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## Water pipeline to San Antonio proposed

### Grass Valley Water makes pitch to market Kinney County water

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

SAN ANTONIO — Grass Valley Water pitched its plan to the Edwards Aquifer Authority Monday to privately finance and construct a pipeline more than 100 miles long to sell water from Kinney County to San Antonio.

The water company, a limited partnership created last year, has purchased water rights from a 10,000-acre ranch west of San Antonio in Kinney County. Leaders of the group have tried for about a year to sell the merits of their plan to officials from the San Antonio Water System.

Kaveh Khorzad, a hydrogeologist working with Grass Valley Water, presented the proposal to the EAA's Board of Directors during its Monday meeting.

"We're neutral," said Mike Beldon, board chairman of the EAA. "We don't have anything to do with whether there is a deal or there is not a deal, but it is of interest to us as a board. It's good for us to have a full understanding of your proposal, but we don't have a dog in this fight."

Khorzad said the water marketing company has spent close to \$1 million over the last year and a half studying the water resources in Kinney County.

"We wouldn't commit money to a project if we didn't think it would work," he said. "This pipeline is the key to take the Edwards into the future."

Officials said the pipeline, which would follow Highway 90 to Loop 1604, will evaporate San Antonio's water problems for decades to come.

"You have got a lot of hurdles to overcome," said

Maurice Rimkus, an EAA board member from Uvalde County. "And I want you to cross those hurdles, but I don't want you to hurt a bunch of innocent people in the process."

Loren Baxter, a managing partner of Grass Valley Water, said SAWS would benefit because his company would assume all the risk.

"We would build the pipeline. We would develop the well field. We would put up all the capital necessary," Baxter said. "If we don't deliver water, they don't pay us anything. If we deliver water, they pay for it."

While water in Kinney County recharges and is withdrawn from the Edwards Aquifer, the county was excluded from the EAA's jurisdiction when the agency was created by the Texas Legislature in 1993.

Grass Valley Water wants to sell a minimum of 22,400-acre-feet of aquifer water to the San Antonio Water System for almost \$16.9 million a year, starting in 2004 and lasting through 2084.

The price would drop by 44 percent for any additional amount of water that Grass Valley provides.

An acre-foot of water, about 325,000 gallons, is enough water to last two families of four for a year.

The pipeline that Grass Valley Water wants to build would be large enough to carry 100,000 acre-feet a year. Those behind the project say they're confident enough water in Kinney and Uvalde counties is available to fill the pipeline year-round, though state law would have to be changed to legally transport Edwards water outside Uvalde County.

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Trying to sell water

Kaveh Khorzad of Grass Valley Water Company pitches the group's plan to the Edwards Aquifer Authority Monday to privately finance and construct a pipeline more than 100 miles long to sell water from Kinney County to San Antonio.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Water district hit with first lawsuit

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

It seems like these days you can't go to a Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District meeting without hearing local officials being threatened with a lawsuit.

Well, the threats have become a reality.

The first lawsuit against the district was filed Nov. 1 by John Boerschig, an attorney from Katy who owns property in Kinney County.

Boerschig hopes to recover monetary damages for the grazing loss and cattle reallocation costs that he suffered due to the failure of the district to implement the procedures for the citizens to comply with its rules, and the district's failure to act on his well-drilling request, according to the lawsuit.

"The board's failure to implement procedures for the citizens to comply with the rules has already impacted my ranching operations in Kinney County," Boerschig said in a Sept. 11 let-

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Katy attorney John Boerschig

ter to Darlene Shahan, the district's interim general manager and a member of the board.

"Because I cannot expeditiously drill an irrigation well on the new ranch I bought, I will not be able to timely plant oat crops this fall on the land I intended to irrigate. The cattle that were to graze my new field are going to be relocated to Presidio County and any resulting ranch jobs that could have been created are going to Presidio County."

"I support the district's efforts to reasonably control groundwater pumping in Kinney County."

"A select group of landowners should not have the right to pump ad infinitum the ground-

water resources in Kinney County that flow under many other ranches in the County. Unfortunately, your rush to prevent such conduct by passing of the rules has ensnared potential legitimate irrigators like myself who want to develop my ranch water and to use it on my ranch for agricultural purposes in Kinney County."

"A citizen should not be required to petition the courts to order a governmental body to implement normal operation procedures so that it can carry out its legislatively sanctioned purpose," he added in his letter.

Boerschig first requested a well application from the district in a certified letter mailed on

Aug. 14. Included in his Sept. 11 was a self-drawn application. He sent a third letter to the district on Oct. 3.

The lawsuit says Boerschig "also telephoned and had conversations with board members in an attempt to set up the procedures for the citizens to comply with and work with the new rules. The District has taken no actions whatsoever in this matter."

The lawsuit requests that the court issue a permanent injunction prohibiting the district and its board members from "conducting any other business before the district without immediately implementing the necessary forms, applications, fee schedules and procedures for the citizens of Kinney County to comply with the rules previously passed by the district on Aug. 6" and from "passing any new rules of the district in the future without first developing and having in place the applications, fee schedules and procedures for the citizens to comply with any new future rules."

## Parents question BISSD polling place

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

Parents requesting that the school district's voting site be moved for its May School Board election was met with resistance Monday from the trustees.

The parents brought up the issue during the monthly School Board meeting on Monday.

They said voters are intimidated by voting in the district's

Central Office in the presence of school employees. The parents proposed moving the voting site to the school district's auditorium, used in general elections, adding that it would be "more open" to the public.

"There is nothing more open than the Central Office," School Board member Lloyd Lee Davis said. "You're going to have election judges in there anyway. If you go into the auditorium,

there are going to be people in there, too.

"Then, we would have to pay somebody just to sit in the auditorium all day. This way, they're also doing their jobs for the school and serving as election judges."

Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said the district was going to put up signs at the Central Office to make it more visible during the election.

## Ertle, Robinson, Ward elected as Appraisal District directors

Tom Ertle, Wes Robinson and Tim Ward appeared to have won seats on the Kinney County Appraisal District's Board of Directors, following an election of the taxing units of the county.

According to unofficial results, Ertle was the top vote-getter with 1,096, while Robinson received 1,084 votes and Ward had 815.

Brackett ISD had 1,615 votes. The School Board gave Ward 815 votes and Ertle 800.

The Kinney County Commissioners Court opted to split its votes among its members. Commissioner Joe Montalvo was absent.

Robinson received 887 votes from Commissioners Pat Melancon, Nat Terrazas and Francie Wylie, and County

VOTING	
Unofficial voting results for the Kinney County Appraisal District's Board of Directors:	
Candidate	Votes
Tom Ertle	1,096
Wes Robinson	1,084
Tim Ward	815
Steve Crosby	0

Judge Herb Senne awarded his 296 votes to Ertle.

Steve Crosby was nominated by the Commissioners Court, but did not receive any votes.

In addition, Robinson received 197 votes from the Brackettville City Council.

The taxing unit's voting entitlement for the board election is based on their percentage of the 2001 tax levy.

