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**BRIEFS**

**Arts Council hosts Snowflake Ball**

The Kinney County Arts Council is hosting its annual Snowflake Ball on Dec. 6 at 7:30 in the upstairs ballroom of Las Moras Restaurant.

Music will be furnished by Mario Fraga and the Time Machine, playing a variety that is appealing to all ages, even country western.

In order to bring cultural events to the school children of Kinney County, the Arts Council is required to match funds with the Texas Commission on Arts. The ball is the local group's only annual fundraiser.

Tickets are \$7 a person. The event is BYOB and setups will be available.

Tickets and table reservations may be obtained by calling Kim Schmidt at 563-3319 or Sharon Boucher at 563-9096.

**Group sponsors rifle giveaway**

The Kinney County Wildlife Management Association will be sponsoring a rifle giveaway for the following during the hunting season: bobcats and mountain lions, coyote and red fox, feral hog, and an open class for a \$10 donation. Four rifles will be given away — one for each of the categories.

All predators taken will be registered at the contest headquarters, the Kinney County Wool & Mohair, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Each time a participant brings in a new animal in one of the first three categories, his or her name will be put in a hat designated for that category.

The open class will be for participants who have made a donation to the association. Every \$10 donation constitutes an entry.

A lottery-style drawing will be held at the close of the contest to determine the winner of each of the four categories. The drawing will take place at the Kinney County Wool & Mohair on Jan. 20 at 10 a.m.

**Agents apprehend 365 illegal aliens**

DEL RIO — U.S. Border Patrol agents from the Brackettville Station apprehended 365 illegal aliens in the month of October.

Agents from the Del Rio Sector apprehended a total of 2,913 illegal aliens, including 827 in Eagle Pass, 464 in Carrizo Springs, 417 in Del Rio, 244 in Uvalde, 236 in San Angelo, 163 in Abilene, 88 in Llano, 61 in Comstock and 48 in Rock-springs.

Border Patrol officials also seized 3,071.59 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$2,457,268.80 during the month of October.

## Fort considers incorporating

### Association leaders discuss possibilities of a municipality

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

Fort Clark Springs officials are considering taking steps to turn the homeowners association into a municipality.

"We would like to think so. We're looking at it and studying it very hard," said Tom Saylor, president of the association.

"There are 85 other communities in Texas that are towns now that were like us. All across the Sun Belt, from Florida to California, all of these communities that were started as homeowner, gated, recreational communities, they're all incorporating into cities. So it's nothing new.

"We would like our constituents to understand that we're not

trying to stick it to them. There's nothing undercover about what we're doing. I know there are some that alude to the fact that what we're doing is in secret, but this has been discussed in open meetings," he added.

Fort officials say the financial status of the association continues to improve, but that the economic woes will continue.

"If we were to double our membership overnight, it still would not fix everything. It would not bring in enough money," Saylor said. "It would fix a few things, but there would still be a lot of holes."

Saylor said the fort could reap more financial benefits as a municipality as opposed to a privately-owned association.

One example is the Texas Pecos Trail. Officials met last

week with a committee that is applying to have the trail included in the Texas Historical Commission's Heritage Tourism Program

"The up shot of this is that Brackettville and Fort Clark could be either the head or the tail of the trail, depending on where you start. There's \$250 million available in grant funds to help small rural communities develop to be a part of this," he said. "Fort Clark cannot touch a dime of it because we are a privately-owned association."

Saylor said the fort could also obtain grant money from the Texas Water Development Board to clean up Las Moras Creek if it was a municipality.

"We wouldn't have to resort to some endangered little-bitty fish that would give us

\$200,000, which would have to be paid to a consultant — especially when that little-bitty fish is dinner for a big mouth bass," said Saylor, referring to efforts to save the Devil's River minnow, a threatened species found in Las Moras Creek, through government grants.

The president said the association would also have additional finances available as a municipality through Homeland Defense.

"We could upgrade our airport so it could be turned into a base for the Border Patrol, DEA or other groups," Saylor said.

"We're in the middle of the Texas-Mexico border between Brownsville and El Paso. There's going to be a lot of action on the border, and more of Homeland Defense is going to flood

the border and seal it off. We're in a prime position to take advantage of that growth.

"It looks like the Border Patrol may open an academy on Laughlin Air Force Base. Also, it looks like there may be an Army unit moving in there. It would have a significant impact on the area," he added.

Saylor said Brackettville and Fort Clark need to take advantage of the potential growth.

"The key there is the Brackett schools — they are the best in the whole region," he said. "When word gets out on that, there will be a lot of people who will be based in this area for several years and they will want homes. We need to take advantage of that, but we will have to be in a position to accommodate that growth."



**Ready to perform**  
Members of the Fighting Tiger Band prepare for a halftime performance Friday during Brackett's playoff game against Poth at Somerset Stadium.

Photo by Danielle Moore

## Officials discuss tourism potential with Pecos Trail

The Kinney County Historical Commission and the Fort Clark Historical Society jointly hosted a meeting of the Texas Pecos Trail Committee last Wednesday in the Palisado Building on Fort Clark Springs.

The meeting brought together representatives from across the 22 county region of West Texas traversed by the Texas Pecos Trail.

Members of the Texas Pecos Trail Committee are gathering information for an application to make the Texas Pecos Trail the next "trail" included in the Texas Historical Commission's Heritage Tourism Program, which encourages travelers to visit historic and cultural attractions across Texas.

"We were very impressed with this wonderful historical site and the beautiful country that surrounds the area," said Debbie Vickers of the Odessa Visitors and Convention Bureau. "It has so much potential to be a great tourism destination. Hopefully, by working together to win this grant and traveling the meeting around the Texas Pecos Trail area, we will all gain a new appreciation of this great land called Texas and the people that have made it their home."

The Heritage Tourism Program partners the preservation community with the tourism industry, fostering both local economic development and the

preservation of Texas' rich cultural landscape.

Since 1997, the program has revitalized local economies through increased visitation to historic sites, and raised the awareness of the importance of historic preservation to the tourism industry.

The Texas Heritage Trails Program has returned \$23 to the state's economy for every dollar the state invests in the program.

Heritage tourism is travel directed toward experiencing an area's unique heritage and culture.

Nationally, by 2005, annual revenues from heritage tourism is expected to reach \$200 billion.

Texas ranks second in the U.S. in the number of heritage travelers visiting the state. The Texas economy benefits from these tourists because they spend \$29 more per day and stay longer than other travelers.

Heritage tourism is the fastest growing segment of the \$40.4 billion tourism industry in Texas.

Texas boasts about 2,800 sites in the National Register of Historic Places (Fort Clark is the largest National Register Historic district in private hands west of the Mississippi); 700 museums, approximately 400 of which are history museums (Kin-

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Fort Clark Springs officials say there are no negative connotations about turning the association's roads over to the Municipal Utility District. **Community/Page 3**

**■ Tigerettes win**  
Brackett's press was just too much for LaPryor Tuesday night as the Tigerettes routed the Lady Bulldogs 70-32 in their season opener. **Sports/Page 9**

**■ BHS takes 11th**  
ROUND ROCK — The Tigerettes concluded their 2003 campaign with an 11th-place finish Saturday at the Class 2A state cross country meet. **Sports/Page 9**

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## Davis wins Wendy's state Heisman Trophy Award

Two Texas high school seniors received national recognition when Dietrich Davis of Brackett High School and Meagan Garza of Economedes High School in Edinburg were named state winners for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

Davis and Garza are two of only 102 students that will move on to the next round of the national competition.

The award honors male and female high school athletes who are leaders on their teams and in their classrooms and communities. Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the award was created by Wendy's in 1994 in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Heisman Memorial Trust.

"These students have been singled out as some of the most remarkable and inspiring seniors across the country," said Tom Mueller, president and chief operating officer Wendy's North America. "We are pleased to recognize them for their outstanding achievements."

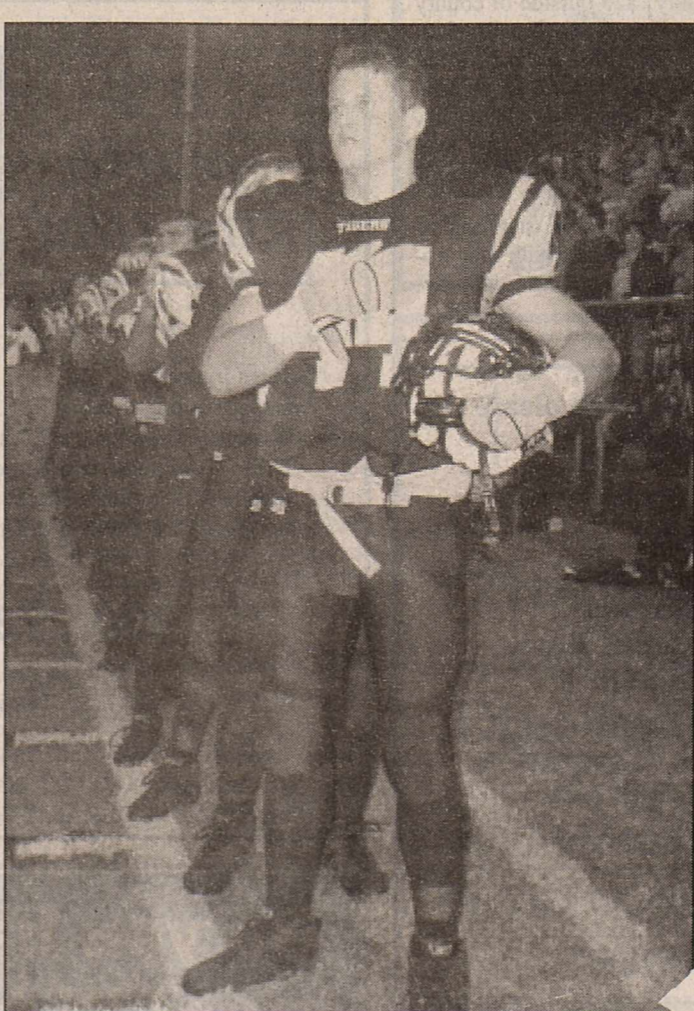
Davis and Graza will both receive a silver medal and com-

pete with 100 other students from across the country — two from each state and the District of Columbia — for a spot as a national finalist in the competition.

"These students have demonstrated great dedication, not only to their studies and after-school activities, but also to their high schools and communities," said Gerald N. Tirozzi, executive director of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. "They have achieved great success by remaining enthusiastic and committed to learning, participation, and service. They are to be commended for their many great achievements."

