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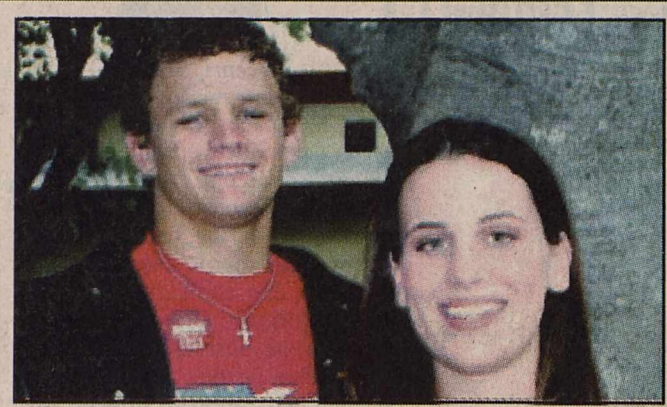
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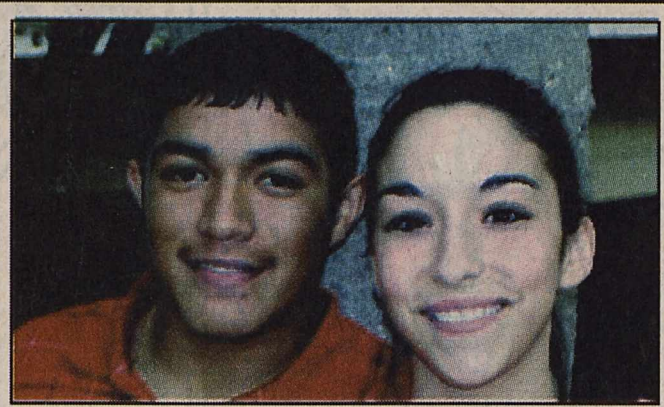
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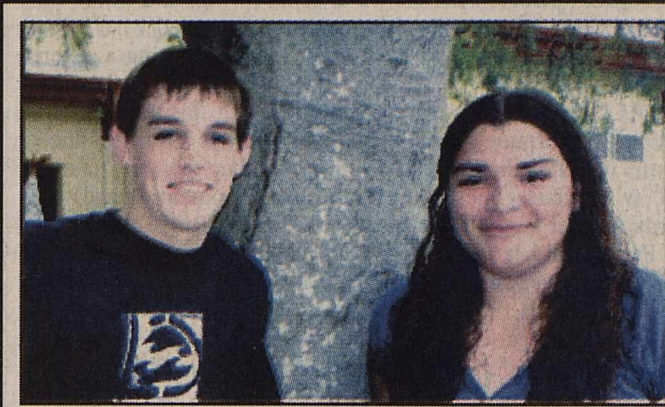
Six BHS seniors prepare for homecoming coronation



Robert Davis and Laura Meyer



Cesar DeLeon and Lola Cano



Stanford Conoly and Allison DelBosque

Twenty high school students, including six seniors are preparing for the Brackett High School Homecoming Coronation on Oct. 27.

This year's queen candidates include Lola Cano, Allison DelBosque and Laura Meyer.

Cano is the daughter of Robert and Ana Cano and the president of the Student Council and secretary of the National Honor Society.

Del Bosque is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Del Bosque and has participated in Varsity

Softball for the past four years. Meyer is the daughter of Les and Phyllis Meyer and the president of the Senior Class, vice-president of the National Honor Society and secretary of the Student Council.

Nominated for King is

Stanford Conoly, Robert Davis and Cesar DeLeon.

Conoly is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Stan Conoly and a varsity football and tennis player.

Davis is the son of Zack and Kayla Davis and a varsity football, basketball and baseball

player. DeLeon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cesar DeLeon, Sr. and has participated in varsity football during his high school years.

The crowning of the King and Queen will take place during the halftime celebration Friday night.

The Tigers take on the Sabinal Yellowjackets in their third district game at 7:30 p.m.

The Brackett News will feature photos of the entire event in next week's edition and on our website www.thebrackettnews.com

FCA gears up for ThanksforGiving Food Drive

Brackett's Fellowship of Christian Athletes Chapter will begin collecting food soon, as part of their annual "Thanks for Giving Food Drive."

Student teams will have one week to gather as many donated food items as possible, beginning November 8.

FCA members will also collect basic household and hygiene supplies.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 15, adult drivers will transport teams of students, along with food boxes to needy families in Kinney County.

Last year, more than 30 cases of food and household items were delivered.

To be sure every family receives a wide array of groceries, students will be given a list of supplies to collect.

FCS Coach sponsors Rhonda and Charlie Marquardt will assign an secret point value to every item on the list and teams with the most points will be rewarded with a prize.

Donations of any of the following items are welcome: apple sauce, beans, biscuit mix, cereal, cake mix, canned fruit, canned

tomatoes, coconut, coffee, condiments (ketchup, mayo, mustard), corn meal, jiffy mixes, crackers, cranberry sauce, dream whip, flour (5lb bag), frosting, gravy, hamburger helper, hollandaise sauce packet mix, instant potatoes, jams or jellies, jello or pudding mixes, kool-aid, mac and cheese, oatmeal, olives, peanut butter, pecans, pickles, pie shell mix, potted meats, pumpkin pie mix, raisins, rice, salad dressings, sardines, soup, stuffing, sugar (5lb bag) tea, tuna, canned veggies, canned yams, shampoo,

conditioner, deodorant, dish soap, laundry soap, light bulbs, lotion, napkins, paper plates, plastic silverware, safety razors, soap, toothbrush & toothpaste, trash bags.

Brackett's Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter, the largest student organization on campus, meets every Wednesday evening at 8pm at the High School Gym.

Students gather for prayer, fellowship and service projects.

For more information, please call Rhonda Marquardt at 563-5181 or Carolyn Conoly at 563-3699

Bonilla visits ag producers in Brackettville

United States Representative Henry Bonilla visited with members of the agriculture community at the Kinney County Wool and Mohair on Oct 25.

Bonilla is Chairman of the

Agriculture subcommittee on Appropriations.

Bonilla is seeking reelection to the 23rd Congressional District, and will be campaigning with the former Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Larry Combest. Congressman Combest chaired the Agriculture Committee from 1999 to 2003 and during this time worked closely with Congressman Bonilla to pass legislation favorable to farm and ranch families.

"Texas Agriculture has no better friend in Washington D.C. than Henry Bonilla. I could always count on Henry to help me do what was best for the farmer, rancher and the rural community," said Combest.

Together they worked on the Agriculture Risk Protection Act which reformed the crop insurance program.

They also worked hand-in-hand on a number of disaster assistance packages for both farmers and ranchers.

Additionally, Chairman Combest also sought Bonilla's help to pass the 2002 Farm Bill.

"I am honored that my dear friend, Chairman Combest, would take time from his personal schedule to campaign with me in some of my farm and ranch communities. Over the years he was a tremendous help to me as we fought for agriculture programs that benefited my constituents," said Bonilla.

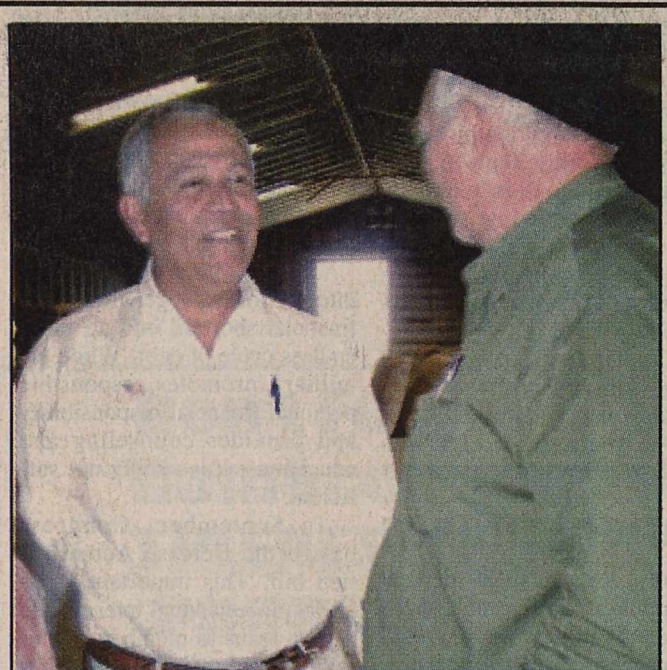
Congressman Bonilla understands that our farmers and ranchers produce the safest, most abundant and affordable food anywhere in the world.

In the United States House, Henry Bonilla will continue to support Texas agriculture.

"America needs its farmers and ranchers and during this election season, I salute their hard work and commitment to the U.S. consumer; all of which I'm proud to represent in Congress," said Bonilla.

