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**Brackett drops down** to Class 1A district See story, Page 7

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### **BRIEFS**

### **Adult FCA hosts** first-ever meeting

The first meeting of the new adult FCA chapter will be held this Sunday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Any adult interested in helping to support Brackett High School's FCA members and their ministry service projects is in-

Adults who join this year will form the new club's charter membership. Members will be asked to pray for the FCA Chapter members and sponsors, pay \$25 in dues and offer support to the FCA chapter. Area clergy are also invited and are asked to help spread the word in their churches, so that the new Adult FCA Chapter will be made up of all communities of faith.

FCA's goal is to "present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church."

The meeting will be held in the home of Bill and Carolyn Conoly, and will be led by FCA sponsors Rhonda and Charles Marquardt. For more information, call 563-3699 or 563-2491, Ext. 414.

### **Board candidates** featured at forum

The Fort Clark Springs Community Council will host its monthly meeting on Saturday, Feb. 14, at Post Theater. Candidates running for the Fort Clark Board of Directors will be invited to present their qualifications and philosophies at that meeting. There will be a forum led by Diane Daniels.

Candidates will be given five minutes for their formal presentation. After the candidates finish that portion of the forum, the audience will be allowed to present questions that they want the candidates to answer.

### **BHS** hosts blood drive on Monday

Brackett High School will host a blood drive on Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school parking lot. For information, call Francine Collins at 563-2491, Ext. 182.

### Cancer group to meet tonight

The Cancer Support Group will meet tonight at 6:30 at First Baptist Church. The group includes those who are currently receiving cancer treatment, in remission or who are cured, and their caregivers. The meeting includes a pot luck supper.

### Little League to elect officers

The Kinney County Little League will host an organizational meeting on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the H.E. Cottage next to the BISD band hall. Directors and officers for the 2004 year will be elected at the meeting. For more information, call Jennifer Harris at 563-2273.

### INSIDE

### **UIL** team wins

EAGLE PASS — Brackett High School won the first place sweepstakes award for small schools at the Eagle Pass UIL academic meet. Community/Page 4

### **■** Tie for second

Brackett forced a tie for second place in the District 30-2A girls' basketball standings Friday as the Tigerettes edged George West 45-42. Sports/Page 7

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## RGEC sees 5 percent rate hike

### Officials to discuss first increase in 16 years during meeting tonight

Members of Rio Grande Elec- ment, which, as established by cent.

the same percentage of increase to generate electricity. and the increase will be applied only to the energy charge of each employees have worked hard to and reliable electric energy. rate class," said Dan Laws, gen-

last several years. In addition, this adjustment. Laws cautioned that consumers

tric Cooperative will soon ex- the Public Utility Commission perience a 5 percent rate in- of Texas, allows electric utilities "Every consumer will receive fuel costs, like natural gas, used

"Our board of directors and hold down the costs associated eral manager and CEO of RGEC. with delivering your electric en-Laws said the availability and ergy," Laws said. "But the ris- hicles has risen 27 percent. demand charges will remain the ing cost of nearly everything else

insurance has doubled over the simply have no choice, such is the Rio Grande Electric Co-op crease — their first in 16 years. to adjust for rising and falling last six years. Cooperative em- the case here. We borrowed Warehouse, located on Highway ployees travel more than 1 milwhat is necessary to deliver safe

cost of fuel used in co-op ve-

"These are but a few of the policy goals." same as they have been for the made it necessary for us to make changes that necessitate the increase," Laws told a group of

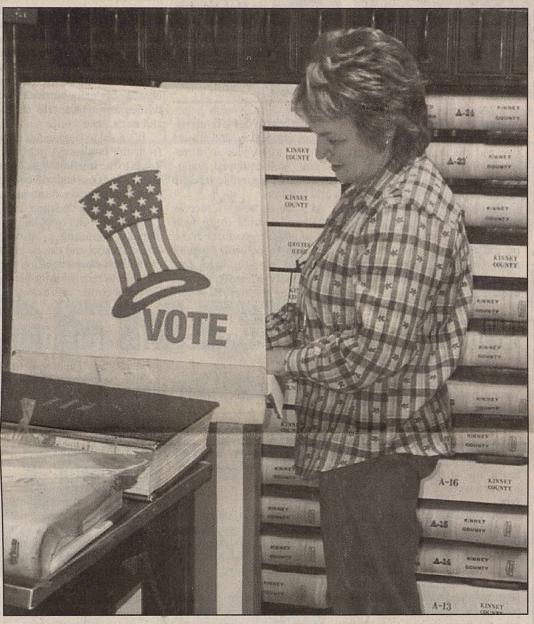
money to meet our capital needs, 90 and Highway 131. lion miles every year, doing but that money has to be paid margins to levels that are below counties in New Mexico.

In 1987, for example, the members. "Implementing a rate the Board of Directors, will be the co-op promotes sustainable should not confuse the energy minimum wage was \$3.35 per increase is certainly not our first held to explain the increase, its rural development throughout charge portion of their monthly hour, and today it is \$5.15 per choice when trying to meet our need and the effect it will have its 27,000 square mile service bill with the power cost adjust- hour — an increase of 54 per- obligations and maintain the co- on consumers' bills. For the territory.

operative's financial health, but Brackettville area, the meeting The cost of employee health there comes a point when you will take place tonight at 7 at

RGEC, headquartered in back and the interest on these Brackettville, is a memberloans is an expense that directly owned, non-profit electric coop-During the last 16 years, the impacts the statement of opera-erative, serving rural residents tions and is a factor that reduces in 18 counties in Texas and two

> With offices in Brackettville, A series of meetings, con- Carrizo Springs, El Paso, Fort ducted by Laws and members of Stockton, Dell City and Marfa,



Voting early

Jennifer McDaniel casts her vote Monday in the county's rollback election. She was one of 221 citizens to vote early in the election to reduce the county road and bridge tax rate.

### rollback tax rate Saturday A total of 221 citizens cast **POLLING PLACES** their votes early in the spe-

Citizens can

cial election to rollback the county road and bridge tax rate from .8700 to .8393.

The special election is the result of a petition signed by citizens opposing the 12 percent tax rate increase approved last fall by the Commissioners' Court.