Davis was a two-way starter on the Tigers football team. He was named the district defensive MVP after helping Brackett to a 10-0 record. He is also a member of the baseball, basketball and golf teams at BHS.

"Dietrich is a great leader," said David Yeager, Brackett's head football coach and athletic director. "He has good football presence and great knowledge of the game. He always gives everything he has on the field."



**Heisman winner**  
Brackett High School senior Dietrich Davis has won Texas' Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Alliance hosts holiday service

The Church Alliance of Brackettville will hold its annual Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

This celebration will include participation by many of Brackettville's church leaders, including this year's speaker, Pastor Ned Sitzes of Frontier Baptist Church.

The Voices of Fort Clark will provide music for the evening. Refreshments will be served in Slator Hall immediately following the service, which will last about one hour.

Each year the Church Alliance raises funds through offerings at a community Easter service and a community Thanksgiving service.

The Church Alliance ministers to the people of Kinney County through several venues. Local families experiencing extreme hardship can apply for one-time grants to help with utility payments. Stranded travelers can receive grants of gas or food to assist them to their next des-

information, call Pastor Ned Sitzes, director of the alliance, at 563-5454.

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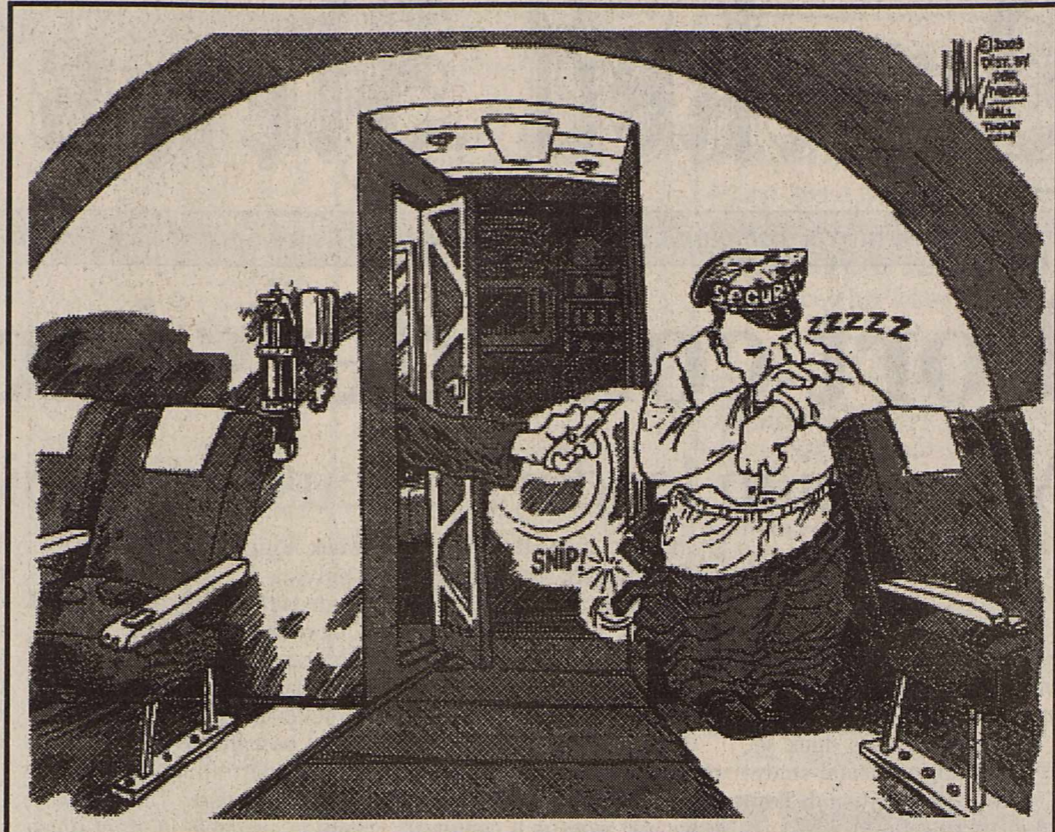
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Teen Spirit

**Shanae Simmons**

**Columnist fights courageous war**

I have hidden for ages from the evil dark force. The one that comes crawling in the night, the one that can attack you in the light, and the one that has no mercy, but takes its victims with pleasure.

To describe in better words, I have been hiding from the common cold, or shall I say the fiendish cold.

Of course, I knew the time would come when all who surrounded me would go under the weather. In response to its season, I began working hard to avoid all the cold's sufferers for as long as I could. Sadly, I must raise my white flag and declare my loss to the world. The evil little being has imprisoned my innocence.

**Protest pornographic TV**

CBS, one of the "Big Three" broadcasting networks, is also into pornography.


It is distressing to find out that CBS doesn't seem to think any more of our children's moral health than does Larry Flynt, publisher of Hustler Magazine.

Nope, CBS has gleefully joined the rush to depravity on television. The latest episode of sick and irresponsible programming is "Without A Trace."

Let me let you read what the Parents Television Council just sent me as a synopsis of one of the latest broadcasts of "Without A Trace," which I'm told airs at 9 p.m. You might not want your younger children to read the following, copied verbatim from the PTC message:

The Way I See It

**Steven R. LaMascus**



"A teenaged girl wearing just a bra and panties is sitting astride the lap of a teenaged boy kissing him while another girl in just a bra and panties fondles them both. The first girl is also shown making sexual bump and grind motions.

"Two other teenaged girls are sitting on either side of a teenaged boy, fondling him while another group of teens smoking pot and drinking beer watch them from the sofa on the other side of the room.

"A shirtless teenaged boy starts to remove his pants.

"A teenaged girl with her back to the camera appears to be wearing nothing but panties. She appears to be sitting astride a teenaged boy kissing him while another girl in just a bra and panties fondles them both.

"There is a quick shot of a pile of naked flesh, mostly arms and legs, though obviously belonging to multiple teens."

There is more, and it gets worse, but the above is bad enough to demonstrate what

you for years are going to happen and that you have ignored.

The morally responsible part of this nation seems to be blind and deaf to the possibilities — no, make that *probabilities* — of the future. We sit around huffing and griping without taking any action.

The perversions all around us are denounced in the churches, but when we leave the churches we do nothing to stop the lunacy.

We sit in our easy chairs with our remote controls and flip through the channels. The most positive action we take is *maybe* changing the channel when we see something like that described above. That is not enough!

The television networks and movie studios live or die by their wallets!

If we do enough to hit them in the pocket book they will listen to what we have to say. If they continue to make millions of dollars by producing pornography they are going to continue until they destroy themselves and us right along with them.

Don't just change channels; protest! Tell someone that matters that you hate what they are showing, and then boycott the people who finance the filth.

That is the only way to win this war. And don't kid yourselves — it is a war in every sense of the word. It is a war of good against evil, and evil is winning hands down.

Psalm 90:7-9 — "For we have been consumed by Your anger and by Your wrath we have been dismayed. You have placed our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence. For all our days have declined in Your fury; we have finished our years like a sigh." NASB

CBS feels is good, clean, prime-time, family entertainment.

I simply don't know what to do to stop this kind of idiotic, despicable filth.

Every time I turn around, some entity or person is pushing me farther and farther. I am at my wits end trying to help protect the morality of this nation and its children from morally-empty fools who think the way to enlightenment is through the very things that my God tells me are the way to damnation.

What do we have to do to get the attention of the general public and awaken them to the fact that the goddess are running this country, and they are running it into oblivion?

We win a small battle like the one I reported last week where two skin-flick TV shows are canceled, and then we are slapped in the face with something even more revolting and damaging.

I am tempted to ask the rhetorical question, "where will it all end," but I know exactly where it will end. It will end with the destruction of this nation in a fit of moral depravity akin to the deepest excesses of the Ceasars, that brought about the decline and fall of Rome.

We will soon begin to have gladiatorial games where real people are really killed, and live sex shows on television, and the outlawing of Christianity, and revocation of the right to keep and bear arms, and all the other things that we have been telling

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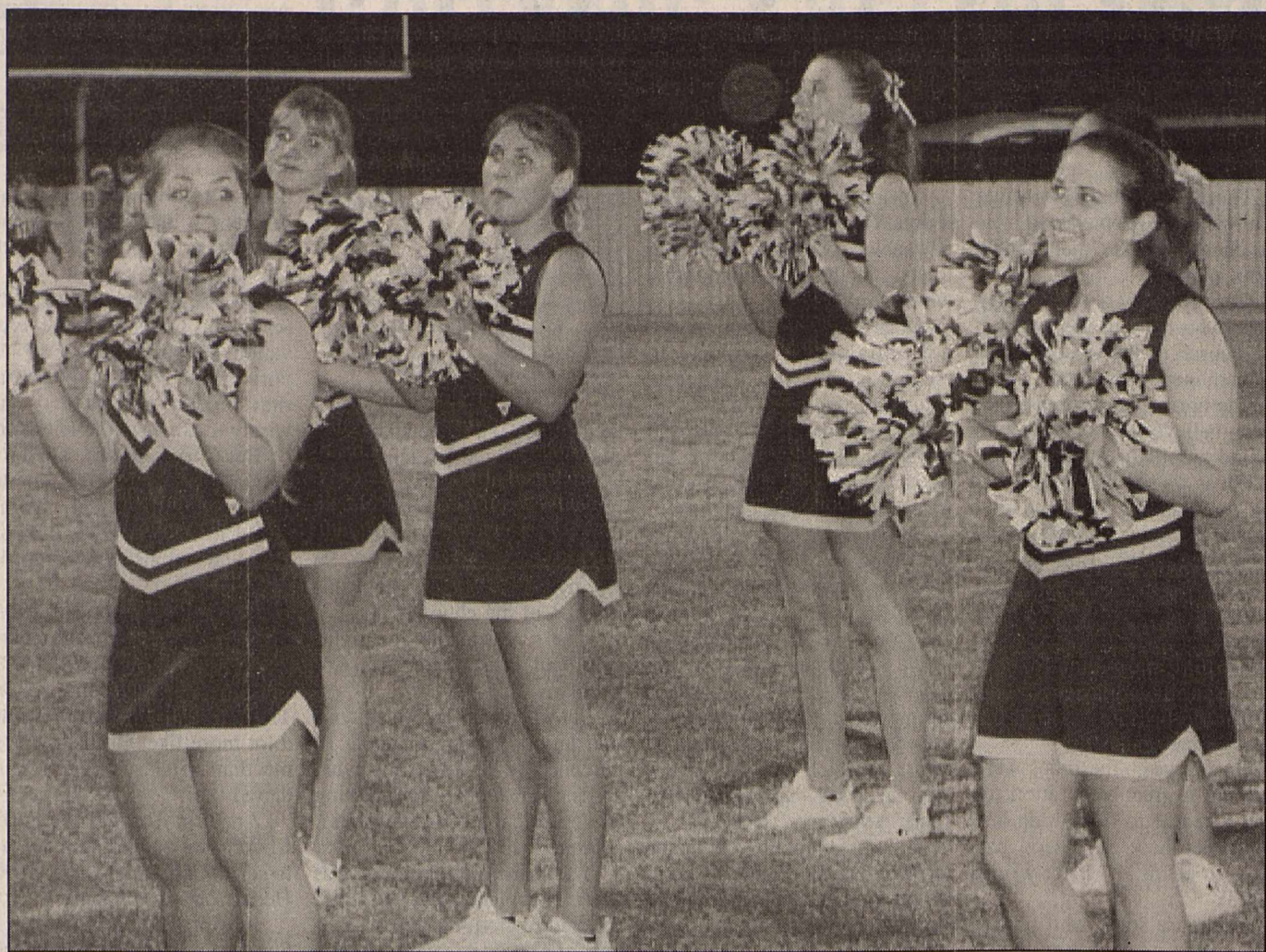