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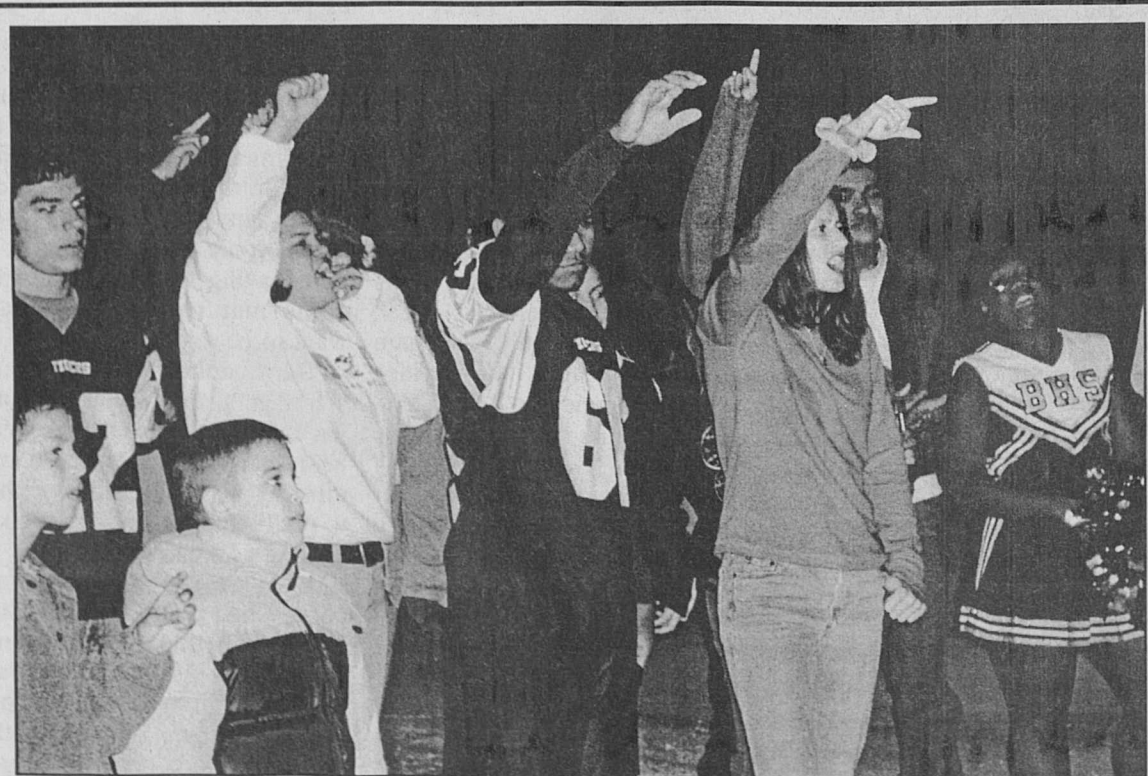
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ABOVE: Brackett High School seniors sing the school song during the bonfire last Thursday at the track stadium.

RIGHT: The BHS cheerleaders try to motivate the crowd with a cheer. The annual bonfire was postponed two weeks because of heavy rains in Kinney County during Homecoming week.



Photos by J.J. Guidry

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader praises truthful reporting in newspaper

Well its me again. But this time I want to speak to you about a different matter all together. This time I want to say thank you to *The Brackett News* for the honor, integrity and truthful way in which its staff reports the news of Kinney County and the communities of Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs and Spofford. It is so refreshing to find a newspaper that does not print rumors and half-truths. It reports the facts, and no matter whose side you happen to be on, you have the option to decide for yourself who or what was right or wrong. I have never subscribed to any newspaper in my life until now. The others were just not worth my time or money to subscribe to, but this paper has shown to me that there is a newspaper out there that cares about you getting the truth and facts about what is going on in your world. I especially want to thank Mrs. Jewel Robinson for the way she stood up to the sorry judgment handed down on the Fort Clark Springs problem and

expressed to that individual about how she and so many of the rest of us felt. Bravo, Jewel, Bravo! I know that myself and so many others would have liked to have been there to stand up next to you and applaud you at that moment. You said what a lot of us want to say. So I say to you out there that do not subscribe to *The Brackett News*, you are missing out, get a subscription and support the best newspaper in Texas and just maybe the world. Richard A Card Sr.

Attitude, determination leads to success for band

I would like to commend the Tiger Band on an outstanding season. These talented adolescents have done a great job. With effervescent attitudes and persistent determination, the band has attracted quite a bit of attention. At Brackett High, there are only a few people who consider being a member of the band as a priority. The people who do are teaming with dedication. What impresses me more

than anything is that such a diminutive group of people can blow you away with style, attitude, harmony and obvious teamwork. Congratulations to a job well done! Dana Bonner

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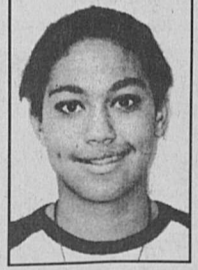
The Way I See It  
 Steven R. LaMascus

Did you see that Eminem is in the news again? Yeah, now he is staring in a movie. It's rated "R" of course. The funny thing is that the company releasing the film stated that the release was "scheduled for the summer months when the teenage audience is out of school." Interesting, don't you think, that an R-rated film is released at a specific time so that the audience that is not able, legally, to view the film is available to view the film? I think I'm confused — again. This, my friends, is a perfect example of the deceit and hypocrisy of Hollywood in general. They don't give a hoot if our children are adversely influenced by a foul-mouthed, drug-abusing social misfit. Heck, they idolize the guy. Just the other day, O'Reilly interviewed some left-wing guru about Eminem. She was all but worshipful of the clown. She admitted that some of his lyrics were, seemingly, rude, crude and socially unacceptable, but still had nothing but praise for Eminem. She said, "You must separate the artist from his work." Meaning that even though Eminem, through his music and rhetoric, promotes rape, violence and murder, he is really a nice guy with the greatest respect for social order.

What a crock! The reality of the situation is that the liberal left, specifically the entertainment industry and all its minions, idolize the guy because he is rich and famous. They don't care one iota about the impact of his performances on your children. They, in fact, are targeting your children, in spite of the fact that they are supposedly unable to gain access to this latest movie. They know that the theater owners and the unmotivated automatons that work in the theaters will not go to any great length to prevent the juveniles from sneaking into the movie. They are gambling large amounts of money on the fact that your children will go to the movie, whether it is legal or not. And for this act of hypocrisy and social treason, they should be drawn and quartered! So much for the entertainment industry policing itself. What a joke! The Hollywood ultra-left has but one — no make that two

very closely related gods. They are fame and money. If you are rich and famous, and secondarily, have no morals at all, you are eligible for inclusion in that most elite social order, the Limousine Liberals. And the sick and putrid fact is that you and I manufactured most of the members of that select caste with our thirst for escape from the drudgeries of everyday life. Yep, we made 'em, and now we've gotta live with 'em. You see, the entertainment industry really has no other reason to exist. If there were a natural disaster, which caused the world to return to a subsistence level of life, the entertainment elite would simply disappear. Some of them, I suppose, have a few basic survival skills, but the vast majority are leeches, parasites that feed off of the sweat and toil of others. Their "industry" is about as necessary to life as ants are to picnics, or mistletoe is to mesquite trees. They are, for the most part, totally extraneous, infinitely worthless in the vast scheme of things. Then there are the "performers" of the ilk of Eminem. These are not even worthless. Shoot, worthless would be a step up for Eminem. He and all like him are dangerous, deadly maggots in the soul of our nation. They eat away at our morals, chip away at our legal foundation, and try diligently to corrupt our young. A perfect example of this is the success of "Jackass" (the TV show on MTV) and "Jackass the Movie." They both do nothing but influence our easily influenced youth to do stupid, dangerous and destructive things. Why? Why? Why? I'll tell you why. The people we are discussing have no moral values. They are purposely pushing our moral standards as far as they can — as far as we will allow. They will continue until there are no moral standards left, until anything they want to do is OK. Because, you see, the only things they really hate are boundaries — because evil knows no bounds! Romans 7:28-30, "Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless." NIV

Who wants to give up childhood to become an adult?



Teen Spirit  
 Shanae Simmons

Football season is over. I no longer have to wear an outfit full of my own smelly sweat, or feel like I am going to faint from the extreme heat, but I will also no longer get to express my inner tiger. I will not get to prance around and dance to some great tunes played by our band, or coax small children to not fear my ferocious exterior, at least not until next year. Next year seems so far away, but then again, it seems right around the bend. If many don't already know, I am talking about my duty as the school's mascot. There were many times when I begged and pleaded to be free from having to re-enter the suit after half-time, but I always went back for more. There were also those times when the football players would tease me and hit my head when I walked by, but I also had those sweet opportunities to seek my revenge. I remember this one time ... wait never mind, I don't want to get into trouble. Anyways, I remember times when I was just miserable, but then those great times always made up for the bad. I can't believe that the season happened so quickly though. It is all done

and over with. Sadly, this quick passing of time helps me come to the realization that I am growing up. It is showing that my high school experience is on its journey to the end without my knowledge of it. I really hate it. I want to stay young forever. I like being a kid, and other kids who don't enjoy their youth, upset me. How could someone, my age, be so willing to easily give up their childhood to become an adult? Come on, no offense grown-ups of Brackettville, but the thought of me eventually becoming an adult does not light my fire in the least. I go and see my peers doing supposed "adult things" and I wonder why they are willing to give up without a fight. Think about all the physical problems you face when you get old, or what about all the bills they have to pay, or the continual duty of giving up your own freedom for your "little bundles of joy." No thank you, I don't want the job or the responsibility. I want to keep my good knees and back, I want to keep my hair, and I want to keep my intelligence. I am just kidding, you don't necessarily lose your hair