"I'm surprised so many people have come out, County Clerk Dora Sandoval said. "I hope we have a lot more people show an interest. The citizens asked for this election, so I hope they come out and vote.

Election day is Saturday. Polling places include the EMS Building, Precinct 1; the Brackett High School Auditorium. Precinct 2: the Senior Citizens Apartments, Precinct 3; and the Kinney County Library Annex, Precinct 4.

Citizens are asked to bring their new voter registration cards that were mailed last secutive deficit budgets, offi-

Commissioners' Court in De-

Following are the polling locations for Saturday's rollback elections:

Precinct Location 1 .....EMS Building 2 .....BHS Auditorium 3 ..... Senior Citizens Apts. 4 .....County Library Annex

According to Martha Pena Padron, the county tax assessor-collector, there are 2,423 registered voters in the county. A recall election required a petition signed by at least 10 percent of the registered voters, or 243. Padron validated 336 signatures on the petition.

County Judge Herb Senne and Commissioners Pat Melancon, Joe Montalvo and Francie Wylle all voted for a 12 percent tax hike and the budget for the current fiscal year, while Commissioner Nat Terrazas opposed.

After adopting four concials approved major budget The petition opposing the cuts this year. The county tax hike was approved by the pledged over \$300,000 in savings last year to balance the

## State officials host local hearing on corridor

Photo by J.J. Guidry

lic comments and opinions on Laredo District Office. possible routes for the Trans-Texas Corridor.

for 6 p.m. on Tuesday at the EMS preliminary. However, feedback air pollution and significantly to 50 million over the next few congested border crossings and

als from our Austin office as of ward the development of this yet, which I am sure will shed project." some light as to the planning of

The public hearing is slated presented at the hearing will be ban population centers, reduce from 21 million residents today crowded cities and suburbs, near "We have not received pub- at the hearing will be important nomic development and job cre- for tomorrow's transportation rural Texas." lic hearing presentation materia and most probably crucial to- ation in Texas.

the corridor in your immediate "Trans Texas Corridor" plan commuter rail, water lines, oil to keep up with the needs of yes-\$145.2 billion to \$183.5 billion.

"At this point, I can only as- tation needs, move the transport sume that any information to be of hazardous materials out of ur- showing that Texas could grow curity of Texans living in from your community members improve opportunities for eco- decades, Perry said that planning in our smallest communities in

The Trans Texas Corridor

The Texas Department of area," said Raul Leal, public in- two years ago and touted it as a and gas pipelines, electric trans- terday," Perry said. "The Trans Transportation will host a hear- formation officer with the De- fiscally responsible and innova- mission lines, broadband and Texas Corridor will map out a ing here next week to gather pub- partment of Transportation's tive transportation blueprint that other telecommunications infra- brighter future for Texas. It is a

needs is essential.

incorporates toll and non-toll system that meets the needs of for the state. The total estimated Gov. Rick Perry unveiled his roads, high-speed freight and tomorrow, not one that struggles cost for the corridor ranges from

will improve the state's transpor- structure in the same corridors. plan to ease traffic congestion With population projections and increase the safety and se-

The corridor is the largest en-"We need a transportation gineering project ever proposed

## Davis earns scholarship to play football with Rice

Dietrich Davis is now the first Brackett High School senior to earn a scholarship to play football for a Division I school.

The Tigers star defensive end signed a national letter of intent to play with Rice University on Wednesday, which was national signing day. He will receive a full scholarship.

"It's every kid's dream to play college football and I'm really excited I'm going to have the opportunity to live that dream," Davis said after a brief ceremony at Brackett ISD's Hunt Library.

Davis earned All-Southwest Texas laurels at tight end and defensive end and was the District 30-2A defensive MVP after helping the Tigers' football team to its first conference championfect 10-0 season in 31 years.

■ See DAVIS/Page 7



Signing on the dotted line

ship in 26 years and its first per- Brackett senior Dietrich Davis (seated, second from right) signs a national letter of intent Wednesday morning to play football at Rice University. Also on hand at the Hunt Library were superintendent Bobby Templeton (from left), athletic director and head football coach David Yeager, Davis' parents, Kayla and Zach Davis, and high school counselor Ken Newman.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'Entertainment' is discouraging

I was discouraged to see the so-called "entertainment" that we allow a new immoral act to was shown during the halftime show of Super Bowl XXXVIII.

It seems that indecency is on the rise on America's TV shows and radio airwaves. I am not only disappointed in Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake, but add to my list Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, the transvestites, cheerleaders, lesbians and the other Hutchison and John Cornyn. simulated activities going on during the show.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has launched an investigation into the Super Bowl's halftime show (namely the Jackson/Timberlake incident). Chairman Powell of the FCC has vowed to punish and the act if it can be proven that this act was planned.

so bad, you ask? Because Americans have allowed it to get this children and let them know that bad, that's why.

on TV or hear what we would call "inappropriate" on the ra- children know that you care dio, we shake our heads, give a about them and what they watch sigh and say, "What is this world and listen to.

Each time we remain silent, become "acceptable.

What can we do? We can do several things. First of all, we should file a formal complaint with the FCC by sending a letter via U.S. mail. Secondly, you should send letters and/or emails to the FCC, Rep. Henry Bonilla and Senators Kay Bailey Finally, you can call the FCC to voice your concern and inform them that they can expect a formal complaint from you.

You can go to American Family Association online at www.AFA.net and send a prewritten letter to the FCC, Rep. Bonilla and Senators fine each person responsible for Hutchison and Cornyn in a matter of one or two minutes.

I urge you to take action Why has the situation gotten against this kind of indecency on TV. We need to protect our this is not acceptable to behave Each time we see something in this way. In addition to sending letters and emails, let your

Michelle Frerich

### Drinking in moderation is OK

Many of us know how to say

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should be putting his time to better use, educating and saving or not. souls, rather than trying to imitate God by judging others.

Steve LaMascus doesn't approach most issues from a Christian perspective, he does all issues that way with the help of God.

