Groundwater District**

Austin - Grass Valley Water, LP, today filed a complaint with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) urging the Commission to invoke its supervisory powers over the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD). The Texas Water Code (Sec. 12.081) authorizes the TCEQ to inquire into the competence, fitness, and reputation of the officers and directors of a groundwater district and can also require audits or other financial information from the groundwater district.

The complaint filed includes seven allegations of mismanagement and incompetence on behalf of KCGCD, its manager and officers, which would prompt the TCEQ to invoke its supervisory powers. Those allegations include: insecure accounting practices and lack of financial oversight; failure of the KCGCD General Manager to timely review and process applications, according to its own rules and the Texas Water Code; Unlawful and unconstitutional limitations on the water available for permitting; bias and prejudice by the KCGCD General Manager and Board members; and violations by the KCGCD General Manager of the Texas Public Information Act and the Texas Election Code.

The complaint states, in part, that KCGCD has unlawfully taken the property right of Kinney County Groundwater right Holders by arbitrarily establishing the water available for permitting at 30%. As of the date of the filing of this complaint, the District has refused to agree to a meeting to discuss KCGCD's water availability with the TWDB and interested stakeholders even though the TWDB has been trying for several weeks to bring all sides together for such a meeting.

The complaint further states, in part, that the KCGCD Board and General Manager have exhibited a complete lack of financial oversight. The Texas State Auditor, in its report to the Legislature regarding KCGCD, stated, "Significant deficiencies in the District's financial operations prevent the district from ensuring that it (1) has timely, complete, and accurate financial information for decision making; (2) is able to meet its financial obligations; or (3) protects against violations, abuse, and fraud. In addition, the District's Board has not demonstrated the financial oversight of the District that is required by Texas Water Code, Section 36.057(a). The lack of proper financial oversight by the Board has contributed to the weaknesses in the District's accounting procedures and controls." The report further stated, "The District should act immediately to address serious financial issues and implement a long-term financial remediation plan." Since the time of the audit, nothing has been done to remedy the problems identified in the auditor's report.

Additionally, from a financial standpoint, the District has commingled escrow funds and failed to secure funds in a manner provided by the Public Funds Collateral Act; it has violated its own bylaws by not providing its own budget to the general public ten days prior to its attempted adoption; violated its bylaws by adopting a tax rate prior to setting a budget; and overall did not follow general budgeting and accounting practices. In particular the District has not allowed for contingency funds to provide payment for several hundred thousands of dollars in debts and legal fees, thereby creating a liability for all the taxpayers of Kinney County.

Because of the continual, intentional delays by the KCGCD Board and General Manager and the overall incompetence and mismanagement of the district, the Board is jeopardizing its status and creating liabilities for the entire County. The complaint goes on to request, because of these reasons, that the TCEQ remove incompetent and biased officers of the KCGCD or move to appoint a receiver to take over the management of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District.