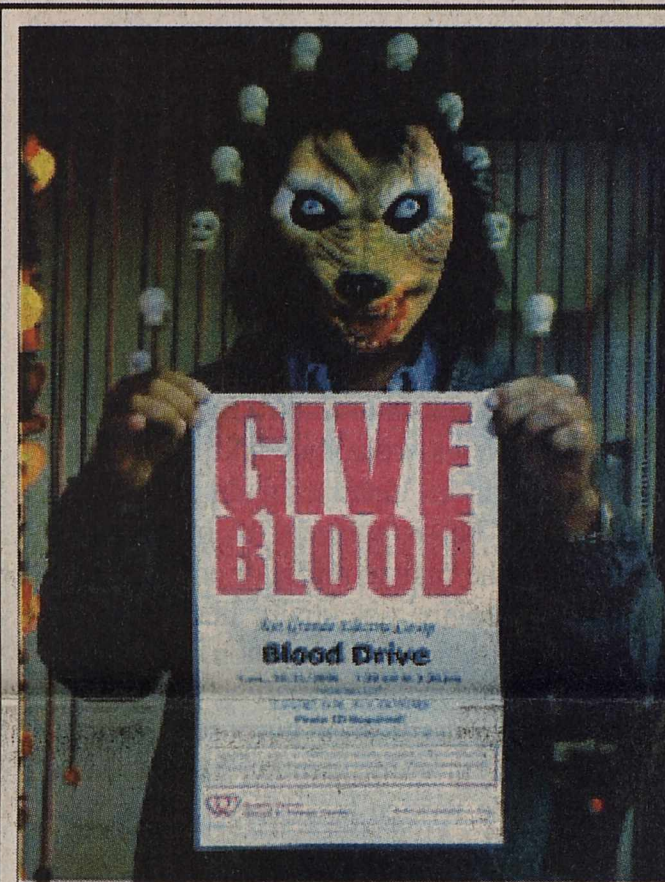
Bonilla met with other ag producers on the campaign trail in Hondo, Uvalde and Del Rio.

More information about Bonilla can be found at www.henrybonilla.com



Bonilla In Brackett

US Representative Henry Bonilla stops in Brackett to visit with members of the agriculture community.



Vampire Blood Suckers Invade Brackettville

Now that we've got your attention...Put on your Halloween costume for Rio Grande Electric Co-op's Halloween Blood Drive, Tuesday, Oct. 31! Photos will be taken of all donors who come in costume, and will appear in the newspaper. The Brackett News will judge the photos and select the winner of the costume contest! The winner will receive a Hickory Farms Pumpkin box filled with caramel apple mix, and a Rio Grande Electric Co-op gift bag! All donors will receive a free tee-shirt and spooky treats! Schedule your appointment to have your vein drained by contacting "Vampira" (a.k.a. Cathy Kelly) at 563-2444! Anyone who is between 17 and 65 years of age, weighs at least 110 lbs. and is in good health, may donate. Be sure to bring along a photo ID. Blood pressure, iron level, and cholesterol checks will be conducted, so this is a great way to receive a mini-physical and have some fun for a good cause! Donors will receive the results of the cholesterol screening by mail within approximately two weeks. Employees of RGEC will also be in costume and donating, but are not eligible for the contest.

News BRIEFS

Citizen Collection Site

Citizen Collection Site (Transfer Station) Days of Operation Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 - 12:00, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 - 2:00 p.m., Closed Wednesday. New hours effective October 16.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday Sunny High:75 Low:49
Saturday Sunny High:78 Low:51
Sunday Sunny High:79 Low:55

Angel Food Ministries

Orders for the November menu of Angel Food Ministry are being taken this afternoon and next Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon at Slaton Hall of First United Methodist Church across from the clinic. The deadline is Thursday, November 2nd at 6 PM. You may pay by cash, check or food stamps. The menu is printed on Page 5.

Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat time will be 6 p.m. until 9 p.m on October 31.

Election Schedule

Kinney County Clerk Dora Sandoval announced this year's schedule for the General Election as follows: **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. **November 7:** Election Day

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.

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

3/10" 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@

sbglobal.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.

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.

School & Sports Calendar

Thursday, 10/26: Jr. High football vs. Sabinal at Sabinal at 5 p.m. The Community Pep Rally will be held at Tiger Stadium at 7 p.m. **Friday, 10/27:** Homecoming Parade 2:30 p.m. followed by a Pep Rally at the Five Points at 3 p.m.; Tigers vs. Sabinal at home at 7:30 p.m. **Saturday, 10/28:** Volleyball Wiberley Playoff Challenge - times to be announced. **Thursday, 11/2:** Jr. High football vs. Nueces Canyon at home at 5:30 p.m. **Friday, 11/3:** Tigers vs. Nueces Canyon at Nueces Canyon at 7:30 p.m.

Youth Fellowship

First Baptist Church Brackettville will be having an After Game Fellowship this Friday, Oct 27, for all the Junior and Senior High School students. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

PTO Pies For Sale

Jones Elementary PTO is sponsoring a Gourmet Pie and Cookie Dough Sale. Contact any elementary student for details or call 563-2814. Proceeds benefit music and art programs!

Opinion

Letters to the Editor

Boxell supports dye testing follow-up

If the Shahans agree to the tracer dye testing in their well as I recommended last week, then I recommend that both the Shahans and Grass Valley Water LP enter into an agreement to a high rate production test of 1 week, run concurrently, on both of their wells with LBG-Guyton Associates, or a comparable firm, overseeing the testing.

Las Moras Springs, Pinto Creek artesian springs and wells, can be observed during the tests and it can be determined what affect these high rate pumping tests have on our aquifer during a severe drought period.

The KCGD should be interested in gathering this scientific information to determine future allocating of permit requests. The 2 wells are far enough removed from each other that no "coning effect" will occur. The Texas Water Development Board, the Edwards Aquifer Authority, and the cities of Del Rio, Laredo, and Eagle Pass should be interested in providing financial assistance to fund this project since it is to the benefit of all concerned.

Jack Boxell

If you can't take the heat, don't stand close to the fire!

The turnout of the candidate information forum Monday evening was disappointing because the incumbents were apparently afraid to face the opposition. Neither one of the 2 thought it was important enough to show up. They sent one of their adversaries, equipped with a camcorder, to gather information they could use for whatever purpose. The camcorder was not permitted.

Of those of us who were present, probably 20 in all, and one third of them from Ft. Clark, we were impressed by the answers that Lloyd Lee Davis, candidate for KCGCD, Director Precinct 2, and Wes Robinson, candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 2 offered to the many questions they were presented concerning important issues regarding our water district and the county. Both gentlemen are well informed about the existing problems they are facing if elected. It would have been nice to hear what the President of the KCGCD Board had to say about the present operation of the Board and the problems they are facing.

If the incumbents don't have the "intestinal fortitude" (guts) to face the opposition, why should they remain in office? There's an old saying; "If you can't take the heat, don't stand close to the fire!" Granted, I don't live in Precinct 2 but I am interested in what goes on with the KCGCD and the County Commissioners.

Jack Boxell

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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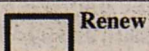
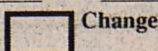
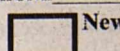
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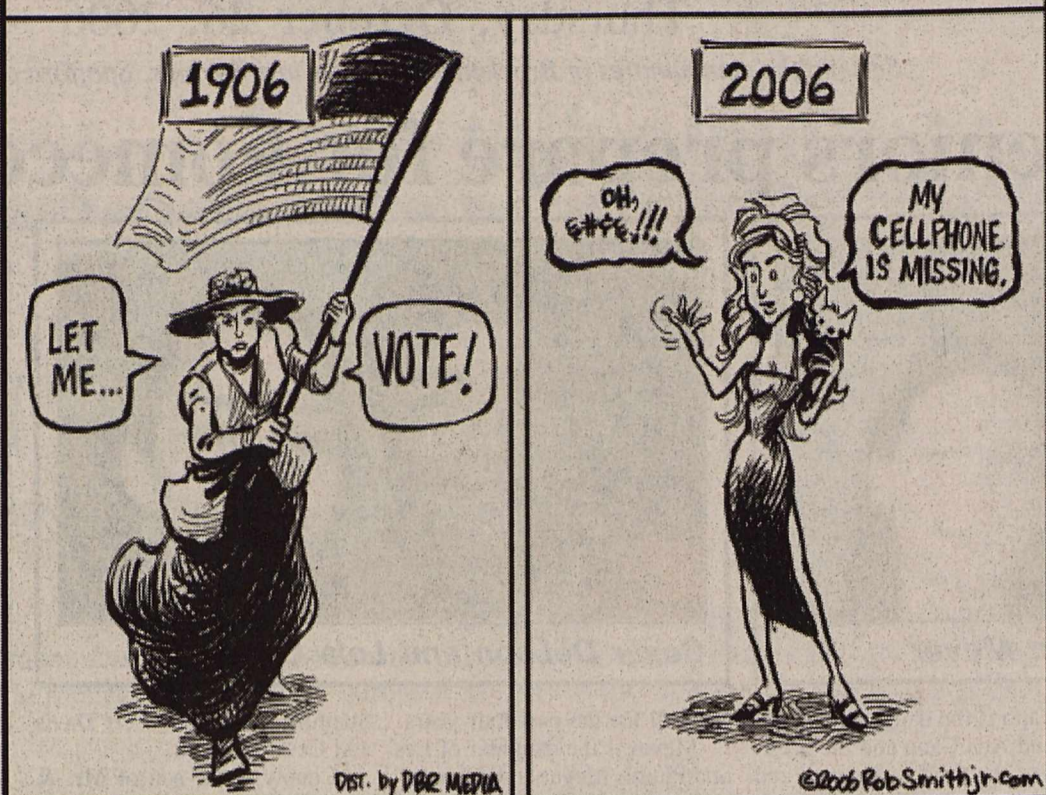
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THE EVOLUTION OF WOMEN VOTING...



