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Briefs ...

Community planning meeting is Wednesday

A Kinney County Community Planning Meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the County Courtroom in the Courthouse.

The purpose of the meeting is to give local community representatives the opportunity to discuss areas of concern in the community.

For more information, call 563-2023.

CPR course offered by American Red Cross

The Amistad Chapter of the American Red Cross will be sponsoring a community CPR course on Saturday.

The course will be held at the Val Verde Home Nurses conference room beginning at 8 a.m. The charge for the course is \$15.

The course will be instructed by Joseph Hulsebosch and Donald Trotochaud, volunteer instructors with American Red Cross, stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base Fire Station.

This class is limited to 15 students. Call 775-8626 or 298-5125 to register for the course.

Style show planned to benefit Red Cross

A benefit luncheon and style show is planned for Saturday. The event is sponsored by the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce Tourist and Convention Department, the Del Rio News Herald and the Amistad Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The luncheon and style show (tearoom modeling) is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. at Rich's Restaurant, located at 2211 Avenue F.

Proceeds will benefit the local chapter of the American Red Cross to help pay for educational material.

Tickets are \$12.50 per person and includes lunch, style show and door prizes. Fashions will be shown by three Eagle Pass stores and one from Brackettville.

The luncheon and style show is in memory of Ima Jo Fleetwood and Katy Morgan, former associate editor and photographer for the Del Rio News Herald.

Fleetwood passed away more than five years ago and worked for the News Herald for more than 50 years.

Morgan passed away this year after 10 years with the News Herald.



Many local youngsters visited Clyde Hepline's haunted house on Halloween night. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Sergeant's case still waiting to be heard

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Kinney County Judge Tommy Seargeant is still waiting to go to court to face charges dealing with theft and misappropriation of highway guard rails.

Seargeant was originally going to trial on Oct. 27, but the case was delayed because of a civil trial which lasted five days.

District Judge George M. Thurmond has not yet set a new trial date. He was out of town Wednesday

and could not be reached for comment.

Seargeant, who has been suspended with pay by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, and County Commissioner Joe Montalvo were indicted by the grand jury in July and were arrested on charges of abuse of official capacity.

Thurmond ruled that the two county officials would be tried separately, at the request of Seargeant's attorney, Robert T. Bass of Austin.

Montalvo, who is represented by Rogelio F. Munoz of Uvalde, will be tried after Seargeant.

Texans approve home equity lending Voters agree to 12 proposed constitutional changes

Texans approved 14 of 16 proposed changes to the state Constitution in Tuesday's election, including one allowing residents to secure loans using equity from their homes.

The home equity measure was supported by 63 percent of the voters in the state, and an equal percentage in Kinney County.

Texas is the last state in the nation to allow general home equity lending, which took about two decades to reach the ballot.

Legislators repeatedly rejected it because they feared some Texans -- especially senior citizens -- could lose their homes to foreclosure if they failed to repay the loans.

Lenders, many of whom plan

What the home equity amendment does

■ Beginning in January, Texans may borrow against the equity in their homes. Equity is the difference between the market value of the home and the amount owed on it.

■ However, borrowers risk losing their homes if they don't repay the loans.

■ Entrepreneurs gain a new source of financing for starting or expanding a business.

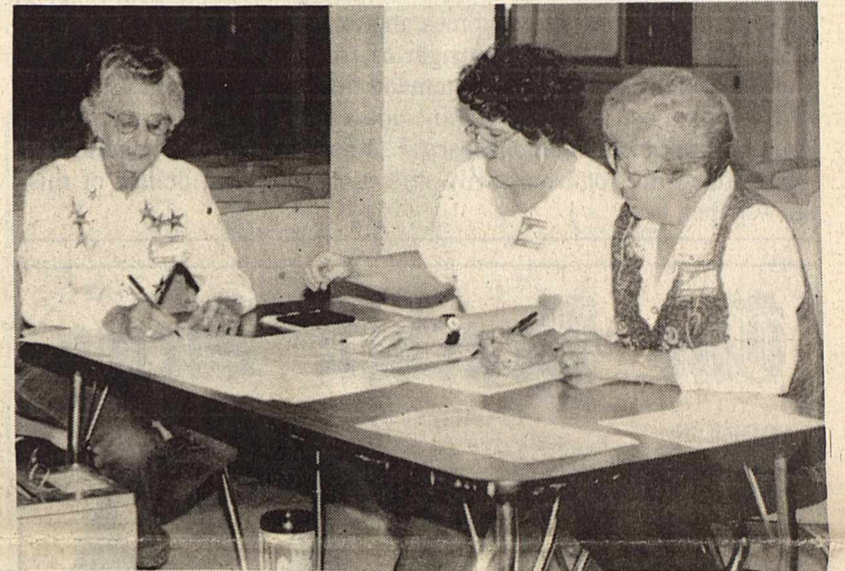
■ Families will have an additional way to finance a child's education or major medical bills without having to sell their home to raise cash.

■ Interest on the loan is deductible from federal income taxes. Texas was the only state denied this deduction.

■ Elderly homeowners will be able to trade the equity in their home for monthly income and continue living there until their deaths through what is called a 'reverse-annuity mortgage.'

to begin taking applications today, now can loan homeowners an amount that equals up to 80 percent of the fair market value of their homes. There are no restrictions on how the loan can be used, but open lines of credit are prohibited.

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Election officials Dora Herndon (from left), Ava Lindeman and Bertha Reschman await for the arrival of voters at the Precinct 2 polling site on Tuesday. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Officials consider weather modification district

Officials from seven different counties discussed the formation of a weather modification district last Thursday at Fort Clark Springs.

Over 60 individuals from Southwest Texas attended the cloud seeding presentation at the Las Moras Inn.

"Cloud seeding is an effort to equip clouds to become better rain producers," said George Bomar, a meteorologist with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC).

"Seeding involves giving a cloud some additional ice crystals with which rain drops can be manufactured. It is giving a cloud a nudge in the right direction.

"Many clouds are not furnished with enough ice crystals," he said. "There is ample moisture in the cloud, but that moisture has to have help in order to become a rain drop."

"Seeding involves putting an airplane in the vicinity of that cloud at just the right time to inject the right amount of seeding material."

Bomar said cloud seeding has been going on continuously in Texas since 1970 in a region of West Texas on the upper Colorado River.

"Over the last 25 years, at least a dozen different cloud seeding projects have sprouted and run for any number of years," he said.

"At the present time, we have four permitted projects in Texas, covering about 20 million acres. They extend all the way from Amarillo in the far north to near Corpus Christi in the south.

The TNRCC is now offering matching funds to entities that are involved in cloud seeding.

"We believe there is potential for cloud seeding in that part of Texas west of I-35," Bomar said. "In east and northeast Texas, rainfall is usually ample enough that they don't need rain increase."

"It's statewide in the sense that the state agency is now involved. It has match money that can be provided to supplement money

that's raised at the local level to pay for these programs."

Officials are hoping that Kinney, Val Verde, Uvalde, Maverick, Dimmit, Zavala and La Salle counties will join the proposed weather modification district.

County Judge Herb Senne said he thought the cloud seeding program would be beneficial to Kinney County.

"I think the rainfall enhancement program is going to be an asset to the county and to the community," he said. "I think we need to have all of the players at the table in order to fund it, because it's not a cheap program."

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Joe Townsend

Bill Clinton continues to do scary things. He turned over U.S. service men to a foreign entity that took them to Bosnia. Opinion/Page 2

BISD's dynamic duo

The Brackett School District's music teaching team of Hector Jimenez and Roxanna Gonzalez spoke to the Rotary Club. Lifestyles/Page 4

Tigers travel to Dilley

Brackett is out of the running for the playoffs, but the Tigers will play a key part in the conference race as they face Dilley tomorrow. Sports/Page 5

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The Brackett Tigerettes won the District 30-2A cross country title Saturday. It is the school's first year to compete in the running sport. Members of the team include, kneeling, from left: Queta Garza and Samantha Perez. Standing: Heather Martin, Jania Finkenbinder, Sonya Correa, Coach Julie Bruce, April Crumley and Liz Aguirre. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry



The Brackett Tigers took second place honors at the District 30-2A cross country meet Saturday in Dilley. Team members include, kneeling: Lionel Ramos. Standing, from left: David Honstein, Tony Rubio, Jacob Hughes, James Burks, Schiller Hill and Coach Julie Bruce. The Brackett runners will compete at regionals Saturday at UTSA. See related story, Page 5. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Editorial

Newspaper has not taken sides on Fort Clark issues

The Brackett News has not written any articles criticizing the Fort Clark Springs' Board of Directors.

The newspaper has, however, published many letters to the editor from concerned readers, pro and con, who are entitled to express their opinion, provided it is

not libelous.

These letters have not and do not reflect the opinion of this newspaper or its staff.

If The Brackett News' editorial board does choose to form an opinion regarding these matters, it will be expressed in the form of an editorial, as it should be.

Letter to the Editor

FCS' letters need to stop

Enough is enough!

Regardless of whether the numerous articles, written by Roger Perez and Arvel Baker, appearing in The Brackett News are true or not true, I feel they should stop.