when you get older. OK, you probably also gain wisdom with age, but you also lose the newness of life. You don't have that freshness that life began with. Plus, I am afraid of my fate. I have worried about my future occupation since I was in the third grade. I remember tossing and turning at night, worrying about what I would be when I grew up. I remember thinking, "Oh no, what if I make a terrible decision and I am miserable when I grow up?" I was only in the third grade and I was thinking this. While all the other elementary kids were dreaming about being astronauts and presidents, I was worrying myself sick because I had no idea of what I was going to do. Eventually, I made myself forget about my uncertainties and I decided to try and stay

trapped in my childhood as long as possible. I tell you one thing though, it is not the easiest thing to do. It is hard having all your friends trying to become young adults, experimenting with things that you don't really want to know about, and saying things you really don't want to hear. It is hard having them trying to become mature when you still want to be a kid. Darn adulthood, it has taken a few good men away from us, but I will not let it take me. You hear that father time, you can thin my hair, add more pounds to my body, but I will stay a kid as long as I can. I am not moving out of my parents house until I am 30, and I will keep trick-or-treating until I have to use a breathing apparatus to fill my lungs with air. I am not going down lightly, and I urge kids out there to not go down without a fight. Let's enjoy our childhood and make it last as long as we possibly can. Also, to the adults out there, I know time has already taken its toll on some of you, but please remember that being young is a great gift, so don't pressure your children to grow up so quickly because some day, you and your child may regret it.

Read The Brackett News to find out about the latest news in Kinney County!

# Brackett High School finally holds its bonfire prior to big game against Freer

The bonfire was finally lit on Thursday before the big Freer game. We had a great crowd as senior athletes and cheerleaders were recognized.

The fire could be seen for many miles and was one of our biggest and best. Many liked the idea of having the bonfire before the last home game.

A big thanks to the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department for being there to watch the fire until it died down.

Members of the Fire Department who unselfishly gave of their time were Joe Luna, Joise Luna, Ruben Buantello, Rudy Luna and Jeffrey Luna.

The football game with Freer was one of the best high school games that I have seen in several years. The effort from the Tigers and their coaches was rewarded with resounding cheers from those in attendance.

Freer has a fine team and was undefeated in district until



Making A Difference

Taylor Stephenson

Friday's 20-15 loss to the Tigers. Our season is over and we thank the hard-working Tiger team and their coaches for their hard work.

There were many compliments for the band. I enjoyed their halftime performances. This past Friday night was especially fun. Many of our fans believed this to be one of the most enjoyable marching seasons ever.

Thanks especially to Jeffrey Tipps and Kami Berg for a job well done. Also, to Mrs. Davidson and her part-time

helper, Cindy Brinker, for being there to help.

Our cheerleaders had lots of enthusiasm and did the job keeping the fans involved in the game. Thanks to Mrs. Brandt and a fine squad of cheerleaders who got along well with each other while working as a team.

**Basketball**  
At least eight teams are coping with practicing in the old gym and at the "courts" behind the Civic Center. We should have the new gym floor in shortly after Thanksgiving.

Our coaches tell me that we have a good turnout for basketball. We'll be slower starting, but can expect some good teams at BISD.

**State Qualifier**  
Congratulations to Juliann Ashabanner for placing third in regional cross country and qualifying for the state meet.

Juliann has two more years

of eligibility and has already been to state twice. Our community is proud of your accomplishments. Thanks to Jenifer Harris for being a great cross country coach.

**Volleyball**  
BHS made the playoffs in volleyball this year. We completed the season with a loss to the Johnson City High School team. Thanks to the team and to the coaches, Dusty and Bonnie Brotherton.

**Veterans' Day**  
I don't think we do enough in Kinney County to celebrate Veterans' Day. I believe that we have a large number of veterans who live here.

As a community, we need to hold a ceremony to honor those who fought to keep our country free. I'm sure the school system can help with this project. Let's work hard in the next year to do more.

Have a great week!

## KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

**Monday, Nov. 4**  
4:55 p.m., Sentry Security reported an alarm going off at a local ranch on Highway 90. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene. No damage was reported.

7:47 p.m., A man reported a water leak at First and Gove Street. A city employee was notified of the situation.

**Wednesday, Nov. 6**  
1:20 p.m., Michael Falcon, 24, of Brackettville was arrested for theft by Chief Deputy Fritter. He was released the same day on a \$2,000 cash bond.

**Thursday, Nov. 7**  
3:10 p.m., A postal worker reported that a woman had found white powder inside the envelope of a piece of mail she had opened. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess was dispatched to the scene.

6:21 p.m., A woman reported that someone had broken into her apartment on S. Ross Street. Deputy Bobby Guidry

was notified of the situation.

**Friday, Nov. 8**

12:30 p.m., A woman said a salesman sold her mother a vacuum cleaner that she did not need. She said she gave the required notice to cancel the contract, but no one had picked up the vacuum cleaner. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. The business was contacted. Officials said the contract was cancelled and the vacuum cleaner would be picked up on Monday.

1:20 p.m., Fabian Ramirez, 20, of Big Lake was arrested for possession of marijuana by Deputy Larry Robinson. He was released the next day on a \$1,500 bail bond.

**Sunday, Nov. 10**

4:44 p.m., Officials received several 911 calls concerning a one-vehicle accident on Highway 277, south of Brackettville. DPS Trooper Tully Welch, Deputy Manuel Pena and EMS were dispatched to the scene.

Read about it in *The Brackett News!*

# Harvest of Savings

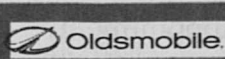
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**Published poets**  
Jones Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Karron Childres (back) poses with students Katie Yeager (from left), Charles Conoly, Elidia Molinar, Amanda Flores and Ramon Gutierrez who had their poems published in the book, "A Celebration of Young Poets." Not pictured: Emily Fuentes, Maria Samora and Nydia Talamantes.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Simmons columns are spectacular

Go Shanae go!  
I am delighted to see one of our teen-agers writing a column in this paper. If you haven't read it, you're missing something spectacular.  
I hope she doesn't stop. It's good to see young views in our print. I wish everyone, young and old, would try to submit articles to the news — especially the good, strong, positive ones. They make life a lot more fun.  
I am especially glad to read Shanae Simmons' works. She has a brilliant young mind and a super grasp of word-smithing and the ability to reflect her thoughts to others. That's a gift. But then, she's a gifted young



*But I Could Be Wrong*

**Chuck Hall**

treasures to be personally enjoyed and shared with others. Friends are priceless, more valuable than jewels.  
I am glad that there are now two regular columns worthy of reader's attention. Oh come on, now. You surely didn't think that I was referring to my stuff as the other one that's worthwhile reading did you?  
Shame on you. I don't even think it's that good. And if I don't, how can you?  
I'll just let you wonder which other writer inks out lines that I consider good reading. Maybe Shanae's is both of them. Maybe neither of them. But I could be wrong.  
Friends are great treasures —

## Rotary project benefits isolated Mexican villages

By FRANCES McMASTER  
Contributing Writer

George Arnold spoke about the Rotary International District 5840 "Hunger Plus Adopts a Region Project" last Thursday at the Brackettville Rotary Club meeting at Las Moras Restaurant.

Five villages (the Eljidos), located in Northwest Coahuila, are involved. The villages are isolated, the land is barren and rainfall is scarce. It is very hot at least six months out of the year. The people who live there are hard-working, but the environment is harsh and food and water scarce.

Arnold, who is from Fredericksburg, is deeply involved in this project. He describes these people as "similar to what our own covered-wagon driving pioneers must have been like 200 years ago — tough, adventurous and careful of the elements." He sees them as a proud and handsome people, clever and determined.

The soil in the Eljidos Villages is volcanic. It is rough, but has some nutrients. Each year the people till little garden plots and plant whatever seeds they can find, but the lack of rain and unrelenting sun kill most of the seeds that germinate. However, they never quit trying, according to Arnold.

The people live in houses con-

structed from adobe made on the site. Most of the houses have dirt floors. Some have running water, but its quality is questionable. There are no in-door bathrooms.

The Mexican government has equipped each house with a single solar panel and batteries that provide a small amount of artificial light at dark. A government store is located in each village, however, it is open infrequently, and the people often do not have cash to buy anything.