The very first miracle that our Lord Jesus Christ performed was to turn water into wine at the wedding at Cana. (John 2:

He never said we had to abstain from drinking, but to rather drink in moderation. Abstaining from drinking does not make me a better Christian, and it doesn't make you any better than any of us. We are all sinners in the eyes of God.

I am a Christian because I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior and has given me the on the Bible and teach your con-

that I can do to be saved except

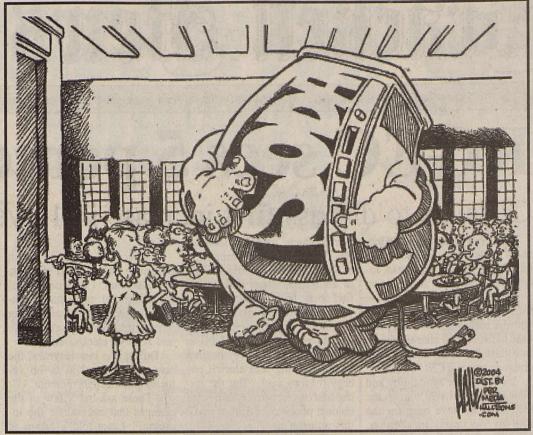
I am writing this in regards believe in Jesus Christ and this to Roger Baker's attack on Steve I can only do through the power LaMascus. I think Mr. Baker of the Holy Spirit. I am a chosen child of God whether I drink

> The only people I know that abstain from drinking are the people that are on medication, that just don't like the taste of it, or are alcoholics. Alcoholism is a disease, so we can't judge

I try to conduct myself as a Christian, not to act any better than others, simply because I love God. We all drink wine during communion, even the alcoholics, which I might add doesn't bother them a bit because it is consecrated and is the blood of Jesus Christ. You can't strengthen your faith by not of months ago when I related to drinking, but you can by taking

Rather than trying to impress people as a man who is better than most, I suggest you focus

Lynnette Ebert



## BHS already a powerhouse

As many of you may know, much of the talk in Texas schools this past week has been about the realignment of schools for UIL competition. Much of the talk locally has been about the Brackett Tigers being reclassified as a 1A district as opposed to a 2A district.

The prevailing thought is that this will make us more competitive and enable us to shed our image of the occasional underdog and replace it with an image of the perennial powerhouse.

While there may be a grain of truth to this, it's important to remember that what our kids do on the field of competition is secondary - and I mean way secondary - to what they achieve in the classroom.



Making A Difference

Bobby Templeton

Regardless of our UIL classification, our goal is, and always should be, to produce solid, respectful, well-equipped graduates that are prepared to face the world head on.

As I see it, being a success has almost nothing to do with feats of athletic greatness and a great deal to do with keeping your word, working hard, facing adversity with dignity and

Coach Yeager put it so well when he told me that he was much more concerned with the kids' attitudes and work ethic than he was with their win-loss record. The underlying meaning here is that extra-curricular activities are a means to an end and not an end itself.

It's good to keep in mind that from the largest 5A school in Texas to the smallest West Texas district, kids can and will be winners with a good education and a solid moral foundation.

On that front, our kids are already attending a "powerhouse" school and can be proud of the first-class education they are able to receive right here in with making the world a better this little corner of Texas.

Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

### Texans talk about safety in the skies

The 2003 holiday season saw a boost in nearly every sector of our economy, including aviation. The increase is not only a reflection of our improving economy, but also an indication of growing passenger confidence.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, Congress has been working hard to make sure that when Americans travel the skies, they are safer than ever.

A few months ago I asked the citizens of Texas about their comfort level when it comes to air travel. Your remarks provided insight into the progress of our aviation security system as seen through the eyes of the traveling public.

Texans were almost evenly split on whether they feel safer today than prior to 9/11. Here are some of your comments:

■ The small amount of new inconveniences outweighs the possible outcome without these regulations. People need to remember that flying is not a right. If you do not want to deal with the hassles, jump in your car and drive to your destination. Johnny, Odessa

■ The TSA should employ passenger profiling to concentrate attention where it needs to be. Joseph, Houston

■ The security technology available today should have been utilized long ago ... Pilots should be allowed to carry weapons and armed air marshals should be on every flight coming into the U.S. and flying in U.S. borders. Kenneth, Richard-

There is no doubt in my mind the traveling public is considerably safer than we were on Sept. 10, 2001. But our work is not done. While we've enhanced security nationwide, if we do not protect our cargo we are still vulnerable to attacks. For this reason I asked our readers:

"Air cargo security remains one of my top priorities. Twentytwo percent of cargo that is shipped in the United States travels on passenger planes. Yet, only a tiny percentage is inspected. While we have employed rigorous screening procedures for baggage and passengers, the belly of the plane is still exposed to the threat of terrorism. Twice the Senate has unanimously passed legislation I introduced to close this dangerous loophole, but the House of Representatives has failed to act. What is your opinion on shipping air cargo with passen-

ger flights?" Texans feel strongly about improving cargo security, with 70 percent saying people who handle cargo should be subject to criminal background checks. And 79 percent agree that handlers should be trained on how to safeguard cargo tampering and that cargo should be kept in a secure area at all times.

Below are a few responses from people across the state:

■ Unchecked cargo should not be shipped on passenger planes. James, San Antonio

All cargo should be searched with dogs or x-rayed at least. Bonnie, Comfort

I share your concern, which is why I proposed the Air Cargo Security Act. My bill would create a reliable, known-shipper program, mandate inspections of cargo facilities, direct the TSA to work with foreign countries on securing incoming cargo, create a training program for handlers, and give TSA the power to revoke the license of a shipper or freight forwarder whose practices are unsound.

It makes no sense to inconvenience airline passengers with security screening and baggage checks if we do not safeguard the cargo traveling beneath

I appreciate your comments and encourage you to continue making your voice heard. The freedom to speak our minds is one of the cornerstones of our democracy, and your opinions help me better serve you in Congress

### Grandkids will win battle with furniture good soaking. The water trough Do you remember a couple But I Could for the horse seemed like the Be Wrong logical dumping ground. Before

you my personal war against the mice?