If their facts are true, the Board of Directors of Fort Clark should confirm them and take the necessary corrective action.

If their statements are not true, the board should take steps to silence these libelous statements.

Also, is The Brackett News

checking with any Fort Clark Director on the validity of the statements they are printing?

If not, the necessary action should be taken.

I do not believe The Brackett News is meeting their responsibility for potentially libelous statements and accuracy of information.

I feel these types of articles are great for circulation, even though the facts may or may not be true.

Jerry Strother

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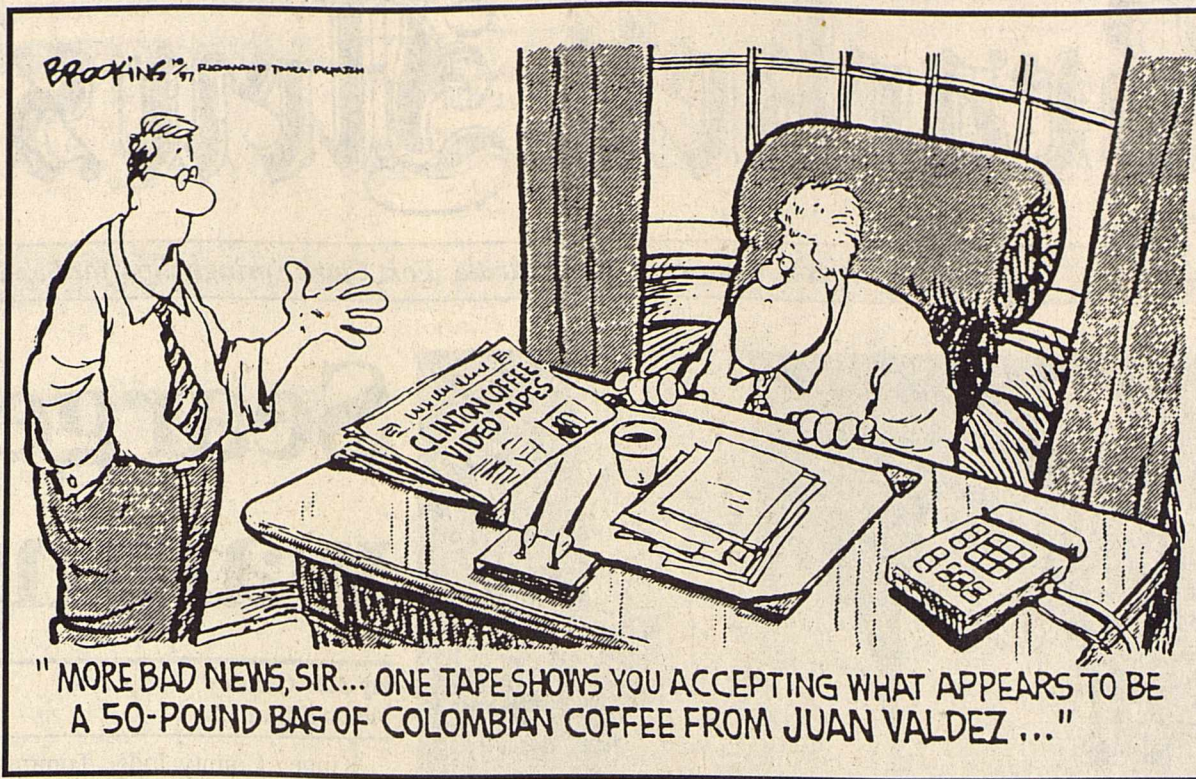
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"MORE BAD NEWS, SIR... ONE TAPE SHOWS YOU ACCEPTING WHAT APPEARS TO BE A 50-POUND BAG OF COLOMBIAN COFFEE FROM JUAN VALDEZ ..."

Clinton's wildest idea is standardized testing

Bill Clinton continues to do scary things. He turned over American service men to a foreign entity that took them to Bosnia. They were to be there six months.

Almost two years later, a deadline of mid-1998 was set for their return. Now he wants to extend the time further.

He bowed and scraped to the government of China in spite of human rights violations which by law prevent such actions.

He wants to bow to demands of "developing nations including China, India and Mexico" to accommodations favoring them because of a scam called global warming.

He is demanding more and more concessions from Israel to the terrorists of the Palestinians. This would be like throwing gasoline on a fire.

The most scary wild idea he has is standardized testing nation wide in the schools of America. He couches almost every thing he does in terminology of "helping the children."

His obvious play is to accuse anyone who opposes his wild political schemes as opposing the children.

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Standardized testing in Texas has proved to be an albatross around the neck of education. The dumping down of teachers is the basis of the biggest problems in education.

Sensible teachers spend most educational opportunities teaching to TAAS. They know the evaluation of their work is the scoring on TAAS. The evaluation of the school is based on TAAS scores.

The motivation is no longer education of students but a higher grade on TAAS.

The exempting of portions of the student body from the test shows that even at the state level the name of the game is a higher grade on TAAS.

Certainly, the millions of dollars spent on professional "testing" companies is taxpayers' dollars thrown into the maw of wasted funds.

Now comes Slick Willy wanting to spend millions of taxpayer dollars for more testing.

The real danger is not simply in the debate of testing but the federal bureaucracy taking over the education of American students.

Testing at the federal today, saying who can graduate tomorrow curriculum dictated, body of teaching (feminism, homosexuality, sexual license, abortion) and on and on.

It's high time the American people wake up and take charge. Today's teachers are generally well trained and qualified. They need to be recognized and allowed to teach freed from continuous "work shops," paper work, straight jacket programming, etc.

To add federal regulations will simply mean a further "big brother" intervention at the cost of lack of education for students and a rising tide of private and home schooling by parents wise enough to know that education of their children is more important than the games bureaucrats play.

GHB, coming to a party near you

By Katy Hagler
Contributing Writer

Many high school and college students believe that life should be a party, but what many of those students tend to ignore is that drugs are becoming associated with most of these parties.

Out of ignorance, women are the individuals who want to believe it will not happen to them, but they are wrong.

These "date rape" drugs are here, and affecting the feminine population with an impact. Currently law enforcement officers are trying to take out the two most threatening "date rape" drugs, GHB and Rohypnol.

GHB's chemical name is Gama Hydroxy Butyrate; its street names are "Grievous Bodily Harm" and "Easy Lay."

GHB is a white powder, usually used by dissolving it in water. The most recent emergency room cases report that the drug was sold to them as a premixed solution in small glass jars, although it may be sold as caplets, tablets or powder as well.

Ingestion of GHB results in an exhilarating high followed by deep sedation. The lesser effects of the drug include dizziness, drowsiness, and memory loss which is sometimes so severe that the user loses all sense of what has occurred, hence the potential that women can more easily be sexually assaulted.

The severity and duration of symptoms appear to depend on the dose of GHB taken and the presence of other central nervous system depressants, most frequently alcohol.

In nightclubs, GHB is sold for its central nervous system depressant effects, which makes it easier for a male to get away with date rape. All an individual has to do is casually slip a GHB into a drink, and boom, his plans of rape are unknowingly into effect.

Mysterious deaths of young people have been reported after visits to teen dance clubs or "rave" parties frequently attracting hundreds of young people. In some cases, the resulting toxicology reports show no signs of alcohol or drug use, unless special procedures are conducted to test for that specific drug.

This drug makes it easy for a person to get away with a violent assault of rape due to the memory loss of the victim and the false identity of the responsible drug.

Along with GHB, Rohypnol is another number

one weapon for date rapers. Rohypnol (flunitrazepam) in usually prescribed doses is an effective sleeping medication. It is not available by prescription in the United States, but is available in Mexico, Central and South America, Europe and Asia.

Street names for Rohypnol include Rochies, R-2, or Roaches. Being under the influence of the drug is referred to as being "roached out."

Rohypnol abuse has been reported in middle schools and high schools, as well as by college students and adults.

The tablets are usually taken by mouth, but some people crush the tablets and snort or smoke the powder, or dissolve it for injection. The most common pattern is episodic use by teenagers and young adults, and most often used in combination with beer or marijuana. There have been reports that Rohypnol has been put in soft drinks or alcoholic beverages.

Along the Mexico-Texas border from Brownsville to Laredo, a somewhat different pattern of Rohypnol abuse has been developed. This abuse, known as date rape, is affecting thousands of young girls that ignorantly take a drink drugged with Rohypnol and instantly become vulnerable to becoming a victim of assault.

Two recent surveys of people making customs declarations along the Texas border found that 42 to 46 percent of the people were declaring Rohypnol as one of the leading drugs being brought into the United States.

The distribution and abuse of Rohypnol, in all likelihood, will continue to increase within certain segments of society in the United States, and particularly among abusers of other illicit drugs and high school students who mistakenly believe that the drug is harmless.

Life may be a party to some students, but their party may be stopped soon when they become an innocent victim of GHB and Rohypnol.

"Grievous Bodily Harm" and "Easy Lay" are drugs whose names explain themselves and will change the lives of many young individuals who come in contact with these dangerous sedatives.