The villages are spread out with miles in between. A bus travels from Muzquiz to Boquillas, about 190 miles, and it takes a day to make the trip and a day to return. A man comes once a week to sell vegetables, but the people seldom have money with which to buy anything.

The only cash that is generated comes from the production of candelilla, a plant that is similar to cactus. Boiling it produces a milky substance that hardens into an ingredient of plastic. The Mexican government buys it, but also sets prices.

The land is so barren that much of it is required to raise any animals. Only a few goats are owned and fewer cattle.

Arnold stressed that Rotary volunteers have worked with the villagers at some length so as not to attempt to impose on them foreign, unwanted,

"gringo" ways.

The Hunger Project has been separated into workable segments with discreet and independent tasks to accomplish. For instance, the Supplemental Feeding Task Force has brought them dehydrated soup mix as a supplemental feeding.


The Water Task force is charged with providing volumes of water for irrigation and sufficient potable water for household use. Wells are being tested for ecoli and various bacteria. Locations have been selected that are best suited for providing water for irrigation and for community gardens. Texas A&M is to help determine what nutrients are need in the garden sites.

A Construction Task Force is helping villagers reconstruct existing buildings that need repair. They are also building some new outhouses.

An Electricity Task Force is looking into the long-rang possibilities for increased electrification and the use of electricity to operate pumps and machinery.

It is gratifying to hear of the thoughtful efforts of the Hunger Plus Project and to realize that Rotary International is involved in helping needy people all over the world. Your local Club is a part of this movement. If you are interested in becoming a Rotarian, contact a member.

Read The Brackett News to find out what's going on in and around Kinney County!



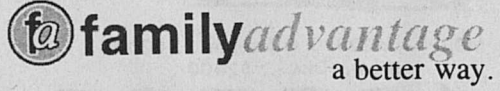
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### Holidays are approaching

Ever have "The Hungries" but don't know what for? I've had that problem this week. Choosing my recipe each week features what sounds good right now! I found too many making it most difficult to settle on one!

The holidays are creeping up. There are only five Saturdays left until Christmas!

I finally settled on an easy quicky, but a favorite that's been in the family over 60 years. It will become yours too.

This week, we'll make cocoroons. Here's what we need: 2 egg whites, 1/2-teaspoon of salt, 1 cup of Post Toasties, 1 cup of coconut, and 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla.

Beat the egg whites with salt until they are stiff. Add sugar in small amounts at a time. Add Post Toasties, coconut and vanilla. Drop onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees. It yields approximately three dozen.

Tips to share:

- To remove wax from a candleholder, freeze them! Wax pops right off!
- Do you wash windows? If done when the sun is shining, the glass will streak.
- Keep your shower doors (inside) shiny and clear by using a soft cloth moistened with baby oil. Lasts for months.

### BRIEFS

**Faulkenberry to be honored for 50 years**  
Las Moras Masonic Lodge will present Tom Faulkenberry a 50-Year Service Award Saturday. The open meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the lodge building, located in front of the Kinney County Courthouse.

Faulkenberry will receive the Grand Lodge of Texas award in recognition of his 50 years of Masonic labor. Faulkenberry is a past master of Las Moras Lodge, in addition to being a member of the York Rite, the Scottish Rite and the Shriners.

Richard Slubar, master of Las Moras Lodge, will officiate. The award will be presented by Wes Robinson, deputy grand master for the local area.

A past masters dinner will follow the presentation. The public and all Masons are encouraged to attend.

**Skelton honored with birthday breakfast**  
Instead of 76 trombones leading the big parade, Amie Skelton sat regally on a golf cart trailer with a crown on her head. In wonderment, Amie Skelton rode in the lead vehicle while her friends jovially enjoyed her 70th birthday.

You can count your real friends when they show up at 7 in the morning at your door step with a golf cart line-up in parade regalia. Since Amie was still in her pajamas, she appeared very distinguished in her blue bathrobe. Breakfast was enjoyed at Homer and Gladys Lewis' dwelling with approximately 30 sleepy-eyed friends.

**Amistad NRA re-opens recreation area**  
Amistad National Recreation Area has re-opened the recreation facilities, located just north of Del Rio off of U.S. Highway 277, for the winter season.

The area contains a primitive campground and picnic facility. National Park Service staff members are currently working to improve the low-water boat ramp.

"We're hoping to be able to open the new boat ramp as soon as water levels permit," said Alan Cox, park superintendent.

Amistad National Recreation Area headquarters, located on U.S. Highway 90, west of Del Rio, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for holidays. For more information, call (830) 775-7491.

**Brackett Computer Club meets Monday**  
The Brackettville Computer Club will hold its first meeting of this season on Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Fritter Room at the Kinney County Library Annex.

Sarah Terrazas of the Kinney County Library will discuss all of the new computer equipment, workshops and training that the local library has to offer. Admission is free.

**Youth Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 24**  
The Youth Ministry Thanksgiving Dinner is on Nov. 24 at 11 a.m. Space is available for arts and crafts. For more information, call Zeny McKelvy at 563-3176.

### Group proposes pipeline to San Antonio

■ *Continued from Page 1*  
The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District adopted rules that went into effect in August that limit overall Edwards pumping in Kinney County to 54,000 acre-feet a year, but Baxter said he was confident the company could operate within the district's rules.

Darlene Shahan, interim general manager and a district board member, said that because the district is relatively new, it has not been able to determine how much water might be available to those who want to drill new production wells.

Insisting that their own studies show that Kinney County has far more water than the groundwater district realizes, Grass Valley Water and other companies are trying to force the district to raise the pumping cap.

"We wouldn't build a pipeline if we didn't think there was enough water to fill it," Baxter said.

San Antonio Water System officials say they don't know yet whether the proposal would be a boon in helping meet the city's future water needs, or an over-

priced boondoggle. However, they're objecting to what they call excessive and inappropriate pressure for an immediate decision.

"In my whole life I have never seen such a massive lobbying effort," James Mayor, chairman of the SAWS board, told the *San Antonio Express-News* this week.

"I cannot express the pressure that we've had. It's not a good environment. We're trying to do what we can, but it's been very difficult," Mayor added.

# Tigers rally late to beat district champions

## Win over Freer is bitter-sweet for BHS

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Sports Editor

It was a bitter-sweet night for the Brackett Tigers on Friday. Jared Hobbs hit Dietrich Davis on a 6-yard touchdown pass with 1:17 left to lift Brackett to a 20-15 come-from-behind win over the district champion Freer Buckaroos.

But before the Tigers could enjoy the victory, they found out their season ended after Natalia secured the conference's third playoff spot with a 42-20 win over Three Rivers.

Freer (4-6) and Dilley (6-4) finished tied atop the District 30-AA standings with 4-1 marks, but the Buckaroos enter the playoffs as the league's first-place team because of their 31-22 win over the Wolves on Nov. 1.

Brackett (6-4) and Natalia (4-6) tied for third with 3-2 conference marks, but the Mustangs will advance to the playoffs because of their 21-7 victory over the Tigers on Oct. 11.

"It was bitter-sweet," Brackett head football coach David Yeager said. "It was really an emotional night because we beat a good football team in Freer, but we found out later that we didn't make the playoffs, so it was tough to tell our kids."

Hobbs' game-winning touchdown pass to Davis capped a 75-yard, 11-play scoring drive that ate up 5:24 in the final stanza, giving the Tigers a 20-15 lead with 1:17 left on the clock.

"We hadn't thrown the ball much," Yeager said. "Down in the red zone, they were putting nine and 10 guys in the box to stop us. We ran a play-action run and they sucked up. Then,

### STANDINGS

District 30-AA				
Team	Dst	Sea	PF	PA
Freer	4-1	4-6	176	188
Dilley	4-1	6-4	222	180
Brackett	3-2	6-4	205	168
Natalia	3-2	4-6	151	145
Three Rivers	1-4	1-9	158	280
George West	0-5	1-9	97	199

**Friday, Nov. 9**  
Brackett 20, Freer 15  
Dilley 20, George West 19  
Natalia 42, Three Rivers 20

**Friday, Nov. 15**  
Dilley vs. Stockdale at Somerset, 7:30 p.m.  
Freer vs. Poth at San Antonio ISD Sports Complex, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 16**  
Natalia vs. Nixon-Smilely at San Antonio Harlandale Memorial, 8 p.m.

we ran the play-action pass out of the same set. Dietrich was wide open and Jared did a good job of getting the ball to him. I think the element of surprise got them."