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Attitudes are everything



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Our attitudes are everything! Yes I know that you don't believe me, but what we think about we bring about! We have to look at what we are doing to ourselves and our families with our attitudes!

When we whine and say no one ever helps around here, then that is just what you are asking for and guess what, you will get it!

When we feel pitiful, with that "don't care" or "I can't" attitude then we reflect that in our appearance.

Now here is the big one! When we act poor we will be poor! I am not saying to go out and spend thousands of dollars, it is an "Ole poor me" attitude that makes us save things and hoard stuff.

There is another attitude that hits us all hard. You can make yourself sick with your attitude. The mind is a strange machine! If you think it is so, your wish will be granted. Whether you are actually sick or not!

The good part about this is that we can refuse to be sick and it will help us get better too!

What about the anorexic woman who weighs 85 pounds. When she sees herself in the

mirror, she sees fat. She can't help it. Then there are the people that will never have a clean home because one thing is out of place means the whole house is dirty. Then there are those of us that don't think we have time to clean it like our mothers did, so we do nothing!

How about the "I don't have enough time" attitude? Guess what you won't, if you don't stop thinking this way!

Then there is the "I'm so stupid" attitude; you are not, but you say this to yourself more times than I want to know about.

Hey it has even come out of your mouths in front of your babies. What does that tell them about how you love yourself?

Our attitudes are everything. We have been making ourselves sick! The guilt, stress, self-defeating attitudes, negativity, perfectionism, martyrdom, and anger are helping to create illness and discomfort in our lives.

I know we are all going to die one day. Death is part of living! But why can't we live our lives to the fullest by letting go of this stress, guilt, anger, perfectionism, martyrdom and those other negative behaviors. We deserve to be happy and when you get rid of this negativity, guess what is left: Joy and contentment.

We all know how to clean, we just don't know when to get up and move!

That is what I do; motivate you to get off your franny and do something. I fill your head with an attitude adjusting essay

so you will see how your negative attitudes are keeping you from FLYing! If I can do this one thing, your home will come together and before you know it you will be loving yourself more than you ever thought possible. If the truth be known, you never knew there was a lack of love that caused all this CHAOS. You just thought you were lazy! Well you are not!

When you hear those self-deprecating words come out of your mouth and even in your head; stop right then and there and turn them into positive affirmations. First delete the ugly words by saying Delete, I didn't mean that, I take that back. I refuse to let you beat me up!!! Then say the positive phrase 7 times out loud!!! I can do, I am strong..!

It took me a long time to really start believing myself when I said to me, "I love myself!" Slowly it will start to become part of you if you will continue to say the words to yourself. What we think about we bring about!

It takes time. I'd say about nine months of giving birth to a new you! It is just like with your routines; they didn't happen overnight! Slowing and one babystep at a time you began replacing your ineffective habits with new efficient ways of living and loving!

It all starts with knowing what we are doing to ourselves. When we know we can change!

Are you ready to FLY with a new loving attitude?

Watch out for terrifying investment moves



Emily Cooper

Now that Halloween is here, you can expect to see a lot of ghouls, ghosts and gravestones in your neighborhood - but in reality, they'll be of less importance than the evening's main draw: candy. However, in real life, if you're going to enjoy life's treats - such as a comfortable retirement - you'll need to escape some of the "tricks" - such as scary investment moves.

Here are a few of these frightening behaviors you'll want to avoid:

Jumping out of the market during difficult times - By almost any measure, 2006 has been a rough year. We've seen (really) high gas prices, turmoil

in the Middle East and nuclear posturing from North Korea..

Given all these gloomy scenarios, you might think that now is not a good time to invest, and that you'd be better off heading to the investment "sidelines." But you'd be wrong. As bad as this year seems, we've had plenty of other rocky periods in our history - and smart, patient investors rode out those times, stayed in the market, and, in most cases, ended up doing quite well. As an investor, never forget that the financial markets are resilient and capable of absorbing all types of bad news without capsizing. And even if the market does slump, you'll want to stay invested, because when it does recover, as it always has, the biggest gains tend to come early in the rally.

Failing to take full advantage of 401(k) - If you have a 401(k) plan at work, consider yourself fortunate: Your plan offers tax-deferred earnings growth and the ability to make pre-tax contri-

butions. Yet, about 30 percent of eligible employees don't even participate in their 401(k) plan, according to Hewitt Associates, a consulting firm. Of those that do take part in their plan, the Hewitt reports that almost 41 percent of their 401(k) holdings were in company stock - much too high a figure. If you have access to a 401(k) plan, contribute as much as you can afford, and spread your dollars around among the available investment options.

Not "maxing out" on IRA - Both the traditional and Roth IRAs offer tax advantages, and can be funded with money placed in virtually any type of investment: stocks, bonds, government securities, etc. Yet, many people don't "max out" on their IRA. Try to fully fund your IRA as early in the year as possible, to give your money more time to grow. But if you can't do that, at least put away enough each month so that you are taking full advantage of this excellent retirement savings vehicle.

Chasing after "hot" stock tips - You can get hot stock tips anywhere: television, the Internet, magazines, your neighbor - the list is almost endless. The trouble with a hot tip is that by the time you invest in the stock, it may already be cooling off - if it ever truly was hot. Furthermore, a hot tip may not be of much value if the stock is not suitable for your individual needs.

If you can avoid these and other scary investment moves, you can make progress toward your long-term goals - and that's not a frightful prospect at all.

Preying on our Troops



Henry Bonilla

No matter where you stand on the political spectrum, we all agree that our troops are our national heroes and they deserve respect for the sacrifices they forgo in order to keep us safe at home. But some choose to ignore this fact. Did you know that there are unscrupulous people, so intent on their own greed that they will prey on our service men and women in times of financial hardship? Unfortunately our troops are the perfect prey for these predatory lenders who charge an average of 390 percent interest on a loan.

Predatory lending is not just financially devastating. Troops who are targeted by predatory lenders may lose or fail to achieve the necessary security clearances needed to fulfill their duties. The stress resulting from these financial difficulties also affects their morale. In a combat environment, when our troops are on the frontlines and must rely on their tactical instincts and precision teamwork, our troops cannot be further endangered by soldiers who are worrying if they will be evicted from their homes.

"Payday loans" are high interest loans usually due within 24 hours after the recipient's next paycheck. You should beware of triple digit interest rates and short loan terms as well as single balloon payments. Payday lenders are often quick to loan to people regardless of their credit history and charge even higher fees when a borrower cannot afford to pay by the due date.

Predatory lending hurts our troops and weakens our military defenses. In a report released by the Department of Defense last August, we learned that within 3 miles of Fort Hood, there are a minimum of 18 payday lenders and 13 of those are within one mile of base. This is clear evidence that these lenders are targeting our men and women in uniform.

Troops who seek these high interest loans to get through a financial shortfall end up in an endless cycle of debt. While the military promotes responsible personal financial responsibility and provides counseling and education - it is simply not sufficient.

In September, Congress passed the Defense Authorization bill. This important legislation places annual interest rate cap on loans to members of our military and their families. This new law is consistent with the recent recommendations by the Department of Defense, preventing predatory lenders from targeting active duty service members. This will help to safeguard our men and women in the military who risk their lives to protect us by offering national protection from abusive lenders including predatory payday lenders. The measure establishes a federal ceiling at 36 percent APR and does not prohibit states from adopting legislation with a lower limit.