Along with GHB, being "roached out" effects the lives of many young partiers who intend to get buzzed or high, but instead become innocent victims of rape.

Rohypnol and GHB can be ignored, but numbness, tingling of the extremities, loss of identity, hallucinations, delirium, convulsions, and shock will never be forgotten, once one becomes a victim.

Celebrate our freedom this Veteran's Day

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Representative, 23rd District

On Tuesday, Nov. 11, America will celebrate Veteran's Day. Veterans' Day provides a good opportunity for us to recognize and appreciate the many blessings we have here in America: peace, freedom and democracy.

Without the dedication and pride of generations of soldiers, sailors and airmen, the United States would not be the leader of the free world today.

Veterans' Day is celebrated every year on Nov. 11 to honor all U.S. veterans, living and deceased. The date commemorates the Nov. 11, 1918, armistice which ended World War I.

Originally called Armistice Day, President Eisenhower changed the name to Veteran's Day to honor not only those who served during World War I, but veterans of all conflicts in which the United States has fought.

Although the name changed, the spirit behind Veteran's Day remains the same. Millions of men and women in our military have left families and friends to fight for our freedom and our flag. They have made great sacrifices to protect our American way of life.

Veterans Day is an important way to honor our veterans for providing and safeguarding the peace that we all enjoy.

A lot of folks talk about sacrificing for the good of our country, but few Americans have sacrificed more than America's veterans.

The legacy of America's veterans is the highest example of patriotism. These men and women are true leaders who have been shining examples of responsibility, accountability and loyalty.

Those who serve in America's armed forces are our nation's guardians who protect and defend the sacred traditions entrusted to us by the Constitution.

Veteran's Day should be a day of reflection and respect for our nation's most enduring heroes. Our country has been blessed with many treasures, but peace and freedom are among the most precious. This Veteran's Day, every American should celebrate peace and freedom in honor of our veterans.

As the young wife of a Desert Storm veteran wrote in a letter to TIME magazine, "We would not be the land of the free if we were not also the home of the brave." That says it all.

Unsung Hero
By Joe Townsend

Today, I want to turn the spotlight on two very fine people. For a number of years this fine couple has lived in Fort Clark Springs. Because of a need to be closer to medical facilities, they are leaving us.

They are truly fine people. They are warm hearted and friendly. They are faithful to their church. They are good neighbors. They are considerate and easy going. They refrain from controversy.

They are highly respected and well liked by all who know them. They will be deeply missed.

Truly, Jack and Dorothy Woods are Unsung Heroes.



Big Mama Sez!
If you don't scale the mountain, you can't see the view.

Officials commend BISD

This past week, two of Region 20's top managers visited Brackett ISD. Dr. Ellen Massey, Associate Director for Instructional Services and Dr. Millie Kline, Director of Field Services spent a few hours in our district.

Their comments about the school district's facilities, educational program and students were really good ones. Both of the educational leaders commented about the courteous, well-behaved students of BISD. They were amazed at the high quality technology support that our district presents on a daily basis to the children of Brackettville. They were impressed with the school facilities. I received the compliments but must pass them on to taxpayers, board members, staff, parents and students of BISD. I too am proud of you, BISD!

We're working hard on our DEC visit from the accreditation department of the Texas Education Agency. Primarily, the DEC evaluation occurs about every 5 or 6 years and focuses on student learning. It also looks hard at the dis-

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent

tricts' efforts to plan for the education of its students.

At BISD, we have a District level Committee made up of teachers, parents, business and community representatives, and students. At least two thirds of the committee as is required by law consists of classroom teachers. This committee is directly involved in making recommendations to the administration and school board in the areas of goal setting, budgeting, curriculum, staffing patterns, staff development, and school organization.

At the Campus levels—we have a site based committee at each of our schools—High School, Middle School, Elementary and Alternative School. The campuses also include parents, business and community representatives and teachers on their committees. Their involvement with the planning of the schools is at the campus level.

thing you would like to do, please contact Susan Veach, Superintendent's Secretary, or principal of the campus where you would like to serve.

This next week, we will hold meetings on the Academic Excellence Indicator System scores for BISD. The results of the AEIS are being sent home to every parent in the school district this week. These results may be obtained by contacting Ms. Veach in the Superintendent's Office.

This last week was a good one. We beat Natalia at home in a barn burner that was fun to watch. One more game—at Dilley this Friday. Our Cross-country Teams scored big wins at district. Coach Julie Bruce announced that the Girls Cross-country won first place and the boys won third place. They will go to UT San Antonio this week for the Regional Competition. The Girls Volleyball team won district and will begin its playoffs this Thursday night.

That's about it. The weather is beautiful. I'm enjoying the time change (especially easier to get to school in the morning). Keep thinking positive. We live in the very best place in the world.



The Fort Clark Springs Teen Committee was in the Halloween spirit last week as the committee members hosted a haunted house on Saturday. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Texans back home equity lending

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Limitations on home equity loans had been in the Constitution for 150 years, but exceptions were granted for home improvement loans and to pay back taxes.

More than 10 percent of the state's 11 million registered voters cast ballots in the election.

In August, only 6.9 percent turned out to approve an increase in the homestead exemption for school property taxes.

Results in Kinney County were slightly higher, with 12.5 percent of the 2,257 voters casting ballots favoring every amendment except propositions 1 and 6.

Proposition 1 would have allowed some municipal judges to hold office in more than one city. Proposition 6 would have repealed a provision of the Texas Growth Fund restricting investment in companies that fail to disclose investments in South Africa or Namibia.

In addition to agreeing on the home equity issue, Texans also decided to allow the Texas Supreme Court to meet outside of Austin.

Other amendments that voters approved are:

- Proposition 2: Allows the legislature to limit the maximum average annual increase in homestead appraisal valuations to 10 percent or more for each year since the most recent tax appraisal.

- Proposition 3: Allows local governments to grant exemptions or other relief from property taxes on lands where water conservation initiatives have been implemented.

Constitutional amendments

100% of precincts reporting	County results		State results	
Prop 1 - Allowing some municipal judges to hold office in more than one city	Yes	102 37%	Yes	427,170 37%
	No	172 63%	No	730,853 63%
Prop 2 - Limiting property-tax increases on homestead appraisals to 10 percent a year	Yes	210 78%	Yes	851,744 76%
	No	58 22%	No	273,999 24%
Prop 3 - Allowing tax exemption for land where water conservation initiatives have been implemented	Yes	166 62%	Yes	681,011 62%
	No	100 38%	No	420,786 38%
Prop 4 - Make clean-up changes to reflect amendments to federal law and delete outdated provisions	Yes	200 78%	Yes	865,563 79%
	No	55 22%	No	232,393 21%
Prop 5 - Allowing Texas Supreme Court to meet outside Austin	Yes	141 53%	Yes	665,412 59%
	No	126 47%	No	458,664 41%
Prop 6 - Allowing the Texas Growth Fund to continue to invest without disclosure	Yes	117 46%	Yes	562,386 50%
	No	139 54%	No	564,015 50%
Prop 7 - Consolidating the Texas Water Development Fund into a new fund	Yes	171 65%	Yes	707,416 64%
	No	93 35%	No	398,585 36%
Prop 8 - Allowing homeowners to borrow against their home equity	Yes	165 59%	Yes	698,815 60%
	No	116 41%	No	474,418 40%
Prop 9 - Allowing Harris County voters to increase the tax rate levied by rural fire prevention districts	Yes	142 58%	Yes	558,290 53%
	No	102 42%	No	492,655 47%
Prop 10 - Dedicating crime victims' compensation funds for the sole purpose of emergency assistance	Yes	201 76%	Yes	763,563 69%
	No	63 24%	No	345,538 31%
Prop 11 - Limiting state's annual debt to 5 percent of the average of the preceding three years' revenues	Yes	186 72%	Yes	742,670 68%
	No	73 28%	No	350,261 32%
Prop 12 - Creating a deadline of 120 days for Texas Supreme Court action on motions for a rehearing	Yes	222 83%	Yes	858,213 75%
	No	45 17%	No	291,676 25%
Prop 13 - Pledging the state's full faith and credit to the Texas Tomorrow Fund	Yes	208 77%	Yes	811,655 72%
	No	61 23%	No	314,509 28%
Prop 14 - Allowing legislators to set qualifications for constables	Yes	211 81%	Yes	868,779 78%
	No	51 19%	No	244,462 22%

- Proposition 4: Eliminates duplicate numbering in and certain obsolete provisions of the constitution.

- Proposition 7: Allows the Texas Water Development Board to transfer existing bond authorizations from one category of use to another category to maximize the use of existing funds and relating to more efficient operation of the bond programs.

- Proposition 9: Allows a rural fire prevention district in Harris County to increase its taxes if local voters approve the move.

- Proposition 10: Prevents the Texas Crime Victims Compensation Fund from being used for any other purpose than to help crime victims.

- Proposition 11: Limits the amount of state debt payable from the general fund revenue.

- Proposition 12: Establishes a deadline for supreme court action on a motion for rehearing.

- Proposition 13: Puts the full faith and credit of the state government behind the Texas Tomorrow Fund, which allows families to prepay college tuitions.