Brackett took advantage of four Freer penalties during its game-winning scoring drive, including a crucial personal foul on third-and-13 that gave the Tigers' a first down on the Buckaroos' 23-yard line. Freer finished with 13 penalties for 105 yards, while Brackett was flagged five times for 25 yards.

"At halftime, we felt like it would pay off for whoever maintained their poise in the fourth quarter," Yeager said. "I think our team did an outstanding job of showing character, poise and discipline, and it did pay off."

The Buckaroos took their only lead of the game at 15-14 with 6:41 remaining. Quarterback David Cavazos crossed the goal

line from 2 yards out for his second TD of the game, and then connected with Marcos Pineda for the go-ahead conversion.

The two teams were tied at 7-all at the half, but the Tigers went up 14-7 at the 6:09 mark in the third quarter when Noe Talamantes scored on a 15-yard scamper.

The Tigers tallied 14 first downs and 184 offensive yards, including 172 rushing yards, while the Buckaroos had 10 first downs and 212 yards.

Tony Rosetti led Brackett's ground attack with 61 yards on 13 carries, while Hobbs rushed for 55 yards on 10 attempts and Talamantes had 47 yards on 14 totes.

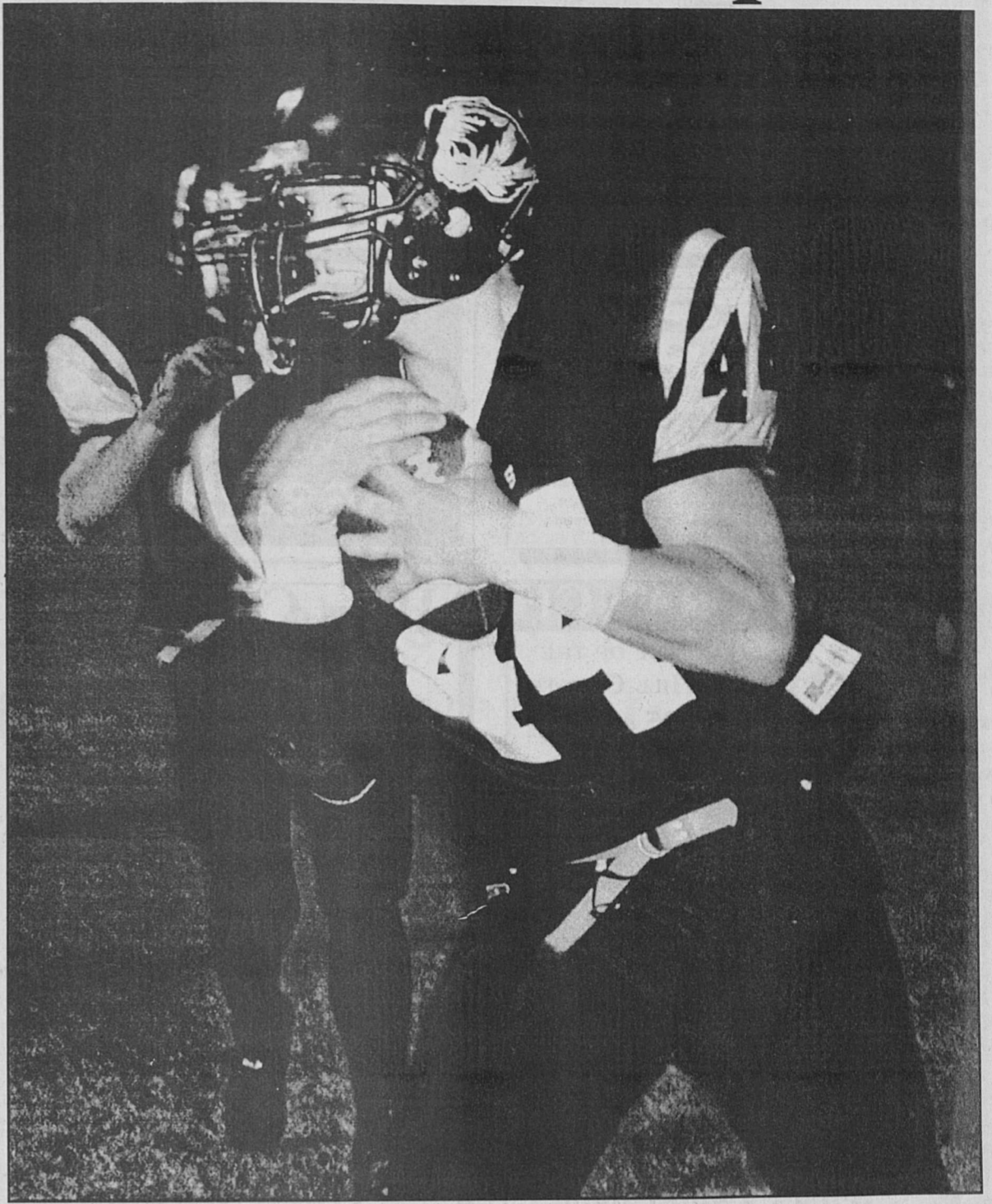
"Freer is really good defensively, so we just tried to find what would work and keep them off balance," Yeager said. "We were really balanced and I think that was a key. They really couldn't key on anybody and I think all of our backs ran well."

Freer trailed early, but tied the score at 7-all with three minutes left in the first half when Cavazos scored on a 1-yard plunge.

Cavazos was 7-of-19 passing for 129 yards. LeRoy Garza had two receptions for 58 yards, and Arnold Perez caught two passes for 50 yards.

Brackett took control of the game early. The Tigers forced Freer's Ramon Leal to fumble the opening kickoff and Brackett defensive end recovered the ball at the Buckaroos' 26. Seven plays later, Hobbs threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Rosetti.

Yeager was pleased with Brackett's special teams. In addition to the early fumble recovery, Jaime Puente, the Tigers'



**Game-winning touchdown**  
Brackett tight end Dietrich Davis' (44) 6-yard touchdown reception from Jared Hobbs with 1:17 remaining gave the Tigers a 20-15 win Friday night over the Freer Buckaroos.

Photo by Javier Cervantez

third punter this season, had four punts for a 40-yard average and Maarten Vos was 2-for-

2 on PAT attempts.

ning them deep," Yeager said. "The kicking game played a big part in the victory."

### BRIEFS

#### J.V. Tigers run over Crystal City 50-0

The Brackett Tigers closed their football season in fine fashion last Thursday, running over Crystal City 50-0 in junior varsity action. Brackett finishes its campaign with a 4-4 record.

Tres Rueda and Cody Edwards both rushed for over 80 yards to lead the Tigers' offense, which racked up 273 yards on the ground.

Rueda ran for touchdowns of 25 and 20 yards, respectively, and had four two-point conversion runs. Edwards scored on a 35-yard TD run.

Greg Gonzales added an 18-yard touchdown scamper, while Brand Wylie crossed the goal line from 11 yards out.

Brackett's defense held Crystal City to under 70 yards of total offense. Evaristo Villarreal recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown, and Clint Doriocourt returned an interception off a Ramiro Pina deflection 40 yards for a score.

#### Cubs close season with win over Bobcats

BATESVILLE — The Brackett Cubs finished the season with a 4-3-1 record after claiming a 32-12 win over the Batesville Bobcats last Thursday in junior high football action.

"We feel that we improved so much throughout the season," said Cubs coach Ricky Creel. "These kids worked hard to get better and their hard work shows."

The Cubs got off to a fast start when quarterback Robert Davis completed consecutive passes on the games first two plays to tight end Josh O'Neil to set fullback Fermine Villanueva's TD run. Davis carried in the conversion to give the Cubs an early 8-0 lead.

Brackett went up 16-0 when Villanueva scored again, and Davis pitched to Ivan Pinelas on the option for the conversion.

Batesville then put together a drive that consumed most of the second quarter and scored to cut its deficit to 16-6 at the half.

Josh Acosta caused a fumble on the early in the third to give the Cubs' possession. Villanueva again scored for the Cubs and Pinelas carried in the two points for a 24-6 advantage.

After pinning the Bobcats deep in their own territory, defensive lineman Isreal De Hoyas stripped the Batesville quarterback of the ball and linebacker Joey Castillo fell on it for yet another Cub touchdown. Fullback William Adams, who was an offensive lineman, rumbled over the right side of the line for the two-point conversion and a 32-6 lead.