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**Sideline entertainment**  
The Brackett High School cheerleaders perform on the sidelines during a Tigers' football game. The BHS cheerleaders are under the direction of Cindy Brandt.

Photo by Danielle Moore

## Fort tries to avoid additional taxes by transferring ownership of roads

By J.J. GUDRY  
Editor

Fort Clark Springs officials say there are no negative connotations about turning the association's roads over to the Municipal Utility District.

The association's members are considering doing just that through an election.

Ballots have been sent to the members and must be returned by Dec. 1 to Glenn, Graf and Bowers, an auditing firm from Del Rio that is handling the election. The results will be announced during a special meeting on Dec. 6.

After a visit from a state auditor, Kinney County Chief Ap-

praiser Bill Haenn informed officials he would be forced to put the association's roads on the tax roll.

If the roads are turned over to MUD, it will not have to pay taxes on the roads because it is a taxing entity. Because the association is privately-owned, it would have to pay taxes on the roads next year if it still owns them. Fort Clark officials decided on the election in a simple effort to avoid paying additional taxes.

"I think the key thing from our standpoint is that we know one fact for sure — it's more than zero," Fort Clark board member Ron Pellin said. "Whatever that positive number is, we want

to avoid it if possible.

"It's not a known number. There's a lot of speculation, but it's just speculation," he said.

There have been numerous figures mentioned about the amount taxed on the roads, but officials stressed that there is no concrete figure.

"There have been absolutely no facts presented on the amount of taxes that would be due next year on the roads," said Tom Saylor, president of the association. "We don't know what the taxes would be."

Director John Dixon said, even at a minimum, the assessed value of the roads would be a "significant amount." "We're talking about big

bucks," Saylor said. "It would just about double our present valuation."

Saylor said the fort will continue to be responsible for the maintenance of the roads and that residents will not have to pay any additional taxes to MUD.

"Being a taxing entity, they cannot be taxed for the roads. Therefore, why would they tax us for the roads?" Saylor asked. "We will maintain them."

Dixon said association leaders never asked MUD to maintain the fort's roads.

"We've said all along that we would continue to maintain the roads," he said. "It was discussed in every public meeting since August."

## The boys are back in town

Bill Baxter and his wife Diane came to visit me a couple of weeks ago. It was good to see him. He had not been here for several years.

Charlie DeLaRosa came over to visit also. If Ruben Cervantez had been here the trio would have been complete — B.J., Tuna and Ben.

The threesome were all old classmates and at one time inseparable. They went to Brackett High in the mid-1970s. I was one of their teachers and yet one of their friends also.

They came by my house quite often. I can still hear one of my daughters, after answering the door, calling to me, "Dad, your boys are here."

Somehow, at some indefinite point in time, they became my boys. They came by my home on a regular basis for various reasons. They thought my dwelling place was a special spot, a nice place to be. I'm glad they did.

Sometimes they came for help on a difficult assignment. I would try my best to assist them in the different subject areas. Many times we'd struggle together to get a meaningful understanding of the subject in question. I think we succeeded more often than we failed. At least I hope we did.

Occasionally, they'd come by



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

to ask if I had any odd job they could do to earn money. I always found some task for them to do — one to help me in my own operations, or one found elsewhere. It made no difference to the boys.

But they were able to obtain their requested funds. They never once asked to borrow any cash from me. They were always willing to work for it.

Neither did they ever ask for a meal either, although they often ate something. Most of the time they just came by to visit.

I remember talking a lot. They listened well. They envisioned me as something of a philosopher. It was easy to entertain young men when they were in their teens. They're in their 40s now and they still want to hear my foolishness. They still like for me to tell them the secrets of life.

For some reason, I guess known only to myself, I still like to tell them.

They never thought I could be wrong.

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### Thank You

Elia Esparza-Ward and the Esparza family want to thank everyone in Brackettville and Ft. Clark for the thoughts and prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers and other gifts she has received. Elia is still in intensive care with a broken neck and serious spinal cord injuries. She has a long way to go for recovery, but with your thoughts and prayers she will make it. May God Bless and protect you and yours always.

*The Esparza Family*

## Officials discuss tourism potential of Pecos Trail

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ney County has four: the Old Guardhouse Museum, the Kinney County Heritage Museum, The Cowboys and Indians Museum and the Museums of Alamo Village); 12,000 historical markers (Kinney County has nine); and 225 historic county court-houses (including the just designated Kinney County Court-house).

The grassroots effort by the Kinney County Historical Commission will begin with an honest appraisal of local assets through historical and physical inventories and the best way to tell the local story.

The heritage traveler seeks authentic and unique experi-

ences. The commission hopes to involve a broad range of the community for successful development of cultural and heritage tourism initiatives.

After identifying and developing the area's cultural and historical resources, the commission will implement a marketing plan to increase visitorship.

Partnerships, such as the one demonstrated at this meeting between the commission and the Fort Clark Historical Society, will be critical to promoting heritage tourism to Kinney County.

Historic preservation and protection of historic and cultural resources are of extreme importance, focusing on both the built

environment and cultural traditions.

The true story of Kinney County distinguishes it from any other place on Earth. Interpretation of her historic sites can be many things — an excellent stand-alone exhibit, an exciting travel guide/brochure, informed and trained docents and "step-on" tour guides.

Educating the local community about heritage tourism and historic preservation is vital. A community that values and protects its heritage will contribute both volunteer support and financial support toward the successful development of a heritage tourism program. Heritage tourism demands the participa-

tion of numerous individuals and organizations for a successful heritage tourism program.

Kinney County is one of the 11 counties, so far, in the region to pass a resolution in support of the Texas Heritage Trails Program.

Bill Haenn, spokesman for the local historical commission, said there are few places in Texas with the potential of Kinney County for a vibrant Heritage Tourism Program.

"Our historic resources are unmatched in West Texas," he said. "We have the best fort and the best movie location so it makes sense that Kinney County be the 'trailhead' for the Texas Pecos Trail."

### KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

**Saturday, Nov. 8**  
3:28 p.m., A woman reported that someone was digging up plants at the Old Stagecoach House.

**Monday, Nov. 10**  
5:10 p.m., Deputy Manny Pena reported that a door was open to a residence in Unit 25 of Fort Clark Springs.

9:40 p.m., An individual reported that a pick-up truck in an alley near Ross and W. Veltman Street was running and the lights were off.

11:09 p.m., Deputy Cody Shannon reported a large tree branch hanging down into the roadway on S. Gove Street. City officials were notified.

**Sunday, Nov. 9**  
12:05 a.m., A woman reported that her ex-boyfriend was yelling obscenities and kicked in the front door of her residence on W. Spring Street. She also stated that she had just ended the relationship earlier that day and she was afraid.

6:45 a.m., The owner of a local business reported that his restaurant had been broken into.

10:24 a.m., The Val Verde Correctional Facility reported a fire at Rio Springs Ranch on Mud Creek Road near Highway 90. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department was notified.

5:42 p.m., A woman reported that a man had not returned her son to her. The man was found on Fort Clark Springs.

**Monday, Nov. 10**  
4:35 p.m., A woman reported that a stereo was stolen from her residence on E. Veltman Street.

9:16 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs Security employee reported a suspicious black truck driving around Unit 36 with the lights off. Deputy Shannon was dispatched to the area, but could not locate the vehicle.

**Wednesday, Nov. 12**  
1:52 a.m., Deputy Shannon reported that a door was open at the tire station on Highway 90.

11:29 a.m., Postmaster Lionel Juarez reported that a resident received an envelope with white powder in it. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess was informed of the situation.

3:41 p.m., A man reported poachers on a local ranch. Game Warden Henry Lutz was notified of the situation.

5:30 p.m., Eduardo Otero Hernandez, 24, of Mexico was arrested by Deputy Ron Ring on a warrant for driving under the influence. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-

time.

6:10 p.m., A woman reported seeing sparks coming from a transformer. CP&L officials were notified of the situation.

8:47 p.m., A man reported a fender bender on E. Fulton Street.

9:45 p.m., A man reported a Ford pick-up driving at a high rate of speed on Fulton, Brown and Beaumont streets.

**Friday, Nov. 14**  
12:07 p.m., A 911 caller reported an elderly couple in a blue car, driving recklessly on Highway 90, east of Brackettville.

1:53 p.m., A Border Patrol agent reported that a deer had been hit by a vehicle on Highway 90, 8 miles west of Brackettville.

5:10 p.m., A man reported that a b.b. or pellet had been shot through his kitchen window at his residence on E. Edward Street.

6:07 p.m., A man reported a domestic problem at his residence on S. Beaumont Street. He said a man was beating his children like they were adults. Six minutes later, the man accused of beating the children called the Sheriff's Office and said the original complainant was caus-

ing problems by calling him names.

**Saturday, Nov. 15**  
1:50 a.m., A man reported loud music at a residence on W. Fulton Street. Deputy Shannon was dispatched to the scene. He spoke to the residents who said they would turn the music down.