- Proposition 14: Authorizes the Legislature to set certain qualifications for constables.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, October 28
7:57 p.m., A Kinney County teenager reported that another boy had taken his bicycle from the school parking lot. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter questioned the suspect, who said he left the bicycle at the entrance gate at Fort Clark Springs. Smith Security officials confirmed the bicycle was at Fort Clark Springs.

Wednesday, October 29
9:25 a.m., A Brackettville woman requested the assistance of a deputy at her residence on Fulton Street because her husband was having a disagreement with another man. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess was dispatched to the scene.

1:35 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a little boy had taken her purse, and that it was the third time it had happened. Sheriff Burgess was dispatched to the scene.

9:04 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that someone was at his residence on the corner of Beaumont and Fulton removing

property from inside his fenced yard. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene.

Thursday, October 30
1:56 p.m., An employee with MCI reported that a power line was down on the right side of the road on F.M. 1572 and Highway 131. Officials reported the incident to CPL.

3:05 p.m., Matthew Thaddeos Rocha, 21, of Brackettville was arrested for indecent exposure by Sheriff Burgess. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Rocha was released the same day on a \$750 personal recognizance bond.

Friday, October 31
7:17 a.m., A Kinney County man reported a traffic accident on Highway 90, east of Brackettville. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar and Kinney County EMS officials were dispatched to the scene.

10:22 a.m., A Kinney County man reported that someone had shot a deer on Old Stan-

dard Lane by Elm Creek, 5 miles north of Highway 131, and left the animal there. Kinney County Game Warden Henry Lutz was notified.

11:09 p.m., Jason Wayne Stavino, 20, of San Antonio was arrested by DPS Trooper Anthony Ashley for driving while under the influence. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Stavino was released the next day after paying a \$186 fine plus time served.

11:11 p.m., Charles Julius Stavino, 20, of Elmendorf was arrested by DPS Trooper Ashley for consumption of alcohol by a minor. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Stavino was released the next day after paying a \$186 fine plus time served.

Saturday, October 1
12:04 a.m., A Brackettville man reported that there was a man outside of Stop N Shop that was acting strange. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene and found that the man had already left.

11:50 a.m., Juan Hernandez, 19, of Brackettville was arrested for indecent exposure by Deputy Fritter. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Hernandez was released the same day on a \$750 personal recognizance bond.

7:46 p.m., A dispatcher with the Department of Public Safety notified the Sheriff's Department that a drunk driver was reported on Highway 90, heading towards Brackettville from Del Rio. Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene.

Sunday, October 2
12:17 a.m., A Brackettville man reported hearing gun shots fired near Kinney County Wool and Mohair. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene but was unable to find anyone.

8:36 a.m., A Brackettville woman said she received a call from a girl who was afraid her step-father was going to beat her, and asked for assistance. Deputy Fritter went to the residence with the woman to prevent any potential problems.

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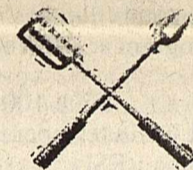
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AEIS Public Hearings Scheduled

Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 10-11

The Brackett ISD will hold a series of meetings to explain the Academic Excellence Indicator System of Texas (AEIS). The AEIS report is generated annually for the District by the State to offer a comparison of local performance to state averages in the areas of TAAS scores and student attendance. These meetings will be held as follows:

Monday, November 10, 1997, 6:00 p.m. in the Brackett ISD Board Room. Board of Trustees public hearing.

Tuesday, November 11, 1997, 7:00 a.m. in the high school auditorium. Elementary, Middle School and High School public hearing.

Tuesday, November 11, 1997, 12:00 noon in the high school auditorium. Elementary, Middle School and High School public hearing.

Each of these meetings will be conducted in a public hearing format. Members of the district's professional team will present AEIS information. All patrons of the Brackett ISD are invited to attend any or all of these meetings. Not only will test results from the state be presented, but local plans for improvement of education will also be presented. The public is encouraged to attend and ask questions.

Music program headed by 'dynamic duo'



Roxanna Gonzalez, left, is welcomed to last week's Rotary Club meeting by Taylor Stephenson. Photo by Eric McMaster

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Brackett School District's music teaching team of Hector Jimenez and Roxanna Gonzalez spoke to the Rotary Club last Thursday.

This combination evolved out of creativity to meet needs having to do with the number of positions to be filled.

Jimenez has taught fifth grade at Jones Elementary School for several years, but he has also been involved in music.

In introducing Jimenez to the Rotary members, Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson revealed that he and Jimenez had something in common.

Stephenson was a drum major when he was a high school senior in San Antonio, and Jimenez was a drum major the same year at Eagle Pass. Stephenson recalled that the schools played one another, and he and Jimenez had "marched against one another" in 1956, their graduating year.

After graduation, Stephenson went on to Sul Ross College, and Jimenez went into the Strategic Air Command Band.

Jimenez was called upon last year to help with the Brackett High School Band, and continued to do so this year.

Another teacher instructs social studies for an hour and a half while Jimenez goes to the band room to teach the marching band.

The high school band has just returned from the University Interscholastic League (UIL) march-

ing contest in Hondo.

The UIL offers small schools a chance to compete with other schools of similar size. The large 4A and 5A schools would otherwise dominate the area bands.

Jimenez said that Brackett competed quite well considering they had just lost their percussion section due to the "no pass, no play" rule. The band regrouped and made it to the contest, winning bronze, which is a Division III.

The band is now working on the recommendations for improvement they received from the judges at Hondo. When the football season is over, focus will change to the concert aspect, which means on stage.

In April, the band will go to San Antonio to the concert competition. Jimenez feels the Brackett band will do well. It will be balanced and have all positions covered.

Some students are now cross training. One clarinet player is learning the bass clarinet. One who plays marching bells is learning the French horn. Another bells player is learning the oboe.

At the marching contest, the band has from five to eight minutes to perform and two minutes to exit the marching field.

In the concert competition, it will do three concert pieces, one of which must be a march.

Music is judged on graded levels: 1 is easy, 2 is medium easy, Level 3 is medium advanced, 4 is advanced, and 5 is difficult. The Brackett band will be playing at Level 3. It is now working on sight

reading.

Gonzalez is a beginning teacher who wanted to be a band director but also wanted to teach younger students. When Stephenson offered her a chance to do both, she was pleased, but felt that handling high school students, middle students and elementary students was more than she could do in her first year.

Stephenson, not one to be defeated, offered to work out a solution. The result is what he calls the "dynamic duo" of Jimenez and Gonzalez.

Gonzalez attended college at North Texas State at Denton. She came from Del Rio and is familiar with this part of the country, but her band experience has been with 5A schools. She has had to adjust to having a very small group, and one which has suffered several losses such as changes in band directors.

The structure, or foundation, of the high school band has not had a chance to become strong, but their musicality she finds very good.

Gonzalez teaches general music in kindergarten through fourth

grade.

This is the first year that beginning band has been offered in the fifth grade. There are now two groups in the fifth grade as well as two groups of sixth graders, each group with 20 students. This means four different bands.

Gonzalez had misgivings about becoming an assistant band director. She had heard of many occasions where the situation was not harmonious. However, she said that she and Jimenez work very well together, and she is very happy with her job.

Both teachers complemented the faculty as well as their students. The duo expects great things of the band as it develops, and the students are excited about the future.

Jimenez's wife, Gloria, is a teacher's assistant and is the clerk in charge of the migrant students at Brackett ISD.

The couple's daughter is Valerie Jimenez. She was recipient of the Rotary scholarship given two years ago and is in her second year at Southwest Texas State at San Marcos. She is a recipient of the Mitte scholarship.

But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



Columnist appreciates suggestions

I appreciate your suggestions. I really do. The problem is that I have ideas of my own already planned out.

You won't believe it, but I have short ideas in mind for weakly (no it's not misspelled) columns for a long stretch into the future.

But tell me your ideas anyway. Or better still, write your own column.

I'm not trying to be rude, it's just that I have lots to get off my chest. And about 20 pounds off my midsection too. But that sub-

ject will be discussed at a later time. (February 30th, I believe.)

I have enough ideas jotted down (somewhere) to fill up the remainder of this year easily. Whether any of them will materialize into anything worthwhile is a matter of debate.

So let me have my say. Then when I've had my chance to write all of my silly notions, I'll give you an opportunity to be a guest columnist. Or perhaps not.

And come to think of it, I don't really like your suggestions either. But, I could be wrong.

Briefs ...

Dominguez to attend ITT Technical Institute

SAN ANTONIO — Juan M. Dominguez, of Brackettville, has enrolled in the electronics engineering technology program at ITT Technical Institute.

The local campus, located at 4242 Piedras Drive E., Suite 100, is one of a nationwide network of 63 ITT Technical Institutes operated by Indianapolis based ITT Educational Services, Inc. (ESI).

The two-year program, which begins March 9, will help Dominguez begin to prepare for a career in electronics engineering technology.

Upon successful completion of the program Dominguez will earn an associates' degree.

Dominguez is a 1992 graduate of Brackett High School, where he played football and track. He is the son of Roselia Morgan of Brackettville.