Prior to the passage of this legislation, no federal law existed preventing predatory lenders from targeting active duty service members. In some cases, members of our Armed Forces were being charged more than 800 percent APR on a loan. This is intolerable. It is reprehensible. Our troops are fighting on the front lines of the War on Terror. They risk their lives to ensure our freedom. Their families worry about their safety every day. They should not be burdened by corrupt, predatory lenders as well. I am proud to have supported legislation to prevent this unprincipled practice and will continue to work to support our troops both at home and away.

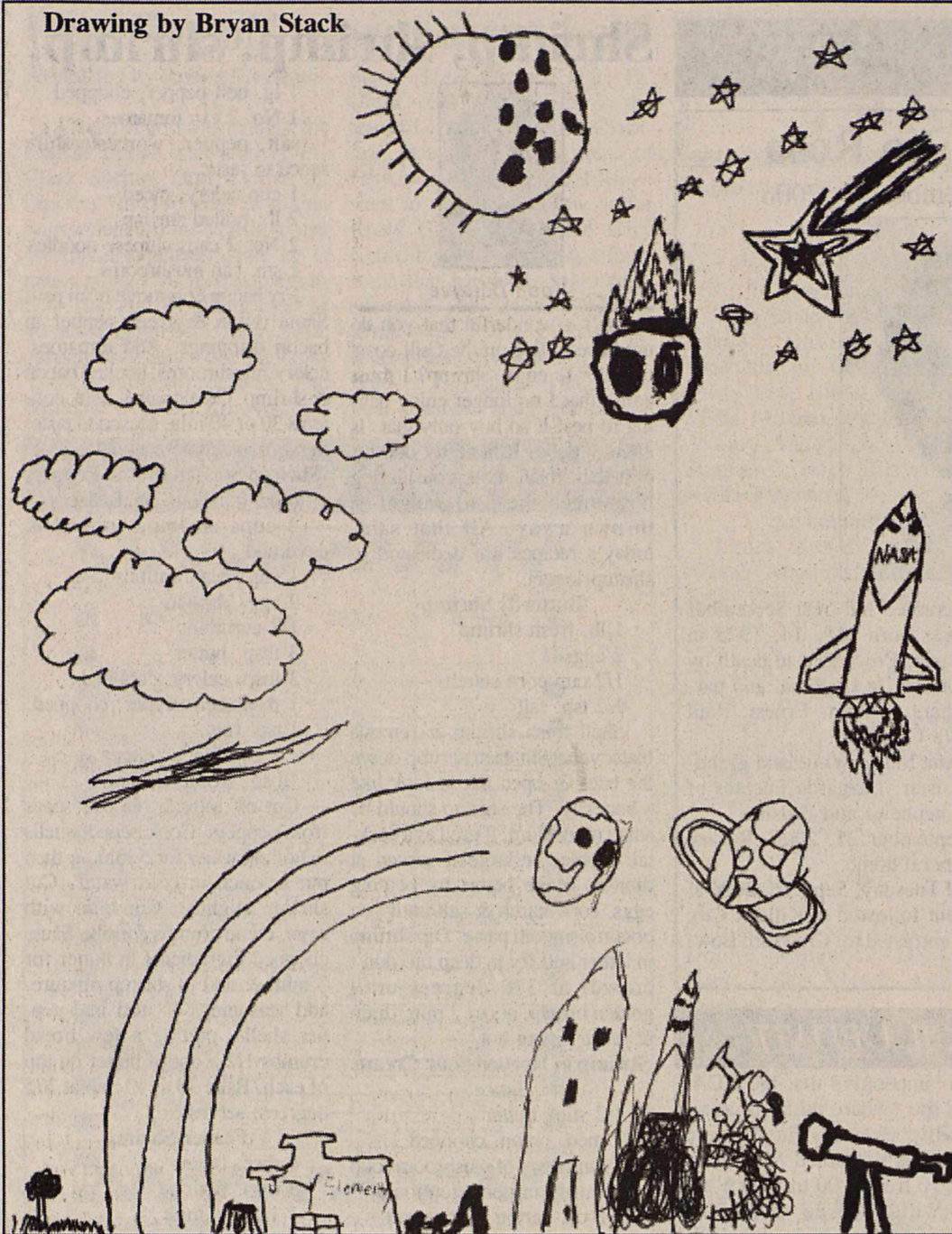
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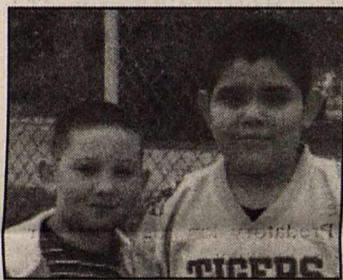
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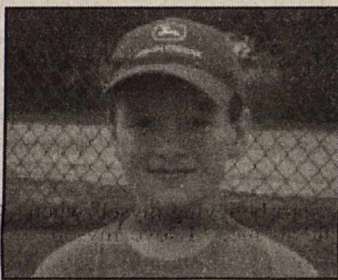
Drawing by Bryan Stack



Jones Elementary Mrs. Perry's 4th grade class



Life of day and night
by Jose Talamantes
and Bryan Stack
Stars are light,
And the sun is bright,
The moon is dark
While the dogs bark
At night, you sleep,
And at day you play,
When you grow in day, you
work at night,
You slumber plus sweep.



A magic hat
by Blake Duncan
Once there was a hat
Or was it a bat?
Oh, yeah, it was a hat!
I won't dare you
To look in the hat,
But beware, I swear
It's really magical in there,
But beware, if you dare!



The stranger there
by Webb Ashley
I was hunting in a deer blind until
I became the hunted. I heard a
branch snap, then saw a dark fig-
ure with lots of fur. Its heard
was huge! It was still coming
closer with every step. I heard
a thump! It looked like my
brother's hair in the morning,
then it disappeared the next day.
I went back to that spot and I
saw the most weirdest thing. I
saw a dead deer right where it
disappeared. But do you want
to know something even
weirder than that? I saw a foot-
print as big as your kitchen sink!
To be continued...



Tiger Gridiron
Thomas Hurney

If you're at all superstitious then you know that Friday, October 13th is the unluckiest of days, and all fans and athletes are, to a degree, superstitious. And yet, that was a great day for the Brackett football team, as they toppled unbeaten D'Hanis 28-21 in a wild one at Tiger Stadium. Friday, October 20th by contrast would seem unremarkable—except for the Tigers' opposition. The Rocksprings Angoras had over 500 yards in offense and Bracketts' number, pummeling the Tigers 41-7 at Angora Stadium. Bracketts' lone score came with less than a minute left in the first quarter on a short toss to Travis Bonner to put the Tigers back within six, but Rocksprings took the ensuing kickoff and scored again four plays later on a 35-yard scamper by running back Ryan Shanklin. At the half the Angoras were up 19-7, hardly an unmanageable lead for the Tigers, who were down by 14 at the half to D'Hanis the week before, but the second half would produce no dramatic comeback this time. The Tiger offense remained in Park, and the Brackett D had no answer for a potent Rocksprings attack. Brackett got the ball back to start the second half, but had to punt after managing only four yards in three plays. The Angoras took over at their own 35 and punched it in four plays later. The two-point conversion

was good, and Rocksprings led 27-7. Brackett had the ball back, but promptly fumbled it away on 1st and 10 from their own 32. The Tiger defense bowed up on the next drive and kept the Angoras in check—that is, until fourth down arrived. On 4th and 9 from the 31, quarterback Zach Hernandez took off on a quarterback keeper up to the Brackett 16. On 1st and goal from the 5, tailback Tommy Silva ran right (and untouched) into the end zone and Rocksprings led 34-7. The Angoras would visit the Brackett end zone once more, about four minutes into the fourth quarter. On 1st and goal from just outside the Brackett 10, Silva took the handoff from Zach Hernandez, and the rest is history. The Angoras tacked on the extra point to make it 41-7. The Tigers, now in the unfamiliar position of merely trying to make the final score look more presentable, took over with Travis Bonner under center for an injured Robert Davis (when it rains it pours, right?) On 4th and 2 at the Rocksprings 3-yard line, in a single play that typified the even-

ings' misadventures, Bonner slipped and fell and the Angoras took over on downs. Rocksprings ran a few plays, Hernandez took a knee, and that was that. On a more upbeat note, the Brackett Cubs did just fine against Rocksprings in junior high competition Thursday at Tiger Stadium. Halfback Sam Stewart went nuts (that's a very precise sportswriters' term for "had a whale of a game") with touchdown runs of 42, 79, and 49 yards, tight end Ayland Letsinger snagged a 15-yard touchdown pass, and Salvador Pacheco took it in from two yards out in the fourth quarter to give the Cubs a decisive 36-12 victory over the visiting Billies. Kudos also to the Cub defense for an inspired effort. Tyler McDonald set the pace with a tackle for no gain on the first play from scrimmage and a fumble recovery in the 2nd quarter on a 1st and ten at midfield, and quarterback Brandon Allen and halfback Victor Robledo did their part many a time in the course of the game to sustain the Cubs on offense.