Well, I think I finally ridded my home of the unwanted rodents. The final tally of deceased rats was 15. I have not seen nor hope of eternal life in Heaven. gregation about the Great Com- heard one of the little beasties There is nothing on this earth mission rather than social issues. in over a week. Case closed. For springs. They are more deter- wrecking ball. His mom and dad

Do you also recall my tale of

the kids in action. Only time will ily as he can. tell. My money is on the off-

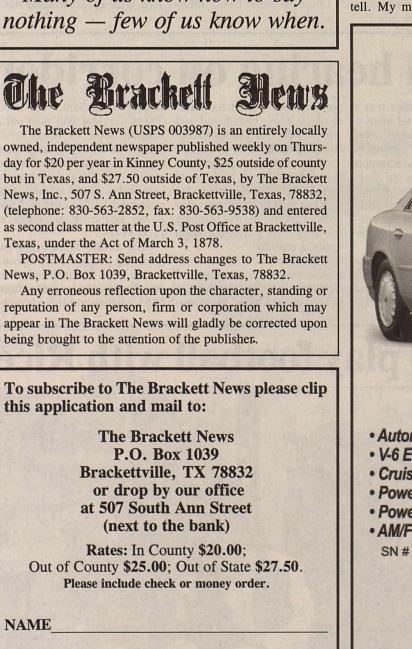


Little Tanner, at a mere 11/2, mine than Tanner ever could. the table and chair set that my is also showing signs of mass It came back. Wood was no around the yard last week. He mended a single chair for the orange tape measure caught his next go-round. Will it stay re- eye. I like the bright color bepaired? I seriously doubt it. I've cause it easily catches my eye, seen the furniture and I've seen too. I can find it almost as eas-

I could retrieve it, he had submerged a couple more items as well. I didn't scold him. He's still too young to know he's doing anything wrong. Any way it's not his fault. He's a genetic have destroyed more tools of

But soon, any day now, he'll daughter brought to me to fix? destruction. He was wandering have a little brother to aid him in his mission of doom. There'll match for my grandkids. I re- ventured into my work area. An be two of them trying to drown my equipment.

I am quite sure the pair will lose, disassemble, remove, and just plain break many things of mine before they grow up. But, Tanner thought it needed a what the heck, I could be wrong.



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## Appraisal District board finally meets Directors gather for first time in five months

By J.J. GUIDRY Editor

The Kinney County Appraisal District Board of Directors met in January for the first time in tent." over five months.

Controversy has surrounded the district since Mike Holley, chairman, and Bill Haenn, chief the intent. I'm sorry that it hapappraiser, attempted to recall pened that way. Wes Robinson as a director.

cil and the Kinney County Com- comments, but those will be missioners Court — the two en- made in a personal nature later member Tom Ertle, the directors tities that elected Robinson to on," he added. the board - both decided not to pursue the recall.

Richard Slubar and Tim Ward bers be sent to the entities. also missed three meetings.

Slubar's term has since expired. Haenn said he did not attempt to recall Ward because he ings are scheduled. had explained by telephone why the meetings. Robinson claimed

"I'm not singling out anyone," Holley said during last

was never the in-

Mike Holley

"I'm sorry for the upheavel The Brackettville City Counthat it caused. I have some other rectors at the same time.

Holley and Haenn said they Appraisal District are the only the morning of every meeting sought to recall Robinson be- ones who can recall a director, day. cause he had missed three meet- Holley suggested that a regular

> Robinson said one major morning would be no problem." problem with attendance has been the random dates that meet-

he would not be able to attend and the county all meet on the out with the agendas, but Haenn second Monday or the second he was singled out for political Tuesday so it would seem to be prudent for us to meet on the time," the chief appraiser said. first Tuesday," Robinson said.

"I'm not singling coming year. The board will meet on the first Tuesday of Febout anyone. That ruary, April, June, August, October and December. In addition, the district will have a public hearing to approve its budget on Aug. 10.

Haenn said the agendas for meetings are posted at the Appraisal District Office and Courthouse at least 72 hours in advance and are mailed to the di-

At the suggestion of board voted to have an Appraisal Dis-Since the leaders of the tax- trict employee contact each of ing entities represented by the the board members by telephone

"There are five of us here," ings. Officials later learned that attendance report of board mem- Ertle said. "Five phone calls in a matter of a few minutes in the

> In addition, Robinson asked if the directors' packets containing information about the items "The school board, the city on the agenda could be mailed said it was not possible.

"It's not prepared at that

The directors approved a ceive their packets when they week's meeting. "That was never schedule of meetings for the up- arrive for the meetings.



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The directors currently re- Swearing in ceremony Mike Holley (standing left) and Steve Crosby (right) are sworn in as directors of the Kinney County Appraisal District by Bill Haenn, chief appraiser, during a recent meeting.

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Brackett won top honors for small schools at the Eagle Pass UIL academic meet. Team members include, back row (from left): Cody Robinette, Hector Febres, Ashley Thourot, Tillman Davis, Courtney Frerich and John Moore. Middle row: Jessi Crane, Amanda Davis, Emily Petrosky, Shanae Simmons, Alison Carroll, Clarissa Aguirre, Jackie Duncan and Rachel Swinson. Front row: Dana Bonner, Beau Watkins, Juliann Ashabranner, Danielle Moore and Sarah Meyer. Not pictured: Ashley Smith.

## HS wins Eagle Pass academic meet

High School won the first place ally, Ashley Thourot was third, ing. at the Eagle Pass UIL academic meet last Saturday.

were tested in the areas of math, ninth. science, English, business, his-

to 5A schools from Knippa to

Brackett's accounting team while Shanae Simmons was fifth persuasive speaking, while added.

team finished second. Amanda tively.

place honors in the spelling com-

Juliann Ashabranner won the

In literary criticism, Rachel The computer applications ished second and third, respec- meet, especially the basketball

Tillman Davis and Emily Pedebate, while Dana Bonner and Saturday morning to travel to Davis also claimed third- Cody Robinette finished fifth. Danielle Moore was fourth in BHS' UIL coordinator. Lincoln Douglas debate.