Established in 1988, the San Antonio ITT Technical Institute offers educational programs in electronics engineering technology and computer-aided drafting technology to 623 students. ESI operates 63 ITT Technical Institutes in 27 states.

Theta Sigma Chapter hosts regular meeting

The Theta Sigma Chapter met in the home of Alecia Raymer on Monday for its regular meeting.

President Nancy Frerich conducted a business meeting with 14 members present.

Plans for a Thanksgiving dinner were discussed and left with the social committee to complete.

The sorority was happy to welcome Molly Schroeder home from New Mexico.

Hostess Mylo Unruh served a light supper of delicious chicken salad, arranged on individual plates, and slices of fruit pie with whipped cream for desert.

Unruh's program was an autobiography, which gave members an opportunity to know her better, to know about her formative years, and how she met her husband, Dale.

At the conclusion of the program, Frerich led the Closing Ritual and the meeting was adjourned.

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The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of
Major General Francis Henry French

Courtesy of his descendants



Rhoads to ask about my watch and to get him to select some Christmas presents. Read papers from home until retreat, after which read Payne's court martial order which was received today. He gets a fine of \$75 a month for six months, but the reviewing authority is severe on the Court for not finding him guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. Had dinner later than usual as Hewitt was hunting. Sat in Steele's for a while after dinner and then had a call from Dr. Towne until tattoo, after which played cards with King. Nothing has been received about Maj. Smith's case yet.

Sunday, November 8, 1885
No mail for me this morning much to my surprise for the letter from home is due today. Breakfasted before inspection. After breakfast wrote part of letter home went to the office a while and then took a long ride with Hewitt in his road cart. The weather was beautiful, roads good and the cart and horse in fine condition. Enjoyed the ride very much. Lester and Steele sat in my house a while after returning. Dined at four o'clock and then completed letter home. Attended church as usual and walked home with Mrs. Lyster afterwards. Went to bed soon after tattoo, after reading a while in the Bible.

Monday, November 9, 1885
Had charge of "D" Co. at drill and got through without making any mistakes. The delayed letter did not come this morning; hope this will not be the manner in which mail comes in future. Played a few games of cards with King after guard mounting interrupted by going to the band barracks to witness opening a box of Ordnance. Spent a few minutes in the office and then read the papers in the Library until noon when issued clothing to "D" Co. Got some violin strings and gloves at the store this morning. In the afternoon played on the violin a while and wrote to Mattie. Took "D" Co. out to dress parade. Cunningham came last night with his bride. Saw him this morning and found him much stouter than before. In the evening called with

Hewitt on the Gilmores Halls and Cunninghams. Mrs. Gilmore is a charming lady, intelligent and a Christian woman; wish there were more like her and Mrs. Hall. She was stationed a long time at West Point and was well acquainted with the Misses Warner. Was not favorably impressed with Mrs. Cunningham. She is quite lively and a great talker but there was something in her manner that was disagreeable to me. Am afraid she and Cunningham will not have a happy married life. Played cards a while with King after returning.

Tuesday, November 10, 1885
The letter came at last this morning. Had charge of "D" Co. as usual at drill and got through without any mistakes. After guard mounting returned to quarters a while and afterwards went to office a few minutes and then to Library to read the papers. At noon went into Maj. Smith's to speak to his wife about Mrs. Bradford's music. He seems to feel very confident of not being dismissed and thinks he has been persecuted. What a fraud he is. Enclosed Mrs. Bradford's letter in a short note to Capt. Liscum telling him about the music and also wrote Mrs. Bradford. Commenced to read "Confidence" by James about the first of his works that I have read. After retreat went to Capt. Vance's to dinner, Mrs. Feche's, the Gilmores and Hewitt being the other guests. The last three went out hunting today with the Captain. Meal was excellent and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. All sat in the house until tattoo. Enjoyed the evening thoroughly. Wish Mrs. Gilmore belonged to the 19th. She gave a general invitation to her house Friday evening, to start a French club. Nothing but this language to be spoken. Am very glad of this and hope nothing will occur to break up the arrangement. Vernou returned today; so took calls with "E" Co. After tattoo played cards with Steele and King.

Wednesday, November 11, 1885
Took "K" Co. out to drill this morning. The drill was the best we have had yet. After guard mounting sat a while in the office and then read papers in the Li-

brary. Wrote usual letter home and was completing it when Vernou and his friends Messrs. Townsend and Knight of Philadelphia came in to return my call. Sat on the porch in front of Steele's house a while with them and read until retreat. After dinner chatted a

while with Hewitt and then spent the evening with him and Capt. Vance playing whist at Mrs. Hall's, first making the arrangement with Mrs. Hall. Enjoyed the evening thoroughly. Hewitt & J. came out ahead as usual. Gen. Smith played one or two games with me when Hewitt went to tattoo. Capt. Hall took this report for me. Went to Mrs. Lyster's at noon to ask if she would entertain Mrs. Livermore of San Antonio. Steele is trying to get up a hop and wants to invite some ladies from San Antonio and is trying to arrange for their lodging. Mrs. Lyster was glad to take care of Mrs. Livermore. No mail for me this morning.

Thursday, November 12, 1885
A norther started up this morning and made the dust very disagreeable. Mail brought letters from Mattie and from Capt. Bradford. After guard mounting I went to Library to read the papers. On way back to quarters met Vernou and was invited to play whist at his house. Spent the rest of the morning there, Mrs. Vernou and Mr. Townsend beating Vernou and self. At noon completed issue of clothing to "D" Co. and then selected a stove at the Quartermaster's, had it put up, and got a fire started before retreat.

Played cards a while with King in the afternoon and wrote a letter to Capt. Hennisee. In the evening went into Capt. Vance's a while with Hewitt and then played cribbage with Maj. Wilcox and was beaten.

Rookie runners advance to regionals

DILLEY — Samantha Perez broke a District 30-2A record Saturday as Brackett's cross country teams qualified for the regional meet in their first year of competition.

Perez ran the two-mile race in 12:20, which was seven seconds better than the previous record of 12:27 set by Asherton's Mary Idelia in 1991.

The Tigerettes won the district cham-

ampionship, finishing the meet with 35 points. Dilley was second with 40 points, followed by Comfort with 78.

The top three teams and 10 individuals advance to the regional meet, which is Saturday at the University of Texas at San Antonio. The 2A girls' competition begins at noon, followed by the boys' race at 12:30.

Perez was the top finisher in the field

of 38 runners, followed by teammate Sonya Correa, who came in second with a time of 13:06. Jania Finkenbinder was fourth with a 13:41.

Perez, Correa, Queta Garza, Heather Martin and April Crumley all recorded personal bests at the conference competition.

Garza finished 10th after being clocked at 14:31, Martin was 18th with a time of

15:31, Crumley was 23rd with a 16:11, and Liz Aguirre came in 26th with a 16:36.

Lionel Ramos brought home a third place finish after running the three miles in 17:20, helping the Tigers to a second place finish overall.

Dilley won the meet with 17 points and Brackett finished with 47. Comfort took third place honors in the boys' com-

petition. James Burks and David Honstein finished eighth and ninth with times of 18:02 and 18:14, respectively. Both were personal records.

Tony Rubio came in 11th place after running an 18:46, Jacob Hughes was 16th with a 19:51, and Schiller Hill finished 28th after running a personal best time of 23:56.

Tigers play key role in district race Dilley hosts Brackett tomorrow night in season finale

Brackett is out of the running for the two playoff spots from District 30-2A, but the Tigers will play a key part in the conference race as they travel to Dilley tomorrow night to battle the Wolves in the last game of the regular season.

Charlotte is currently leading the district race with a 4-0 league record. The Trojans have already secured a post-season berth. Dilley and Comfort, both 3-1, are battling for the other playoff spot.

In other district games tomorrow night, Charlotte hosts Comfort and Center Point travels to Natalia.

Here is a look at some of the possible scenarios that will determine the playoff representatives from District 30-2A:

Brackett, Comfort win: Comfort and Charlotte would be tied for first place at 4-1 and both would advance to the playoffs. The Bobcats would finish as the first place team because of their head-

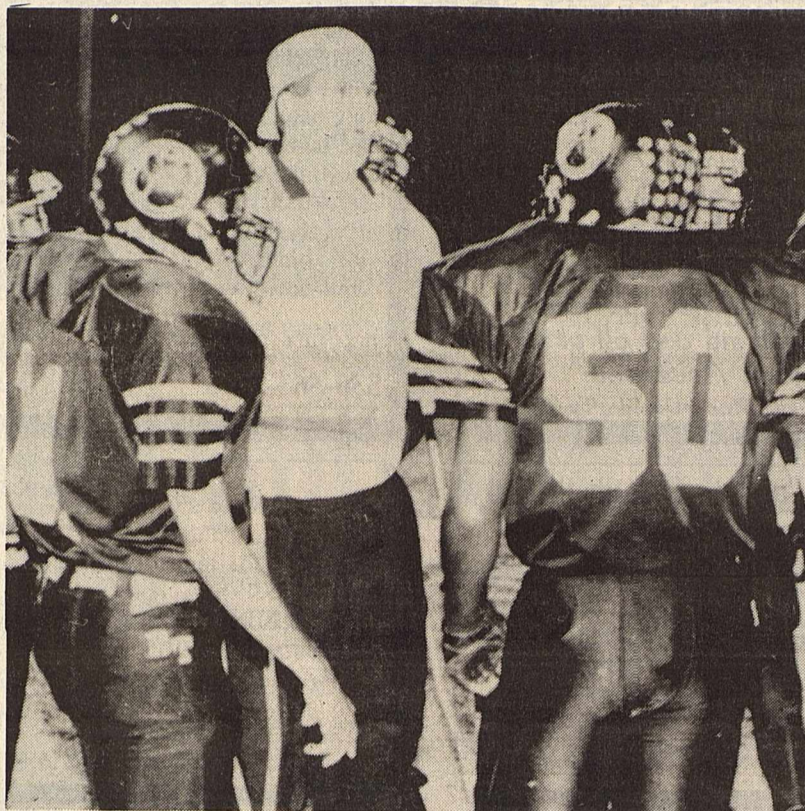
to-head victory over the Trojans.