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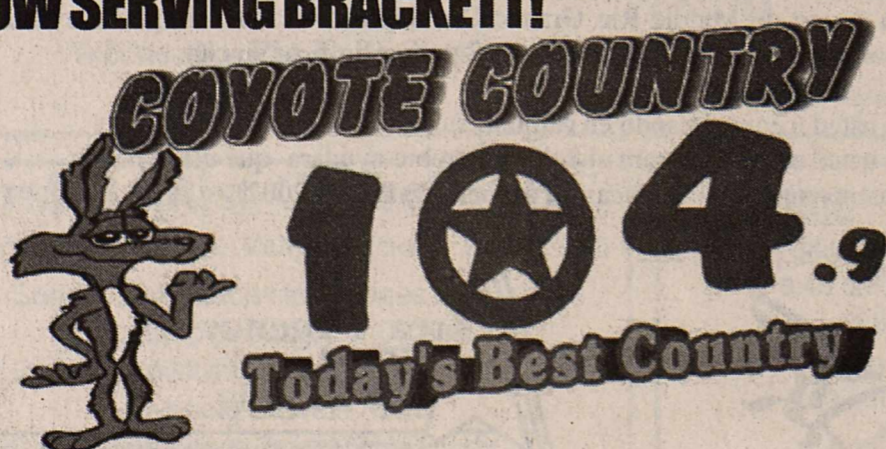
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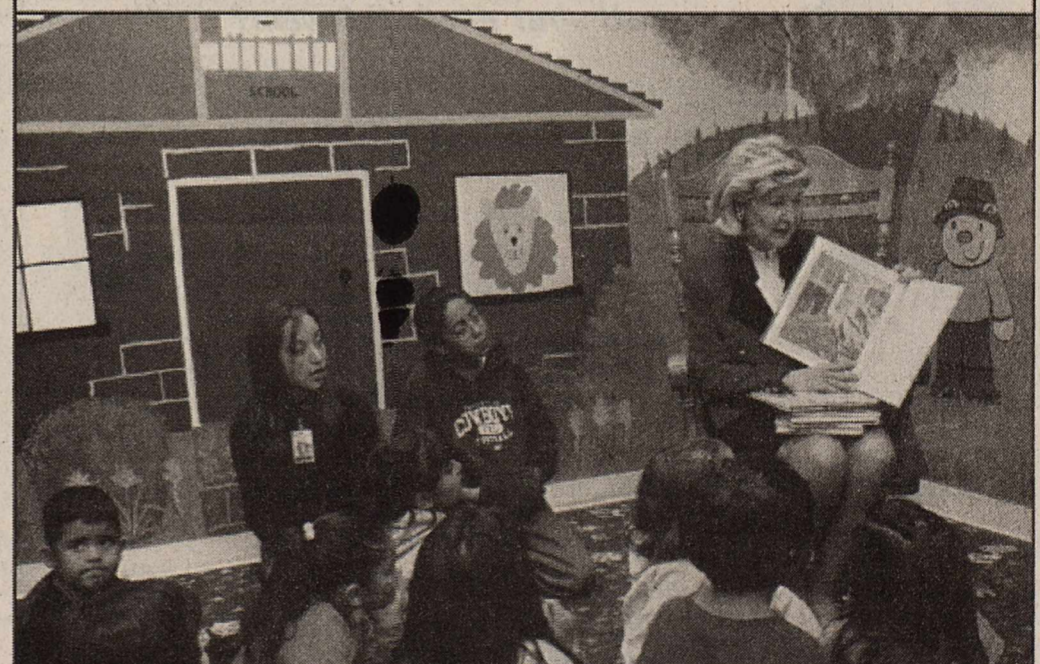
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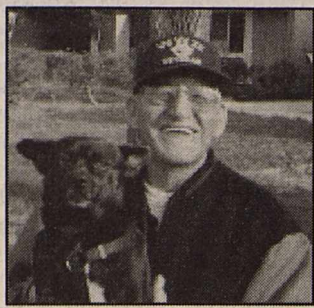
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OBITUARIES

Jose Esperanza Sandoval

December 18, 1918 - October 16, 2006



Jose Esperanza Sandoval, age 87, of Brackettville passed away on Monday, October 16, 2006 in the VA hospital in Mather, Sacramento, California. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Garcia Sandoval and youngest son, Jose(Jr.) Joe Sandoval, his parents, Guadalupe and Paula Rios Sandoval, brothers, Faustino and Candelario Sandoval, two sisters, Elodia Esparza and Raymunda Garza.

He is survived by his children, Herman and Cherokee Sandoval of California, Doris and Casimiro Garza of San Antonio, Leonard and Eleonor Sandoval of Killeen, sister, Carlotta De La Rosa, brothers, Evaristo and Chor of Brackettville, grandchildren, Casimiro III, Chris Elise Poore, Monica McDonald, John Garza, Christina Sandoval Ruiz and Matthew Sandoval, great-grandchildren, Brandon, Thirstyn, Joshua and Nehemiah McDonald, Jennifer, Christopher, Micheal, Anthony, James and Velarie Garza. Ian and Adon Poore and Xavier and Diego and Kristen Michelle Ruiz Gonzalez. Viewing will be today, October 26, 2006 from 12 - 9 at Chapel Hill Funeral Home in San Antonio. The funeral will be Friday, October, 27 at 10 am. He will be buried at the National Veteran's Cemetery at Ft. Sam Houston.

Odilia L. De La Rosa

May 14, 1925 - September 22, 2006



Odilia L. De La Rosa, age 81, entered into rest September 22, 2006 in Killeen, Texas. She was born May 14, 1925 in Brackettville to Martin and Josefa Luna. Proceeded in death by husband Amado De La Rosa, son Arturo De La Rosa, and parents Martin and Josefa Luna, brothers, Gilbert, Ernest, Raul and Martin Luna, jr, and sister Ninfa Cisneros.

Odilia is survived by daughter, Ana Marie White and granddaughter Jessica White of Killeen, sister, Luzgarda Fuentes of Brackettville and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation was held Monday, September 25, 2006. Rosary was recited at Crawford Bower's funeral home.

Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006 at St. Joseph Catholic church, interment followed at Killeen City cemetery. Funeral arrangement were entrusted to: Crawford Bowers of Killeen.

KC ARTS COUNCIL UPDATE

Submitted by Woodie Hornburg

Cultural projects benefiting the school children of this area require the involvement of many members of the Kinney County Arts Council. On the 23rd, fifteen members met in the Don Ralston home to finalize plans for the "Christmas Homes Tour." Which is the main fund raiser to finance the activities. Although the "Texas Commission on the Arts" matches funds,

it is imperative that the KCAC has the "where with" to attract quality events. The "Homes Tour" is scheduled for December 10 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., in which three prominent homeowners will share their domains decorated in Christmas finery. More details will follow in future publications of "The Brackett News." KCAS's next meeting is scheduled for November 27, the place will be announced at a later date.

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Shrimp, shrimp, shrimp!



Vada Baldree

Isn't it wonderful that you do not have to live on the Gulf coast in order to enjoy shrimp? I must admit that I no longer enjoy having to peel it so buy only that is already done. It honestly doesn't cost that much more considering how much the peel weight & thrown away. All that said, today's recipes are dedicated to shrimp lovers.

Butterfly Shrimp

1 lb. fresh shrimp
2 eggs
1/2 cup corn starch
1/2 tsp. salt
Shell fresh shrimp & remove black vein. Slit each shrimp down the back & open flat to look like a butterfly. The shrimp should be small to medium, if used as a cocktail nibble, or large if served at dinner. Make better by beating eggs, corn starch & salt until you obtain a smooth paste. Dip shrimp in batter and fry in deep fat (don't crowd) at 370 degrees until golden brown, about 2 min. drain & serve piping hot.

Shrimp in Herbed Sour Cream Sauce

1/2 stick butter
1 med. onion, chopped
1 can cream of mushroom soup extra mushrooms (optional)
1 8-oz. carton sour cream
1 tsp. ketchup
pinch each of oregano, basil, marjoram, thyme, garlic, salt, accent, few drops worcestershire sauce
1 lb. cooked shrimp
Melt butter; cook onions until tender & mix with soup, sour cream, ketchup & seasonings. Cook over very low heat until sauce is well seasoned. Add cooked shrimp to sauce & heat thoroughly.

