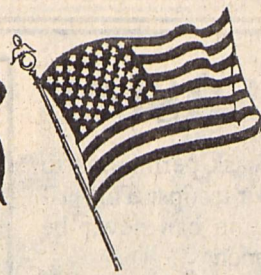


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The Mountain Laurel Garden Club, with help from Bob Walker and the Fort Clark maintenance staff, prepared and planted wildflowers in front of the museum. Pictured at the planting are Allen and Clara McCord, Hazel Ivey, and Patsy and Ken Callnan. Photo Special to The Brackett News

## Police department begins operations

Brackettville's police department became operational Tuesday for the first time in five years.

Ron Ring was sworn in as the city's chief of police and Gil Raymer as municipal judge during a special ceremony Tuesday morning at City Hall.

The two officials were appointed to their positions last month by the City Council.

For the past two years, the city has operated under an interlocal agreement with the Kinney County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services. Prior to that, there was no law enforcement in the city.

"I think it's good that we have a city policeman in Kinney County," Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said.

"Now we have a city officer that can handle the business in the city. That will enable us to work more in the county, which is a problem we've had lately, in Spofford and on other county roads," he added.

The city has purchased a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria for \$21,109.75 for the police department.

Ring will be paid \$1,500 a month during a six-month probationary period.

"What I'd like to do is bring



Gil Raymer (left) and Ron Ring were sworn in as Brackettville's municipal judge and chief of police Tuesday at City Hall.

the law to Brackettville in a sense that people adhere more to the laws in the city," Ring said. "But I'm not going to go out and pick on locals."

"I want to educate people more than anything else. I want to start with the kids and just talk to them and explain the importance of various laws," he said.

The municipal judge serves a two-year term which runs concurrently with the mayor's term. The position pays \$5.15 an hour.

"I am really looking forward

to the challenge that it is going to bring," Raymer said of his appointment.

"I agree with Ron about educating the teenagers and other individuals about the laws and what should be done. If people adhere to the laws, it makes our jobs a lot easier."

The police department and the municipal judge's office will both be housed in the City Annex, located on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. The telephone number for both offices is 563-9188.

## Four hospitalized following major accident

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

Four people were hospitalized following a three-vehicle accident Tuesday evening on the railroad overpass on Highway 90, approximately 16 miles east of Brackettville.

Richard Poeggel, a U.S. Border Patrol agent from the Del Rio station, and his family were injured in the accident, which occurred at 6:20 p.m.

Poeggel was driving a black 1996 Saturn, which was carrying his wife, Cynthia, and their two children.

The agent and his wife were taken to Uvalde Memorial Hospital and the two children were air-

lifted to Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio.

All four of the injured victims were in good condition, according to reports received Wednesday evening.

A 1996 International truck-tractor, driven by Jimmy Lee Elliff Jr. of Doniphan, Mo., was traveling east when it crossed over into the west-bound lane, striking two vehicles.

The 18-wheeler first struck a red 1992 Mazda Protege, driven by Blonethea Olivette Van of Del Rio, and then struck Poeggel's vehicle.

Elliff and Van were not injured in the accident.

The case is still under investigation by Department of Public Safety Trooper Richard Slubar.

## New school begins to take shape

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

Brackett ISD's new high school building is beginning to take shape.

Construction crews finished the cement foundation last month and were erecting a prefabricated steel framing this week.

"It's a new type of construction," Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said of the steel framing. "We have some of it going on in Brackettville at private residences."

"The builders were able to order a steel box, which is a basic outline of the building. It was constructed and shipped in. They should be completed with those by Thursday. That will give them the basic structure of the building."

After completion of the framing, the crews will put a steel roof on the building.

"It will be a good, strong, sturdy roof," Stephenson said. "With the steel roof, you don't have some of the same problems you have with the tar and gravel roofs."

"From that point on, they will start in to the basic framing of the building. Part of it will be framed. We will have some cinder block on the outside with some metal walls."

School district officials are hoping to have the building project completed by mid-June, which is later than previously anticipated.

"Originally, we were scheduled to complete the project by May 8," Stephenson said. "We lost some time because of the

flood.

"The prime caliche source they had hoped to use was under water. It seemed to keep raining after that so they had to find another source of caliche."

"We then had problems with laying the concrete slab. We scheduled it two or three times."

"We were using every cement truck in Del Rio and Uvalde. Then we had to have 20-plus workers on the project. So we had to schedule the workers out of San Antonio with all of the cement trucks."

"When it rained, the rescheduling was difficult because each group had its own agenda. But we finally got it done," he added.

Stephenson said it took an estimated 350 to 400 yards of cement to complete the foundation of the building.



Construction crews were busy erecting a prefabricated steel framing for Brackett ISD's new high school building this week. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Simmons' residence featured in Art Council's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes on Dec. 13

This year's Kinney County Arts Council's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes will feature four homes displaying their Christmas decor, including the home of Neal and Barbara Simmons, and their son, Barkley.

The Kinney County homes will be open on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Tour homes are identified on Colony Row, Crockett Road and Bowie Street by eye-catching Christmas trees made of wood, which were designed and painted by Wylie Simmons of Fort Clark.

Back in the days when Fort Clark had a "motor pool," and the soldiers lived in barracks (Art Club building), and bathed in a

separate bath house, who would have dreamed of the buildings future uses?

One shock would be the bath house turned into an attractive, comfortable home with an upstairs that would be the answer to most teenagers' dreams.

The Simmons' residence is a combination of wood and rock. The downstairs floors are Satillo tiles in natural terra cotta, and the decorative theme continues with restful earth colors.

Entering from the porch on the southside, one is captivated by the panoramic scope of the living and dining area.

Viewing northward, the kitchen enhances the continuous feeling of space.

To the east, a huge screen porch is seen through glass doors. To the west is the bedroom grande and bath, fitting for the masters of the house.

The outside stairway leads to a large bedroom and bath.

The upstairs porch wraps

*The Simmons' residence is a combination of wood and rock. The downstairs floors are Satillo tiles in natural terra cotta, and the decorative theme continues with restful earth colors.*

around the west and south side, with a swing.

The garden shed is part of the original rock walls. The rustic wood summer house, south of the dwelling is in the process of being converted into guest quarters.

Christmas decorations will reflect a ranch western theme throughout the home.

Tickets for the tour are \$5 and may be purchased from members of the Kinney County Arts Council or obtained at the homes included on the tour.

## Project Show set for Jan. 22

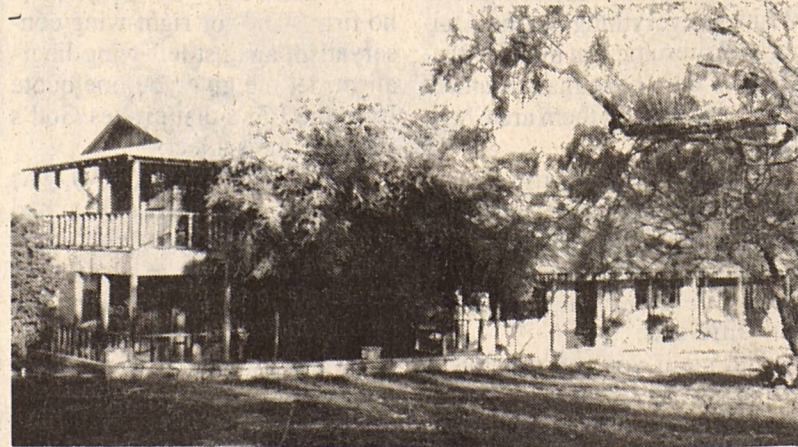
The Kinney County Project Show has been set for Friday, Jan. 22, at the Civic Center, officials announced this week.

The Project Show will include two divisions, one for youth 19 and under who live in Kinney County and/or attend Brackett ISD, and one for adults over 19 who live within the county.

"If you live in Kinney County, there will be a division for you," Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

Classes for the Project Show include food; needlework; clothing; clay, glass and wood sculpture; paintings; drawings; flower arrangements; photography; leathercraft; metal work; education exhibits; and a miscellaneous division.

"Entry forms will be available soon," Stephenson said. "We are hoping to have a great Project Show this year."



The Simmons house is one of four homes to be featured in the Kinney County Arts Council's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes on Dec. 13. Photo Special to The Brackett News

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# An economic disaster

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

The price of fuel jumps by over 50 percent. Electricity prices soar. Inflation skyrockets and the American economy collapses under the strain. Does this sound like the energy crisis of the 70's? Well, it could be the economic crisis of the late 90's.

Earlier this month the Clinton Administration signed the Kyoto Global Climate Change Treaty in Argentina. The purpose of the treaty is to reduce the emission of "greenhouse gases" around the world. The idea being that greenhouse gas emission is responsible for global warming.

This is a treaty that has the potential to jeopardize our position as the world's leading economy.

The U.S. Department of Energy reports that under the treaty, energy prices will explode. Gasoline prices will increase by as much as 66 cents a gallon. The cost of heating and cooling our homes would increase by as much as 80 percent. The thriving economy we are enjoying now would be a thing of the past.

In addition, this treaty is a serious threat to our military readiness. The United States would be restricted in the amount of fossil fuels our military vessels could burn. Once the military had reached the given limit, our ships would sit idle and our airplanes would be grounded.

The United States would have to ask the United Nations for an exemption to allow our military to operate above emissions levels listed in the treaty. We, in essence,

would have to ask permission to deploy our own troops. This ridiculous situation can never be allowed to happen.

Texans would be hit particularly hard under this treaty. Agriculture producers rely on heavy machinery. Higher fuel and energy prices mean it would cost a lot more to operate those machines and harvest fields. That price increase would no doubt be passed along to the consumer at the grocery store.

The United States Senate unanimously said this treaty is not in the best interests of Americans.

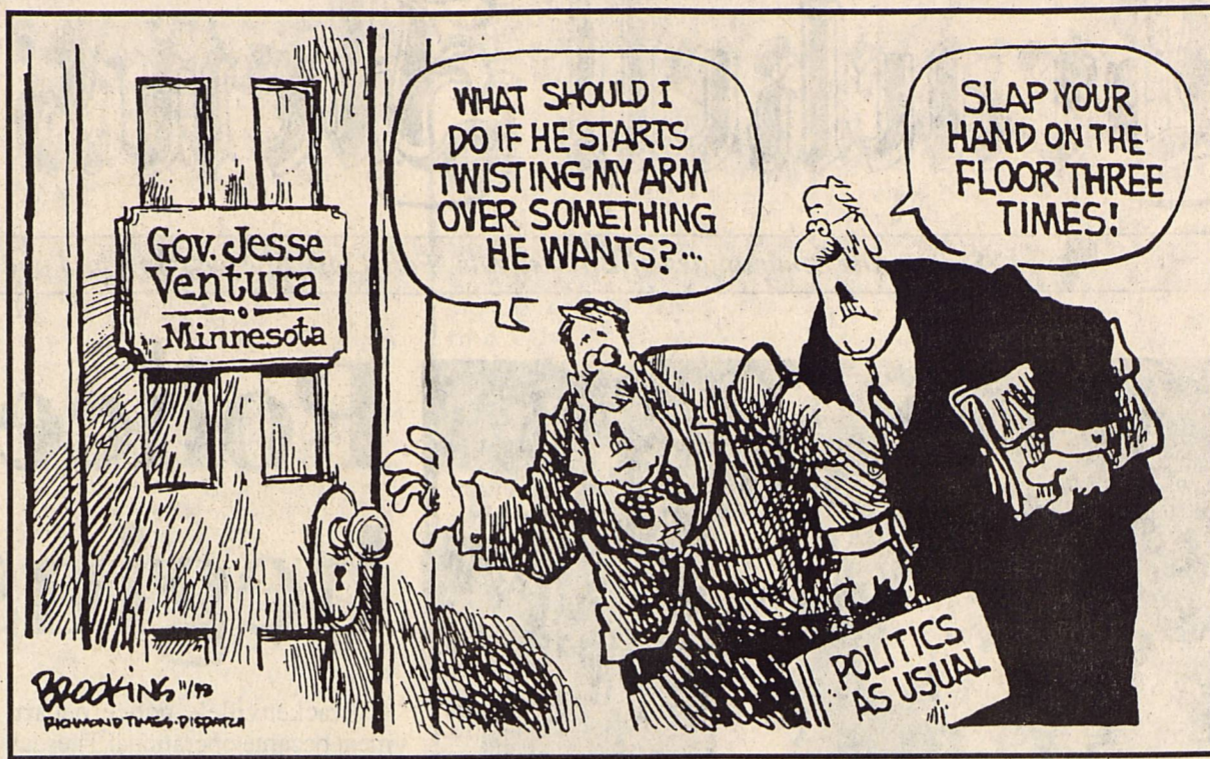
Clinton's own Energy Department has warned that this treaty would cripple the U.S. economy. But this administration signed the treaty anyway.