12:30 p.m., Deputy Pena requested that a city employee help block the intersection of Ann and El Paso Street.

12:53 p.m., A woman reported a busted water line behind her house. A city employee was notified.

6:52 p.m., A woman stated that she was having problems with some hunters at a ranch about 2 miles west of 3008. The game warden was notified of the situation.

9:10 p.m., A woman reported that a man was threatening to shoot her dog with a b.b. gun at her residence on E. Veltman Street.

9:13 p.m., A woman reported three teenagers driving recklessly near the Senior Apartments on W. Spring Street.

**Sunday, Nov. 16**  
17:30 a.m., a 911 caller reported that a vehicle had hit a deer near Fritter Park on Highway 90, east of Brackettville.

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## You will know how to say no

"But Mom," Julie whined. "This is something special. It shouldn't count."

Dolores looked at her daughter. She could feel Julie's frustration.

"Julie, you're reaping the consequences of choosing to not follow the rules," she said. "Remember you agreed to the rules and the consequences." "But Mom," Julie begged. "This is different. Katie's just about the most popular girl in school and I'm one of the few to get invited. It's important to me, Mom."

Situations from Dolores' own teen years flashed through her mind. She remembered how important it had been to be invited to certain parties and associate with certain girls. She also remembered the disappointments when she wasn't invited or couldn't go.

Inwardly she laughed as she thought of an identical situation when she had vowed that her own daughter would never be similarly disappointed.

Dolores remembered her own father's words: "Dolores, Lack of discipline can bring great danger and even death," he said. "Your own folly can be your downfall." (Proverbs 5:22-23)

Suddenly, pictures of a mangled automobile and two of her friends lying in flower draped caskets thrust themselves into her mind.

Tears formed in her eyes as she looked up and silently



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Dr. Donald Smith

thanked God that she had said "no" that night. "Yes," she thought. "Discipline is more important than the party."

"Mom," Julie begged. "Why not?"

Dolores took her daughter's hand and said: "I know how important it is to you. But it's also important that you learn discipline and to make the right choices."

"But I've learned, Mom," Julie answered. "Please let me go."

"Julie, you're two days into five days of being grounded," Dolores said.

"But," Julie interrupted. "Can't we just suspend the consequences for tomorrow and add an extra day?"

"Once upon a time," Dolores continued, "A very wise man said that lack of discipline can bring many dangers but if you embrace discipline now you will grow wise with advancing age. (Sirach 6:18)

"And, you'll know how to say no when it's important."

**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.

## Tithing is designed to bring people to a celebration of God's goodness

There is probably nothing that will drive people away from the church quicker than talking about money.

Certainly there have been those who have used their pulpit, church or the Gospel to try to get money from others. These are the horror stories that anger every believer — not just those behind pulpits or in the pews.

But as we get close to the season for thanking God and giving and forgiving, I'd like to say a few words about tithing.

Tithing was an Old Testament tradition that prescribed a 10 percent tax on all increase each year. The tithe was given in kind, almost always with foodstuffs — things that could make a great feast.

Once a year, the tithes were used for a great celebration for God's people to fellowship and remember how good God had been to them. (Deuteronomy 14:23)

There are some who preach that tithing — as it was in the Old Testament — still applies to Christians today. I do not believe this. The tithing commands were clearly for the people living under the old covenant. We as Christians live under the new (Hebrews 8:13).

Trying to keep the old covenantal law is impossible and not advisable. (Galatians 3:10) Our trust is in the new relationship we find in Christ.

Does that mean that we are not obligated to support our churches and the universal church through giving?

No, of course not. Each of us is responsible to God for our stewardship of the gifts He has given us. (Matthew 25:14-30)

We use our gifts to advance the Kingdom of God by following Jesus' commands in Matthew 25:35-36: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (NIV)

Jesus gave another command in Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (NIV)

Most of us prefer to support others in the practical works of feeding the hungry and clothing



First United Methodist Church

Rev. Roger Baker

the naked. We understand that the teachers and preachers that lead us need time away from the necessities of daily work to conduct the mission of the church to teach, preach and baptize. So we give our money to help this mission of the church.

That's reasonable and right. (see Paul's discussion in 2 Corinthians 11:7-9)

But when we think we've done our duty by paying a simple 10 percent, we're forgetting what Jesus said about remembering the practical needs of others. (Matthew 23:23)

The principle of tithing was a starting place towards a life devoted to God, not just in matters of personal wealth, but in spending time with God to celebrate the things he's done for us.

Tithing was an Old Testament principle designed to bring the people to a fellowship celebration of God's goodness. Christ

calls us to a much deeper commitment — including repentance and surrender to God (see Luke 18:9-14).

The new covenant calls for service to Christ without reservation. If your finances can support a 10 percent gift, please use that money prayerfully and wisely to advance the Kingdom!

But Christians are called to a bigger commitment than money can possibly represent. We are called to remember God in our lives and actions with thanksgiving and awe.

The tithe was a way to finance an enormous fellowship party where God was recognized as sovereign in His people's lives. That sort of celebration sounds a lot more like Thanksgiving to me than a church fund-raising drive!

At First United Methodist Church, we're finding new ways to serve God with the good gifts He has blessed us with.

Join us for Bible study at 9:30 Sunday morning in Slaton Hall and worship at 10:45, or consider joining us as we host the Community Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m. this Sunday. We promise you'll see us celebrate the good things God has done for us!

## Church plans holiday service

Happy Thanksgiving Day! Everyone is invited to Thanksgiving Day service on Nov. 27 at 9 a.m. at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, located at 116 W. Crockett St.

"Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word."

"I rejoice at thy Word, as one that findeth great spoil."

"I hate and abhor lying: but thy Law do I love. Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments."

"Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them. Lord, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments, and done thy testimonies."

"My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly. I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies; for all my ways are before thee."

"Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word. Let my supplication come



St. John's Missionary Church

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before thee: deliver me according to thy Word."

"My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes. My tongue shall speak of thy Word: for all thy commandments are righteousness."

"Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts. I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy Law is my delight."

"Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me."

"I have gone astray like a lost sheep: Seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy Commandments." (Psalm 119:161-176) Praise God!

## Life is a sacred pilgrimage

In reading a devotional book the other day, I ran across a powerful poem by Rabbi Alvin Fine that spoke volumes to me about life. He writes:

"Birth is a beginning and death a destination. Life is a journey: From childhood to maturity and youth to age; From innocence to awareness and ignorance to knowing; from foolishness to discretion and then, perhaps, to wisdom; from weakness to strength or strength to weakness and often back again."

"From health to sickness and back, we pray, to health again; From offense to forgiveness, from loneliness to love, from joy to gratitude, from pain to compassion, from grief to understanding; from fear to faith; from defeat to defeat to defeat, until, looking backward or ahead, we



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see that victory lies not at some high place along the way, but in having made the journey, stage by stage, a sacred pilgrimage.

"Birth is a beginning and death a destination. Life is a journey, a sacred pilgrimage to life everlasting."

Come and journey with us at Our Redeemer Lutheran and St. Andrew's Episcopal. We are excited to announce the beginning of our Sunday School program at 10:15 a.m.

## The family that prays together stays together

My dear people of Brackettville:

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who heals us in our brokenness, fill your hearts and your homes. May every grace be given you to be attentive to the voice of God and to bring it to action in your lives. Remember to hold fast in your hope, for He is truly risen.

A sign of the Resurrection of Christ is the life of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She lived a life of such union with Christ that His light shone through her and brought light to the darkness. His light continues to shine through her as we study the witness of her life.

She said, "We read in scripture, God so loved the world and gave us his only Son. Our Lady received Him in her womb with a humble heart, with a pure heart, when she went in haste to give Jesus to others. She went



Postcard Home

Brother Henry Clay Hunt III

into the house of Elizabeth just to be the Handmaid. She put her love for Jesus into action for others. This is what Jesus came to do, to love others as God loves. Mary taught us to serve, to love one another. Where does this love begin? At home. The family that prays together will stay together. Then if you stay together you will love each other as God loves each one of us. Not necessary to do great things but little things with love. Mary went to Elizabeth's house to do little things. We know how she went and when she went the little one jumped with joy. John

was chosen to recognize Jesus."

Jesus said, "If you love me keep my commandments." And when asked what is the greatest commandment, He said, "Love God above all things and your neighbor as yourself."

The key is love. Mother Teresa was a lover. She said the family that prays together stays together.

We can see the effects in our community of families that don't pray together. Lack of prayer or communication with God results in brokenness because He is the source of unity. A family united in love and prayer is beautiful, and strong, and joyful, and inseparable because it is held together by the grace of God.

Love is manifested in service. As Jesus said, "I come to serve, not to be served."

We see this in the life of Blessed Mother Teresa. She was a servant and she learned this

great way at the school of Mary. With the Mother of Jesus, she would sit and contemplate the Face of Christ. She would imitate Mary, who most perfectly imitates Jesus.

The Lord gives us saints as gifts to inspire us, to make us marvel at their lives, to make us want to do good for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Let us have the eyes to see and the ears to hear.

Pray — pray together as a family. Pour out yourself in love and service in your families. Be so bold as to do this and watch the culture of love grow. You will find that people will respond just as John the Baptist did when Mary greeted Elizabeth; this because they will see Christ in you. God be with you and Our Lady be your shield!

From Rome, Brother Henry Clay Hunt III S.O.L.T.

## There is warfare in the midst of the holiday season

Spiritual warfare is essential, even in the midst of the holiday season. We are daily bombarded in our thoughts by newscasts proclaiming doom and gloom.

Our relatives and friends seem to have issues that test the word of God, yet God is faithful ... even when we aren't. There is hope because we have faith.

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) Faith is our shield by which we quench all the fiery darts (lies, slander, accusations) that the devil likes to shoot at us. (Ephesians 6:16)

Faith has to be used every day, not stashed away in a closet,

to be pulled out, dusted off and used for fancy occasions. Faith is the oil you must already have in your lamp, because when the darkness comes, it is too late to go out and buy it. Knowing that Jesus is your ever present help in time of trouble and that his plans for you are for good and not for evil, knowing that he has laid down his life and shed his blood for you as a "once and for all" sacrifice for all your sins brings you comfort and peace.

Yet, you must be able to apply that faith to the storm when your peace is threatened.