Brackett, Charlotte win: Charlotte would win the district title with a perfect 5-0 record. Comfort and Dilley would be tied for second place with 3-2 marks, but the Wolves would advance to the playoffs because of their head-to-head win over the Bobcats.

Dilley, Charlotte win: Charlotte will finish in first at 5-0 and Dilley will be second at 4-1.

Dilley, Comfort win: Charlotte, Comfort and Dilley would all be tied for first place with 4-1 records. The tie would be broken by positive points. Charlotte has 12 (a 32-20 win over Dilley) and Dilley five (a 27-22 win over Comfort). Comfort would have to win by at least six points to pass Dilley for the No. 2 position.

"I just want to win the game," Comfort coach Paul Talbert said. "If we're in a position to go for the six points we'll cross that bridge when we get there. But we've got a chance."



Brackett coach Ron Arneson discusses strategy with one of the special teams units. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Baker leads Brackett to 40-30 win over Natalia

Wes Baker rushed for 165 yards and scored a touchdown Friday night as the Brackett Tigers topped the Natalia Mustangs 40-30.

With the victory, the Tigers improve to 2-7 on the season and to 1-3 in District 30-2A action. The Mustangs are 3-6 overall and 0-4 in conference play.

Baker's 165 yards on the ground was season high for Brackett for most yards in a game. He carried the ball 19 times and scored the Tigers' first touchdown on a 27-yard jaunt less than a minute into the contest.

Brackett struck quick in Friday's contest, taking a 22-0 lead in the first quarter. The first three scoring drives all lasted less than 40 seconds.

The Tigers went up 28-0 on J. Wayne Ballew's 10-yard scoring strike to Rene Luna, capping a 95-yard drive, but the Mustangs rallied to pull within six at 28-22.

Brent Smith crossed the goal line from 18 yards out with 3:42 remaining to give Brackett a 34-22 advantage.

Ballew rushed for three touchdowns. He finished with 55 yards on 12 attempts.

Smith picked up 62 yards on the ground on 12 totes.

Tigers-Mustangs game report

Tigers 40, Mustangs 30	
Natalia	0 8 6 16 - 30
Brackett	22 6 0 12 - 40

First Quarter
Brackett - Wes Baker 27 run (Rene Luna run), 11:09. Drive: 28 yards, 2 plays, :39. Key play: Jose Gonzalez recovered fumble on Mustangs' 28. Brackett 8, Natalia 0.

Brackett - J. Wayne Ballew 1 run (Jose Gonzalez kick), 8:45. Drive: 14 yards, 2 plays, :30. Key plays: Brent Smith blocked a Natalia punt and Tigers took possession at the Mustangs' 14. Wes Baker 13 run to Mustangs' 1. Brackett 15, Natalia 0.

Brackett - J. Wayne Ballew 2 run (Jose Gonzalez kick), 6:14. Drive: 15 yards, 3 plays, :31. Key plays: Snap went over head of Natalia's punter giving Tigers possession on the Mustangs' 15. Wes Baker 13 run to Mustangs' 2. Brackett 22, Natalia 0.

Second Quarter
Brackett - Rene Luna 10 pass from J. Wayne Ballew (kick failed), 9:35. Drive: 95 yards, 9 plays, 3:41. Key plays: Wes Baker 23 run, Brent Smith 20 run on 3rd-and-5, Ballew 17 run. Brackett 28, Natalia 0.

Natalia - Andy Torres 57 run (Mario Rodriguez run), 1:40. Drive: 57 yards, 1 play, :16. Brackett 28, Natalia 8.

Third Quarter
Natalia - Ernesto Perez 4 run (run failed), 2:06. Drive: 59 yards, 11 plays, 4:27. Key plays: Herbert Jonas 18 pass from P.J. Sanchez on 3rd-and-15 to Tigers' 35, Andy Torres 23 pass from Sanchez on 4th-and-2 to Tigers' 4. Brackett 28, Natalia 14.

Fourth Quarter
Natalia - P.J. Sanchez 7 run (Sanchez run),

11:55. Drive: 13 yards, 5 plays, 1:59. Key play: Nick Gonzales recovered fumble on Tigers' 13. Brackett 28, Natalia 22.

Brackett - J. Wayne Ballew 1 run (pass failed), 7:08. Drive: 68 yards, 11 plays, 4:47. Key plays: Cory Williams 1 run on 4th-and-1, Rene Luna 39 pass from Ballew to Mustangs' 1. Brackett 34, Natalia 22.

Brackett - Brent Smith 18 run (kick failed), 3:42. Drive: 28 yards, 2 plays, :29. Key plays: Ballew 10 run to Mustangs' 18. Brackett 40, Natalia 22.

Natalia - Ernesto Perez 25 pass from P.J. Sanchez (Sanchez run), 2:58. Drive: 31 yards, 3 plays, :44. Brackett 40, Natalia 30.

TEAM STATISTICS

	NM	BT
FIRST DOWNS	12	17
Rushing	5	15
Passing	6	2
Penalty	1	0
THIRD DOWN EFF.	4-12	4-10
FOURTH DOWN EFF.	1-3	1-3
TOTAL NET YARDS	229	355
Total Plays	55	57
Avg Gain	3.8	6.2
NET YARDS RUSHING	66	292
Rushes	35	48
Avg per rush	1.6	6.1
NET YARDS PASSING	159	63
Completed-Att	12-24	4-9
Yards-Pass Play	6.6	7.0
Sacks-Yards lost	4-30	0-0
Had intercepted	1	0
PUNTS-Avg	2-35	3-22
TOTAL RETURN YARDS	113	41
Punt Returns	5	0
Kickoff returns	108	41

Interceptions.....0 0
Fumbles.....0 0
PENALTIES-Yards.....11-55 13-122
FUMBLES-Lost.....6-2 7-2
TIME OF POSSESSION.....24:51 23:09

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING
Natalia - Andy Torres 2-62, Ernesto Perez 15-11, Mario Rodriguez 3-9, Fabian Aguinaga 1-1, P.J. Sanchez 13(-1), Joseph Perez 1(-16).
Brackett - Wes Baker 19-165, Brent Smith 12-62, J. Wayne Ballew 12-55, Cory Williams 3-7, Demitrius Williams 2-3.

PASSING
Natalia - P.J. Sanchez 12-23-1159, Justin Guzman 0-1-0-0.
Brackett - J. Wayne Ballew 4-9-63.

RECEIVING
Natalia - Ernesto Perez 5-81, Nick Gonzales 3-30, Andy Torres 2-27, Herbert Jonas 1-18, David Stamenov 1-3.
Brackett - Rene Luna 2-49, Wes Baker 1-7, Jose Gonzalez 1-7.

PUNT RETURNS
Natalia - Ernesto Perez 1-5.
Brackett - None.

KICKOFF RETURNS
Natalia - Andy Torres 2-32, Joseph Perez 1-26, Ernesto Perez 1-18, P.J. Sanchez 1-15, Kenneth Dean 1-9, Fabian Aguinaga 1-8.
Brackett - Rene Luna 1-14, Luis Rivas 1-12, Tommy Sandoval 1-9, Damian Toms 1-6.

INTERCEPTIONS
Natalia - None.
Brackett - J. Wayne Ballew 1-0.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
Natalia - None.
Brackett - None.

OUTDOORS

Humming birds still need feeders in winter

AUSTIN — With fall migration well under way, hummingbird enthusiasts have been asking, "Is it true that I have to take my feeder down in order to encourage the hummingbirds to migrate?"

The answer, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Texas Hummingbird Roundup Coordinator Christina McCain, is "no."

It is a common and deeply-rooted misconception that if feeders are left out after Oct. 1, the hummers won't leave and may starve and die in the coming cold. However, there is no scientific evidence to support this belief.

Hummingbird migration is timed by a combination of many cues, such as a genetically inherited migration clock and changes in weather patterns, daylight and ambient temperature. This complex system will not be altered by the presence of your feeder.