"I would like to thank all the students who took time out of Swinson and Hector Febres fin- their Saturday to attend this students who had traveled to Freer the night before and were back up and on the van at 6:15 Eagle Pass" said Cindy Brandt,

"Your special effort helped Beau Watkins finished third to make this a successful meet feature writing competition, in current events and fourth in for Brackett High School," she

### **OBITUARIES**

### Hilaria S. Perea

ville went to be with the Lord the age of 80. She was born Jan. 13, 1924.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Juan Salazar and Gregoria Alcorta; a brother: Jose Salazar; and four sisters: Delfina Dones, Mercedes Dones, Francisca Dones and Dolores Villanueva.

Perea is survived by her husband: Juan R. Perea of Brackettville; brother: Paulino Salazar, sister: Juanita Alcorta; Funeral Chapels.

Hilaria S. Perea of Brackett- grandchildren: Ben Fuentes, Julie Molano and Ralph Fuon Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at entes; and great-grandchildren: Kellsey and Celes Molano.

Visitation was held last week at Don's Funeral Chapels in Brackettville, and a Rosary was

A Mass of Christian burial was held last Thursday at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Burial followed at the Catholic Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Don's

### Elizabeth Prescott Ebert

Ebert, 85, died Saturday, Jan. great-grandchildren.

31, 2004, in Prescott, Wis. Springs' Winter Texan for over at St. Joseph's Catholic Church 20 years. Her husband, Vernon, in Prescott, Wis. Burial of her preceded her in death.

She is survived by her sons: David, John, Thomas and Dou- etery.

Elizabeth "Betty" Prescott glas; 12 grandchildren and 14

A Mass of Christian burial Ebert was one of Fort Clark will be held this morning at 11 cremated remains will be at a later date in the church's cem-

### **BRIEFS**

### Financial aid meeting set for parents

Ken Newman, Brackett High School counselor, will host a financial aid meeting for seniors and their parents next Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The meeting will be informative, and interactive for seniors and their parents so that many will hopefully have a better understanding of financial assistance. Newman will also be distributing handouts that will enable parents to understand what their child needs to be preparing for in the future.

Parents are encouraged to attend, as Newman will be relaying some very important information regarding grants, loans and scholarships. Hector Jimenez and Mary Hernandez will also be there to translate for those parents who speak Spanish.

### **Duplicate Bridge Club meets at FCS**

The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met last Tuesday in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center. Six tables played, using the Mitchell Movement. The winners in the north-south were Blake and Jeanette Hinton. Ann Melin and Ann Watts finished second and Helen Marie Jones and Rosetta Pingenot were third. In the east-west, the winners were Mona Miller and Dena Scott. syringes and marijuana ciga- ISD campus when he discovered man reported four illegal aliens Dianna Daniels and Mylo Unruh took second, while Ruth Potter and Sara Richhart were third.

### Computer Club meets Monday night

The Brackettville Computer Club has put together a presenta-5:59 p.m., A man requested outstanding warrant and charged nobody was home, but he needed keep their goats on their own tion on digital photography, which includes a "how-to" about organizing, transferring, attaching, archiving, editing, printing, adjusting and capturing digital photographs.

The club will meet Monday night at 7 at the Kinney County Library Annex. There is no charge for the meeting, but the club that someone was in her back- requests a donation of 50 cents per person for the library's utility quested a welfare check on a yard and her daughter was home expenses. For more information, 563-3443.

### Church's annual Bratfry a success

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church officials deemed the 10th anfense. The man also had in his time he had seen the vehicle was Karl Chism was dispatched to the Thomas Street. Deputies Gutier nual Bratfry a success. There were 269 meals served at the event, residence and said the man was rez and Cody Shannon were dis-sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Funds raised are for youth scholarships. Music for the event was provided by Pat Strothers on accordion and Pastor Nathan Lafrenz on violin.

### Cavalry Brigade to clean Saturday

The Fort Clark Springs Community Council's Cavalry Brigade has many projects on the agenda in preparation for Fort Clark Days, scheduled for March 12-13. The group will meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday at Shafter Hall for work detail assignments. Lunch will be served to volunteers from 11:30 to 12:30.

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## EAGLE PASS — Brackett took first-place honors. Individu- in poetry and sixth in news writ- Alison Carroll was fifth in prose.

sweepstakes award for small Sarah Meyer finished fourth and schools (Class 1A through 3A) Ashley Smith was seventh. BHS had 21 students compet- Davis was second overall, Smith ing in the meet, where students placed eighth and Meyer was trosky were second in cross-X

tory and speech. Participants represented 1A petition.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

mother's residence on W. Spring

ing a vehicle with a child inside

driver at the Cline checkpoint

tested and found to be amphet-

DAREDEVILS

on W. El Paso Street.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT 5:49 p.m., A man requested rettes. Deputy Ron Ring was a blue Ford Bronco that had near her residence. that a deputy check on his dispatched to the scene. He ar- been reported stolen. The man rested the man, David Wayne driving the vehicle said he went Roberts, 43, of Austin on the to the complainant's house and complain that people should

10:00 p.m., U.S. Border Pa- Jail, where he was still being home. trol agents reported stopping a held at press-time. Thursday, Jan. 29

who had an outstanding warrant out of Travis County for driv- that his 1985 blue Ford Bronco phoned him, said "good-bye" ing while intoxicated, second of- was missing. He said the last and was acting funny. Deputy caller reported loud music on W. possession several pills that were at noon that day.

8:05 p.m., Deputy Ring was OK. amines, plus three needles and patrolling behind the Brackett

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a deputies assistance in unlock- him with possession of a con- to borrow the vehicle. The comtrolled substance. Roberts was plainant declined to file charges booked into the Kinney County and gave the other man a ride dead goats on a local ranch.

9:30 p.m., A Del Rio man re-7:15 p.m., A man reported Brackettville man who had tele- by herself.

10:45 p.m., A Spofford wo- hear any loud music.

Friday, Jan. 30 1:04 p.m., A man called to

3 p.m., A man reported 50

5:39 p.m., A woman reported

10:44 p.m., An anonymous patched to the scene, but did not

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## Longhorn Cheerleaders



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The Brackettville Longhorn Cheerleaders finished sixth at the National Cheer-Power Competition in Galveston. The squad, coached by Nancy Rodriguez, will start tumbling classes in preparation for its next competition at Astroworld in Houston on May 1. Team members include, back row (from left): Amanda Del Bosque, Chaito Sanchez, Erica Rodriguez and Stella Guajardo. Middle row: Roxy Gomez, Brianna Escamilla and Bianca Cruz. Front row: Crystal Garcia, Natasha Samaniego, Selena Gerardo and Isabel Garcia, mascot.