The Cubs have a strong nucleus returning next season with four seventh-grade starters — fullback Fermine Villanueva, linemen Gus Resendez and Isreal De Hoyas, and cornerback Travis Bonner.

#### Junior high hoop teams fall to Del Rio

DEL RIO — The junior high girls' basketball teams fell short in their season openers Monday.

The eighth grade girls lost a 29-16 decision to Del Rio. Nadine Terrazas, Emily Valenzeula and Kara Yeager all scored four points for the Cubettes. Terrazas also had 12 steals, while Valenzeula pulled down five rebounds.

The seventh graders fell to the Lady Ramos 41-10. Julie Castillo, Hayley Harris, Daphne Hunt, Erica Rodriguez and Jolisa Wright all scored two points. "Baile Allen and Erica Rodriguez played great defense," Brackett coach Jenifer Harris said.

#### Cubettes win district cross country title

DILLEY — The Brackett Cubettes claimed the district cross title. Daphne Hunt led Brackett with a second-place finish after being clocked at 14:40. Bianca Stewart came in fifth with a time of 15:28, Julie Castillo was sixth with a 15:40, Heather Bagget was 12th with an 18:41 and Hayley Harris was 13th with a 19:32.

# Ashabranner takes 36th at state

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Sports Editor

ROUND ROCK — Brackett sophomore Juliann Ashabranner ran a 13:11 to finish 36th Saturday at the Class AA UIL State Cross Country Meet at Old Settlers Park.

"Juliann's time did increase from last year, but the competition was tough," Tigerettes coach Jenifer Harris said.

Krum won the girls' AA title with 55 points, while Alford was second with 75 and Tuscola Jim Ned finished third with 85.

Dana Gillespie of Alford took top honors after being clocked at 12:04. Amie Morton of Woden took second-place honors with a time of 12:09, Krum's

## Creel takes over girls' program

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Sports Editor

Ricky Creel has coached a variety of sports over the last six years at Brackett, including football, boys' basketball and baseball.

But this year, he is trying something new — coaching girls. After leading the Tigers to the playoffs in basketball last season, Creel is now taking over the girls' hoops program.

"I'm really excited," he said. "I think we have a lot of talent and a good nucleus of girls. I think we'll do really well."

The Tigerettes began working out this week. They open their season Saturday in Cotulla at 11:30, and then face Knippa on Tuesday at 6:30 at Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde.

"Right now, we've just been working on drills," Creel said. "We're trying to get ready for this weekend. The girls are getting better each time we step on the court. They will go out there and give it all they got. They might not be ready for all our schemes, but I think they will go out there and give it everything they got."

*"The team had a great year. These girls have gained a tremendous amount of experience this year, and we have some young girls coming up in the program."*

*Tigerettes coach Jenifer Harris*

Cordie Thomas finished third with a 12:17.00, Loren Hodges of Corsicana Mildred was fourth with a 12:17.40 and Tiffany Chandler of Yorktown was fifth with a time of 12:21.

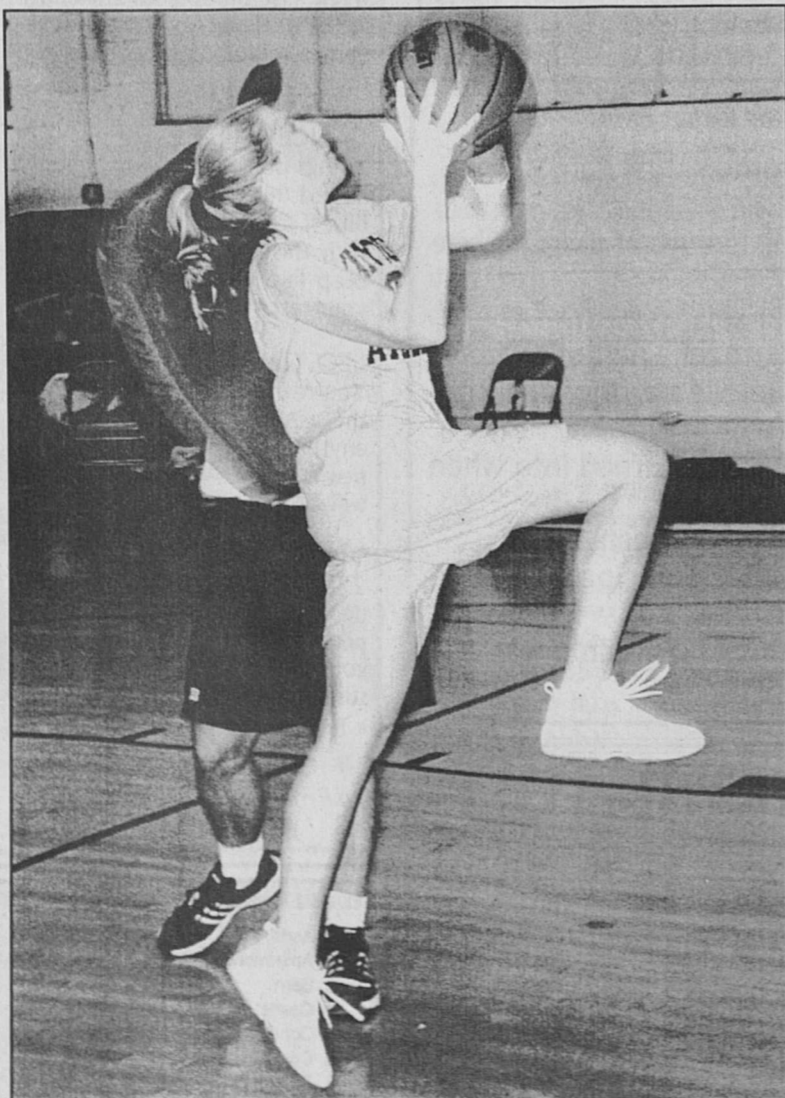
The Tigerettes won the District 30-AA title and finished eighth at the regional meet.

Brackett graduates seniors Nicole Mata and Tammy Smith, but Ashabranner, Clarissa Aguirre, Ashley Castillo, Jessica

Crane, Divina Pena and Brandy Smith will all return next season.

"The team had a great year," Harris said. "These girls have gained a tremendous amount of experience this year, and we have some young girls coming up in the program. We could, however, use some male runners."

"I will truly miss the two seniors, Nicole and Tammy. I enjoyed working with them both."



**Proper technique**  
Brackett's Ashley Smith gets pointers on how to shoot lay-ups from Tigerettes coach Ricky Creel (background).

Photo by J.J. Guidry



Juliann Ashabranner

## Two Tigerettes garner honors

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Sports Editor

Ashley Castillo and Shanae Simmons represented Brackett on the 30-AA All-District volleyball team, selected last week by the conference's coaches.

"I was a little disappointed that we didn't get more on the team," Tigerettes coach Dusty Brotherton said. "I thought there were two or three other girls that were worthy."

Simmons, a sophomore middle blocker, led Brackett in blocks and kills.

"She was moved up to varsity in the middle of the year and she gave us a new dimension," Brotherton said. "She effected the way people played us."


Castillo, a freshman middle hitter, was second on the team in blocks, digs and kills.

"She had a really solid year as a freshman," Brotherton said. "She was good at all phases of the game."

Natalia senior Arica Rodriguez was named the district's MVP and her sophomore teammate, Victoria Cantu, was named newcomer of the year.