Whether a bird stays or goes

A Little On The Wildlife Side
By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden

will not be determined by your feeder, but that precious food source might mean life or death to a straggling hummingbird who braves the winter months north of the tropics.

If you decide to feed winter hummers, McCain suggests keeping the feeder clean and replacing the nectar solution every two to three days. A source of food that is contaminated or unreliable can be worse than no feeding at all.

Overwintering hummingbirds are not uncommon in Texas. TPWD has found that as many as 10 different species of hummers overwinter in Texas, a greater diversity of species than most states report all year.

In all, 18 species of hummers in all have been recorded in Texas. Ten of these species are more common and we refer to them as the Texas 10. The other eight are rare and include the elusive Green Violet-ear and, the most recent discovery, a Berylline hummingbird, which was documented in the Davis Mountains this year.

Many of the rare hummingbird species that visit Texas do so during the fall migration season. TPWD's Texas Hummingbird Roundup is interested in learning more about overwintering hummingbirds.

If a hummer visits your yard this winter, the Roundup would

love to hear from you.

Texas Hummingbird Roundup is an ongoing survey currently in its fourth year. Thus far, the study has resulted in the compilation of one of the largest databases on backyard hummingbird observations. Since the Roundup's inception, thousands of backyard birders have participated.

If you are a hummingbird watcher and would like to join the Texas Hummingbird Roundup Survey, send \$6 to the TPWD Hummingbird Roundup, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas, 78744.

You will receive a 1998 survey packet including survey form, scarlet sage seeds, and a reference guide for Texas hummingbirds. Also, a full-color hummingbird identification wheel can be ordered for an additional \$11.95.

For more information, check the TPWD web site at: www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

Tigerettes open playoffs

The Brackett Tigerettes will open the Class 2A state high school volleyball playoffs tonight as they face Benavides in a 7:30 bi-district contest at Cotulla. The Tigerettes boast a 13-9

overall record and are the undefeated District 30-2A champs. Brackett is riding a five-game winning streak, including a 15-bi-district victory over La Pryor on Tuesday.

Briefs ...

Ladd takes top honors in 18-hole ladies group

Gwen Ladd took top honors as the 18-hole ladies group played low gross-low net since both tee boxes and greens were temporary due to overseeding.

Ladd had the winning low gross with 74. Pat McKelvy placed second with 82. Low net was won by Luella Gilliland with 54. Second place went to Barbara Miller, who finished with 58.

In the "on the side" skins game, Ladd won four points, Joyce Williamson won three points and Miller had one point. Winning the chip-in pot were McKelvy with one and Miller with two.

The 9-hole ladies group elected to play a scramble on the back nine this week. The team of Betty Mathison, Eileen Voracek and Doris Webber won first. Second place was won by Betty Schlatterer, Mary Hermanson and Joyce Ambler.

A Welcome Back Winter Texan Party is scheduled for Tuesday when tee time will be at 10 a.m. Golfers who intend to play in the 18-hole group should sign up prior to Sunday afternoon.

Playing in a Two Lady Scramble Invitational Tournament at The Flying L Golf Course in Bandera last Tuesday were the Fort Clark teams of Jane Young and Shirley Stephenson, Beth Waller and Mary Stephenson, and Lou Green and Kelly Dennis.

Ladds, Mathisons win four-person scramble

Gwen and Cricket Ladd, and Betty and Gordon Mathison finished first in a four person scramble hosted by the Fort Clark Couples Golf League.

The quarter finished the scramble with a score of 60. Second place was won by Kelly Dennis and Tom Beaty, and Ruth and Ken Spencer with a 61.

Joyce and Bob Williamson, and Doris Webber and Red Udy, tied the team of Barb and Bob Miller, and Luella and Dwite Gilliland. Both groups finished with 62s.

Pat and Clem McKelvy, and Betty Schlatterer and Dave Yates placed fourth with a 63, and Leslie and Bob Houk, and Joyce and Chippy Ambler finished fifth with 64.

Other teams competing were Mylo and Dale Unruh, and Carol Benfield and Frank Echenroth; and Teresa and Roger Stephens, and Dorothy and Muzzy Edwards.

Today's tee time will be 1 p.m., with the Golf Course Restaurant serving an evening meal after play.

Cubs close season tonight against La Pryor

The Brackett Cubs will close their season tonight as they host the La Pryor Bulldogs in a 5:00 junior high football contest. The Cubs, who are 4-2 on the season, are coming off of a 20-14 victory over Del Rio.

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Senne: Cloud seeding would benefit Kinney County

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Senne said the program would cost \$32,000 annually for Kinney County, based on the county's acreage. He said the county would have to have financial assistance from other entities in the community to make it possible.

"It's a program that needs to be looked at over a long period of time, at least a three-year planning horizon," the judge said.

"It's going to take some dollars from the city, it's going to take some dollars from the county, it's going to take some dollars from every taxing entity in Kinney County and, in all probability, people that are not necessarily taxing entities.

The ranching community needs to be considered in coming to the table with the dollars necessary to make the program happen.

"From a technical standpoint, I think the program has had the necessary research and necessary on the ground trials," Senne said. "I think the program is proven well enough that it's time for us to work pro-actively in getting a rainfall enhancement program started in Kinney County."

Val Verde County has already budgeted \$83,000 for cloud seeding, but cannot participate in the program without the assistance of other counties.

"Val Verde has committed for this program," County Judge Ray M. Kirkpatrick

"It's a program that needs to be looked at over a long period of time, at least a three-year planning horizon."

Kinney County Judge Herb Senne

said. "Unless we get counties that are next to Val Verde county so we can get the 2 million or 4 million acres that we have to have, it's not going to happen. If we don't get Kinney, Uvalde, and possibly Maverick, or maybe Edwards or Real counties, we're not going to have enough to make it work."

State Representative Tracy King of Uvalde said cloud seeding was one of the best economic rain enhancement pro-

grams. "I think that we're going to have to look at all alternatives and this is one of the least expensive ones," King said.

"It's important because you're talking about increasing the rainfall by as much as 20 to 25 percent, and that has a ripple effect, not only with agriculture, but throughout the communities in the agricultural areas.

"Also, I think it's important to have local involvement because it keeps an in-

terest and it makes everybody feel like they have a stake in what's going on," King added.

Mike Mahoney, representing the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District, also spoke of the benefits of cloud seeding at last week's meeting. "This is our first year (in weather modification)," Mahoney said. "We began May 16 and it went through Sept. 30."

"We had a good year. How much of that we can attribute to the cloud seeding, at this point I can't say. But we had a very good year.

"I think cloud seeding can help anybody and everybody," Mahoney added.

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14 "Little Things Mean —"
18 Goatish gamboler
19 Breathing noise
20 Novelist
21 "Bye!" in Bari
22 Dumas bakery classic?
26 Girl Scout unit
27 Perfect
28 Menotti title character
29 Monstrous
32 "— Gantry"
34 Broad st.
35 Debbie in "Singin' in the Rain"
37 Sniggler's quarry
38 Bunch of dates?
43 Made Cheddar better
44 Air-quality org.
46 Highway markers
47 Alias initials
48 John —
49 Debusby bakery tune?
54 Tizzy
55 — way (sort of)
56 "The Glass Menagerie" role
57 — -3 fatty acid
58 Frankie or Cleo
59 Sloth, for one
60 "Sisler —" ('92 film)
61 Apres-ski quaff
62 Time to evolve?
63 Possessed
64 Bakery philosophy?
68 "2001" computer
71 "Graf —"
73 "Walk — in My Shoes"
74 Tourist's neckwear
75 Actor's signal
76 Grate stuff
78 Address Graff
79 — garde
81 Bank feature, for short
82 Refuse to light
83 Famous bakery region?
85 Greek
consonant
86 Hightailed it
87 Transvaal residents
88 Morticia, to Pugsley
89 Bard's river
90 Veto a veto
92 "Love Story" composer
94 Uses a trowel
98 Tint
99 Singapore — (cocktail)
101 Iks
102 Where the gulls are?
105 Despise
107 Dredlocked one
109 Bakery rejoinder?
116 Rubber
117 Pruned a paragraph
118 Sedgwick or McClurg
119 Genulflect
120 Neat's eldest
121 Sketch
122 Devour
123 One of "The Avengers"
DOWN
1 Fast way to the UK
2 — -di-dah
3 Consumed
4 Big Apple,
initially
5 Cavern
6 Stang or Schwarzenegger
7 Roman statesman
8 Split and splice?
9 Dict. entry
10 Less loopy
11 — Smile Be
Your "Umbrella"
12 Daredevil
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13 Winter mo.
14 Keen insight
15 Bonet or Whachel
16 Promise
17 Hammer or wrench
20 Wear an original
23 Orenburg's river
24 He's speechless
25 Rants
29 Popular house plant
30 Bakery reville?
31 Sturm — Drang
33 Shake-spearean monarch
34 Nautical adverb
35 Salad veggie
diciembre
80 Siren
83 Peau de —
84 "— the Mood for Love"
87 Sparsely settled country
89 From — Z
91 Beat
92 Bridges or Bochner
93 Well-ventilated
95 Wore well
96 Pro foe
97 Popcorn and pretzels
99 Creature for taming?
100 Rank
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- Glider
- Kangaroo
- Marsupials
- Opossum
- Phalanger
- Quokka
- Sea horse
- Tasmanian devil
- Wallaby
- Wombat

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Magazine title is changed. 2. Lamp is missing. 3. Collar is different. 4. Hair is shorter. 5. Cable box is re-moved. 6. Skirt is shorter.