The treaty was signed despite the fact that some of the world's biggest polluters of greenhouse gases would be exempt. The United States would be penalized and restricted, while countries like China and India would be free to burn as much fossil fuel as they want.

This treaty should not be forced on the American people. Americans deserve better than to be gagged and bound by an unfair treaty that would be devastating to the U.S. economy.

It is simply anti-American to participate in a treaty that so blatantly gives foreign competitors an unfair advantage while Americans pay the bill.

The treaty will now go to the U.S. Senate to be ratified. Fortunately the Senate has made it clear it will not ratify a treaty that harms the U.S. economy.



**But I could be wrong**  
By Chuck Hall

## Reach out and touch someone

I was at a meeting in San Antonio to watch a presentation about drinking and driving. It was great.

But this isn't about that. It's about the people in our lives. One of the women introducing the performance talked about how people touch our lives.

People come into our lives for a reason, a season or a lifetime. We were all there for a reason. Almost all of us will never have any contact with the rest of that group again.

The students who enter my life are only here for a season. During their short stay in our classroom, we meet together regularly. All too soon, they are gone from my life.

Some former students have remained close for years. But not many. And most of those, just for a few more seasons.

There are actually only a small number of people who have touched me for a lifetime.

What about you? Are you in my life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime? You know what? You could be wrong!

**Tax Tips**  
By Roland Boysen

Since a large segment of the readers are in the farming and ranching industry, I'm going to talk about the new "income averaging for farmers."

With farming and ranching income constantly faced with big ups and downs, this law should help many taxpayers in this category.

Income available for averaging includes not only the normal farming and ranching income, but also gains from the sales of farm equipment, farm buildings and improvements. But not the gain on sale of land.

Present law is in effect for only 1998, 1999 and 2000. There is a new schedule J to do this with.

I've been asked many times about converting regular IRAs into Roth IRAs.

The only sure ones are if you are in a low tax bracket now and will be for three more years, are willing and can afford to pay the tax now without withdrawing funds from your new Roth account and will be in a higher tax bracket when normal withdrawals would be made.

For any other circumstances, I would study the situation very carefully.

**Unsung Hero**  
By Joe Townsend

Not long ago, a fine lady came to Brackettville to be an associate of and helper to her sister.

She soon became a significant part of the machinery of the Brackett News. She serves as a vital link in the production of the newspaper. She is capable and efficient in her responsibilities.

She is a warm hearted and friendly person who smiles easily and often. She is well liked by all who know her.

Surely, Dimple Henry is an Unsung Hero.

# Community events highlight celebration of Thanksgiving

It was my distinct privilege to have a part in two distinctive and important occasions this past week.

The first was the annual community Thanksgiving service at First United Methodist Church. The church was packed with people from all the churches and some from no local church.

The Voices of Fort Clark were outstanding. The members are accomplished singers and make up an extraordinary singing group. Their special music rendered fine tribute to the service and the season.

The message of the evening was brought by Brother R. D. Holloway, pastor of First Baptist Church, who challenged the hearts of those present.

Participation of most of the pastors of the community enriched the service.

**Between Us**  
By Joe Townsend

A generous offering was given to provide for help to transients who need assistance as they come through town.

The refreshments following the service and provided by the host church gave opportunity for rich fellowship. All in all, it was a very enriching experience.

The second event was the annual Thanksgiving dinner given by Val Verde Home Nurses, Inc. This event has come to be quite an outstanding event.

Robert and Yolanda Garza are the producers of the event. Joe Castro was the coordinator. It was commodious to the utmost.



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# Conservative versus liberal

By Steven R. LaMascus  
Contributing Writer

It seems that practically everything I read these days that is politically oriented serves to point out that there is a great rift in the country. Today the rift is not poor versus rich, or black versus white, but conservative versus liberal.

We are at a point where it seems to me there is an insurmountable, unabridged chasm caused by diametrically opposed viewpoints on all the various political and civil issues.

We disagree on law enforcement and punishment, how to discipline our kids, the legalization of drugs, prayer in public schools, gun control, abortion, euthanasia, foreign policy, welfare, labor management, income tax, air pollution, global warming, and a myriad of other issues.

The liberals scream that the other side are too radical and narrow-minded. They say conservatives are trying to take away all the welfare and social security programs. Conservatives, they yell, are trying to starve your children and force the old and infirm into early graves.

They say we should be more tolerant of other's ideas and faults. They are of the opinion that there is room in the world for everyone, no matter what their ideas,

or political or moral views. That is what they say, but is it what they really believe?

Last week, I heard on television that the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) filed a law suit to do away with National Bible Week. The grounds, as I understand it, were something to do with separation of church and state.

I have no idea how they felt that was valid. In fact, I'm sure they do not believe it themselves. I know that this was simply another attack on the moral, Christian part of the population.

The ACLU is anything but what its name stands for. It is in fact an organization whose goal is the undermining of the moral fabric of our country. The only liberties they are interested in are those espoused by the liberal left.

They are for gun control. This is directly opposed to the second amendment of the Constitution, but they don't care. That is not relevant because it is not a liberal civil liberty.

In this day and time you can differentiate liberal organizations from conservative by one simple test - do they practice what they preach.

Let's take the National Organization of Women (NOW), for instance. They are supposed to be protecting the rights of women everywhere.

And when Clarence Thomas was proposed as a supreme court judge and then accused of inappropriate behavior, they were very vocal in their denouncement of him as everything but the Antichrist (I presume that the only reason they didn't use that argument is because none of them are Christians).

None of those charges were ever proven. However, when Bill Clinton was accused and later admitted his extra-marital affairs they were conspicuously silent. The difference?

Tell me if you can that this is not a travesty of justice. Just as the ACLU is not directed at protecting your rights, NOW is not interested in protecting the rights of women. Both are simply camouflaged liberal political organi-

zations aimed at undermining the strength and morals of the United States.

Conservative, on the other hand, usually means someone who is interested in the welfare of the whole, the country - not several million individuals, but the unit. Conservatives want law and order, less government interference, lower taxes, more individual rights, stronger moral values.

He is usually interested in truth and justice even if it means that some one individual must momentarily give up a portion of his civil rights. He will guard the rights of the individual, but not to the exclusion of reality.

Conservatism is based primarily on the principals outlined in the Bible. We are tolerant of other's flaws because we know we too are flawed. But our tolerance is limited to reality. We do not and should not tolerate practices that weaken our moral fabric.

We have a guide book that tells us exactly what type of behavior we should tolerate and exactly what type we should excise.

Now let me ask you, if conservatism is based on the principals of Christianity and liberalism is based on some other principals, which is better?

I suppose if you are an atheist you might argue that the latter is better, but history would prove you wrong.

As I have said before, that premise has been disproved many times throughout the past millennia. But for those of you who are not atheist, but who have made no firm stand for right-wing conservatism against left-wing liberalism, let me give you one quote from the Bible that proves God's stand on the subject:

Ecclesiastes 10:1-3 (NIV), "As dead flies give perfume a bad smell, so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor. The heart of the wise inclines to the right, but the heart of the fool to the left. Even as he walks along the road, the fool lacks sense and shows everyone how stupid he is."

So you right-wing conservative, moral, Christians, don't give up the fight! Obviously God's heart inclines to the right!

## Warm Springs Rehabilitation Brackettville Outpatient Clinic

Physical therapy services are now available for Kinney County area residents.

Warm Springs Rehabilitation, in keeping with our 61 year history, is focused on providing Brackettville and Ft. Clark with quality Rehab Care.

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**Big Mama Sez!**

May we always have old memories and young hopes.



## Rio Grande Electric Cooperative hosts eighth annual employee service awards luncheons

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative held its eighth annual employee service awards luncheons last month at the Swiss Clock Inn in Fort Stockton and at its warehouse in Brackettville.

President and CEO Daniel G. Laws presented 15 year service awards to Delia Sanchez, area office clerk of Dell City, and Darrell

Skeen, area operations manager of Fort Stockton.

Elena Luna, area office clerk of Brackettville, and Trinidad Manzano, a second class lineman of Fort Stockton, both received a 10 year service award.

Receiving a five year service award was Federico Cervantez, a second class lineman of Carrizo

Springs.

After presenting awards to the honorees, Laws spoke about changes effecting both employees and the electrical world.

Special guests at the luncheons included Joe Castro, Richard Olvera, Pat McKelvy, Pancho Moreno, Danny Williams, Bill Riley and Paul O'Rourke.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, Nov. 22

2:00 p.m., A member of the Fort Clark Gun Club informed officials that a target that was previously reported missing was actually taken to a repair shop by another member.

Monday, Nov. 23

11:22 p.m., A Brackettville woman requested that a deputy remove a man from her residence on E. First Street. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene. He could not locate the individual.

Tuesday, Nov. 24

10:52 p.m., A woman at Ora's Drive Inn reported that there were men arguing outside. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He met with two men who said the problem had been taken care of. Chism told both men to go home.

Thursday, Nov. 26

7:30 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that her mother-in-law was left home alone without any electricity, water or food. Officials advised the woman to take her home and leave a note at the woman's residence concerning her whereabouts.

7:58 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported three trucks racing on N. Ann Street. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He could not locate the vehicles.

11:38 p.m., A Brackettville man called 911 to report a fight at a residence on E. Edwards Street. Deputy Guidry and DPS Troopers Tony Ashley and Tom Wylie were dispatched to the scene. Ashley made an arrest and transported the prisoner to the jail.

11:50 p.m., Jose Martinez Benites, 34, of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Ashley and charged with public intoxication. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Benites was released the following day on his own recognizance.

Friday, Nov. 27

12:08 a.m., U.S. Border Patrol officials reported that they hit a large buck at the Burger And Shake.

12:30 a.m., An anonymous motorist reported a dead deer on Highway 90 East on top of the hill in Brackettville. Deputy Guidry

was dispatched to the scene and removed the deer from the roadway.

3:30 a.m., Deputy Guidry reported an abandoned vehicle one mile west of Brackettville on Highway 90. At 3:45 a.m., a motorist reported the same abandoned vehicle.

11:59 a.m., A Smith Security guard at Fort Clark Springs reported that a deer was hit by a vehicle in front of the Jug Store. She said the animal was still alive. Reserve Deputy Sheriff Manny Pena was dispatched to the scene. He removed the deer from the roadway.

12:00 p.m., An anonymous motorist reported that a black Ford pickup with red racing stripes on the tailgate had passed him and had thrown ice at him west of Brackettville on Highway 90. He said there were two subjects in the truck who may have been intoxicated. The vehicle was last seen at the Jug Store on Highway 90 in Brackettville. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene and met with the two men. One of the subjects said that he had emptied a cup of ice out of the window, but did not throw the ice at the man in the other vehicle. Guidry said both men were sober and had not been drinking. Both men were released.