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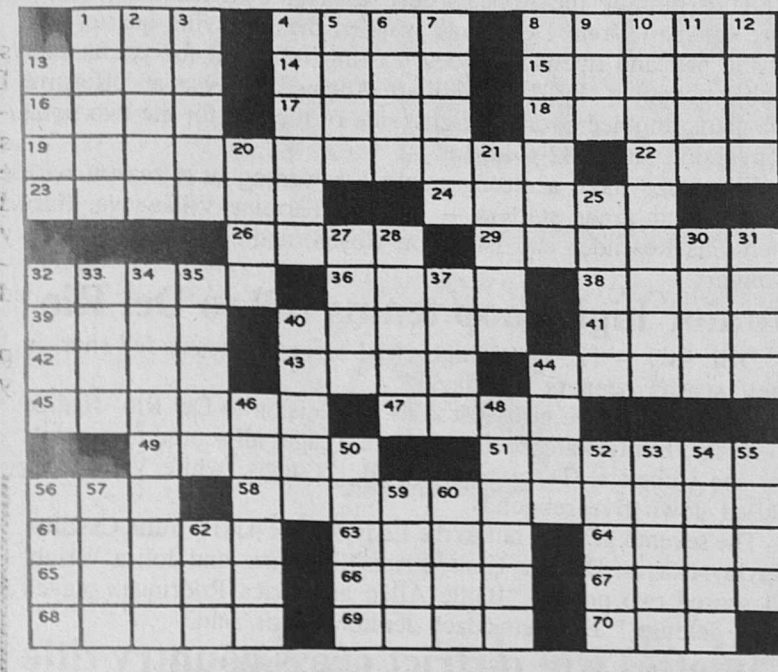
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Pronoun
- 4 Grouchy person
- 8 Highest mountain in Canada
- 13 Orgs. for concerned parents
- 14 In good health
- 15 Deteriorate
- 16 Assam silkworms
- 17 Dog in The Thin Man
- 18 Not hollow
- 19 Polo and skiing
- 22 Overim-biber's woe
- 23 Musical instrument
- 24 Sows
- 26 Numerical prefix
- 29 Nostril biters
- 32 Cheryl and Alan
- 36 Fills with wonderment
- 38 Vermin
- 39 Tribal member
- 40 Spot
- 41 Esse or star, in French

**DOWN**

- 1 Ascending parts
- 2 Poorest western nation
- 3 City located 18 miles northeast of Düsseldorf
- 4 Original member
- 5 Scrape
- 6 Quartet
- 7 Endures
- 8 Children of a God; 1986 Best Actress' film
- 9 Valuable ore, in Valencia
- 10 Novelist (1730-74)
- 11 Underground passage
- 12 Sparks and Beatty
- 13 Seats for many
- 20 Colors
- 21 Rib
- 25 Concave roofs
- 27 Relaxed
- 28 Anticipate
- 30 Measurement
- 31 Noticed
- 32 Section of a barn



Trivia Time Answers (c) 2001 DBR Media, Inc.   
 Montague and Capulet; 9. "Pretty Woman"; 7. A pillar of salt; 8. The sun; 5. Fraction; 6. "A person who loves to read"; 3. His smiler; 1. Tom and Dick; 2. A person who loves to read; 3. His smiler;

ROARING TWENTIES

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

Today's Category: HOMES FOR MAN AND BEAST

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**Trivia Time** by Walter Branch

1. What are the Smothers Brothers' first names?
2. What is a bibliophile?
3. What was the distinguishing feature of the Cheshire Cat?
4. What is at the center of our solar system?
5. What is the mathematical term for a part of a whole?
6. What song title was also a movie starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere?
7. In the Bible, what was Lot's wife turned into when she disobeyed God?
8. What were Romeo and Juliet's last names?
9. What is the last word of the "Star Spangled Banner"?
10. What British prime minister's last name was also the last name of a U.S. president?

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Nov. 14.....Jonas Foreman	Nov. 17.....Nathan Lafrenz
Nov. 14.....Larry Sofaly	Nov. 17.....Ken Spencer
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Nov. 15.....Keith Suever	Nov. 18.....Elizabeth Smith
Nov. 16.....Elias Gomez, Jr.	Nov. 18.....Lyla E. Udy
Nov. 16.....Jared Shahan	Nov. 19.....Linda Sanchez
Nov. 16.....Elaine Slubar	Nov. 19.....Victor Sanchez
Nov. 17.....Patrick Conlin	Nov. 20.....Tracy Gilbreth
Nov. 20.....Dusty Rose	

HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You spend much of the week deep in thought. You emerge, however, with wonderful, new ideas. This spurs you on to the road to success.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Avoid a tendency to be too touchy this week. It's not like you to over-react, especially to an imagined slight. Later in the week, travel is a possibility.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You feel centered and focused this week. Use this to your advantage in the workplace. Over the weekend, a minor crisis requires you to be adaptable.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Things don't go exactly as you'd hoped this week. While you're a bit off track, you are able to deal with this gracefully. Try not to keep late hours since you need your rest.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You're in the mood for change as the week begins. This could be anything from a career change to new curtains! Only you know what will satisfy you.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Tread carefully in business dealings this week. An insincere person could take advantage of your good nature. Trust your instincts, and you'll be fine.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You make your best progress early in the week. Later, a minor health problem keeps you in bed. By week's end, you're feeling in the pink again.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You find yourself the center of attention this week. Enjoy this popularity, but don't let it go to your head. Some who are most flattering have an ulterior motive.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You are able to accomplish a lot this week. However, you can only do this if you're willing to curb your temper. A co-worker who gets on your nerves is really harmless.

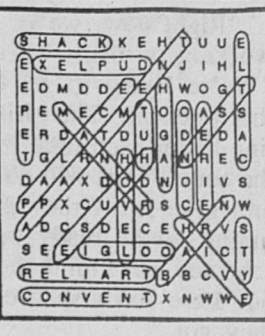
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) This isn't the week to rearrange finances. If need be, only make a move after you've consulted an adviser. Over the weekend, your charm brings benefits on the social scene.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) It's unlike you to be a braggart, so don't indulge in it this week. Yes, your accomplishments are being noted. That doesn't mean, however, that you're immune to some stumbling.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You're confident in your abilities. However, a certain task before you isn't as easy as it looks. Tread carefully.

**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

1. Aerie	11. Hovel
2. Apartment	12. Hut
3. Barn	13. Igloo
4. Castle	14. Manor
5. Condo	15. Nest
6. Convent	16. Palace
7. Duplex	17. Shack
8. Hive	18. Sty
9. Hogan	19. Teepee
10. House	20. Trailer



# God will calm the storm in your heart

Even if your "ship hasn't come in" yet, there could be something worse. The ship you are on could be sinking.  
Is your ship sinking because you are a "Jonah"? Are you a Jonah for your family and those around you, placing them in a position of peril?  
Most of us know the story of Jonah, who was swallowed by the big fish.  
We know how he ended up telling the people of Nineveh about God's word and their repenting, and God's forgiving them and blessing them. (Book of Jonah, Chapters 1-4)  
But, let's go back to Jonah's first problem. Jonah hated them because he knew of the sinful things they were doing. He

knew they were into all kinds of sexual perversion, bestiality, homosexuality, incest, adultery, fornication, murder, human sacrifices, lies, witchcraft, drugs, deception, idolatry and all manner of ungodly things. What he knew about them curdled his stomach and made him want to gag, but God wanted him to be a peacemaker between them and Him.  
Jonah had every "right" to abhor, reject and hate these people, but God told him to be an ambassador of peace and forgiveness.  
Before he could be that ambassador, he had to have peace and forgiveness for them available in his own heart.  
Let's face it, you can't deliver



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what you don't have. In Luke 11:4 Jesus said to pray: "Forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us."  
The first thing that was "tossed" by the stormy waves in his life was his relation-"ship" with God. This affects the way you see life and respond to it. When you start "rocking the

boat" with your anger and short temper, when you become god and judge to all around you, and you can't hear what others are trying to say, friend-"ships" are often torn apart as they hit the rocks.  
The same thing happens to your relation-"ships" with God and others.  
God wants you to be still, "Peace, be still," and know that He is God. He will calm the storm in your heart. He will renew your mind and fill you with forgiveness, faith, hope, and love.  
Jonah was totally vulnerable in the belly of the big fish. The storm was not only around him, but in his mind.  
The minute he humbled him-

self before God and submitted his will to Him, God released him out of the big fish, and raised him onto dry land.  
When he stopped running from God and was obedient, his life proved that God was there and in control all the time.  
Are you choosing to be a Jonah? Are you holding on to unforgiveness because you don't want to see the one who hurt you or your loved ones being forgiven by God?  
Unforgiveness only brings destruction to you and those around you. Allow God to soften your heart, and be an ambassador of forgiveness.  
Rest in the Lord-"ship" of Jesus Christ. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.



St. Mary Magdalene Church  
Lynn McNew

## All Saints Day

Nov. 1 was All Saints Day. This is a day set aside by Christian churches, especially the Catholic church, to honor those who have a special place in our faith. Non-Catholics sometimes have an incorrect idea that Catholics worship the saints - we do not. We worship only God in the Holy Trinity. We honor the saints.  
Anyone who has ever been inside a Catholic church has seen statues of some of the more familiar saints. I like to equate this to pictures in my own home. I display pictures of my grandchildren, my children, and other members of my family I wish to honor and remember. In the same way, we display statues of saints we honor in our church homes.