You must say, "Peace! Be still!" and "I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise shall con-



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tinually be in my mouth." (Psalms 34:1)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! (Psalm 103:1)

Do not loose heart in doing good but persevere to the end. (Revelation 2:2-3). "Therefore we do not lose heart, even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is

being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

Jesus is our eternal Lord and Savior. As we use his full armor, it protects us from evil and gives us victory so that you may say, "Through the blood of Jesus, his precious name, and his word, I am still standing." Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

## Maintain relationships with those who are close to you

By Fr. CORNELIUS J. SCANLAN  
St. Mary Magdalene Church

I wonder if those of you who read this particular contribution to *The Brackett News'* religion page have ever asked questions about a similar experience as I have had, an experience extended over many years.

Dad died when I was quite young. But, as my two brothers and I were growing up and living in a rented duplex home, I remember how Mom used to insist that we visit one or another significant person in our lives.

I remember asking her one

day, "Why do we have to visit them? Why don't they come to visit us?"

She wanted to keep the connection, the relationships alive. Mom was a religious person. Could it be that, by her instance, she may have been prophetic?

The experience continues. Over the past many years — and those years have extended themselves into some 67 years — many people and I have touched base with each other. We became acquainted with one another. Some of them and I even became at least somewhat close to each other.

There were those who lived in the same neighborhoods in which our family of four lived (Dad died when we three offspring were very young), those who taught me in the various schools I attended, and those young people with whom I sat in classrooms, played with and studied with.

In later years others came along: in the parishes I served, the various Marriage Encounter and Engaged Encounter couples who touched my life.

I no longer maintain correspondence with many of them, neither they with me. Low and

behold, as I was typing this, the phone rang. On the other end of the line were Joe and Jeanette. They live in the Weslaco area of the Rio Grande Valley. These two and I worked together in both Marriage and Engaged Encounter some 20 years ago.

I wonder if there might not be some spiritual message in this extended experience, which the majority of us have in common, of course uniquely, but yet similar in each of us.

Could the message be that there is only One Final Person with whom we need to maintain a permanent relationship?

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# Corrigan: LaPryor man working on the railroad

By JAMES C. REESMAN  
Contributing Writer

## Snacks help on holidays

Here it is, mid-November. The year is winding down and we are winding up with cooler weather.

The holidays are in view and it calls for more get-togethers, which means, "What's to eat?"

We all need quick and easy ideas for snacks or meals with staples that are on hand, especially in emergencies. Here's a couple to begin with.

### Red Hot Applesauce

#### Jello Mold

1 small package Jello (cherry or strawberry)  
1 16-ounce can applesauce  
¼ cup red hot (cinnamon)  
1 cup boiling water

Dissolve red hot in boiling water. They must be totally dissolved. You may find it helpful to use a microwave in dissolving the red hot. Add Jello and mix well. Add applesauce and pour into mold or individual dishes. Refrigerate until firm.

For doubling the recipe, use ½ cup of boiling water and two 16-ounce cans of applesauce.

### Spicy Garlic Black Bean Dip

1 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained

¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil  
1 tablespoon lime juice  
1 tablespoon chili powder  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
½ teaspoon sugar  
¼ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon hot pepper sauce

In a food processor, combine beans, oil, lime juice and chili powder. Mash the garlic and salt on a cutting board, using the back of a fork to form a paste. (It does help to enhance the garlic flavor). Add paste and sugar to food processor and process until smooth. Add hot pepper sauce, and pulse to combine.

Refrigerate, covered until ready to serve. Goes well served with tortilla chips or veggies.

Gene Corrigan spent most of his life as a dry land farmer and muleteer, but in 1986, at the age of 50, he went to work for the Durango and Silverton Railroad in Durango, Colo. He began as a seasonal employee during the April-to-October summer season.

It seems that the Durango and Silverton has a very stable work force. Corrigan had to apply three times for employment before he was hired. In the succeeding years, he earned promotion to conductor, the position that he holds today.

The LaPryor native recently shared his railroad experiences during the Fort Clark Historical Society's monthly meeting.

The Durango and Silverton was built in 1881 as a spur line of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad from Alamosa, Colo., to the silver mines in Silverton.

It is a narrow gauge rail line. The rails of narrow gauge track are spaced 3 feet wide, compared with standard gauge that is 4 feet, 8½ inches wide. Narrow gauge was chosen to reduce the cost of construction in the mountains.

The Silverton route was built in less than 12 months. The line linked Silverton with its silver deposits to Durango that had coal deposits and a smelter. The mines were active until the silver played out in the 1850s. As a result, both Silverton and Durango grew into sizeable towns that quickly grew into tourist destinations with extensive shopping and dining facilities when the line was reorganized for rail tourism.

Today, the Durango and Silverton offers an all day excursion over 45 miles of some of the most impressive scenery in Colorado.

Three trains per day are scheduled to make the climb from Durango, elevation 6,500 feet, to Silverton, elevation

9,600 feet. The trains take three and a half hours to make the climb at a speed of 15 miles per hour. The three trains are spaced about a half hour apart and begin leaving at 8:15 a.m.

All seats are reserved. Each train may pull from five to 15 or more cars. If more than 11 cars are pulled in one train, two steam engines instead of one are used to pull the train up the 2½ percent grade.

Three types of cars are used: narrow gauge passenger coaches built in the late 19th and early 20th century, standard gauge freight cars that have been mounted on narrow gauge trucks and converted to open observation cars with two rows of bus seats facing outward to the open sides to allow 24 passengers the fair weather fun of riding in the open air, and at the end of each train a first class parlor car with tables and chairs and a bar. One car, in the middle of the train, is converted to a concession and snack facility.

Two young women walk the train, selling souvenirs and answering questions. It takes three and a half hours to make the run to Silverton.

The 9 o'clock train arrives at 2:30 in Silverton and departs for the return to Durango at 2:45, arriving at 6:15. Reserved seats in the coaches and open-air cars cost \$60. A reserved seat in the parlor car is \$90.

Corrigan said his workday as conductor begins one hour before train departure time in the call room of the station. Safety rules are reviewed with the crew and they learn what the makeup of the train is for that days run.

The conductor and brakemen then inspect the train to insure that everything is ready to go and that the train is clean and properly made up with the required cars. The engine is then loaded with coal and water in preparation for the run.

An engine hostler has worked through the night maintaining

fires in the six steam engines to ensure that the water remains hot and they are ready to roll on short notice.

A train crew consists of an engineer, fireman, conductor and two brakemen who operate primarily as switch operators and as assistants to the conductor. The fireman has the hardest job of all. He will shovel over a ton of coal during the three and a half hours of the run.

Passengers are boarded and directed to their seats 15 minutes before departure. Staff members greet their guests and ask them to remain in their seats until tickets are collected. After that, they move freely about the train. When the train begins to move, the conductor begins collecting tickets at the front of the train, and works his way to the back.

The train runs through one of the most picturesque areas in the Rocky Mountains. Several flag stops are available to allow backpackers to dismount and explore the mountains on foot for the day or for several days at a time. One stop serves a very exclusive resort called "Tall Timbers." Guests pay \$4,000 per week to stay there and the only way in or out is by helicopter or the train.

At one midpoint on the route is a track configuration known as a wye. A wye consists of three tracks connected by switches so that a train may be pulled up into one leg of the triangle, backed into a second leg and then pulled back onto the main line through the third switch with its direction reversed.

There are two legs of a railroad wye at Cline on Highway 90. One leg of that Durango and Silverton wye backs up to a very nice site on the Animas River. Parked on the end of that leg is a railroad camp car with built in bunks, kitchen and toilets. It is rented to the public as a camping facility and is in great demand.

## Capt awarded DAR medal

Louis Capt has been awarded the Medal of Conservation by the Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

June Smith, American Heritage chairman, presented the medal to Capt during the chapter meeting Saturday at The Bistro in Uvalde.

This was the first time in the chapter's history that the medal had been presented. Smith was commended for the excellent work she did in researching and documenting all the details to make it possible.

The opening ritual was led by Pat McKelvy, assisted by Betty Lawrence. The pledge to the U.S. flag was led by Ann Pedersen and the American's Creed by Mary Troxclair.

The pledge to the Texas flag was led by Shirley Cabada. Dorothy Martin led in singing both "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Texas, Our Texas."

Visitors were welcomed and Anne McWhorter was recognized as the chapter's newest official member.

Joanna Barker read the president general's message

and Freida Rogers gave the national defense report.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by secretary Betty Lawrence and Sharon Hubble gave the financial report.

Registrar Joan Davis read a letter of recommendation for Sally Ann Hiler, granddaughter of member Beth Hiler, and reported that chapter membership is 63.

Maggie Gibbens was honored by both the state and national organizations of DAR upon reaching her 90th birthday. Chaplain Bea Carmichael led the group in singing "Happy Birthday" to Gibbens and later served birthday cake.

Dorothy Martin encouraged the membership to subscribe to the DAR magazine, *The American Spirit*.

A nominating committee for chapter officers for 2004-2006 was elected. Rogers will serve as chairman, assisted by Hubble and Smith.

The meeting was attended by 33 members and guests. Attending from Brackettville were McKelvy, Charlotte Corey, Louise Stone and Mary Louise Veltman.

## BRIEFS

### Brookshier represents DRT district

France Wyatt Brookshier, currently serving as CRT sponsor for the Caddel-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, was elected as District VII's representative on the state nominating committee.

Eighteen local chapter members traveled to Corpus Christi's Emerald Isle Holiday Inn recently to join the other 10 chapters of District VII for a workshop. The voting membership attending was 87, with 15 Board of Management members in attendance.

Pat McKelvy, Caddel-Smith president, gave the annual chapter report, telling of the past year's activities, as well as plans for the upcoming months. The group is striving to attain the Six-Star Chapter Award again this year.

### Jones, Pingenot claim win in bridge

Helen Marie Jones and Rosetta Pingenot took top honors Tuesday as the Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club met with four and a half tables playing the Howell Movement.

Ruth Potter and Sara Richhart finished second, while Dena Scott and Mona Miller were third.

The club meets every Tuesday to play duplicate bridge in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs. All are welcome to attend.