12:05 p.m., A motorist flagged down Deputy Guidry across from the Jug Store on Highway 90. The man showed the officer a wounded deer and wanted to know if he could keep it. Reserve Deputy Pena and Game Warden Henry Lutz were dispatched to the scene. Pena shot the deer because of two broken legs. Lutz turned the deer over to the motorist.

Saturday, Nov. 28

12:00 a.m., Deputy Chism reported that the maintenance door at City Hall was unsecured. City officials were notified and the problem was taken care of.

10:05 a.m., A DEA officer reported an accidental shooting at a ranch on Highway 1908. The victim, who is from Houston, was shot in the leg. He was transported to an Eagle Pass hospital. The game warden in Eagle Pass was notified and checked on the man. He was released from the hospi-

tal at 11:41 a.m.

10:36 a.m., An anonymous caller reported that a blue van with a trailer was dropping trash on the side of the road. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He said the driver of the vehicle went back and picked up all of the trash that fell out.

1:30 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman reported that someone was harassing her at work. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the woman's residence in Unit 3. The woman said a co-worker made sexual advances and suggestions to her, and she wanted something done to stop it. Guidry later met with the woman at the Justice of the Peace's Office and Judge John Ford said he would take care of the matter.

5:00 p.m., Game Warden Henry Lutz said he received a report that someone was shooting a gun on Gaebler Lane, but asked for assistance because he was too far north of town. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene where he found a man with his two grandchildren. The man said he shot his gun two times into the ground to get another man's attention because he was having trouble with his vehicle. Guidry assisted the man in getting his vehicle started.

5:20 p.m., An employee at Mario's Bar said that he asked a man to leave because he had already had enough to drink and he would not serve him anymore. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He spoke with the man, who left the premises.

5:40 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported a shooting east of Burger and Shake. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He said the matter had been taken care of.

Sunday, Nov. 29

8:08 a.m., U.S. Border Patrol officials reported a traffic accident a quarter-mile west of Amanda's crossing on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. No injuries were reported. Deputy Guidry and Trooper Wylie were dispatched to the scene.

11:57 a.m., Reserve Deputy Pena reported a hunter threw out two trash bags along the side of the road on F.M. 1572.



## Food show winners advance to district

Participating in the Kinney County 4-H Food Show last month were, back row, from left: Courtney Frerich, Juliann Ashabranner, Emily Valenzuela and Cassandra Gomez, Front row: Whitney Hobbs, Stefani Schuster, Bailee Allen and Dana Bonner. Not pictured: Yasmin Pena and Victoria Resendez. Allen, Ashabranner, Bonner, Frerich, Hobbs, Pena and Valenzuela were overall winners at the local show and advance to Saturday's district competition.



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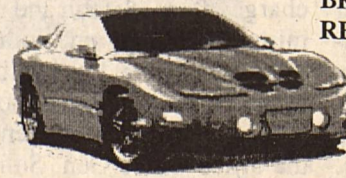


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# Young discusses 'Lower Road'

Noted historian and western reenactor Kevin Young discussed the "Lower Road" Saturday during the Fort Clark Historical Society meeting.

Young, from the Landmark Inn State Historical Park in Castroville, said the Lower Road was a military road linking San Antonio and El Paso, and roughly paralleling Highway 90 locally.

With the discovery of gold in California in 1848, the need for such a road intensified, Young said.

In 1849, Lt. H.C. Whiting was sent out from the military headquarters in San Antonio to lay out the road.

Whiting stopped at Las Moras Springs during his journey and concluded that this would be a good area for a fort.

Three years later, Fort Clark was established at the site recommended by Whiting as one of a series of forts being established from Brownsville to Fort Worth.

The mission of the troops at Fort Clark was to guard this stretch of the Lower Road and to protect settlers in this area from hostile Indians.

Young told the group of the plans being developed to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the road.

There will be three joint

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**Frank Cheaney**

projects for the various communities along the road.

The first will be to prepare a visitor's guide, including the history of the road, attractions along the trace of the road, and a calendar of events scheduled during the year.

The second project will be an antique car rally, the details of which are still being worked out.

The third project will be a horseback mail run on May 1, carrying greetings from the governor to the various communities along the run.

Communities will be encouraged to have their own celebrations when the dispatch is received.

Post offices along the route will have special cancellation stamps commemorating the event, and it is planned that each locality will sell special commemorative envelopes (called "covers" by stamp collectors).

One part of the ride will start in Brackettville and go to Castroville, terminating at the Landmark Inn. Another portion of the ride will start in San An-

tonio and terminate at the Landmark Inn.

Each rider will ride about one mile before being relieved by another rider.

"This year-long event should prove to be a unifying process for the various communities in this part of the state," said Frank Cheaney, president of the Fort Clark Historical Society.

Young also said that it is a goal of his to have the Texas Highway Department designate Highway 90 as a historic route with appropriate signage.

The Historical Society will not have its regular monthly meeting in December. Instead, the group will host its annual Christmas party and volunteer recognition day at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11, in the Palisado Building.

The next regular meeting of the Historical Society is Jan. 23, when Alamo Village's Richard Curilla will be speaking about western movies made at and around Fort Clark. Members and guests will be welcome.

# December is a great month

The calendar reads "December." What a great month! It's a time when children dream as they look into the warm glow of Christmas lights or Santa's eyes.

December is a time when churches and Sunday schools fill up with more folks who seek answers and direction for their lives. The church singing gets better because the hymns are more familiar.

Christmas is synonymous with happiness. I hope that the muscles in your faces (and mind) soften as you smile and enjoy this best month of the year.

At school, we're working on Christmas music for the annual Christmas programs.

The sixth grade band invited me in to hear their latest masterpiece. They play with real heart and enthusiasm runs rampant!

School hallways will soon change from Pilgrims and turkeys to Christmas trees and Santa Claus.

Our students want to help with the County Courthouse Christmas tree decorations.

That's a good project that helps build community pride

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By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent

along with teaching students that communities get better when they help make them better!

**County Project Show**  
I am encouraged to see that the Project Show that goes along with the Kinney County Livestock Show will be held again in January of 1999.

This is a project that small towns need to continue as long as one cow, sheep, chicken or rabbit is raised on our county's farms and ranches. I hope that you will begin to think about a project that can be exhibited on Jan. 22.

**Brackett Athletics**  
Basketball is in full swing! Our boys and girls will win. We'll need some time to move from volleyball, cross country and football to the gymnasiums.

Check out a schedule and come watch our fine young folks play ball.

Congratulations on the all district teams that were announced this week. We're proud of you!

**Shaky Thanksgiving**  
Our California trip was spiced up with two earthquakes. That's right, two!

The first was on Thanksgiving morning (another Thanksgiving memory) that measured 5.2 on the Richter Scale. The second was only 4.2 on the next evening, but it also got our attention.

Our daughter, Traci, thought it was "cool" that her parents' trip to California was filled with such excitement. We weren't as enthusiastic about the show!

**Reflect on Life**  
In this Advent season as we anticipate Christmas, take time to reflect on what is important in life. Friends and families are sure to be at the top of your list.

After the reflection, take stock of what exists now and compare it to what you want it to be. Set some goals for the new year based on what you can do to get your dreams. Have a great week!

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## Thank You

Robert Garza and the Staff of Val Verde Home Nurses, Inc., would like to announce the huge success of the Fourth Annual Kinney County Thanksgiving Dinner held at the Brackettville Civic Center on November 24, 1998. There has been a continuous increase of attendance each year. This year, approximately 475 dinners were either served to those attending or delivered to the homebound during the event. This enabled many Senior Citizens and Physically challenged residents to enjoy a full Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings.

Val Verde Home Nurses, Inc., would like to thank the following merchants for their generous door prizes, gift certificates, or monetary donations: Burger N Shake, The Gift Box, Jean's, Casual's Plus, Mi Lady's Hair Salon, Pico's, Rich's Restaurant and Club, Rory's Video Revue, Full Circle Cafe, Stop N Shop, Sunshine Garden Center, Cripple Creek Restaurant, Penny's Pizza, Las Moras Hispanic Organization, Super S Foods, Outback Grill, and The Bank and Trust.

The Kinney County Aging Center and their staff deserve special recognition for their hard work in planning and cooking the meal. Staff members include Julie Molano - Site Director, Dottie Cruz - Secretary, Mark Garcia - Driver/Maintenance, Felipa Avila - Kitchen Help, Lydia Resendez - Kitchen Help, and Candy Gonzalez - Head Cook. Every year, the Kinney County Aging Center goes out of their way to make the event a joy for everyone.

In addition, Val Verde Home Nurses, Inc., would like to acknowledge the following individuals and organizations for helping with table decorations and setting up for the event: Albert Payne, three Fourth Grade Classes from Mittie E. Jones Elementary, Brownie Troop #150, Brownie Troop #166 and Junior Brownie Troop #165.

On a final note, Val Verde Home Nurses Staff would like to recognize Joe R. Townsend, Pastor of Frontier Baptist Church, the City of Brackettville, Kinney County Commissioners Court, and the following City and County Dignitaries who took time from their busy schedules to contribute: Carmen Berlanga - Mayor, David Luna - City Manager, Faustino "Lingo" Sandoval - City Fire Marshal, Dora Elia Sandoval - County and District Clerk, Martha P. Hooten - County Tax Assessor/Collector and Janis Floyd - County Treasurer.

Robert Garza, and staff of Val Verde Home Nurses, Inc., would like to thank everyone who celebrated with us, and extend an invitation for those and others to attend next year's dinner. We look forward to serving you again in November 1999.

## McCord assigned to Lincoln as 'shooter'

Lt. Robert McCord of the U.S. Navy will report to the USS Abraham Lincoln, based in Everett, Wash., for a tour of duty as the aircraft carrier's "shooter."

Referred to as the "shooter," this officer launches the carrier aircraft off the front of the boat's flight deck using the ship's high powered steam catapult.

McCord graduated from

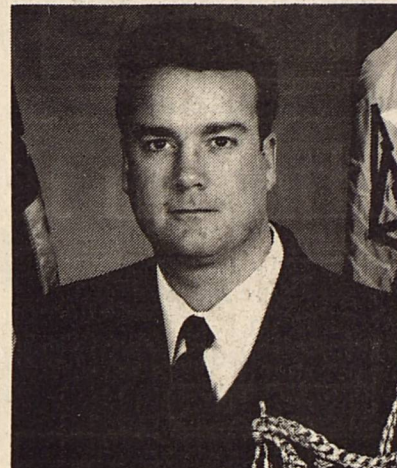
W.B. Ray High School in 1983 and the University of Texas at Austin in 1987. He earned a master's in management from George Washington University while assigned to the Naval Air Systems Command in Washington, D.C.

During the tour, he was responsible for the Navy's \$30 million acquisition program for mission avionics, sensors and

computer resource upgrades

Lt. McCord is the recipient of two personal Navy Achievement Medals, a personal Navy Commendation Medal and has been decorated for operations in the Persian Gulf, Somalia and other special missions.

McCord is the son of Allen and Clara McCord of Fort Clark Springs and the brother of Kathy Bader of Brackettville.



## FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his descendants

Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 12th from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882, the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years.

**Friday, Dec. 3, 1886**

The drill this morning would have been pleasanter had Col. Jordan been mounted so that his orders could have been heard. "E" Co. was on the left flank where but few of the orders were audible. Mail brought papers and a letter from home enclosing two excellent photographs of Louise. Took one up to Sophy for whom it was intended as she had asked for it. Played tennis a while this morning with Miss Jordan against Guard & Hammond. After lunch went over to the Library to look over the papers. Later on played a set of tennis with Guard. Had usual dress parade this evening. Dr. Harris came in after dinner a while and then the Chaplain called and delayed me about going to the Cercle Francais. Escorted Mrs. Williams to the meeting at Capt. Vance's. It was quite a success, more trying to speak French than last year. If we can only keep it up at the same pitch.