Your Horoscope by Natasha



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) If something is bothering you, this is the week to get it off your chest. Heart-to-heart talks are favored. You could receive a surprise travel invitation from a friend for the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Those seeking to make a change, whether career-wise or in domestic surroundings, find this a good week to pursue leads. Family and monetary interests are highlighted later on. The weekend brings an important realization.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You receive a valuable suggestion from an agent or adviser this week. Couples enjoy fun activities with children later in the week. Singles meet with romantic introductions over the weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You handle a home responsibility early in the week. Later, you'll be excited about a new moneymaking proposition. Talks with authority figures prove productive.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You could be helping a child out with a problem early in the week. Couples decide to share some quality time. You're both definitely on the same wave length.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're still concerned about something you haven't made a decision about. Information you receive helps you with this midweek. Home life is rewarding over the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some decide to take the kids on a special outing this week to a museum or other cultural area. It's a delightful week for travel and the enjoyment of leisure. Romance comes unexpectedly.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Money owed to you

finally is paid back. In general, you're pleased with the week's important career developments. Common-sense thinking is your valuable ally.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You don't make the progress you thought you would on a certain work project. However, there's a lovely accent on social interests. Couples enjoy exciting times together this weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You finally get to the bottom of something which has been troubling you. Getting some unfinished projects out of the way will be a chief priority so that your schedule is cleared for socializing this weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You express yourself with ease and confidence this week. One of your friends is being a real wet blanket, so just ignore this person for now. Happiness is yours through hobbies, travel and cultural pursuits this weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Shrewd thinking is your ally in business this week. Despite a minor setback, you ultimately succeed with your objectives. Try to sidestep a quarrel with a discontented relative this weekend.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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The Bible says it succinctly and forcefully, "The fool hath said in his heart, 'There is no God.'"

Daniel had been taken captive to a foreign country. Because of his sterling character he had been made ruler of the country under the King himself.

The King had a dream and wanted to know its meaning. He called all the wise men of the land but none could meet the challenge.

Finally he called on Daniel, when he told Daniel the problem, Daniel said, "The secret which the King had demanded cannot the wisest men in the Kingdom show it to the King --- But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets."

Indeed God is sovereign in the lives of men. People are not always under the control of God. When a person transgresses the Word or leadership of God, he is not under the control of God but rather Satan.

However man never is beyond the control of God. God can at his choosing move upon any person. Daniel said, "The most high ruleth in the Kingdom of men."

Lazarus died but God brought

him back to life.

Annas and Lazarus lied to God and God struck them dead.

Sennacherih surrounded Jerusalem intending to capture it but God routed the army and they fled in terror to their own country.

The radicals put Christ to death but he came forth from the grave to haunt them.

God always reveals himself and his ways to those who seek him. The supreme revelation of God was made to all mankind when Jesus came to show all men who God is and what he is like.

God always honors all who honor him. He honored Daniel because Daniel had demonstrated how he honored God.

God always sustains his people in times of trial and trouble. He makes known his presence, his protection and brings peace of heart and mind. Any sane thinking person will say, "There is a God in heaven."

There will be another message from the Bible as people worship at Frontier Baptist Church on Sunday at 11 a.m. Come and be blessed.

Due season is here!

No matter what things look like, the good seed you have planted into people's lives is being readied for harvest now!

The "bread you have cast upon the water", is returning to you in manifold abundance (10,000 times more than what you seeded).

God is opening up the "windows of heaven" to bless you. Rejoice! Rejoice! And again I say Rejoice!

I don't care what you see or what you feel. We walk by faith not by sight.

This is a season of thanksgiving. We can thank God for receiving His gifts even before we receive them, because He is worthy to be praised (ALWAYS!)

He has blessed you in the past, He will bless you today and He will bless you tomorrow.

He loved you yesterday, He loves you today, and He will love you tomorrow.

Knowing that He first loved you and is always a loving Father makes it easy to love Him.

Jesus told us how to count the ways by ...

Loving Him ...

With all your soul... (Your mind, your will, your emotions),

With all your strength, Physical strength, Spiritual strength,

And by loving your neighbor as yourself ... whoops there's the rub ... do you desire to be a blessing to your neighbor?

As God blesses you, make sure you share with others then the blessings will continue to snowball and multiply.

Each of us needs to walk daily in the God kind of "agape" love (unconditional love) with which He loves us. That includes loving yourself with that same kind of love.

Remember to "cut yourself some slack," forgive yourself of the mistakes you have repented of, God already has.

Go on with God through the power of His Holy Spirit. Give God all the glory as your "due season" is made manifest.

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Obituaries

Walter Lewis Duncan

Walter Lewis Duncan, age 84, passed away Monday, Nov. 3, 1997, at his residence in Fort Clark Springs. He was born on Sept. 17, 1913, in Nueces County.

Duncan came to Kinney County from Marshall, Ark., where he was a deacon of the First Baptist Church. He lived in Brackettville for three years.

He is survived by his wife: Jessie Mae Duncan of Brackettville; daughters: Delores Ann Jones and husband Robert of Brackettville, Frances L. Dawson and husband John of Clinton, Miss., Pat Bailey of Lead Hill, Ark.; son: Bob Duncan and wife Donna of Mesquite, Texas; brother: Howard J. Duncan of Mesquite, Texas; sister: Louie

Johnson of Blanco, Texas; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. at the Brackettville Funeral Home Chapel.

Services will be held tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Brackettville with Rev. R.D. Holloway officiating. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Burial will follow at the Kinney County Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home, dba Brackettville Funeral Home, 114 North Street.

Adelia Alicia Sanchez

Adelia Alicia Sanchez, age 51, passed away Oct. 30, 1997, in Del Rio, Texas. She was born Feb. 21, 1946, in Del Rio.

Sanchez is survived by her husband: Frank D. Sanchez of Brackettville; sons: Nat and wife Elda Terrazas, Tony and wife Betty Sanchez, all of Brackettville; daughters: Mary Alice and husband Manuel Salazar of Texarkana, Texas, Patricia and husband Victor Hernandez of Ozona, Texas, Maria Woodson of Brackettville; sisters: Agapito and wife Carrie Villanueva of Del Rio, Frances and husband Henry Gomez of Sonora, Texas,

Charolette and husband Joe Henry Castro of Del Rio, Texas, Rosemary and husband Abel Garcia of Sterling City; and 13 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Rev. Cashin officiating.

Pallbearers were Nat Terrazas, Tony Sanchez, Nat Terrazas IV, Manuel Hernandez, Richard Salazar, Dalton Woodson, and Robert Hernandez.

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And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold in it, and them that bought, saying unto them, It is written, my house is the House of Prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

And he taught daily in the temple, but the Chief priests, and the scribes, and the chief of the people, sought to destroy him,

And could not find what they might do; for all the people were very attentive to hear him.

Luke 19:45-48

Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of Prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an House of Prayer for all Peoples.

Isaiah 56:7

Praise the Lord!

Come pray with us anytime

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God Bless You,
Betty M. Ward & Family

FAREWELL MY FRIEND

Miss Else was my 6th grade teacher. A very young, but strong teacher - an excellent teacher, a great Historian, a great person and dear friend of mine.

I like to compare Else to a reference book - where you went to find out things you once or never knew. Any one living 98 years will be missed. I thank God for her friendship all these years. I will miss you.

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Your pupil Agnes Vondy

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SEALED BIDS will be received by Brackettville Independent School District, for New Bleachers for the High School Gymnasium, at the Brackettville Independent School District Administration Office until 3:00 P.M. November 6, 1997, and then publicly opened and read aloud. Proposals received after closing time, or not accompanied by all required documents, will be returned, and not considered. Specifications. Plans and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following location: Office of Mr. Stephenson, Superintendent of Schools, Brackettville Independent School District Administration Office, Brackettville, Texas Plans may be obtained upon deposit of \$50.00 from the office of John S. Graves & Associates, Inc., Architects, 202 Hornby Place, Uvalde, Texas. Brackettville Independent School District reserves the right to waive formalities, or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the most advantageous bidder. Each bidder shall deposit with his Bid a Certified Check or Bid Bond in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of his proposal. 100% Performance and Payment Bonds will be required on Contract Amounts exceeding \$25,000.00.

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Kody Bostick (from left), Blanca Ortega, Christopher and Helen Seargeant, and E.J. Pena enjoyed an afternoon of kite flying last Thursday. All of the students at Jones Elementary were taught how to make a kite by Henry and Leona Clark, members of The Alamo Kitefliers Outfitters, from New Braunfels. The students decorated their kites with anti-drug messages and flew them at Rendezvous Park on Fort Clark Springs. The activities were a part of Brackett ISD's Red Ribbon Week.