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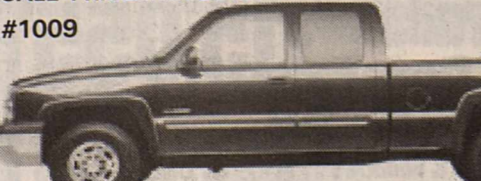
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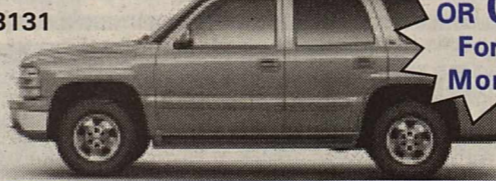
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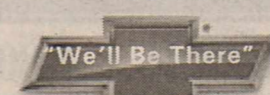
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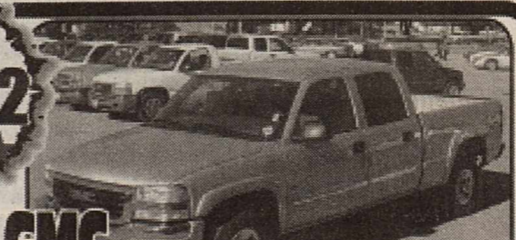
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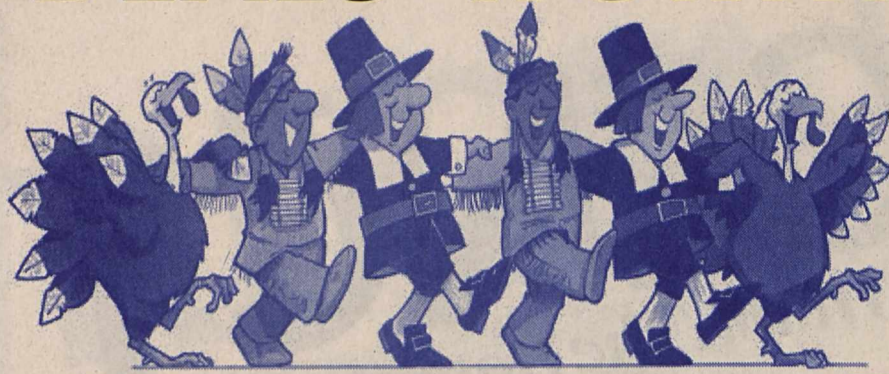
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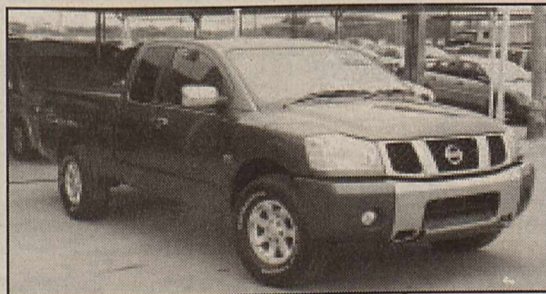
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# Heartbreaking loss

## Pirates edge Tigers 21-20 in playoff opener

By J.J. GUDRY  
Sports Editor

SOMERSET — Brackett failed to convert a PAT attempt with 3:18 remaining and Poth was able to wear down the clock Friday night as the Pirates edged the Tigers 21-20 in a first-round playoff game.

Brackett was trailing 21-14 before Glenn Morgan scored his third touchdown of the night on a 13 yard scamper, capping a 62-yard drive. The Tigers couldn't line up the extra-point kick and a desperation pass sailed out of the end zone, leaving Poth with a 21-20 advantage.

The Pirates began their last possession at their own 40-yard line. They converted on two cru-



Morgan



Rosetti

Our team showed outstanding character all year long."

Brackett ends its season with a 10-1 record. Poth, now 7-4, advances to the area playoffs, facing Yorktown (9-2) Friday night at 7:30 at Alamo Stadium in San Antonio.

"The loss was very disappointing, but we are not going to let it tarnish a great season," Yeager said. "It was one that I, and the rest of the team, will never forget. We accomplished some of our goals and we won a district championship with a 10-0 season. Unfortunately, you seem to always remember the last game.

"We are very proud of this team, and especially the seniors: David Samaniego, Dietrich

Davis, Eli Woolsey, Star Smith, Arnold Pinales, Jason Smith, Tony Rosetti, Tony Jamail and Glenn Morgan. They provided great leadership the whole year," he said.

Braden Boening threw his third touchdown pass of the night on a 19-yard score to Dustin Dzuik with 4:53 left to give Poth a 21-14 lead.

Boening was 10-of-11 passing in the contest for 132 yards with no interceptions.

Brackett trailed 14-0 at half-time, but rallied in the second half to score on three of its four possessions. All three scoring drives were over 62 yards.

Morgan capped an 83-yard drive with a 6-yard TD at the

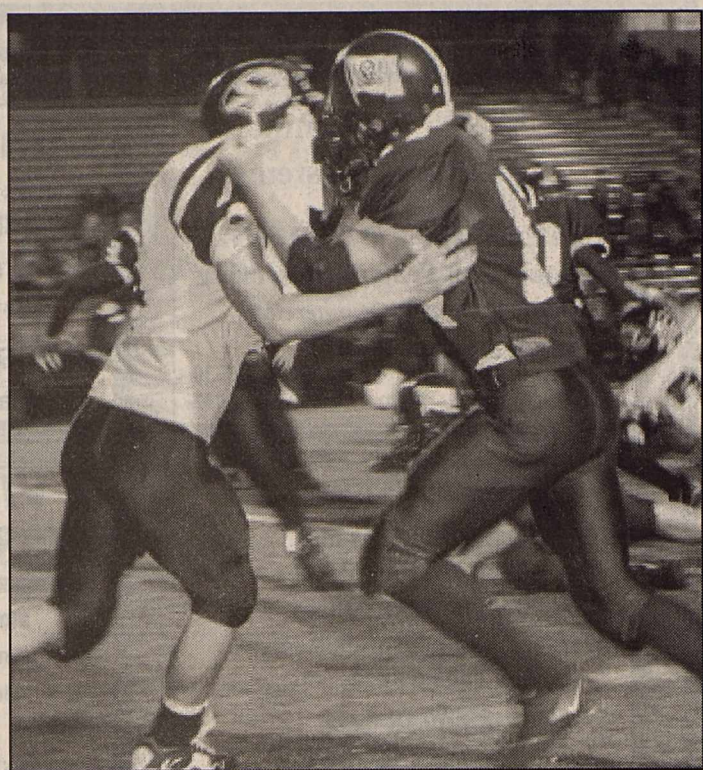


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### All tangled up

Brackett linebacker Tony Rosetti (left) and Poth wide receiver Shaun Ramirez tangle during the Pirates' 21-20 win over the Tigers Friday night in Somerset.

## Brackett pummels Lady Dogs 70-32

By J.J. GUDRY  
Sports Editor

Brackett's press was just too much for LaPryor Tuesday night as the Tigerettes routed the Lady Bulldogs 70-32 in the season opener for both teams.

The Tigerettes were up 53-30 after three quarters and then outscored the Lady Bulldogs 17-2 in the final stanza to put the game away.

Stacey Castilla paced the Tigerettes with a game-high 18 points on 9-of-12 shooting.

Brackett led 35-18 at intermission, but broke the game wide open in the second half with a 12-2 run. Kara Yeager dished to Ashley Smith for a layup at the 3:32 mark in the third period to cap the spurt, giving the Tigerettes a 47-20 advantage.

Smith also scored in double figures with 14 points, along with four steals, three assists and three rebounds.

Yeager finished the contest with seven assists and three steals.

The Tigerettes were up by three before pulling away in the second quarter. Stephanie Bonner grabbed a steal and scored a layup with 4:37 left in the first half to cap a 12-point run that gave Brackett a 24-9 lead.

Bonner, Ashley Castillo, Shanae Simmons and Emily Valenzuela all had seven rebounds in the contest, while Courtney Frerich pulled down six boards.

Castillo also scored nine points in the game, while Bonner and Valenzuela each had eight.

### TOURNEY GLANCE

Following is the schedule for the Brackett Invitational basketball tournament:

#### Boys' Division

■ Today's games: Knippa vs. Leakey, 9 a.m.; Nueces Canyon vs. Harper, 10:30 a.m.; Rocksprings vs. Sabinal, noon; Brackett vs. Knippa-Leakey winner, 1:30 p.m.; Nueces Canyon-Harper loser vs. Rocksprings-Sabinal loser, 3 p.m.; Nueces Canyon-Harper winner vs. Rocksprings-Sabinal winner, 4:30 p.m.

■ Saturday's game: Consolation, 10 a.m.; third place final, 11:30 a.m.; championship, 3:30 p.m.

#### Girls' Division

■ Today's games: Brackett vs. Knippa vs., 9 a.m.; Sabinal vs. Nueces Canyon, 10:30 a.m.; Pearsall vs. Leakey, noon; Junction vs. Rocksprings, 1:30 p.m.; Brackett-Knippa loser vs. Sabinal-Nueces Canyon loser, 3 p.m.; Pearsall-Leakey loser vs. Junction-Rocksprings loser, 4:30 p.m.; Brackett-Knippa winner vs. Sabinal-Nueces Canyon winner, 6 p.m.; Pearsall-Leakey winner vs. Junction-Rocksprings winner, 7:30 p.m.

■ Saturday's game: Third place final, 10 a.m.; consolation, 11:30 a.m.; championship, 1 p.m.

Amanda Davis finished with six points, Frerich scored four and Simmons added three.

The Tigerettes resume action today when they open the Brackett tournament with a 9 a.m. game against Knippa.



Photo by Andy Dickson

### Crashing the boards

Brackett center Courtney Frerich (12) battles for a rebound Tuesday during the Tigerettes 70-32 win over LaPryor in the season opener for both teams.

## Runners take 11th at state

ROUND ROCK — The Tigerettes concluded their 2003 campaign with an 11th-place finish Saturday at the Class 2A state cross country meet.

Brackett finished the contest with 246 points. Jim Ned won the 2A title with 45 points, while Holliday was second with 50 points and Alvard was third with 85.

"I'm proud of all the girls," Tigerettes coach Dusty Brotherton said. "The competition and the course were very tough, but the girls ran well."

Leigh Berger of Weimar was the top finisher in 2A with a time of 11:23.9. Holliday's Regan Murchison was second with a 12:08.6. She was followed by Amanda Kean of Warren with a time of 12:08.7. Edgewood's Sheena Simpson was fourth with a 12:09.8 and Jaqi Trice of Alvard was fifth with a 12:12.3.

Juliann Ashabranner was Brackett's top finisher. She placed 29th after clocking in at 12:48. Ashley Smith ran a 13:31 to finish 61st, while Ashley Castillo was 68th with a 13:41.