**Saturday, Dec. 4, 1886**

A stiff norther commenced last night and kept up all day. Received one of Helen Giddings' splendid letters this morning and was glad to hear from her again. Her father's death is quite a loss to her. Met on a garrison court at the guard house and then went up to Mrs. Cunningham's where quartette practiced a piece for next Tuesday evening. Also tried a duet with Miss Jordan and talked over a scheme to sing the opera of Mikado here sometime this Winter. Spent part of the afternoon reading the papers at the Library and in practicing music on the organ in the Chapel. Walcutt came in for a while after dinner. Then es-

corted Miss Coleman to the Chapel after we had walked around the garrison hunting for Mrs. Leefe but not finding her. The rest of the choir practiced for tomorrow, and then all adjourned to Mrs. Cunningham's and spent rest of evening practicing music. After taking Miss Coleman home spent about an hour at Hewitt's. He does not want the \$500 I owe him until July next.

**Sunday, Dec. 5, 1886**

Had to take reveille, Guard being officer of the guard. The norther moderated today. Had usual inspection this morning. Mail had nothing for me. Commenced letter home this morning but had to stop to go to choir practice. After lunch practiced again at the chapel and then completed letter home sending Father a check for the hired girl and to apply on my insurance. Commenced letter to Lula but had to stop on account of retreat. After dinner walked up and down the line a while with Miss Jordan. Attended chapel later on after spending a few moments at Capt. Vance's and sang in the choir as usual. After service escorted Miss Coleman to Mrs. Cunningham's to practice music a while. Spent the rest of the evening singing hymns there.

**Monday, Dec. 6, 1886**

No drill this morning on account of the cold weather. After breakfast Guard and several others came into my room to smoke and chat. Mail had nothing for me. Met on a garrison court and then played tennis with Guard, Maj. Morris and Hammond until lunch. After this meal went up to Capt. Vance's and made arrangements about studying French this Winter with him and Hewitt. A man from the company named Guyot is to be the instructor. Then went into Mrs. Cunningham's and practiced a duet with Miss Jordan for tomorrow night. Hammond took me out for a pleasant ride afterwards and then I completed letter

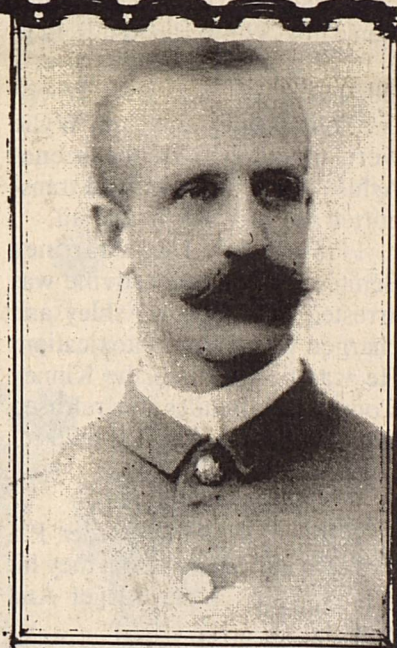
to Lula. No dress parade this evening on account of the cold weather. After dinner called at Hewitt's for a long time and sat in Capt. Vance's until tattoo. Read "Abdallah" until bed time.

**Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1886**

Nothing happened to disturb the drill this morning, and it lasted longer than usual. Somebody ought to make Col. Jordan stop at the time set by Gen. Smith's order. Mail brought a letter from home. Played tennis all morning and felt somewhat tired at noon, although the exercise is very beneficial. After lunch read the papers over in the Library. Went up to Mrs. Cunningham's at four o'clock and practiced music for tonight. After dinner Hammond came in and we played three games of piquet and then we went down to the store for a glass of beer. Escorted Miss Jordan to Mrs. Cunningham's where another pleasant reception was held. Sang in a duet with Miss Jordan but we did not do especially well. Also sang in a quartette which was repeated by request. Did not attend tattoo. Played whist, had music and danced a little this evening. Enjoyed chatting with Miss Coleman.

**Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1886**

Drill this morning included some movements by platoon. Had charge of one platoon and made a mistake in giving one command. Ought to have known better. Marched on guard this morning. After guard mounting went up to the office where Gen. Smith had all the officers meet to decide about a Christmas tree and hops for the Winter. Mail brought a letter from Sue about Christmas presents, one from Capt. Miles of the 21st Inf'y. enclosing a check for \$1.50 left of a contribution made while I was at Brown to secure a better retirement law, and some advertising circulars. Wrote usual letter home today and also wrote to Harry Rhoades to order



Christmas gifts. Read "Abdallah" after finishing the letters and completed it in the evening. Do not think much of it. Commenced the "Prophet of the Great Smoky Mountains" tonight and think it will be quite interesting.

**Thursday, Dec. 9, 1886**

The Officer of the Day did not inspect until after four o'clock this morning. A slight drizzle was falling when the old guard was relieved. Mail brought a letter from Foltz returning the money sent him to contribute for a class picture to be hung in the mess hall at West Point. Read the papers in the Library and later on went down to the store with Hammond to see how account stands and to get check cashed and some wine. After lunch Hammond and I beat Guard and Harris two sets to one at tennis. Then took a bath and wrote to Cincinnati to renew Father's subscription to the Gazette for a Christmas present and to San Antonio to order some tennis balls. Capt. Vance took the calls as he was Officer of the Day. Went to his house a short time after dinner and then sat a while in Walcutt. Hammond came in with me and we had a few games of piquet and then all the officers who dance the round dances met at Capt. Vance's and formed a german club and made arrangements to have a german on Saturday evening. Read "The Prophet &c" after returning. Capt. Hall told me today that Ives was detailed to make some drawings in San Antonio and will not be up here for some time.



# Hoop teams shoot for titles

## Nueces Canyon tournament begins today



Stephanie Terrazas (22) and the Brackett Tigerettes will face D'Hanis tomorrow morning in the first round of the Nueces Canyon basketball tournament. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

The Tigers and Tigerettes have their eyes on winning the championships at the Nueces Canyon basketball tournament this weekend, but they realize how competitive the field is going to be.

The eight-team tournament got underway today, but both Brackett teams don't begin action until tomorrow.

"It's going to be a real competitive tournament - it always is," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "But we think we can win it."

The Tigerettes (4-2) open tomorrow's action with a 9 a.m. game against the D'Hanis Cowgirls (1-1).

"I don't know a whole lot about D'Hanis," Nowlin said. "They have a couple of good players back from last year. They should have a good team."

Brackett will face either LaPryor (3-2) or Utopia (3-2) in the second round tomorrow. If the Tigerettes win, they play at 3 p.m. If they lose, they play at 6.

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Gregg Nowlin

that one," Nowlin said. "We've already played them twice and split with them."

Nowlin said the Tigerettes have a good chance of winning the tournament if they play with patience and limit their turnovers.

"We have to take care of the ball better," he said. "We get in a hurry too much. We rush and throw the ball away before we can get into our offense. We're trying to make things happen too quick."

The Tigers (0-2) also face D'Hanis in the first round. Their game is set for 10:30 a.m.

"I've heard that D'Hanis has two excellent players so we'll have our hands full," Tigers first-year coach Jimmy Thomas said.

### Nueces Canyon Tournament

The Nueces Canyon basketball tournament schedule:

#### Girls' Division

■ Today's games: Nueces Canyon vs. Natalia, 9 a.m.; Knippa vs. Sabinal, noon; Nueces Canyon-Natalia loser vs. Knippa-Sabinal loser, 3 p.m.; Nueces Canyon-Natalia winner vs. Knippa-Sabinal winner, 6 p.m.

■ Friday's games: Brackett vs. D'Hanis, 9 a.m.; Utopia vs. LaPryor, noon; Brackett-D'Hanis loser vs. Utopia-LaPryor loser, 3 p.m.; Brackett-D'Hanis winner vs. Utopia-LaPryor winner, 6 p.m.

■ Saturday's games: Consolation final, 10 a.m.; third place final, 1 p.m.; championship, 4 p.m.

#### Boys' Division

■ Today's games: Nueces Canyon vs. Natalia, 10:30 a.m.; Knippa vs. Sabinal, 1:30 p.m.; Nueces Canyon-Natalia loser vs. Knippa-Sabinal loser, 4:30 p.m.; Nueces Canyon-Natalia winner vs. Knippa-Sabinal winner, 7:30 p.m.

■ Friday's games: Brackett vs. D'Hanis, 10:30 a.m.; Utopia vs. LaPryor, 1:30 p.m.; Brackett-D'Hanis loser vs. Utopia-LaPryor loser, 4:30 p.m.; Brackett-D'Hanis winner vs. Utopia-LaPryor winner, 7:30 p.m.

■ Saturday's games: Consolation final, 11:30 a.m.; third place final, 2:30 p.m.; championship, 5:30 p.m.

Brackett will face either LaPryor (1-1) or Utopia (2-1) in the second round tomorrow. If the Tigers win, they play at 4:30 p.m. If they lose, they play at 7:30.

The Tigers have played only two games, both losses against Comstock, but Thomas said the team is improving.

"We have improved tremendously from the first game to the second game," he said. "We cut Comstock's point total in half. We're having fun and getting better at the same time."

"I think we'll be competitive at the tournament if we shoot the ball well," he added.

## Falcons eliminate Bobcats

SAN ANTONIO - Brookshire Royal jumped ahead of Comfort early and held on for a 28-8 victory over the Bobcats in the Class 2A Division I regional finals Friday at the Alamodome.

The Falcons (11-1) will play Mart (13-0) Friday at 8 p.m. in the state semifinals at Austin Westlake.

Comfort ended the best season in its 50-year history with a 12-1 record.

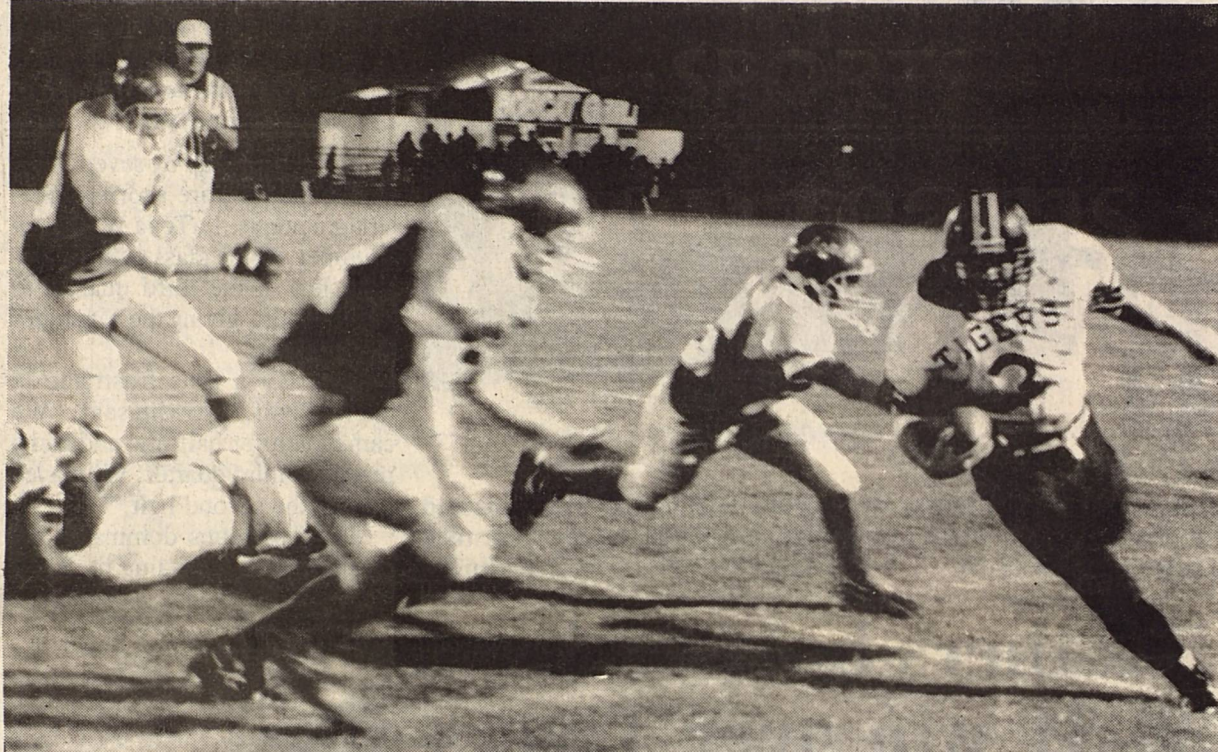
The Bobcats dominated the second half, allowing Royal to just 5 yards and no first downs. But the first touchdown drive took almost eight minutes off the clock.