Shrimp Orecle

6 slices bacon
2 med. onions, chopped

1 lg. bell pepper, chopped
1 No. 2 can tomatoes
salt, pepper, worcestershire sauce to taste

1 cup celery, diced
2 lb. boiled shrimp
2 No. 2 cans chinese noodles
1 sm. can mushrooms
Fry bacon & remove from pan.

Saute onion & green pepper in bacon drippings. Add tomatoes, celery, mushrooms, cooked bacon & shrimp. Cover pan & cook contents 30 or 40 min; season to taste. Serve over chinese noodles.

Shrimp Stuffed in Bell Pepper

6 bell peppers, med. size
2 cups shrimp, cooked & deveined

1 cup bread crumbs
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup milk
3 tsp. butter
3 tsp. celery, chopped
1 tsp. bell pepper, chopped
1 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. black pepper
1tbsp. worcestershire

Cut off tops & remove seeds from peppers. Cook pepper shells in boiling water for 5 min. & then put at once in cold water. Cut shrimp slightly. Combine with eggs, bread crumbs & milk. Saute chopped ingredients in butter for 3 min. & add to shrimp mixture. add seasonings & stuff into pepper shells, putting a few bread crumbs 1/2 a dot of butter on top of each. Bake 30 to 40 min at 375 degrees. serves 6.

French Shrimp

4 tsp. butter
3 tsp. flour
1 1/2 cups milk
1/2 tsp. salt
dash pepper & dash paprika
1/4 dry sherry
1 lb. small shrimp (2 cups cooked)
parmesan cheese
1 slice toast out in cubes
Melt butter; stir in flour & add milk. cook & stir until thickened; add salt, pepper, paprika, sherry, shrimp & toast cubes. Pour into baking dish or shells; sprinkle with cheese, bake at 350 degrees until cheese browns. This can be made ahead of time & heated for serving. serves 4.

Fort Clark Springs CALENDAR

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, His-
torical Meeting 9 am, End of the
Month Scramble 9 am, Museum
1-4, Sutlers Store 1-4, Activity
Center 6-10 October 29, Mu-
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Important Medicare Enrollment Dates

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November 15 Open Enrollment Begins
December 15 Open Enrollment Ends
January 1 Coverage Begins

If you need to review your plan or compare other plans, the Middle Rio Grande Development Council's Area Agency on Aging is here to help you. Call 211 or 1-800-224-4262 to schedule your appointment.

If you are considering changing plans, enroll early. Enrolling by December 8th will help to ensure that you can get your prescriptions on January 1st, 2007.



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- EI SERVICIO:** Esta satisfecho usted con su servicio de el plan de rectas medicas?
- COBERTURAS:** Necesitara usted mas cobertura en 2007?

Fechas Importantes De Medicare

Octubre Prepare, Compare los planes, llame al 2-1-1 para planificare su cita con el personal de AAA que le podrá ayudara a usted.
Noviembre 15 La Matriculación Empieza
Diciembre 31 La Matriculación Termina
Enero 1 La Cobertura Empieza

Si usted necesita revisar su plan o comparar otros planes, la Area Agency on Aging de Middle Rio Grande Development Council le podrá ayudar. Llame al 2-1-1 o al 1-800-224-4262 para planificar su cita.

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Benefit golf tournament held

Submitted by Ruben Martinez

A benefit golf tournament for Martin Lopez was held at Ft. Clark Springs Golf Course on October 7th. Proceeds from this tournament are for Martin to use for travel expenses while he is under going Cancer treatment in San Antonio. We had a total of 44 players sign up to play. Your participation and your generosity is greatly appreciated. The winners were as follows 1st.

place, Trent Brown, from Ft. Clark, 2nd. place went to the team of Pat Owens of Ft. Clark, 3rd. place went to the team of Fernando Romero of Del Rio. I want to thank my fellow golfer Rudy Chapa, Del Rio Mayor Efrain Valdez. The golf cart that was raffled off was won by Peter Pohl of Ft. Clark. Thanks for your donations and participation.

TIGER STATS BY CASH LETSINGER

	Cubs	Billies
Points Scored	36	28
First Downs	11	7
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	10/1/0	3/4/0
3rd Downs Made/Att/Exp	4/9/44	3/8/50
4th Downs Made/Att/Exp	3/4/75	2/2/100
Total Yards / Avg per Play	252/6.3	235/6.1
Total Yards Rushing	235	75
Rushing Att/Avg	38/6.3	22/5.4
Total Yards Passing	17	160
Pass Att/Comp/Int	4/3/0	7/5/0
Average Yards per Pass	4.2	22.8
Punts / Avg	0/0.0	2/26.0
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	2/3/2	0/0.0
Punts Blocked	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	5/19/3.8	5/4/3.9
Fumbles /Lost	1/0	5/1
Total Turnovers	0	1
Penalties /Yards	4/20	3/15
Sacks /Yards	0/0	2/18
TDs	6	4
TDs Rush/Pass	3/3	2/2
Field Goals Att/Made	0/0	0/0
Time of Possession	17:12	14:48

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Billies	10	14	6	8	-	38
Tigers	6	6	0	14	-	26

Scoring Summary
CUBS: 1:11 1st Q, Sam Stewart 42 yard rushing TD.
PAT rush attempt good
Billies: 0:48 1st Q, 59 yard TD pass.
PAT Pass attempt - Failed.
CUBS: 0:48 2nd Q, Sam Stewart 79 yard kickoff return.
PAT rush attempt good
Billies: 3:04 2nd Q, 2 yard rushing TD.
PAT Rush attempt - Failed.
CUBS: 1:17 2nd Q, Sam Stewart 49 yard rushing TD.
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CUBS: 4:43 3rd Q, Brandon Allen pass to Ayland Letsinger for 15 yard TD.
PAT rush attempt - Failed.
Billies: 7:46 4th Q, 3 yard rushing TD.
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	TIGERS	Angoras
Points Scored	7	41
First Downs	8	17
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	8/0/0	13/4/0
3rd Downs Made/Att/Exp	4/9/44	3/9/33
4th Downs Made/Att/Exp	0/2/0	2/2/100
Total Yards / Avg per Play	205/4.8	519/10.0
Total Yards Rushing	206	387
Rushing Att/Avg	39/5.3	44/8.8
Total Yards Passing	1	132
Pass Att/Comp/Int	4/2/2	8/4/0
Average Yards per Pass	-0.2	16.5
Punts /Avg	2/38.0	1/32.0
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	1/77	1/28/28
Punts Blocked	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	7/107/15	1/28/28
Fumbles /Lost	3/2	0/0
Total Turnovers	4	0
Penalties /Yards	2/11	10/72
Sacks /Yards	0/0	0/0
TDs	1	6
TDs Rush/Pass	1/0	6/0
Field Goals Att/Made	0/0	0/0
Time of Possession	17:49	14:11

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Angoras	13	6	15	7	-	41
Tigers	7	0	0	0	-	7

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PAT kick - Good
Bracketville: 0:52 1st Q, Bonner, T - 1 yard rushing TD.
PAT Kick, Schroeder, J - Good
Rocksprings: 11:36 2nd Q, 35 yard rushing TD.
PAT Pass - Failed
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PAT Rush attempt - Good
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1st Six Weeks A and A,B Honor Roll

Submitted by BISD

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Freshmen

John Blake, Cody Clark, Shaun Davis, Brianna Escamilla, Ivy Garcia, Ramon Gutierrez, Elena Molinar, Elidia Molinar, Pablo Novel, Ashley Shadwick, Jeffrey Sitgreaves, Isaac Talamantes, Nydia Talamantes.

Sophomores

Laura Adams, Summer Allen, Amanda Braesicke, Emily Calk, Jonathan Estrada, Roxane Gomez, Jessica Gonzales, Jessica Jones, Samantha Kuhns, Rebecca Mann, Harmony Pettett, Maribel Rivas, Stevan Rivera, Arlene Roth, Jacob Schroeder, Veronica Talamantes, Bianca Terrazas, Tommi Titus.

Juniors

Kaden Berg, Travis Bonner, Cesar Cantu, Amber Castilla, Julie Castillo, Lauren Cornelius, Israel DeHoyos, Doolee Fernandez, Daphne Hunt, Joshua Kluzek, Ashley Stephenson.

Seniors

Joseph Ashley, Dolores Cano, Alison Carroll, James Conrad, Robert Davis, Diana Hernandez, John Moore, Jaime

Muniz, Robin Pevehouse, Ivan Pinales, Amanda Rosas, Natasha Smith, Michael Stephenson, Brenda Tate, Emily Valenzuela.

7th Grade

Brittany Anderson, Lauren Duncan, Brittany Hale, Nevada Payne, Cynthia Salazar, Joel Talamantes.