Rachel Swinson took 88th with a time of 14:23, Brandy Smith was 98th with a 15:42, Jessi Crane took 99th with a 15:00 and Stephanie Bonner ran a 15:21 to take 100th.



Ashabranner

## Bonner, Castillo named to all-district volleyball team

Junior Stephanie Bonner and sophomore Ashley Castillo helped lead Brackett to a share of the district title and berth in the state volleyball playoffs.

They were rewarded for their efforts by being named to the 30-2A all-district volleyball team, which was released this week by the league's coaches.

The Tigerettes finished their first season under Rhonda Marquardt with a 13-14 record.

Acacia Garcia, a junior from Dilley, was named the district's MVP, while Natalia junior Tara Gonzales was the Newcomer of the Year.

Joining Bonner and Castillo on the first team were senior Briana Pacheco and junior Samantha Mendez of Natalia, and senior Samantha Vega and junior Ashley Chapa, both from Dilley.

The Tigerettes had two play-



Bonner

Castillo

ers named to the second team, senior Amanda Davis and junior Shanae Simmons. Other second-team selections were senior

Vanessa Hoover and junior Victoria Cantu, both of Natalia, and Dilley juniors Christina Few and Kimberly Ramirez.

Earning honorable mention honors for Brackett were seniors Beth Ballew, Emily Petrosky and Ashley Smith, and junior Valerie Terrazas.

Ballew, Bonner, Davis, Petrosky, Simmons, Smith and Stacey Castilla all earned academic all-district accolades.

### ALL-DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL TEAM

The 30-2A All-District volleyball team, as selected by the conference's coaches:

- MVP: Acacia Garcia, Dilley, junior.
- Nocomer of the Year: Tara Gonzales, Natalia, junior.
- First team: Samantha Mendez, Natalia, junior; Ashley Castillo, Brackett, sophomore; Ashley Chapa, Dilley, junior; Briana Pacheco, Natalia, senior; Samantha Vega, Dilley, senior; Stephanie Bonner, Brackett, junior.
- Second team: Vanessa Hoover, Natalia, senior; Victoria Cantu, Natalia, junior; Christina Few, Dilley, junior; Kimberly Ramirez, Dilley, junior; Shanae Simmons, Brackett, junior; Amanda Davis, Brackett, senior.



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### Taking the court

Charlie Marquardt (second from left) led Brackett to a 14-9 record and a berth in the state playoffs in his first season as the Tigers' head basketball coach.

## Tigers ready to open hoops season

By J.J. GUDRY  
Sports Editor

In his first season as the head basketball coach, Charlie Marquardt led the Tigers to a second-place finish in district and a berth in the state playoffs. He has higher hopes this year.

Brackett was 14-9 overall last year and went in 8-2 in conference play. Gone from that team are starters Boyd Brotherton, Jared Hobbs and Philip Munoz, and sixth-man Jesse Davis.

"We have big shoes to fill with the loss of these key players," Marquardt said. "Our junior varsity went 13-3 last year. We have quality kids moving up from that squad that are going to have to step in and help out."

The Tigers return two starters in guard Charlie Slaughter and center Dietrich Davis.

"With the effort they are going to give, I like our chances of being very competitive this season."

Charlie Marquardt

Slaughter averaged 12 points, four assists and three rebounds per game last season, while Davis averaged seven points and six boards an outing.

Brackett's only other returning letterman is forward Noe Talamantes.

"We were able to achieve a limited amount of success last year, placing second in district and doing all right in the tournaments," Marquardt said.

"We stress fundamentals in our system and we hope it will continue from one year to the next. We, as a coaching staff, feel we have a strong bunch returning from last's years team."

Marquardt will get his first look at the Tigers today at 1:30 when they open their season in the Brackett tournament. They will face the winner of a morning game between Knippa and Leakey.

"We are going to take a look at several guys," Marquardt said. "What I like about these guys so much is how hard they compete, both in practice and the games."

"These are the same guys who played so hard during the football season. With the effort they are going to give, I like our chances of being very competitive this season," he added.

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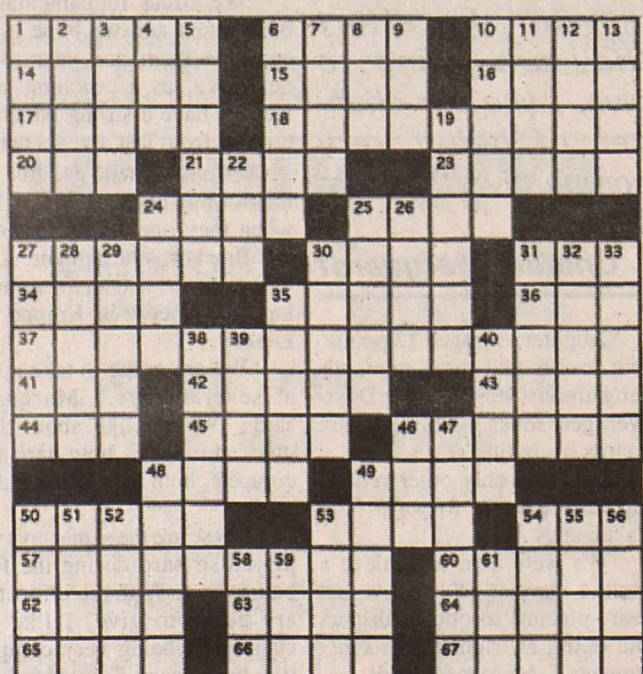
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In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and fill in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and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

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**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)  
A decision you'd been struggling over is made. Heave a sigh of relief. You chose the right path.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)  
The beginning of the week is devoted to domestic matters. Feelings in romance are intense, which could lead to a disagreement with that special someone. Later in the week, you're able to patch things up.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)  
You're a bit upset when an important meeting is postponed. However, this delay gives you more time to formulate your ideas. This weekend, a close friend shares a confidence.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
Don't allow co-workers who are on an ego trip to annoy you. Let them go their own way. You're the one who actually gets the job done.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22)  
Someone who violated your trust a while back makes amends. While you're tempted to be a bit cynical, it's best to give this person a second chance. You won't be disappointed this time.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22)  
A family member's problems aren't yours. Stop obsessing over them. By week's end, this person figures things out for himself.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)  
Relax; you're in better financial shape than you think. That doesn't mean, however, you can go on a spending spree. Utilize common sense.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21)  
Socializing beckons this week. However, before indulging, be sure to tend to family matters. Clear up lingering work projects as well.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21)  
A co-worker with whom you've been bonding becomes a valuable friend. You're both able to communicate quite effectively. This leads to further productivity on the job.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19)  
In general, business and investment matters are favored this week. At the same time, a friend can be a bit difficult. Let this person figure this out alone without your meddling.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18)  
Sometimes, friendship and finances don't mix. While someone close to you needs money, don't reach for your wallet. In the long run, you'll regret it.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20)  
A difficult work project is even more complicated than it looks. Take time to sort it out before tackling it. Over the weekend, something unusual strikes your eye while out shopping.

# Pirates hold off Tigers

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4:19 mark in the third quarter and then scored again on a 13-yard run with 10:03 remaining to tie the game.

The senior fullback finished the contest with 178 yards rushing on 25 carries. Tony Rosetti tallied 93 yards on 10 totes, including a 43-yard run on the Tigers' last scoring drive.

Brackett's defense stifled Poth in the second half, holding the Pirates to only 11 yards rushing on 15 attempts and four first downs, two of which came in the closing minutes of the game.

"I was very proud of our whole team in the second half," Yeager said. "We could have hung our head and started pointing fingers... and we didn't. We made a few adjustments at the half and came back out played hard. All we ask of our kids is to give great effort for 48 minutes and to leave it all on the field. They did that and I am proud of them."

Trailing 7-0 late in the second, the Tigers moved the ball inside the Pirates' 1 and looked like they were going to tie the game. But Poth's defense rallied



Brackett running back Brand Wylie (14) looks for running room behind Dietrich Davis and Whitney Massingill (54) Friday night against Poth.

for a goal-line stand. Two minutes later, Boening connected with Willie Fluitt on a 44-yard TD pass for a 14-0 lead.

"That was a big play," Yeager said. "They caught us in a difficult coverage to defend the back out of the backfield up the seam. Give credit to Poth, they executed the perfect play at the right time."

"That could have been a back

breaker. However, our kids kept their poise at the half and came back and played great defense in the second half," he said.

Boening hit Shaun Ramirez on an 11-yard TD strike for Poth's first score, capping a 65-yard drive that ate 8:06 off the clock.

The Pirates had 14 first downs and 236 yards in the contest, while the Tigers finished with 13 first downs and 328 yards.

## Tigers-Pirates game report

Pirates 21, Tigers 20

Brackett ..... 0 0 7 13 - 20  
Poth ..... 7 7 0 7 - 21

### First Quarter

Poth — Ramirez 11 pass from Boening (Waclawczyk kick), 3:54. Drive: 65 yards, 15 plays, 8:06. Poth 7, Brackett 0.

### Second Quarter

Poth — Fluitt 44 run pass from Boening (Waclawczyk kick), :52. Drive: 89 yards, five plays, 2:22. Key plays: Stone recovered a Brackett fumble on the Pirates' 11, Dzuik 24 pass from Boening to Tigers' 47. Poth 14, Brackett 0.

### Third Quarter

Brackett — Morgan 6 run (Kesteloot kick), 4:19. Drive: 83 yards, seven plays, 3:06. Key plays: Morgan 27 run to Pirates' 37, Wylie 19 run to Pirates' 18, Rosetti 18 run. Poth 14, Brackett 7.

### Fourth Quarter

Brackett — Morgan 13 run (Kesteloot kick), 10:03. Drive: 62 yards, seven plays, 3:53. Key play: Morgan 37 run on 4th-and-1 to Pirates' 16. Brackett 14, Poth 14.  
Poth — Dzuik 19 pass from Boening (Waclawczyk kick), 4:53. Drive: 20 yards, two plays, :46. Key play: Castillo intercepted a Brackett pass and

returned it 9 yards to the Tigers' 20.

Poth 21, Brackett 14.