Do I pray to saints? I pray to God through the saints. I figure I need all the help I can get and any good soul interceding for me is just fine. Many times, friends and family members ask me to pray for them and are willing to pray for me. To my way of thinking, asking a saint, who is closer to God, to help me out is much the same thing.  
We all know people whom we have labeled as "saints" on earth. But exactly how does the Catholic Church name a saint? Canonization is the process the church uses to name a saint. The procedure starts after the death of a Catholic whom people regard as holy.

The candidate's life and writings are investigated by the local bishop for examples of heroic virtue or martyrdom. Then approval by the cardinals of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints is granted and the Pope proclaims the candidate "venerable." Beautification is the next step and requires evidence of one miracle taking place after the person's death which is evidence that the person is in Heaven and can intercede for people. The exception to this process is a person who has been martyred for his faith. After one more miracle, the Pope will canonize the saint (including martyrs).  
While every person who is canonized is a saint, not every holy person has been canonized. The process, however, is infallible and irrevocable.

I found the names of some saints who are associated with specific professions, causes, etc. Of course, the patron saints of the Americans are St. Rose of Lima and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our own St. Mary Magdalene is the patron of penitents. The patron saint of children is St. Nicholas, while the patron saints of grandparents are St. Ann and St. Joachim.  
Politicians have a patron saint, St. Thomas More, and the patron saint of computers is St. Isadore of Seville. Actors' and musicians' patron saints are St. Genesius and St. Cecilia, respectively.  
In the Catholic faith, babies are often given a saint's name. I once asked my religious education students to study the lives of their patron saint. They were amazed at the things they found in that person's life that they could emulate, and the similarities between their saint's life and their own.  
You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.  
God bless you!

## See that God has called us to union with him in covenant

ROME - My dear brothers and sisters of Christ in Brackettville:  
I write to you on the Lord's day, the feast of Saint Chelidonia who is the patroness of Vignola, a small village in the mountains to the east of Rome. It is through the intercession of this holy woman that I ask the Father's blessing on you all.  
I wish to express how special it was for me to spend some time with you this past summer and I thank the Lord for that. Each one of you holds a special place in my heart and I am grateful for the time we shared.  
I would like to speak to you of our relationship to God the Father, for this is precisely what we are called to - an intimate closeness with our heavenly Father as a child loves and trusts its earthly father.



Postcard Home  
Brother Henry Clay Hunt III

Again Jesus said, "be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Mt. 5:48)  
In this we see our call to holiness. He calls each and everyone to love him: young and old, single and married, healthy and sick, learned and unlearned, no matter where they work or where they are.  
The ordinary life of a man among his fellows is not some dull and uninteresting thing. It is here that the Lord wants the vast majority of his children to achieve sanctity. Your ordinary contact with God takes place where your fellow men, your yearnings, your work and your affections are.  
St. Josemaria Escriva teaches it is there you have your daily encounter with Christ. It is in the midst of the most material things

of the earth that we must sanctify ourselves, serving God and all mankind.  
I assure you, my brothers and sisters, that when a Christian carries out with love the most insignificant everyday action, that action overflows with the transcendence of God.  
If we can come to know the Father as he truly is, "Abba, Father," we will be filled with joy and peace, protected with the confidence of a child in the power of its "daddy," and would know how to be apostles of this joy, and communicate this peace to others in our daily lives.  
So be convinced, my dear ones, that God is close to us as our father all the time and form yourself to live in a perpetual state of gratitude. Then you will be racing to that place where "eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it even dawned on the thought of man, the glories that God has prepared for those who love him."  
I entrust you all to our mother Mary as I consecrate you again to the Sacred Heart of her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through her Immaculate Heart. All glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
In service to Holy Mother Church and Father Cornelius Scanlan, O.M.I.  
Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity: Pray for us!



St. John's Missionary Church  
Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

### Find help with grace

Seeing then that we have a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, Let us hold fast our profession.  
For we have not an high Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; But was in all points, tempted like as we are, yet without sin.  
Let us therefore come boldly before the throne of Grace, that we may obtain Mercy, And find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14-16) Praise God!

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Morning Prayer: 2nd, 4th Sunday

## Do not nurture resentment

"How'd you do on the math test today, honey?" Marie queried her son.  
Josh fell into a chair and reached for the TV remote. "I think I did OK, Mom. It wasn't really a hard test and I felt prepared."  
Marie walked from the kitchen into the living room and stood between Josh and the TV. "I knew you'd make it Josh. C'mon to the kitchen. I've got something special for you."  
Marie's invitation was greeted with enthusiasm. Josh sat looking admiringly at the fresh cookies.  
As he reached toward the plate, there was concern in his voice. "Mom," he began, "I worked hard to get a good grade on that test, but ..." his voice trailed off.  
"And you can be proud of your accomplishment, Josh," Marie said.  
"But Mom, some kids get good grades, but they don't work at all. They cheat on the tests. And they get other kids to do their homework for them."  
Josh's voice expressed his concern and disgust.  
"Does the teacher know?" Marie asked.  
"Everybody knows, Mom," Josh responded. "There's never any justice. Certain kids never get punished for anything."  
"Why do you think that, Josh?" Marie asked.



Empowering Families  
Dr. Donald Smith

"Cause their parents are important people," Josh said sarcastically.  
Marie took Josh's hand in her own. "Listen to me, honey," she said. "The connection you're making is probably not truth and is known only to God."  
"Long ago a very wise man said that there are sinners who never seem to get punished for their wrongs and there are good people who die young. In spite of that you must not forsake what is right and then expect God to make it ok for you. There is no worldly wealth or power that can reconcile the sinner in the day of judgment. (Sirach 5:4-10)  
"Do not nurture such resentment in your heart lest it infect your thoughts with bitterness. Your honesty and hard work allows you to look everybody in the eye without shame."  
**Editor's note:** This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project, working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.

## HEALTH

### Emergency alert system important to community

This morning on the morning news, I saw the devastation suffered Sunday evening when a series of severe thunderstorms, which developed into massive tornado complexes, tore through Southeastern USA.  
I saw the emergency management coordinator for one of the most damaged areas. Loss of life looks like it will be 40 people or more, including small children and infants.  
One of the most common reactions in those areas where people died was the fact that the warnings issued allowed all the people in the path of damage to find shelter.  
The emergency management coordinator for one of those counties commented that their sirens and the emergency alert system truly functioned as needed during the crisis of notification.  
Do you realize that in our county we have both of these warnings available?  
Advances in technology



EMS Update  
Carolyn Rutherford

brought these important methods of warning to our rural area. Our sirens go off every day at noon. If you are around at lunchtime, do you ever think about what you need to do if these sirens ever go off "for real?"  
Let's be honest, when you heard the warning sirens sound off at times other than the usual daily checkout, are you aware that the sirens are letting you know you need to "take cover immediately?" Have you planned where to go and what to take with you? Do you have supplies "stashed away" for three to four days?

Along with the warning sirens, we now get vital emergency notice through the emergency alert system, a communication network bolstered by the news media through television and radio stations, linked by phone, fax and computer. This is a two-way system that allows Kinney County to receive emergency notice as well as to release vital emergency notice from us to the residents and travelers in our county.  
As this emergency management coordinator voiced his sadness over the loss of life, he stated that without those two methods of warning, the loss of life would be much greater.  
Those systems we have do not increase your tax rate, but they should never be taken for granted. Whenever either warning method notifies Kinney County to take shelter immediately, you need to heed it!  
**EMT Course**  
Our EMT basic course started last week and once again, thanks

to the Brackett Independent School District, we are broadcasting classes from this Distance Learning Lab.  
We have a total of 20 students at three locations in Uvalde, Eagle Pass and, of course, Brackettville.  
This course is very intense, since it is taught four nights a week and Saturdays all day! But the beauty is that the courses should be completed by the end of January 2003.  
**New Employees**  
I am happy to welcome Veronica Gracia, EMT intermediate, as a full-time employee of Kinney County EMS.  
Veronica lives in Knippa and has several years of experience in private ambulance work, along with volunteer EMS work in Sabin. She is very well prepared for this new job and highly qualified to add to our growing EMS "family."  
Please help me make her feel welcome when you see her around town.

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