8th Grade

Sarah Davis, Michael Flores, Ayland Letsinger, Tyler McDonald, Janine Rex, Suzanna Seargeant, Joshua Smith, Erica Villanueva.

1st Six Weeks "A" Honor Roll

7th Grade

Jared Shirkey.

8th Grade

Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Stella Guajardo, Haley Hale, Sahara Rodriguez.

Freshmen

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Partlow - Mulvaine Engagement

Amanda S. Mulvaine and Michael Lee Partlow both of Brackettville, Texas, are joined by their parents in announcing their engagement to be married.

Amanda is the daughter of Cindy L. Gatchell of Brackettville, Texas and Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Partlow of Brackettville, Texas. Amanda and Michael both graduated from Brackett High School. After graduation Michael joined the Marines and served as tank crewman.

The couple plan to be wed on November 11, 2006 at Fort Clark Springs.

CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

J.H. girls take second in Del Rio Cross Country

Submitted by Coach Dusty Brotherton

The Junior High girls placed second in the Del Rio Cross Country meet on October 7.

Individually, Kelsey Bruce placed first with a time of 11:17, Courtney Kirkland placed 8th with a time of 12:58, Cheyenne Smith placed 9th with a time of 12:59, Bianca Cruz placed 16th with a time of 13:21 and Susu Seargeant placed 23rd with a time of 13:49. Individually for the varsity girls, Gabby Schroeder placed fifth with a

time of 12:15 and Anolda Watkins placed 10th with a time of 12:51. Individually for the JV girls, Lauren Cornelius placed 33rd with a time of 14:03 and Salina Flores placed 64th with a time of 16:05. Individually for the varsity boys, Justin, Calk placed 11th with a time of 18:19, Edward Travieso placed 24th with a time of 19:19, Manny Rosas placed 28th with a time of 19:41, Clint Conrad placed 34th with a time of 20:30, Chris Blake placed 43rd with a time of 22:02 and Izzy Muniz placed 45th with a time of 22:35.

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ACROSS

- 1 Lid
- 4 Dickens or Darwin: abbr.
- 8 Break a commandment
- 13 Muscle quality
- 14 Stag
- 15 Operating room substance, once
- 16 Numerical prefix
- 17 Inner: pref.
- 18 Draws close to
- 19 Breakfast gently
- 22 Stroke accessory
- 24 Not mine, not his and not hers
- 26 Take a break
- 29 On the beach
- 32 Terrify
- 36 Gallup's specialty

DOWN

- 38 Conception
- 39 Perry's creator
- 40 Prices
- 41 Beaks
- 42 Lean
- 43 Uranium and silver
- 44 Turn bad
- 45 "All ___"
- 47 Terrain feature
- 49 Word with Nicene or Apostles'
- 51 Suit fabrics
- 56 Words with mode or king
- 58 Breakfast order
- 61 Fight
- 63 Open for discussion
- 64 Man's nickname
- 65 Levels
- 66 Color
- 67 Behold: Lat.
- 68 Burros
- 69 "The ___ the limit!"

32 Bristle

33 Nursery item

34 Distributes

35 Pave again

37 ___ majesty

40 Western event

44 Time of day

46 Second pitch

48 Standing

50 Wives of barons

52 Lawn tool

53 Discharge

54 Reel

55 Pintail duck

56 Dog on "The Thin Man"

57 Luau wear

59 Hit

60 British party member

62 Italian numeral

WORD PILE

By Mark Szorady

COMBINE THE LETTERS TO MAKE 14 WORDS.
EACH WORD CONTAINS AT LEAST FIVE LETTERS.

1. _____ 6. _____ 11. _____
2. _____ 7. _____ 12. _____
3. _____ 8. _____ 13. _____
4. _____ 9. _____ 14. _____
5. _____ 10. _____



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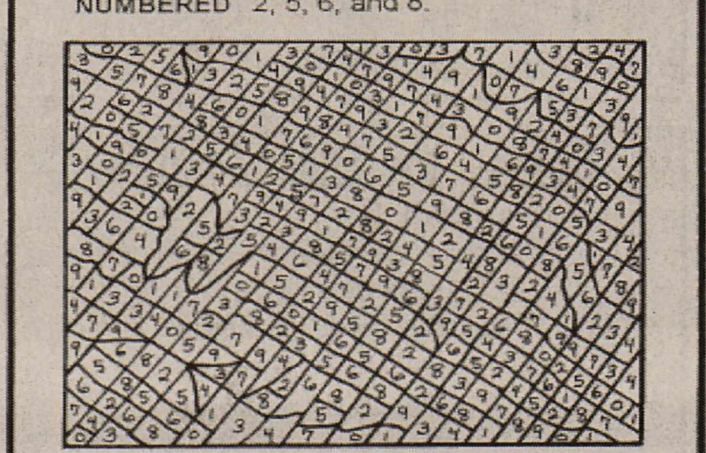
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	5						8	
9		7			3			1

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Weekly migratory bird hunting report



Weekly migratory bird hunting reports are posted from late August through early February.

High Plains Mallard Management Unit: Youth hunters got the first crack at big ducks this weekend.

Though participation was limited, those who did hunt saw plenty of birds.

Opening day of duck season should be excellent. Playa lakes are covered with teal, gadwalls, wigeons, shovelers and a few mallards.

Good numbers of ducks are being seen in Knox City, Dumas and Spearman.

Canada geese are beginning to show in force in the Pan-

handle since the latest cool front and hunters can expect more with each passing front. More specklebellies, along with Canadas, are showing in the Knox City area.

Duck season runs Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 3-Jan. 28. Goose season in the West Zone runs Nov. 4-Feb. 6 with a bag limit of three Canadas, one white-front and 20 light geese. Prospects are good.

South Zone Waterfowl: Duck numbers are strong across the coastal prairie.

Eagle Lake, Garwood, Sealy, El Campo and any other ponds in the region are holding birds.

Noticeably, large numbers of gadwalls have hit the coast.

The region received a boost of rain last week which has leveled pond brimming full with water.

Duck numbers are building on the coast as well.

Redheads were sighted from East Matagorda Bay to Rockport.

An influx of specklebellies hit the coast early last week and another waves arrived over the weekend.

Fields in Wharton, Colorado, Jackson, Lavaca, Matagorda, Brazoria and Chambers are holding good numbers of dark geese. Some snow geese are mixed with the specks.

The youth season runs Oct. 28-29 and prospects are excellent. Duck season runs Nov. 4-26 and Dec. 9-Jan. 28 with a bag limit of 5.

The East Zone goose season runs Nov. 4-Jan. 28 for light geese and Canada geese, and Nov. 4-Jan. 14 for specklebellies.

Bag limits are 20 light geese, two specklebellies and three Canada geese.

Dove Hunting: Dove season in the North and Central Zones ends at sunset Oct. 30.

The Central Zone will open and run Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

The recent front did deposit new birds to Texas, but, hunter participation has waned.

White wings remain fair to good in the San Antonio corridor.

The same holds true for mourning doves around Uvalde, Hondo, Sabinal and Del Rio. South Texas received rains last week.

New birds hit the region early last week and this weekend.

The first split of the South Zone runs through Nov. 12. Prospects are fair to good.

Goat producer coop receives grant

By Mario A. Morales

The Southwest Texas Goat Producer's Coop received a \$99,922 grant for a Feasibility Study from the USDA - Rural Development Agency through its Small Minority Producer Grant program.

The purpose is to develop an outline for the organization of this Coop and to determine the potential success for this Goat Producer's Coop.

Work on the proposal was led by Larry S. Ernst, Vice Chairman of the Texas-Mexico Border Coalition and Treasurer for the Rio Grande-Nueces Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council and Mario A. Morales, RC&D Coordinator.

The Feasibility Study will consist of five items.

They are: 1) an economic analysis describing the potential for a meat and dairy goat industry in the Rio Grande-Nueces RC&D Area; 2) a marketing study/plan to identify potential markets for goat products; 3) a Business Plan for the Southwest Texas Goat Producer's Cooperative, Inc.; 4) a Final Report that will include suggestions for the profitability and sustainability of the Cooperative; and 5) the implemen-

tation of a four part series of specialized training sessions on goat production and goat products.

The benefits of this grant proposal are to assist small, minority producers to increase their household incomes, enhance their family's standard of living, and bring this category of producer (low income, minority, and non-traditional USDA clients) into the USDA family.

Implementation of this project should result in improved range management of our grazing lands and spur economic development along the Texas-Mexico Border.

Additionally, the success of this endeavor will: 1) result in a decreased out-migration of persons in an economically depressed area, 2) provide for a more diversified local agricultural industry, 3) provide for higher employment rates in an economically depressed area, 4) provide for higher wages among participants, 5) result in increased duration of employment among participants, and

6) result in other increases in economic activity and land values along the Texas-Mexico Border.