Brackett — Morgan 7 run (pass failed), 3:18. Drive: 63 yards, four plays, 1:35. Key play: Rosetti 43 run to Pirates' 7, Morgan 22 kickoff return. Poth 21, Brackett 20.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	BRA	PTH
FIRST DOWNS.....	13	14
Rushing.....	13	8
Passing.....	0	5
Penalty.....	0	1
THIRD DOWN EFF.....	3-7	7-12
FOURTH DOWN EFF.....	1-2	1-2
TOTAL NET YARDS.....	328	236
Total Plays.....	43	50
Avg Gain.....	7.6	4.7
NET YARDS RUSHING.....	308	104
Rushes.....	40	39
Avg per rush.....	7.7	2.7
NET YARDS PASSING.....	20	132
Completed-Att.....	1-3	10-11
Yards-Pass Play.....	6.7	12.0
Sacks-Yards lost.....	0-0	1-5
Had intercepted.....	1	0
PUNTS-Avg.....	1-27	3-39
TOTAL RETURN YARDS.....	83	85
Punt Returns.....	14	0
Kickoff returns.....	69	71
Interceptions.....	0	9
Fumbles.....	0	5
PENALTIES-Yards.....	3-25	2-10
FUMBLES-Lost.....	3-2	1-1

TIME OF POSSESSION :20:49 27:11

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING  
Brackett — Glenn Morgan 25-178, Tony Rosetti 10-93, Brand Wylie 3-36, Kody Yeager 2-1.  
Poth — Willie Fluitt 23-67, Braden Boening 9-17, Daniel Castillo 4-10, Jeff Waclawczyk 2-8, Robert Celestino 1-2.

PASSING  
Brackett — Kody Yeager 1-3-1 20. Poth — Braden Boening 10-11-0 132.

RECEIVING  
Brackett — Glenn Morgan 1-20. Poth — Dustin Dzuik 6-68, Willie Fluitt 1-44, Justin Dzuik 1-11, Shaun Ramirez 1-11, Jerry Alfaro 1-(-2).

PUNT RETURNS  
Brackett — Brand Wylie 2-14. Poth — None.

KICKOFF RETURNS  
Brackett — Glenn Morgan 2-53, Mark Kesteloot 2-16.  
Poth — Jerry Alfaro 2-46, Daniel Castillo 1-20, Jeff Waclawczyk 1-5.

INTERCEPTIONS  
Brackett — None.  
Poth — Daniel Castillo 1-9.

FUMBLE RETURNS  
Brackett — Gumaro Martinez 1-0. Poth — Dustin Dzuik 1-5, Miles Stone 1-0.

## J. V. opens season with win over LaPryor

Danika Schmidt and Nadine Terrazas both posted double-doubles to lead Brackett's junior varsity to a 59-23 victory over LaPryor Tuesday in the season opener for both teams.

Schmidt finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Tigerettes, while Terrazas tallied 10 points and 10 steals to go along with four assists and two boards.

Brandy Smith also finished in double figures for Brackett. She had 10 points and two rebounds.

The Tigerettes outscored the Lady Bulldogs 14-4 in the opening stanza and were up 26-10 at halftime. Brackett put the game away after outscoring LaPryor 19-4 in the fourth quarter.

Juliann Ashabranner, Lisa

### ROUNDUP

Morgan and Timmeka Simmons all finished with six points, Jessi Crane scored four, Allison Del Bosque had three, and Alma Reyes and Natasha Smith both added two.

Ashabranner and Simmons also had five rebounds apiece, while Lola Cano posted four assists.

The Tigerettes host Leakey on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

### Junior High Girls

The Brackett Cubettes opened their season Monday night, sweeping a double-header at Tiger Gym.

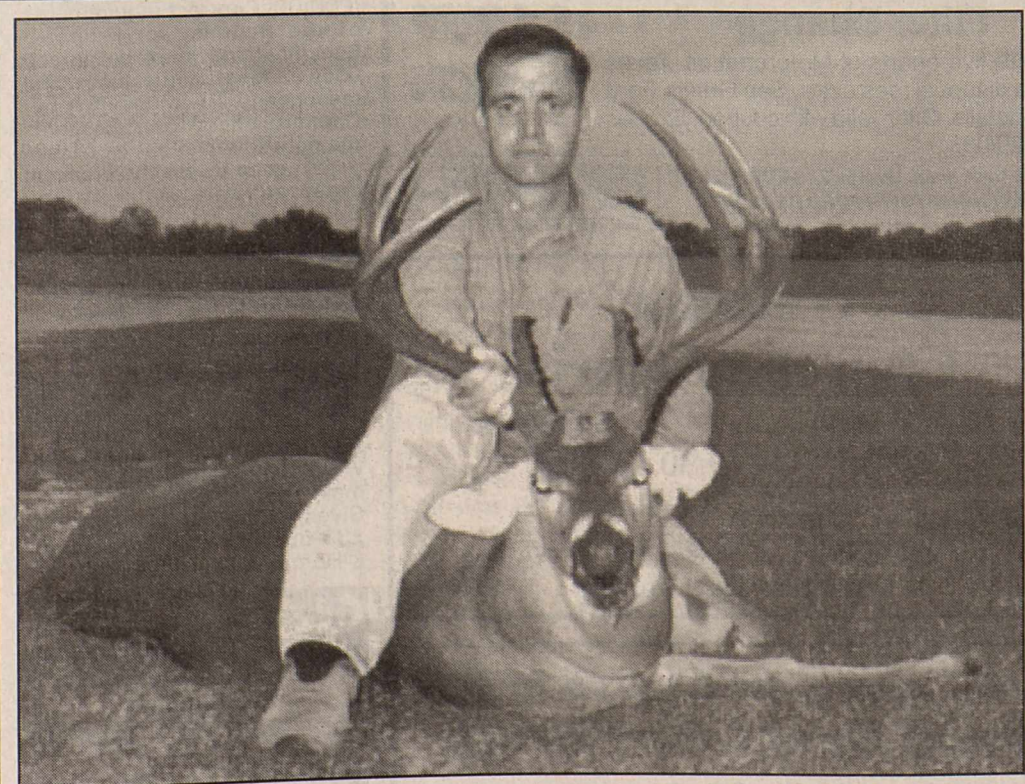
Bailee Allen, Julie Castillo and Bianca Stewart all scored six points to lead the eighth-grade

Cubettes to a 34-3 win over Uvalde's seventh graders. Capri Creech and Hayley Harris both had four points for Brackett, while Amber Castilla, Meaghann Davis, Elva Garcia and Anolda Watkins all scored two.

Castillo also posted eight steals, five rebounds and two assists. Davis had five boards and four steals, while Harris had four rebounds and four steals.

In the seventh grade game, the Tigerettes claimed a 34-11 win over Batesville.

Natalie Aguirre paced the Cubettes with eight points and four steals, while Samantha Moore finished with four rebounds, three steals and one point.



### 10-point buck

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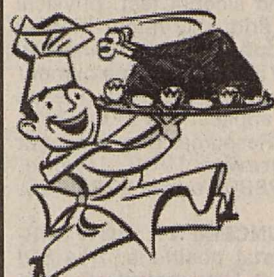
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**EMPLOYMENT**

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**EVENTS**

**GUN SHOW NOV. 22-23, Sat.** 9-5 & Sun. 9-4, Waco, TX. Heart 'O Texas Fairgrounds (Exit 331 off I-35). Info: 1-563-927-8176, RK Shows.

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**YARD SALE: SAT. 11/22 7-12.** FCS Unit #158 (courtyard). Furniture, bedding, housewares, misc. Everything must go!!

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**DIABETIC ON MEDICARE?** Make finger sticking a thing of the past - almost painless testing. Call Star Medical RX, 1-800-441-9689 today for home delivery!

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**Answers to Crossword Puzzle**

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SRS TALE ARETE  
SHAM MADE  
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Real Estate

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- Unit 36 lot 39, FCS 2 Br, 1bt manufactured housing.
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**Fort Clark Arts & Craft Show**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS** OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS. Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (S). Dist/Div: Laredo. Contract 6109-09-001 for CRACK SEALING OF HIGHWAYS IN VAL VERDE COUNTY, etc will be opened on December 11, 2003 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$115,740.00. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and application for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 11483. State Office, Constr./Main. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone: 512-416-2540. Dist/Div Office (s), Laredo District, District Engineer, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043. Phone: 956-712-7400 Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

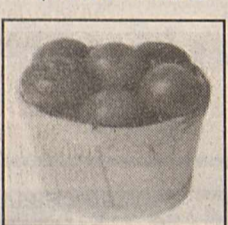

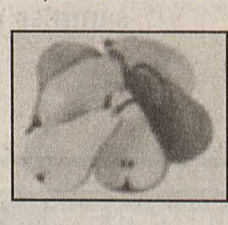
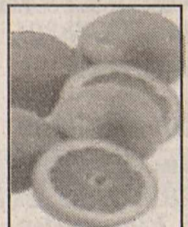
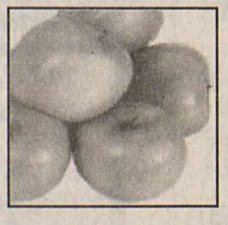


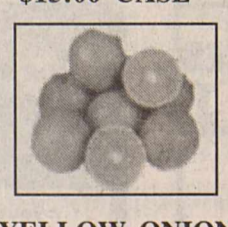


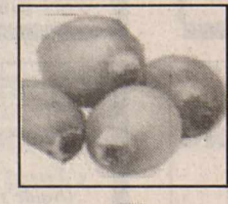
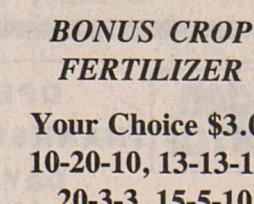

**REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS** for Roof and Gutters Repair/Replacement for the Kinney County Courthouse. Sealed proposals addressed to the Kinney County Commissioners Court labeled "Kinney County Courthouse Roofing Project" must be received by the Office of the County Judge on or before 9:00 a.m. on January 12, 2004. Mail or hand deliver the proposals to P.O. Box 348, Kinney County Courthouse located at 501 S. Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Proposals shall be in conformance with the Request for Proposal Specifications available at the above address. Respondents are required to provide liability indemnification, Workers Compensation Certificate, and payment bond. Performance bond is also required should bid exceed \$100,000.00. Contract requirements of the Request for Proposal Specifications must be agreed upon and met by the successful respondent. The Kinney County Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to select the proposal most advantageous to the County, and reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals received. Proposals must be developed in accordance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

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435 725 920  
GOTHKA (R) No Passes 12:30 345 585 745 1000  
ELF (PG) 12:40 255 525 755 925  
MYSTIC RIVER (R) 1:00  
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