The Falcons opened the contest with a 67-yard scoring drive and then capitalized on Comfort mistakes.

The Bobcats fumbled the ball over on their first possession, had a punt blocked, and failed on a fourth-and-one. Royal took over those drives on the Comfort 15, 17 and 39, and converted all three into touchdowns, taking a 28-0 lead in the first 17 minutes.

"We made it too easy for them early," Bobcats coach Paul Talbert said. "We're a lot better football team than we showed in the first half."

Royal's Thomas Carver rushed for 111 yards and scored on runs of 6 and 14 yards.



Brackett running back Wes Baker (right) was named the District 30-2A most valuable offensive player this week by the conference's coaches. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Baker named conference's offensive player of the year

Brackett's Wes Baker broke the school rushing record this season while averaging 134.2 yards in five district ball games.

His impact on the league was recognized this week as he was named the District 30-2A most valuable offensive player by the conference's coaches.

Baker and Brent Smith, both seniors, rushed for over 1,000 yards apiece during's Brackett 8-3 campaign as the Tigers advanced to the playoffs for the first time in six years.

"Wes is very deserving," Tigers coach David Yeager said. "We could have put Brent up as well. Both of them had great years. They're going to be tough to replace."

Brackett finished second in the district race with a 4-1 mark behind Comfort, which won the conference title with a perfect 5-0 record.

Comfort senior Phillip Randall was named the

district's most valuable defensive player.

Baker rushed for 1,539 yards and 10 touchdowns on 199 carries this season. He also had 12 receptions for 235 yards, including six TDs.

Baker, who started on both sides of the ball the entire season, was also a unanimous first team selection at defensive tackle.

"Wes made so many plays on defense because of his quickness," Yeager said. "He is a tremendous athlete. I don't think there was a defensive tackle better than him in the league."

Smith was a unanimous first team pick at tailback and linebacker. He had 183 rushing attempts for 1,268 yards and 18 touchdowns.

"Brent was one vote away from being the MVP on defense," Yeager said. "He had a great year for us. He led our team in tackles. He has tremendous

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## Ashabranner, Brotherton named to all-district team

Brackett seniors Jennifer Ashabranner and Lindsey Brotherton were selected to the 29-2A all-district team, which was released last week by conference officials.

Brackett finished as district co-champions with Dilley. The Tigerettes finished the year with a 14-8 record and advanced to the area playoffs.

Dilley senior Kelley Dubose was named the district's most valuable player.

Joining Ashabranner and Brotherton on the first team were Magalie Garcia, Krissy Minton and Courtney Surlis of Dilley, Lupita Gallegos and Sara Naegelina of Jourdan, and Natalia's Leona Jonas.

Brotherton led the Tigerettes in three statistical categories with 258 assists, 23 blocks and a 97 serving percentage.

"Lindsey had a great year," Tigerettes coach Dusty Brotherton said. "Not only did she do all of the setting, but she helped us in our hitting and our blocking."

Ashabranner was Brackett's top hitter, finishing the season with 116 kills. She also had 48 aces, 28 digs and 18 blocks.

"Jennifer had another great year," Brotherton said. "She led the team in kills by a wide margin. She was our top hitter all year long."

Brackett sophomore Erika ■ See SEVEN/Page 6

*Brackett sophomore Erika Garcia was named the district's newcomer of the year after leading the team in aces with 68.*

Garcia was named the district's newcomer of the year after leading the team in aces with 68. She also had 35 digs and 31 kills.

"Erika is very deserving," Brotherton said. "She led the team in scoring during district, averaging 10 points a game."

Representing the Tigerettes on the second team were seniors Hilda Aguirre and Stephanie Terrazas.

Aguirre served 94 percent for the season. She also had 39 digs and 31 aces.

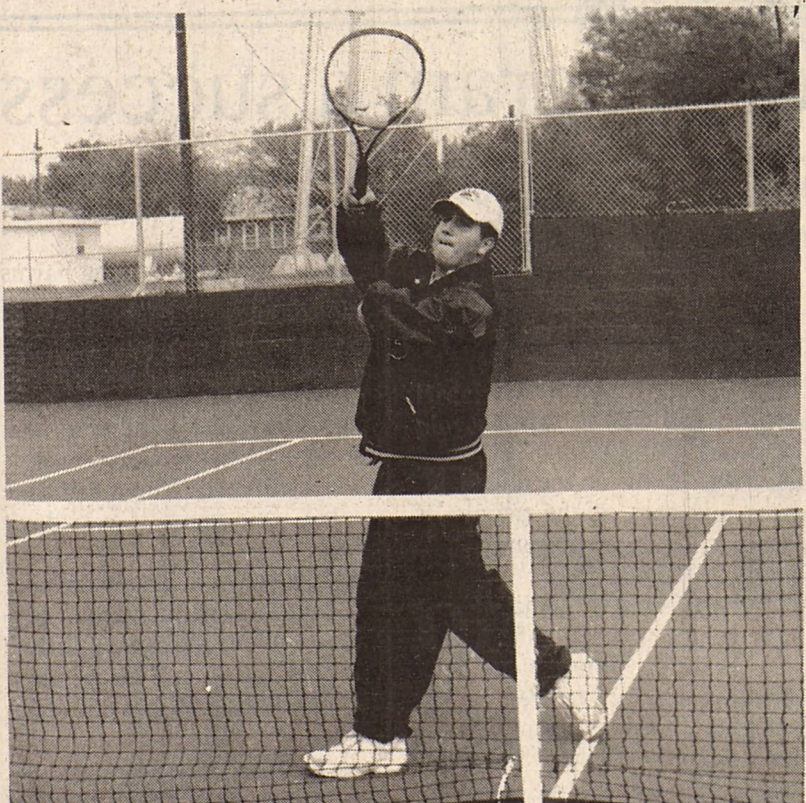
"Hilda has been our lead server for two years," Brotherton said. "She was one of our best back row players."

Terrazas led the team in digs with 57. She also had 15 kills and 13 aces.

"Stephanie is our best back row player," Brotherton said. "She plays all of our middle defensive positions. She had a good year."

Other second team selections included Marie Alvarado and

## New tennis courts expected to boost program



Sophomore Chris Petrosky works on his net play at Brackett ISD's new tennis courts. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Even though Brackett's first tennis tournament is months away, sophomore Chris Petrosky is busy preparing for the upcoming season.

When he takes the court for his first match in March, he won't have to worry about the height of the net or the actual width of the court.

For the first time during his career, Petrosky has a regulation tennis court to practice on.

Brackett ISD has four new tennis courts, located on the corner of Thorn and Sweeney streets in the center of town. The \$108,000 project, which was planned over a two-year period, was completed last month.

"With regulation nets and the nice surfaces, it is a lot easier to practice," said Petrosky, who advanced to regionals last year with doubles partner Lionel Ramos. "All of the previous courts were hard to play on because of the nets and the bad surfaces."

Brackett tennis coach Bonnie Brotherton said the new facility should have an impact on the team's success.

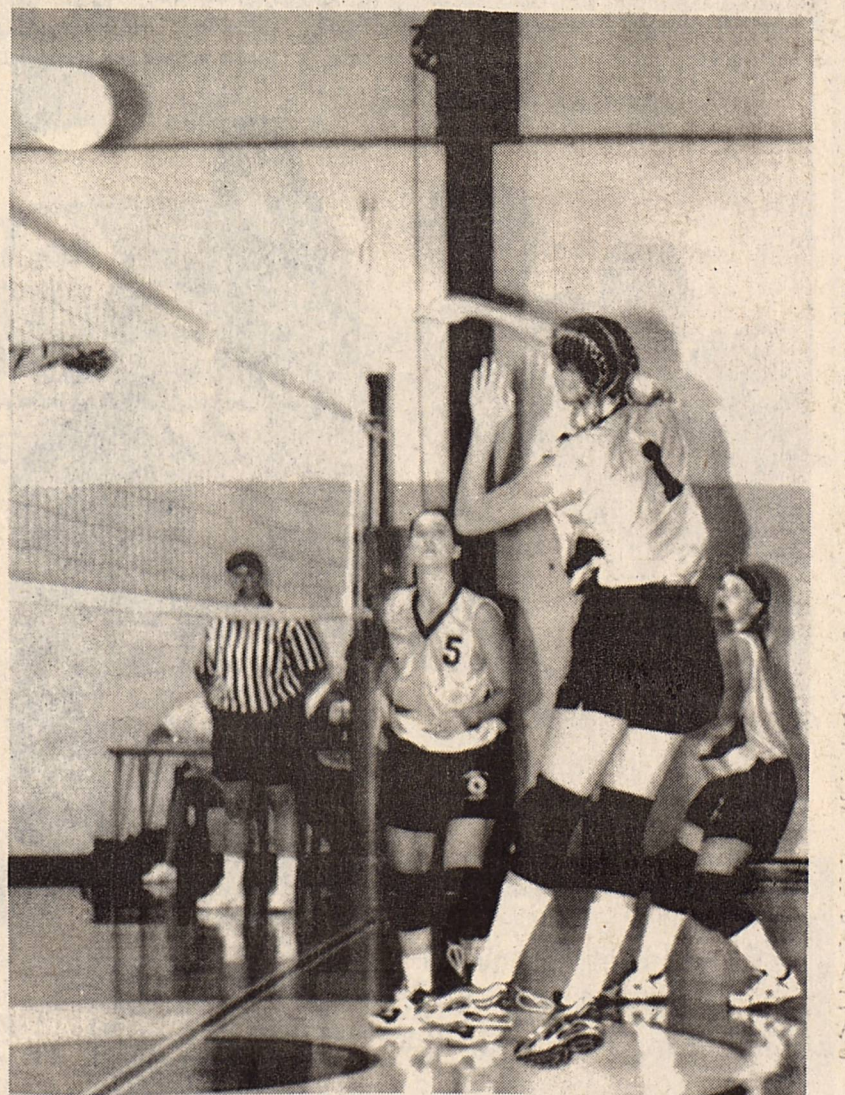
"We already have a good program, but I think the new courts will allow us to grow more and become more competitive," she said.

Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said he thought the tennis courts would have a similar impact as the school district's all-weather track built last spring.

"When we added the all-weather track, the boys' and girls' track teams were able to win district," he said. "Before that time, they practiced on something that was not adequate. I think this will do the same thing for tennis."