"We look forward to completing this project and to have a positive impact in our area," said Morales.

For more information about this project please contact Mario A. Morales, RC&D Coordinator at 830-279-0164.

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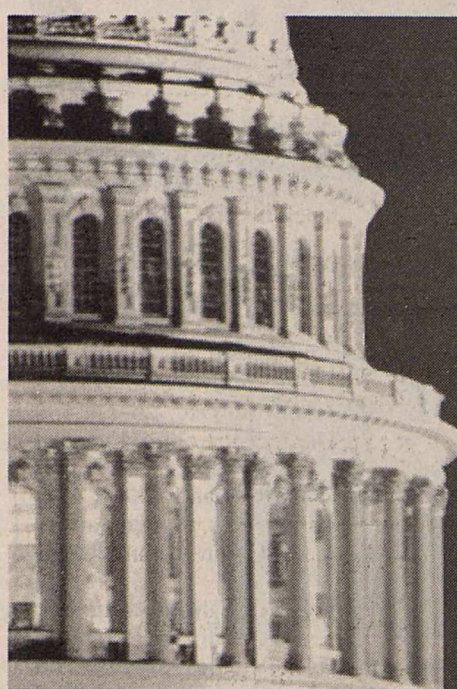
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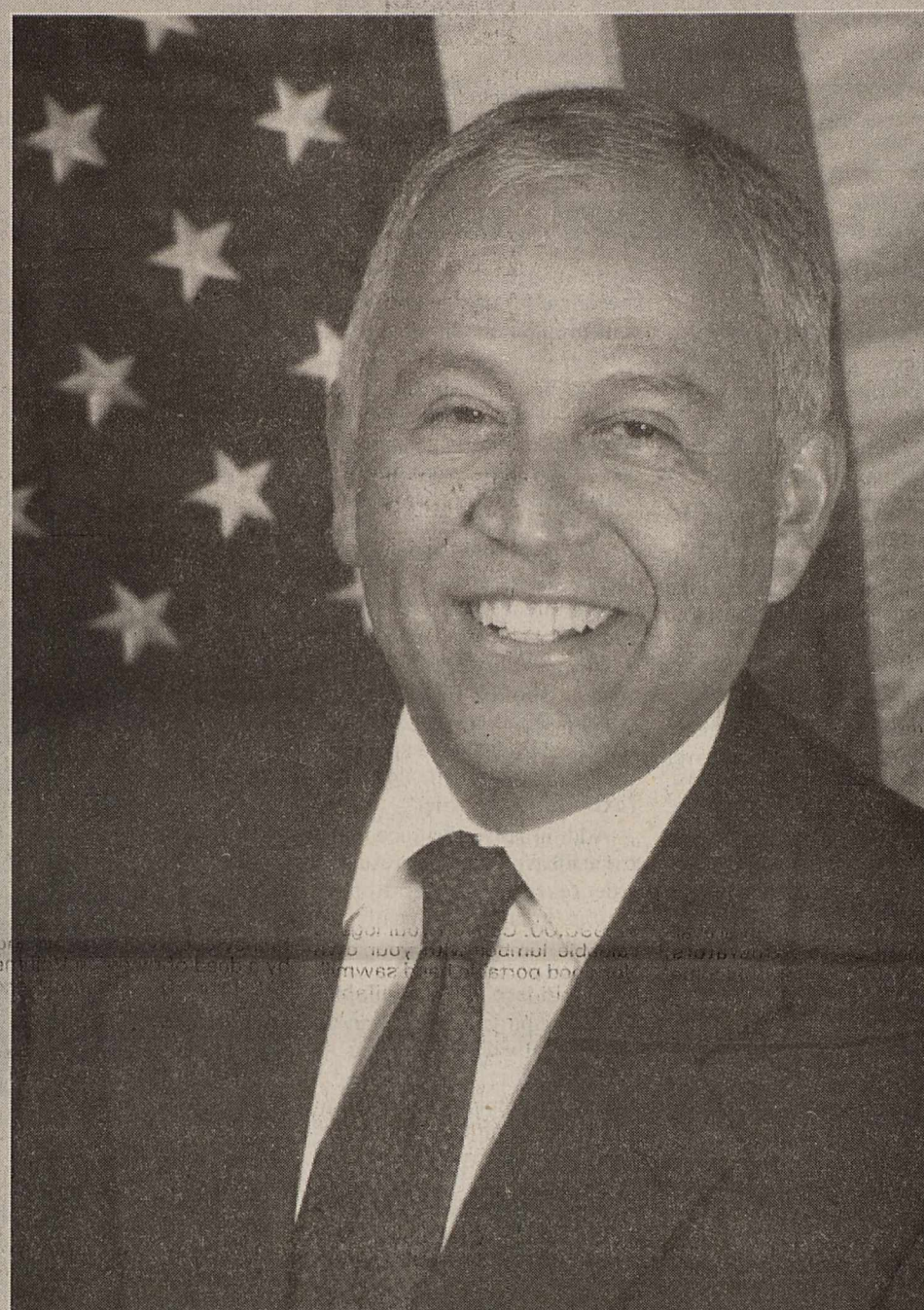


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Response to "...And what have you gotten in return?"
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Section 1:

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???

Paid Advertisement by Robert Churnside
 October 19, 2006

Let's review your 'FACTS' Mr. Churnside.

Who cares how many General Managers there have been? Results are what count. And the results from the current GM are atrocious. That high a turnover in GMs would also indicate a lack of Board leadership.

1. Correct first sentence.

We deny ever expressly or impliedly making such a claim regarding groundwater rights.

GV doesn't own fee simple land in Kinney County and never has. How could we have sold any? GV has acquired more groundwater rights in Kinney County than any other entity. Mr. Churnside, if you will review the law you will find groundwater rights are property rights.

2. False statement, Mr. Churnside. If you read the suits before you signed your name to the ad, you would have known the basis for the suits rests in the unconstitutional and unconscionable applications of rules by the Board and GM.

3. True statement but the fact is the District, under the direction of Ms Shahan, has incurred hundreds of thousands of dollars in unpaid liabilities

4. Review the financial records of the District, Mr Churnside, if you can make sense of them. We have already paid \$40,000 for 'alleged expenses.' Now the GM wants more but refuses, as required by our agreement, to provide source documents to support any of the expenses she asserts are ours. Would you give her more of your money? We don't conduct our business that way. Do you?

5. Correct statement. But has the GM fulfilled her responsibilities? NO! The GM has produced chaotic, inaccurate, misleading reports that make it impossible for the Board to do their job.

A. This statement is self serving and tries to deflect blame from the GM to the Board. The fact remains the GM has not provided accurate financial statements so the Board can fulfill their obligations. Indeed when asked civil questions by the Board, the manager has refused to answer them and walked out of the meeting. The manager has even scheduled a Board meeting to discuss the Budget and not shown up to present the budget to the public and Board.

6. What you call an attack we characterize as a presentation of facts regarding ineptitude, inability and incompetence. Our factual discussions about the manager began long after she demonstrated a bias against our project. At this stage, we just want as clear a hearing record as possible so we can go to court and get relief.

7. No one, not even you Mr. Churnside, owns the groundwater. In Texas anyone who owns land has the right to pump groundwater. Only after it is pumped do they own it. Not before. From your statement we doubt you understand groundwater law. What you suggest is that a majority of the property owners in Kinney County can take the property of a few of the other property owners. Would you agree with this same logic if it applied to everyone agreeing to take your house without compensation?

1. If you think unlawful expenditures 25% over budget are not significant, we disagree.

2. Mr. Churnside, the GM has not given the Board understandable financial statements. She has failed to follow fundamental book keeping principles. She is paid to do that and prepare a proposed budget. Who else has the responsibility? Up to now she has done neither.

3. Then why won't the GM answer Board Members questions? Why does she walk out of or skip critical meetings without explanation?

4. But was it understandable? Even the GM, when asked by Board Members, to clarify items responded with "I'll have to check on that and get back to you." Not once, but multiple times. Then she left.

5. So? The 2007 rate was set by default and does not begin to properly cover obligations because of the grossly inadequate financial statements provided by the GM to the Board.

SUMMARY: Be careful what you sign. Check the facts first. The problem IS accounting, the GM, and accountability. We have never proposed to take your water. We simply want to pump the water we have the right to pump. And yes, we hope to make a profit. That is the American way.

We have gone to great lengths to protect the Citizens and their rights. We certainly did not obligate Citizens to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars, the GM did. In fact we will be paying several hundred thousand dollars a year to pump groundwater currently being wasted. Those fees can replace what the District is now taxing the Citizens.