## Try to keep an open mind about new food combinations

Goodies

From G.G.

Vada

Baldree

Do you find that even as an adult, we are still hesitant to try new foods or new combinations?

I admit to a few preconceived ideas of "I don't like that!" about things I've never tried.

Keeping that in mind, while having lunch with the Cheaney's at their new home, a friend stopped to chat.

an original salad recipe of hers that the restaurant named after her features on their menu. You guessed it, I knew I

wouldn't like the combos in it, With due course, she shared but certain my husband would, so I'd make it

Would you believe I ate more of it than he did? Hope you enjoy this as much

Broccoli salad by Edi 1 head of broccoli flowerlets

1 red onion (chopped) ½ cup cocktail peanuts or

other nuts ½ cup golden raisins

¼ teaspoon sugar 2 tablespoons fresh lemon

juice or concentrate 34 cup mayo Mix sugar, lemon juice and mayo together and pour over

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## Veltman reactivates membership

UVALDE - Mary Louise Veltman of Brackettville, a former member of the Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, expressed her desire to again become an active member at the group's January meeting at The Bistro. The vote to accept her was unanimous.

State Regent Florence Fitch Patton was the guest speaker. Thirty-seven years of DAR membership and responsibilities have preceded her leadership of the Texas Society and this was very evident in her presentation of "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness - Source of the

American Dream." Although born in Eagle Pass, Nacogdoches, her maternal family homeplace since the 1930s and her home town since 1961, is the city where she and her late husband raised their son and two

DAR daughters. Gay Huffman was welcomed as the chapter's newest member. In the message from the DAR

president general, Sandra Harris quoted: "Perhaps, today as never before, the Daughters of the American Revolution must take up the cause and lend our voices to that of our ancestors as we rededicate ourselves to preserving American's religious heritage. Our forefathers came to this land initially seeking freedom to worship God in their own ways. They fought and died to guarantee our freedom of worship and we must accept the responsibility to preserve it. This generation of patriots must not allow the intolerance of the few to inhibit the rights of the many. We are 'one nation under God.' It is our heritage and it is the foundation of our Ameri-

can republic." The next assembly will be on Saturday, Feb. 21, at The Bistro on Getty Street with registration at 10:30 a.m. Prospective members are welcome.

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## gift from the Lord

It was a cold day and the coffee tasted especially good. The coffee shop was crowded.

Dave looked to his left where a young teen-age couple was locked in passionate embrace. Dave snickered and called his friend's attention to the scene

our day, stuff like that was unacceptable in a public place." Yeah," Bruce replied.

"About as far as we got was holding hands."

and spoke quietly: "Hey first time you ... uh ... made it with a girl?"

Bruce shot Dave a look of claimed. disbelief: "Whatcha mean by

way!" Dave answered. "Everybody did it."

Bruce looked into his coffee studying the steam rising line was, I learned to love and slowly from the cup. He smiled as he remembered his senior year in high school. He had known Jeanie since third grade. They had dated since their sophomore year. Jeanie 14) was good looking and had a great personality. Bruce changed my life," he added. smiled as he remembered that

"I remember the time I and education.



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"You see that," he said. "In thought I was going to, as you say, make it," Bruce said.

"Jeanie's parents had gone to a movie when I took her home from the game so we were alone. We got settled on Dave leaned over the table the couch in front of the TV. When I tried to go a little too Bruce, how old were you the far, Jeanie was real quick to put on the brakes."

"She what?" Dave ex-

Bruce laughed again: "That is the night I found out what a "You know man, all the real Christian was Dave. It was the greatest experience of my life. I came out with a lot of mixed feelings, but the bottom respect Jeanie more than I ever thought possible.

"Long ago a very wise man said a gracious wife is a gift from the Lord. (Sirach 26:13-

"Marrying a Christian has

■ Editor's note: This colshe also had a great body. She umn is brought to you by the was an outstanding cheer- St. Henry deOsso Family leader. He looked at Dave and Project, working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith

## A gracious wife is a Gideons work to inspire

take special notice of the work of the Gideons International. The Gideons work to distribute New Testament as a fourththe text of the Bible, especially New Testaments and Psalms, to as many people as possible.

Right up front, I'll tell you that I have a few minor reservations about the Gideons. For example, as a clergyman they won't allow me as a member. Neither do the Gideons allow Roman Catholics, nor anyone else who isn't a Protestant pro- beyond. fessional male to become mem-

Nonetheless, in almost every hotel I've ever been in (better than 10 countries) and every hospital room I've been in, I've had a copy of the Holy Scriptures available to me thanks to the hard-working Gideons.

These men (and women in their female auxiliary) raise and copies of the Bible or the New tributing churches to their ef- freshing counterpoint. They for you!

This week at First United Testament and put it in places Methodist, we're going to cel- where a little extra attention to ebrate a "Gideon Sunday" and the message of God might make a big difference.

I received my first Gideon grader in Texas. This was back in the '60s when prayer in school was practically mandatory and I remember having Bible verse forts. drills right along side spelling

When I enlisted in the Air Force in the fall of 1978, I received another testament that I carried through boot camp and

Just a few years ago, while performing hospital chaplaincy at RAF Lakenheath in England, I was given two big cases of testaments to pass along to patients, staff and deploying troops.

No mistake about it, these people mean business when it comes to handing out Scripture.

The Gideons try to keep local pastors in the loop — it helps spend their own money to buy connect the membership of con-

First United Methodist Church

Rev. Roger Baker

Locally they sponsor a prayer breakfast that is invaluable to the pastors - a great chance to network with others.

Gideon members also press for the opportunity to make a report and take a collection on Sunday mornings to help with the work.

Eckenroth, a member of Frontier Baptist Church, will take about 15 minutes to bring our congregation up to date on the latest progress on the Gideons.