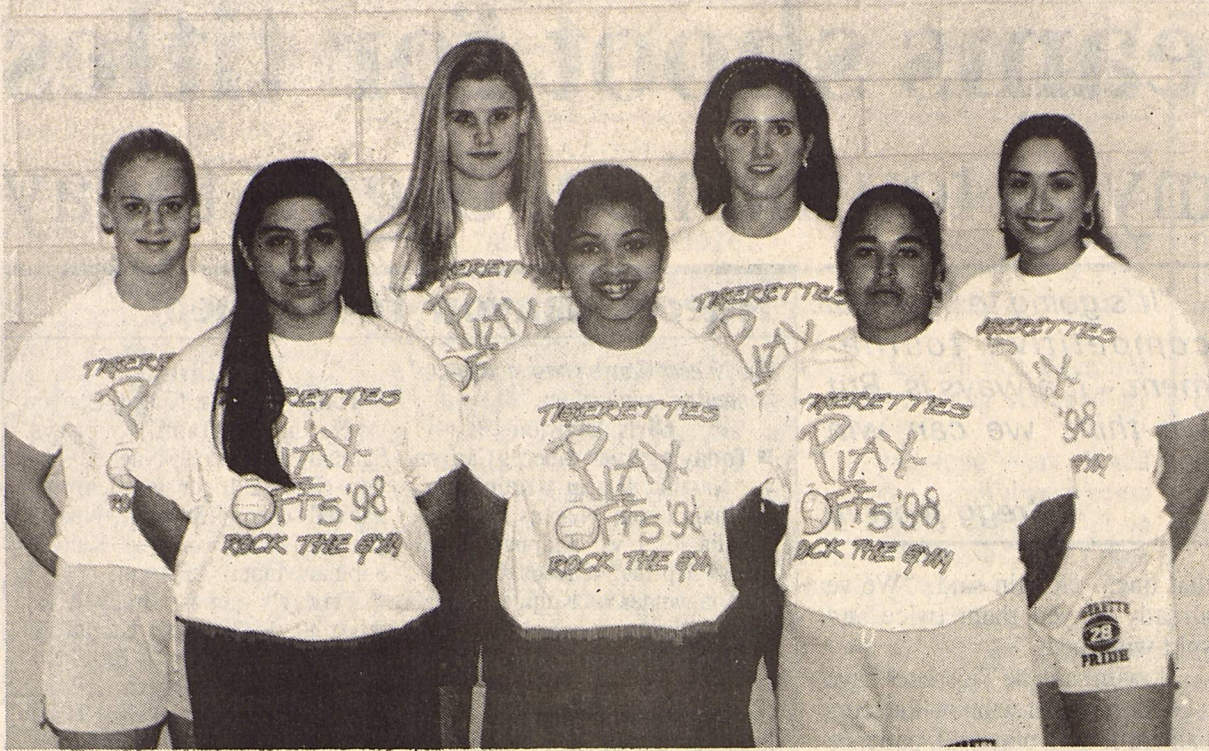
"We have some students here who are very good at playing tennis. I think if we had quality tennis courts in the past, they might have been more successful."

Stephenson said the tennis courts are now open to the public.



The offensive duo of Lindsey Brotherton (5) and Jennifer Ashabranner (1) represented Brackett on the 29-2A all-district volleyball team. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry





# Seven Tigerettes earn all-district recognition

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April Rodriguez of Natalia, Sammy Sanchez of Dilley, and Kristy Simmons and Brittany Steffek of Jourdanton.

Brackett's Patty Lopez and Michelle Melancon both received honorable mention all-district.

Lopez, a senior, was the Tigerettes' second-leading hitter with 39 kills.

"Patty improved as the year went on," Brotherton said. "She was our second leading hitter down the stretch."

Melancon, a junior, finished the season with 38 kills, 30 aces and 29 digs.

## 29-2A all-district volleyball team

The 29-2A all-district volleyball team as selected by the conference's coaches:

- Most Valuable Player: Kelley Dubose, Dilley, senior.
- Newcomer of the Year: Erika Garcia, Brackett, sophomore.
- First team: Jennifer Ashabranner, Brackett, senior; Lindsey Brotherton, Brackett, senior; Lupita Gallegos, Jourdanton, senior; Magalie Garcia, Dilley, senior; Leona Jonas, Natalia, senior; Krissy Minton, Dilley, senior; Sara Naegelin, Jourdanton, junior; Courtney Surles, Dilley, senior.
- Second team: Hilda Aguirre, Brackett, senior; Marie Alvarado, Natalia, senior; April Rodriguez, Natalia, senior; Sammy Sanchez, Dilley, senior; Kristy Simmons, Jourdanton, sophomore; Brittany Steffek, Jourdanton, senior; Stephanie Terrazas, Brackett, senior.

Representing Brackett on the 29-2A all-district volleyball team are Michelle Melancon (from left), Erika Garcia, Jennifer Ashabranner, Stephanie Terrazas, Lindsey Brotherton, Hilda Aguirre and Patty Lopez. The Tigerettes were the district co-champions. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

"Michelle had a great year," Brotherton said. "She also improved throughout the season. It was her first year as a full-time starter. We're looking for great things from her next year."

## Briefs ...

### Cubettes sweep double-header with LaPryor

The Brackett Cubettes swept a double-header with LaPryor Monday in junior high basketball action. Both teams improve to 2-0 on the season.

The eighth grade team posted a 30-14 victory. The Cubettes led 9-4 after the opening stanza and then outscored the Lady Bulldogs 8-0 in the second period to take a 17-4 halftime advantage.

Mayra Aguirre led the eighth graders with seven points, Ashley Antoine and April Martinez each scored six, Vanessa Castillo pitched in four, Valerie Gunter had three, and Maria Martinez and Nicole Mata added two apiece.

Ashley Smith poured in 18 points as the seventh graders won 26-16. Beth Ballew, Allison LaMascus, Emily Petrosky and Davina Rios all had two points.

The seventh grade team will compete in the Del Rio tournament on Saturday, and then host Sacred Heart on Thursday at 5 p.m. The eighth grade team hosts Comstock Monday at 5 p.m.

### Cubs race to a 32-point victory over LaPryor

The Brackett Cubs jumped out to a 19-2 lead in the first quarter and never looked back as they defeated the LaPryor Bulldogs 46-14 in an eighth grade basketball contest.

Jesse Davis scored 14 points to lead the Cubs (3-0), who boasted a 29-4 advantage at intermission.

Boyd Brotherton, Jared Hobbs and Jose Pineda all had eight points for Brackett, Philip Munoz added three points, R.C. Franklin and George Martinez each had two, and Ryan Benton made one.

The eighth grade Cubs resume action at home on Monday with a 6:00 contest against Comstock. The seventh grade team will host Sacred Heart on Thursday. That game also begins at 6.

### Malin wins first in Ladies' Golf League play

Ann Malin won the First Flight during Ladies' Golf League action at Fort Clark Springs on Tuesday. Cyndi Shaw finished second and Theresa Stephans was third. In the Second Flight, Ruth Spencer took first place, while Orlene Alvis and Luella Gilliland tied for second.

Art and Cyndi Shaw won the Championship Flight with a 63 during a couples tournament. Johnny and Beth Waller were second with a 64 and Roy and Fern Dyer took third with a 65.

## Tigerettes claim 'ugly' win over Comstock



Brackett forward Lindsey Brotherton (left) had 16 rebounds and 10 points Tuesday night as the Tigerettes defeated the Comstock Lady Panthers 38-26. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

COMSTOCK - A nine-point run in the third quarter helped the Brackett Tigerettes to an "ugly" 38-26 win over the Comstock Lady Panthers.

"We were just happy to get a win," said Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin, whose team improves to 4-2 overall. "It was ugly. We didn't execute very well. It wasn't a matter of them stopping us, we just stopped ourselves."

Brackett was up by seven in the second half before scoring nine-straight points. LaToya Wright hit a jumper off the glass with 21 seconds left in the third quarter to cap the spurt, giving the Tigerettes a 32-16 lead.

"We got a little frustrated in the first half," Nowlin said. "We came out after halftime and had a real good third quarter. We played well in the second half."

The Tigerettes dominated the boards, out-rebounding the Lady

Panthers 64-19.

Brackett forward Jennifer Ashabranner had a game-high 19 rebounds, while Wright pulled down 17 boards and Lindsey Brotherton had 16.

"We rebounded real well, we just had problems putting the ball in the hole," Nowlin said.

Brackett shot 32 percent from the field, while Comstock shot 16 percent.

"Brackett has a lot of depth and we don't have many scorers," Comstock coach Jim Anderson said. "They have really good shooters, but we put pressure on them and their shots weren't falling."

Brotherton led the Tigerettes' offense with 10 points on 5-of-10 shooting.

Sandra Martinez scored 19 of Comstock's 26 points. She was 7 of 25 from the floor, including five three-pointers.

## Panthers hold on for a 38-31 win over Tigers

Comstock held off a Brackett rally in the second half Tuesday as the Panthers picked up a 38-31 win over the Tigers.

The Panthers were up by four at 33-29 before scoring back-to-back baskets. Ruben Chavez scored on a layup to put Comstock up 37-29 with 1:28 remaining to seal the win.

"We played extremely well," Tigers coach Jimmy Thomas said. "It was a big improvement over the first game."

The loss drops Brackett to 0-2 on the season with both losses to Comstock. The Panthers defeated the Tigers 62-46 last week.

One of the big differences in the two games was Ponchi Jimenez. The Comstock guard scored 33 points in the first contest, but Brackett held him to 13 points Tuesday.

"I thought Brackett played a lot better this time around," Panthers coach Jim Anderson said. "They put a lot of pressure on Ponchi, which I think made the game re-

ally close."

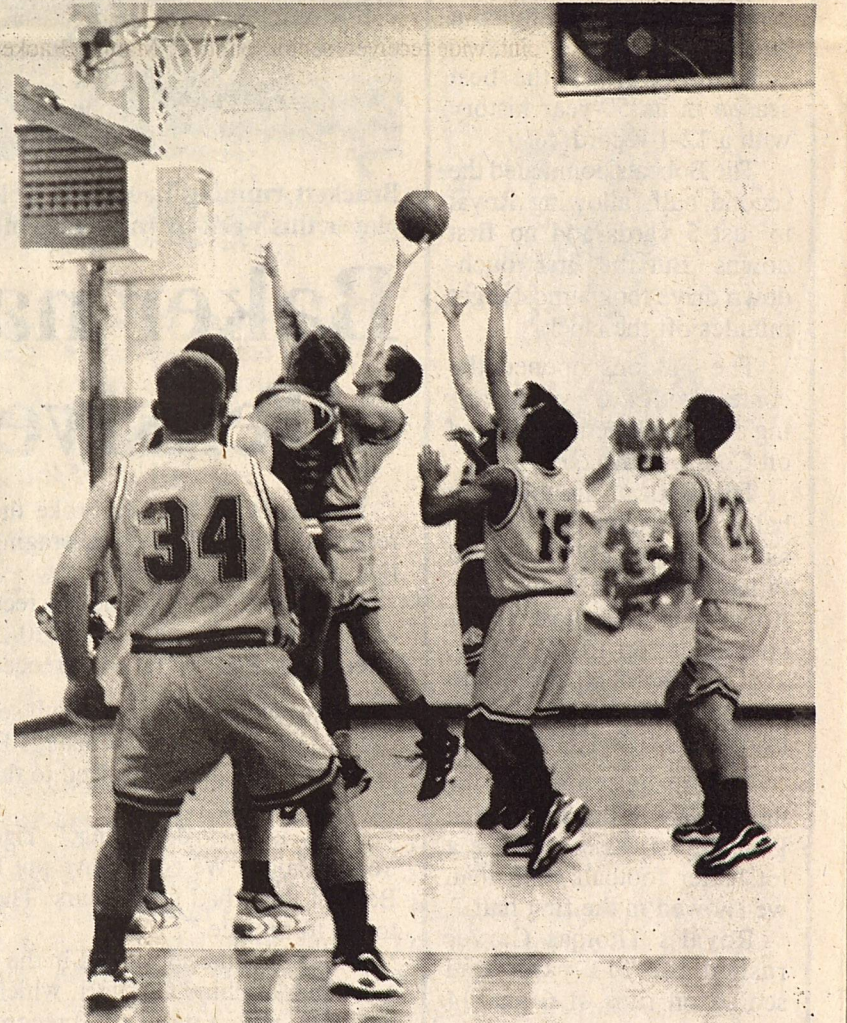
The Tigers were down by 10 in the third quarter before scoring seven-straight points. Matthew Smallwood scored on a pull-up jumper with 16 seconds left in the period as Brackett pulled within three at 22-19.

Smallwood, the Tigers' point guard, was hampered in the second half after picking up three fouls in the first 6:28 of the game. "That hurt," Thomas said. "Matthew played smart in the second half and didn't pick up another foul."

Brackett took its only lead of the contest with 3:14 remaining in the first half as Damian Toms sank a trey for a 12-11 advantage. Toms was the Tigers' high scorer with seven points.

Brackett out-rebounded Comstock 50-31. Schiller Hill pulled down a game-high 15 boards for the Tigers.

"Schiller played well," Thomas said. "We just dominated the boards."



Brackett post Sam Hunt (center) goes up for a rebound against Comstock Tuesday. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

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By Henry Lutz  
Kinney County Game Warden

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# Smith, Hagler earn first team honors on both sides of the ball

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Junior Steven Hagler also earned first team honors on both sides of the ball. He started at center and defensive end.

"I thought Hagler was by far the best center in the league," Yeager said. "Defensively, he played with great technique."

Coty Williams, also a junior, was a first team selection at offensive guard and made the second team at defensive end.

"Coty made some big blocks on offense," Yeager said. "He probably would have made first team on defense as well if he hadn't missed two games."

Senior David Honstein was selected to the second team at offensive guard and linebacker.

"David is just a warrior on the field," Yeager said. "He played a lot with injuries. He had a good year."

Jose Perez, also a senior, was a second team selection offense. He started at tackle.

"I was disappointed that Jose didn't make the first team," Yeager said. "He was one vote shy. He was probably the steady offensive linemen we had. Every play in every game he did his job and then some."

Also making the second team on offense was senior tight end

Jacob Mann.

"Jacob came up with some key catches and was like an extra offensive linemen," Yeager said. "He did a good job blocking on the sweep plays."

Matthew Smallwood, also a senior, was a second team selection at defensive back.

"Matt led our team in interceptions with five," Yeager said. "He did a good job of covering receivers all year. He made some key tackles for us."

Brackett had two players earn honorable mention all-district on offense - quarterback Zach Davis and running back Brandon Moore, both juniors.

Davis completed 22 of 75 passes this season for 436 yards, nine TDs and seven interceptions.

"Zach did a great job leading our offense," Yeager said. "He didn't make many mistakes. He did a good job of getting people in the right positions and calling the offense."

Moore averaged 6.9 yards per carry as he rushed for 297 yards on 43 attempts.

"Brandon was a tremendous third running back for us," Yeager said. "He did a great job of blocking and running."

Senior tackle J.D. Samaniego was among five Tigers earning honorable mention on defense.

"J.D. was real close to making the second team," Yeager said. "He missed some games because of an injury. When we had him in there, he added some extra quickness. He made some big plays for us."

Earning honors at outside linebacker were senior Jacob Puda and sophomore Schiller Hill.

"Jacob did a good job for us," Yeager said. "He had four interceptions. He did a good job against the run and the pass. He was also a valuable special teams player."

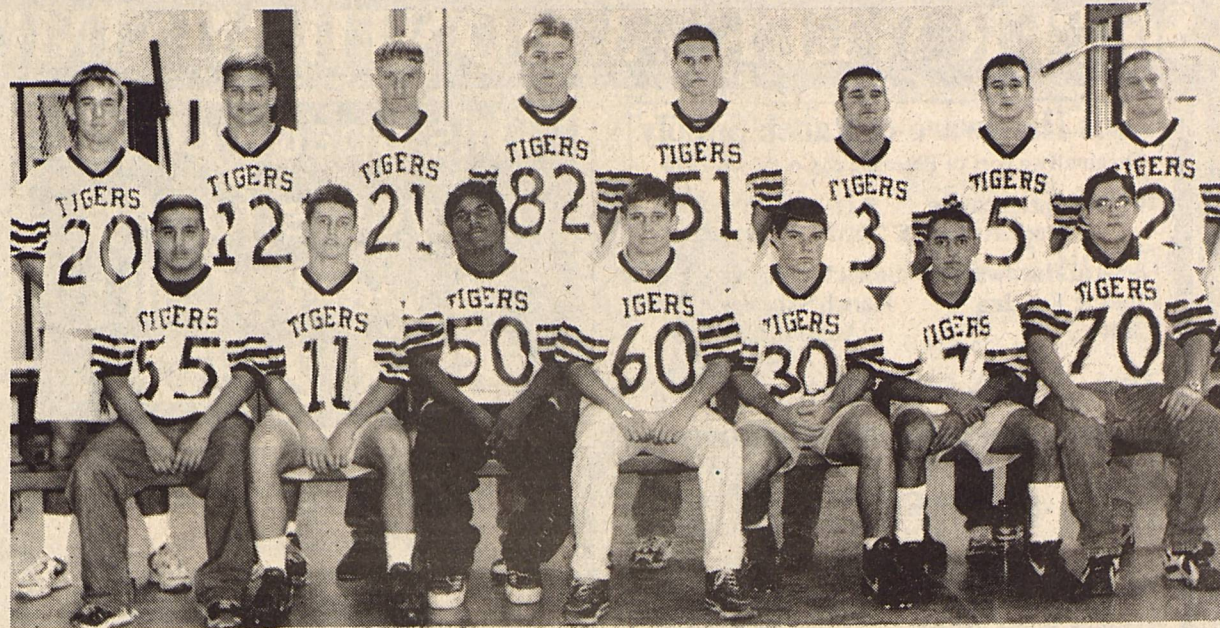
"We didn't know who would start at the other outside linebacker position at the beginning of the year. Schiller stepped up and took over that job. He had a good season."

Jarrett Harrison, a sophomore, also received honorable mention honors. He started at safety.

"Jarrett was close to getting second team," Yeager said. "He was our second leading tackler. He was like another linebacker. He got better as the year progressed."

Junior Tommy Sandoval earned honorable mention honors at defensive back.

"Tommy was real steady," Yeager said. "He never got beat. He also did a good job on punt returns."



Members of the Brackett Tigers named to the 30-2A all-district football team are, standing, from left: Jarrett Harrison (20), Schiller Hill (12), Jacob Puda (21), Jacob Mann (82), Steven Hagler (51), Wes Baker (3), Matthew Smallwood (5) and Brent Smith (2). Sitting: J.D. Samaniego (55), Zach Davis (11), Coty Williams (50), David Honstein (60), Brandon Moore (30), Tommy Sandoval (7) and Jose Perez (70). Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

# J.V. rallies in third quarter for win

COMSTOCK - The Brackett Tigers rallied in the third quarter for a 48-42 win over the Comstock Panthers in junior varsity basketball action Tuesday.

The Tigers (2-0) broke a 22-22 halftime lead in the third quarter as they outscored the Panthers (1-2) 16-8 to go up by eight points.

Juan Flores scored 11 points to pace Brackett, while Daniel Hernandez finished with nine points.

The Tigers will face Sabinal on the road Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Eric Allen pitched in eight points, Tony Rubio scored seven, Carl Dalton had five, Tony Molinar scored four, and Levi Duncan and Jaime Montalvo added two apiece.

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Eric Allen pitched in eight

## 30-2A all-district football team

The 30-2A all-district football team as selected by the conference's coaches:

Most Valuable Offensive Player: Wes Baker, Brackett, senior.

Most Valuable Defensive Player: Phillip Randall, Comfort, senior.

First team offense: Seth Blackledge, Center Point, quarterback, senior; Brent Smith, running back, Brackett, senior; Derek Syfer, Comfort, running back, junior; James Allerkamp, Comfort, running back, senior; Fabian Santos, Dilley, running back, senior; Rusty Risinger, Center Point, running back, senior; Jon Bailey, Center Point, wide receiver, senior; Santos Perez, Dilley, wide receiver, junior; Jose Morales, Dilley, wide receiver, senior; Johnny Dunn, Natalia, wide receiver, sophomore; Phillip Randle, Comfort, tight end, senior; Justin Holland, Jourdanton, tight end, senior; Cody Jay, Center Point, tight end, senior; Coty Williams, Brackett, lineman, junior; Jason Wilson, Center Point, lineman, senior; Jesse Durden, Comfort, lineman, junior; Josh Durden, Comfort, lineman, junior; Steven Hagler, Brackett, center, junior; Fabian Santos, Dilley, senior, kicker.

First team defense: Wes Baker, Brackett, lineman, senior; Jesse Durden, Comfort, lineman, junior; Brandon Lambert, Dilley, lineman, senior; Gabe Box, Comfort, lineman, junior; Jimmy Lozano, Dilley, end, junior; Phillip Seidensticker, Comfort, end, senior; Steven Hagler, Brackett, end, junior; Brent Smith, Brackett, linebacker, senior; Mark McMillian, Dilley, linebacker, senior; Cody Jay, Center Point, linebacker, senior; Jason Walker, Comfort, linebacker, senior; Elogio Heritage, Jourdanton, linebacker, senior; Ernesto Perez, Natalia, secondary, senior; Jon Bailey, Center Point, secondary, senior; Kyle Pressler, Com-

fort, secondary, sophomore; Jose Morales, Dilley, secondary, senior; Tracey Smith, Jourdanton, punter, junior.

Second team offense: Chase Woerner, Comfort, quarterback, junior; Danny Lopez, Jourdanton, running back, sophomore; Shane Hale, Center Point, running back, senior; Gary Boerner, Comfort, running back, senior; Bala Perkins, Comfort, running back, sophomore; Tracey Smith, Jourdanton, wide receiver, junior; Bryce Jupe, Jourdanton, wide receiver, senior; Rudy Romo, Dilley, wide receiver, senior; Siddiq Frazier, Center Point, wide receiver, junior; Jacob Mann, Brackett, tight end, senior; Justin Guzman, Natalia, tight end, sophomore; Gabe Box, Comfort, tight end, junior; Jose Perez, Brackett, lineman, senior; Marvin Tetzlaff, Dilley, lineman, junior; Roy Hasty, Center Point, lineman, senior; David Honstein, Brackett, lineman, senior; Miguel Maldonado, Dilley, center, senior; Umberto Lozano, Comfort, kicker, junior.

Second team defense: Ricky Hernandez, Natalia, lineman, senior; Shane Hale, Center Point, lineman, senior; Raymond Castaneda, Dilley, lineman, senior; Coty Williams, Brackett, end, junior; Travis Chaim, Jourdanton, end, junior; P.J. Sanchez, Natalia, end, senior; Jason Wilson, Center Point, end, senior; B.J. Theford, Dilley, linebacker, junior; David Honstein, Brackett, linebacker, senior; Seth Blackledge, Center Point, linebacker, senior; Rusty Risinger, Center Point, linebacker, senior; Bala Perkins, Comfort, linebacker, sophomore; Bryce Jupe, Jourdanton, secondary, senior; Matthew Smallwood, Brackett, secondary, senior; Randy Flach, Center Point, secondary, sophomore; Kenny Matthews, Comfort, secondary, senior; Fabian Santos, Dilley, senior, punter.