In a world that can argue over

don't spend their money on litigation, but on inspiration. They are convinced of the power of ink on pages to change the world - thanks to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Frankly, so am I. So despite some differences of opinion on issues like membership, I'll gladly welcome Gideon member Frank Eckenroth's report on how the Gideons are doing.

At First United Methodist Church, we try hard to listen to others whose opinions or practices differ from our own.

Our denominational slogan, "open hearts, open minds, open doors," is something that we This Sunday, Frank aspire to live because we believe that the heart of Jesus was the most open heart ever, His mind was the most understanding, and He never closed the door on those who came to Him.

Join us this Sunday at 10:45 the placement of the Ten Com- and bring a Bible - but if you mandments in a courtroom, I don't have one, I'm pretty sure find the Gideons to offer a re- a friendly Gideon will find one

## Two different ways of looking at 'things'

Even though this event took place some 27 years ago, I remember it yet quite vividly. His name was then, and still is to-

day, David Steindl Rast. David is a Benedictine Monk of the Catholic persuasion. There were 28 of us taking part in the Institute of Religious Formation ("IRF" for short) connected with St. Louis Univer-

During the course of that year, Brother David, one of more than several weekend guest speakers, presented us a Friday through Sunday work- tion, "Where are you going?" shop on prayer and relationship with God and other human beings. I took two insights away with me from that weekend.



St. Mary Magdalene Church

Fr. Cornelius J. Scanlan

The first was his challenge to us, as he put it, "to take a look at how we use one English

He then proceeded to call our attention to how most United States citizens answer the ques-

One will say, "Oh, we're going to take in a movie." We might hear another say, after of the preceding? working hard or exercising,

"I'm going to take a shower." And on and on it goes.

Did you notice the word, "take?" How many different "takes" do most of us "take?" His observation challenged us

by asking the question, "Why don't you give yourself to the movie, to the shower, to the on that one!" walk, to the vacation?"

He added, "You'll probably be happier and more at peace by giving yourself" to one or another activity than by taking it.

Is it possible that this change of attitude might help the relationship between wife and husband, between parents and their children, and vice versa for both

The second had to do with

prayer itself. He asked, "Have you ever thought of praising God?"

After asking this provocative question, he looked out the window of the conference room, saw a cloud moving by and said, "God, you surely did a good job

Some may object to that statement as being too familiar with

But did not Jesus himself incur opposition from some of his contemporaries when he addressed God as "Abba?"

What do think you, is it better to begin with "give me" prayers or prayers of praise and thanksgiving, followed by the "gimme" type of prayer?

## All men should repent

"For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, for we are also his

"For as much then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere unto all men, in that he hath to repent; unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." (Acts

"Because he hath appointed 17:28-31) a day, in which he will judge



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My dear people of Brackett- which we are able to participate in his love, in his creation. And I wish peace to you. But truth like all great treasures it must

Truly I tell you that we have a Parents, guard your children great enemy in our time and that lest they be tempted by coming enemy is pornography. It is our face to face with this enemy. enemy because it separates us Free your home from any bad magazines or videos or any other assault against dignity and purity. Children, listen to your little hearts as the Spirit tells you, "No, don't do that, don't look at that." Little ones, don't womanhood. It is like a treasure let your curiosity take you into

All, young and old, guard



Postcard Home

Brother Henry Clay

your treasure. Have the wisdom to discipline your eyes lest they look upon this enemy which is through the senses that this clever enemy operates.

It may seem sweet as to the taste, but it sours in the belly. It Hunt III, S.O.L.T.

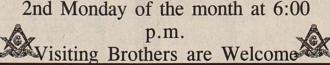
is like a virus that destroys all. and after that, it tries to steal your very soul from God. As a soldier well versed in this battle, I offer my prayer for you. I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, the seat of wisdom and purity to rush to your aid, to shield you from this deadly enemy and to point you to the light of her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

May this very day, you be the very face of death. For it is renewed in your baptismal promises and share in the joy of the angels.

From Rome, Br. Henry Clay

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The meeting will be conducted in a public hearing format. Members of the district's administrative team will present AEIS information and test results from the state. All patrons of the Brackett ISD are invited to attend this hearing, and encouraged to ask ques-

Board of Trustees monthly meeting to follow at 6:00

## Brackett drops down to Class 1A

would drop to Class 1A when dina and Rocksprings. the University Interscholastic League announces its biennial realignment.

Well, it finally happened. ment was released by the UIL on Monday morning.

"Our initial reaction to going 1A was relief," said David Yeager, Brackett's athletic director and head football coach. "We are finally going to be on an even playing field regarding numbers and size of school with our district opponents.

"In football and basketball, the quality of the opponents will still be very difficult. However, they will have around the same numbers that we have."

Brackett's new football district includes Charlotte, D'Ha- was very difficult," he said. "I nis, LaPryor and Sabinal, while was not looking forward to

For the last decade, Brackett the basketball conference is made fans have hoped the Tigers up of Center Point, Harper, Me-

"It will be beneficial only in regards to quality of depth," Yeager said. "You still can only field 11 at a time and our dis-Brackett is now a member of trict is made up of teams with District 30-1A. The new realign- good tradition concerning their football programs. We still have our work cut out for us and can not relax and think things will get easier. We have been preaching 'David vs. Goliath' for the past six years and now we will be the hunted one."

announced Monday, Yeager was busy working on the Tigers' non-district schedule, which includes games against Center Point, Sonora, Nueces Canyon, Leakey, Rocksprings and

### **DISTRICT 30-A**

The new District 30-1A following the UIL's biennial realignment:

Football: Brackett, Charlotte, D'Hanis, LaPryor, Sabinal.

Basketball: Brackett, Center Point, Harper, Medina, Rocksprings.

scheduling six non-district opponents. However, with a lot of phone calls, things worked out."

The new ceiling for Class 1A After the new districts were schools is 189 students and Brackett turned in an enrollment lie Marquardt said the Tigers' of 186. BHS is currently the smallest Class 2A school (other than schools who requested to move up to 2A for travel purposes) with an enrollment of 180.