## Scoreboard

### BASKETBALL

Team	Dst.	Pct.	Sn.	Pct.
Dilley	0-0	.000	4-1	.800
Center Point	0-0	.000	1-4	.200
Comfort	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Natalia	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
Brackett	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
Jourdanton	0-0	.000	0-5	.000

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Comstock 38, Brackett 31  
Dilley 72, Freer 56  
Junction 43, Center Point 42 (OT)  
Lutheran 77, Natalia 65  
Pearsall 60, Jourdanton 48

### District 30-2A Girls

Team	Dst.	Pct.	Sn.	Pct.
Brackett	0-0	.000	4-2	.667
Dilley	0-0	.000	4-2	.667
Jourdanton	0-0	.000	3-2	.600
Natalia	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
Center Point	0-0	.000	0-3	.000
Comfort	0-0	.000	0-4	.000

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Brackett 38, Comstock 26  
Dilley 48, Carrizo Springs 39  
Hondo 57, Jourdanton 35  
Llano 78, Comfort 26  
Lutheran 54, Natalia 42

### FOOTBALL

Class 2A Division I  
Region IV finals  
Brookshire-Royal 28, Comfort 8  
State semifinals  
Canadian (12-1) vs. Omaha Paul  
Pewitt (10-3), TBA  
Mart (13-0) vs. Brookshire-Royal (11-1), 8 p.m., Friday, Austin Westlake  
Class 2A Division II  
Region IV semifinals  
Ganado 14, Poth 7  
Goldthwaite 34, Banquete 13  
Region IV finals  
Ganado (11-2) vs. Goldthwaite (11-2), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Hays Consolidated



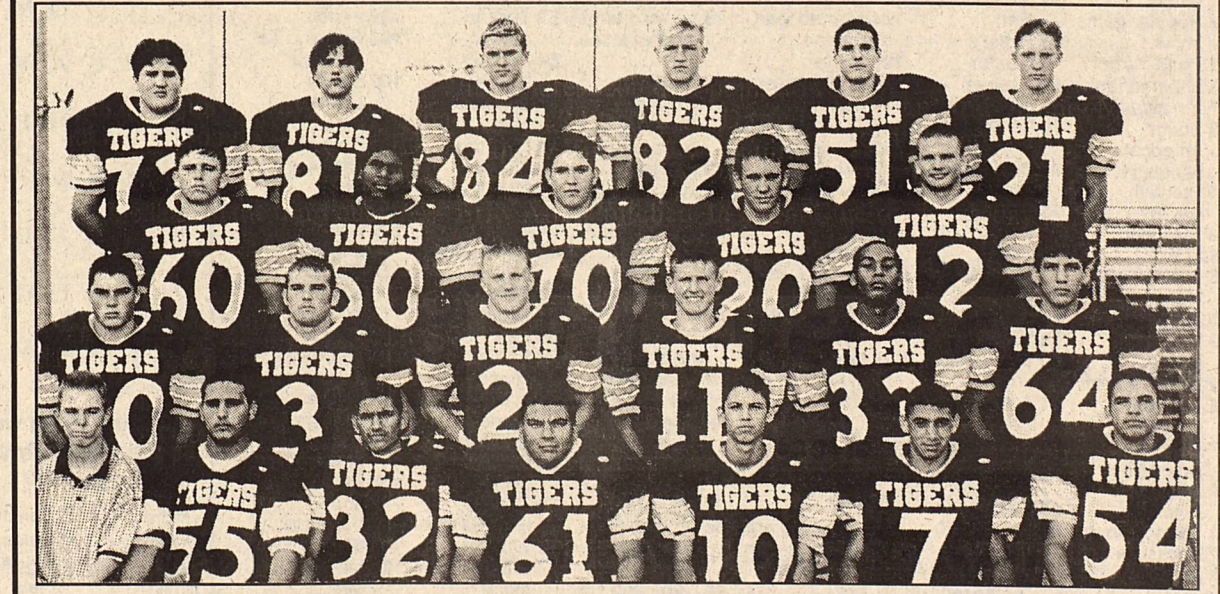
Brent Smith (2) was a unanimous first team all-district pick at running back and linebacker. He rushed for 1,268 yards and 18 touchdowns this year. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

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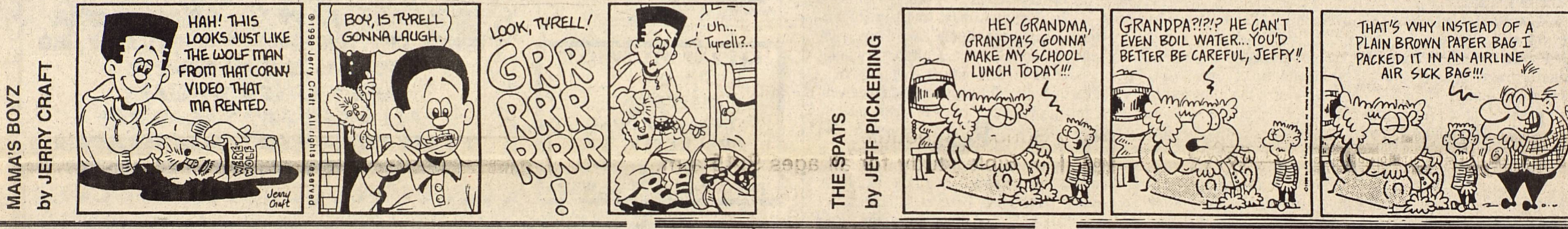
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83 New York City landmark  
87 Fop  
89 "I — Rock" ('66 song)  
90 A great composer?

**ACROSS**  
4 Sugary suffix  
5 Pale purple  
6 Overrun  
7 Umps  
8 Lennon's widow  
9 Urkel, for instance  
10 Mountain lion  
11 "Sister Act" extra  
12 Sib's kid  
13 Eye problem  
14 Diner fare  
15 — take arms against a sea  
16 Above  
17 "All the Things You Are" composer  
21 Pacifier of a sort  
23 Artistic output  
24 Heavy metal instrument  
29 Common viper  
30 Pilot  
31 "The Blue Knight" role  
32 "Lucky Jim" author  
34 Attached, in a way  
35 Hilarious opera  
37 Renown  
38 Word with cheese or roast  
40 Capp and

**DOWN**  
41 Billy — Williams  
42 "Before the Next Teardrop Falls" singer  
43 Tenor Mano  
44 Made a choice  
46 Philadelphia university  
48 Absent  
50 Blunt  
53 Ontario native  
54 Simon's "Sweet —"  
55 Sheltered spot  
59 — it the truth?  
61 Give it — (try)  
64 Croc's kin  
65 South African activist  
66 Blake of "Gunsmoke"  
68 Vex  
69 Sicilian seaport  
70 Injure slightly  
71 Terrier's tormentors  
72 Delibes opera  
73 Tardy  
74 Hooded coat  
76 Whirled  
77 Saluted the moon?  
80 Candy quantity  
83 Writer Kaufman  
84 Dug into the donuts  
85 Tenor Georges  
86 Tablet  
88 Atmosphere  
96 Came together  
97 Earl  
99 — Joe  
100 Soprano Te Kanawa  
103 Singer  
105 Gorme  
109 Piquant  
106 Commoner  
107 Late-night name  
108 Till  
109 Barnyard butter  
110 "Topaz"  
111 Solidity  
113 Flaccid  
114 35 Down's partner  
117 East ender?  
118 U.N. branch  
119 — degree (somewhat)

**GOLD**  
M E A W T P L I E T B X U Q N  
J G D Z W T O N S K H D A X U  
R P S T A N D A R D M J G D A  
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V T Q O M C O I N S G S H J K  
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B Z X V T R O O A E U R M D M  
K I H F D B Z D F I B B S Y W  
V T R O O N E L K F I H F D C  
A Z X W V M O O B U S R Q O N  
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.  
Boom Coast Foil Rush  
Brick Coins Leaf Smith  
Bug Digger Medal Standard  
Bullion Field Mine

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) The financial picture looks bright, but in some way a friendship could cost you money. The weekend accents group activities and the enjoyment of social relationships.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's just not the right time to bring up a career matter. You have a right to feel optimistic, but mustn't reach for what is beyond your grasp.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A small embarrassment could occur this week, but this is overshadowed by the good news you will hear. A kindness is appreciated. Don't feel neglected.  
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You'll end up getting your way with a domestic concern, so there's no need to be tactless with others. Enjoy creative fare this week.  
**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) How to have a good time without going broke in the process is the message for you now. Home-based activities are best this week.  
**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A job opportunity looks promising but it's not the right time to get to work on it. Opt for recreation and pleasure pursuits. Enjoy romance over the weekend.  
**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You can enjoy the pleasures of a close involvement without having to disregard the wishes of a family member. Try to keep everyone happy.  
**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Money can come in now, but it also can be quickly spent. It's not till late in the week that romance begins to go your way. Be

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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Dec. 4 .....Pee Wee Pena  
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Dec. 7 .....Fay Gooch  
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Dec. 9 .....Pedro Benitez



Readings from book of John

By Rev. William Adams Sr. St. John's Missionary Church

"He that cometh from above is above all; he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth; he that cometh from heaven is above all.

"And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

"He that hath received his testimony hath set his seal to this, that God is true. For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God; for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

"The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him," John 3:31-36.

Praise the Lord!

You can win the race with a secret - Christ

By Pastor Charolette Corey Gateway Ministries

You are about to run a race, a race for the greatest prize of all. You place your feet, bend down and hear the gun go off.

As you come up on your first hurdle, you prepare yourself to leap and land beyond it. You keep your eyes and your mind fixed upon the goal.

The pattern of your race has been marked out by one who understands the limits of your endurance and the demands which you can place on your body, soul, and spirit.

You have been trained and equipped to run this race by one who has run it before you.

The race is as good as won because you have a secret power, and yet it's not cheating because the secret is available to all.

What is the secret? Jesus Christ!

From the beginning, the Lord Jesus has given each of us a task to perform or "race" on this earth (Acts 20:24). It has been marked off for you by God (Hebrews 12:1).

By giving your best, you run in such a way as to seek the prize (1 Corinthians 9:24).

You win by not letting anyone or anything cut you off (Galatians 5:7), and by keeping your eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith (Hebrews 12:2).

In this way, you are able to finish your race, by keeping your faith (2 Timothy 4:7).

Every hurdle you "overcome" brings you closer to the prize for "he that overcometh," such as those which God has promised to the different churches:

You shall have power over the nations and rule with a rod of iron and be given the morning star (Revelation 2:27-28).

You shall be clothed in white and your name will not be blotted out of the book of life and Jesus will confess your name before the Father and before his angels (Revelation 3:5).

You shall be made a pillar in the temple of God. Jesus will write the name of God, the name of the city of God, and a new name upon you (Revelation 3:12). You shall sit with Jesus in his throne (Revelation 3:21).

Can you possibly win such a race?

Yes! Because "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," (Philippians 4:13).

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

God is present at all times

Submitted by St. Mary Magdalene Church

The saints knew that prayer is much more than mere words we recite. Prayer is the whole complex of thoughts and feelings we experience when we stand before the living God.

The depth of our prayer is related to the degree of our awareness of God's presence. Sometimes we feel a deep sense of reverence, at other times we may feel nothing.

The good news is this: It

doesn't matter. When it comes to prayer, you never have to force any feelings at all. Pure prayer is in the will to give yourself to God.

God is unchanging love. We don't understand it, and we don't deserve it. We don't even know how to respond to it adequately. All we need to know is that God is present at all times, loving us and sustaining us in all that we do.

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Christmas means different things to different people

By Rev. Joe Townsend Frontier Baptist Church

Christmas means many things to different people. To the student it means time off from school. To the merchant it means a boom in business. To some it means a time of travel to visit loved ones.

Many are like Cathy Courric of NBC, who disregard the Bible and slur true Christianity, but loudly celebrate the season.

To God Christmas meant giving his son. It also meant sending his son into the world as a

human being to eventually die on the cross to pay the "wages of sin."

To Jesus, the son, it meant leaving his place at the right hand of the Father in heaven. It meant leaving the joys and peace of heaven. It meant leaving behind the glory that shrouded him.

To the world it means God has provided a Savior. The sinless Jesus died for the sin of every person in the world.

It meant that anyone who would put his faith in Jesus Christ would have his sin paid for by him.

To every person in the world Christmas means God offers eternal life. Had Jesus not come, there would be no way a person could ever be in heaven. Now heaven's gates are open wide for all who trust Jesus as Lord of life.

The joys of giving gifts and celebration are well placed if it is reminding that Christmas celebrates the birth of the baby Jesus, the son of God, into the world.

There will be another message from the word of God at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11. Come and see.

Answers to Super Crossword GOLD - 37 46 51 68 61 75 82 88

First Baptist Church (SBC)

Corner of Ann and Veltman

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