Yeager said the biggest ad-"Scheduling for non-district vantage to dropping to Class 1A will be the travel to games.

As a Class 2A school, Brack-

ett has been forced to travel un- still want to advance deep in the usual distances for district competitions. The Tigers' closest which is a little over 100 miles away, while George West is over 200 miles from Brackettville.

In the Tigers' new football district, only one school is over 100 miles away — Charlotte is 129 miles from Brackettville.

"The shorter distances were a welcomed relief," Yeager said. "The majority of our other district contests are quite a bit teams to play in district and we closer."

Head basketball coach Charnew district will be "a little bit tougher."

"But then on the other side, if and when we make the playoffs, the competition won't be like the 2A district we've been stuck with the last couple of years," he said.

playoffs and be a competitive basketball team year in and year opponent this year was Dilley, out, players need to play more during the off-season. Our programs here will not reach that ultimate sphere without extra

> Tigerettes coach Rhonda Marquardt said the biggest adjustment in volleyball will be the difficulty in scheduling sub-varsity games.

> We won't have freshmen probably won't have J.V. games in district — it depends on what schools we are with," she said. "Most of them have just a J.V. and varsity, but some of them don't even have the numbers for volleyball. It means that some of them won't get to play as

much as we have been in 2A.

### **NON-DISTRICT**

Brackett's tentative non-district football schedule for

three, so it could be harder to make the playoffs. It depends on the size of the district that we get put in," she added.

The districts for volleyball and spring sports will be released next month.

"We could end up being in several different districts for difthat. We have a lot of girls in ferent sports," Yeager said. "For example, some area 1A schools do not play baseball or softball. Some may not participate in golf "Also in 1A, only two teams or volleyball. So it can get real "The bottom line is, if you go to the playoffs instead of messy for spring sports."

## Tigerettes force tie for second place

ond place in the District 30-2A while Castillo tallied nine girls' basketball standings Friday as the Tigerettes edged George West 45-42 on the road.

Three Rivers (19-4) is leading the conference with a 7-0 record, while Brackett (18-5) and George West (16-7) are now both 5-2 in league play.

Emily Valenzuela was the Tigerettes' leading scorer against George West. She finished with rebounds.

Courtney Frerich finished the contest with nine points and 12 boards, while Ashley Castillo in every aspect of the game unposted eight points, eight rebounds and five steals.

Ashley Smith also scored eight points, and Stephanie Bonner and Amanda Davis had five points apiece.

Last Tuesday, Brackett blew out the Natalia Lady Mustangs 60-37. Smith and Frerich both finished in double figures, scoring two. 15 and 11 points, respectively.

shots in the contest. Shanae Simmons pitched in won the Nueces Canyon junior Delbosque added two.

Brackett forced a tie for sec- eight points and six rebounds, varsity tournament.

while Davis scored four.

In the junior varsity contest on Friday, George West handed son, 37-29. The J.V. girls are now 18-1 overall.

George West jumped out to 10 points and pulled down six an 11-3 lead after the opening stanza, and then held off a late Brackett rally for the win.

"George West outplayed us til the fourth quarter," Tigerettes coach Tiffinny Blore said.

Nadine Terrazas paced Brackett with 11 points and seven rebounds in the contest. Danika Schmidt and Kara Yeager each posted five points.

Timmeka Simmons scored half. four points, and Juliann Ashabranner and Lola Cano both had

Ashabranner also pulled

Frerich also had five rebounds, down nine boards, while Simthree steals and two blocked mons had eight rebounds. On Saturday, the Tigerettes zas had three and Allison

"We have won all three tourboards, seven points and three naments we have played in this year - Dilley, Rocksprings and Bonner, Villanueva and Sta- now Nueces Canyon," Blore cey Castilla all have five points, said. "The girls work hard every day in practice and it shows on the floor."

Brackett opened the tourney Brackett its first loss of the sea- against Rocksprings. The Tigerettes jumped out to a 13-1 lead in the first quarter and cruised to the victory.

Simmons and Brandy Smith each scored six points. Terrazas finished with five points and three steals, while Yeager had four points and five steals. Cano, Schmidt and Cassie Mata all scored two points apiece.

The Tigerettes topped Nueces Canyon 36-11 in the championship game of the tourney. Brackett was up 12-0 after the opening stanza and led 14-4 at the

Smith led Brackett's scoring attack with 12 points, while Yeager finished the contest with 11 points and seven steals.

Mata and Dana Bonner each scored four in the game, Terra-

## Davis awarded scholarship to play football with Rice

Dietrich signing a scholarship this prestigious," he added. at Rice," Brackett athletic di-

are very hard to achieve, so this is quite an honor for Dietrich, as well as our football program.

"Dietrich is an outstanding student in the classroom. Rice university and a student-ath- 2003. lete going there must really have succeeded in the classroom as well as the playing

"This shows that a person such as Dietrich has demon-

We are very excited about to be accepted by a university and really show they care

Last season after struggling rector and head football coach to a 1-6 start, the Owls won four Davd Yeager said. "He has of their last five games, includshown great work ethic, atti- ing the last three, to finish at 5tude and character in our pro- 7 on the season and 5-3 in Westgram these last couple of ern Athletic Conference play.

"Rice is a great school — it's "Division I scholarships probably the best school in know that they are very ex-Texas as far as an education," Davis said. "The football program is on the rise and the player. coaches are real excited about the future."

The Owls scored at least 28 University is a great academic points in its last six games of

"Rice has an outstanding coaching staff, led by Ken Hatfield," Yeager said. "He is the type of coach you would and later attending Texas want your son to play under. He A&M University College of and his staff of coaches have a

strated the necessary disciplines great rapport with the athletes about the young men beyond the fact that they are football

> "Coach Hatfield has done a very good job at Rice for a long time. He has had success at Air Force Academy, Arkansas, Clemson and now Rice. I cited about Dietrich coming there and becoming an impact

> "I feel that Dietrich and Rice are a great fit and that he will have a good time going to school there and playing football," he added.

> Davis, the son of Zach and Kayla Davis, plans on majoring in business management Veterinary Medicine.

## Tigers topple Longhorns in 55-38 win

had three players score in double the first round of district," Ti-George West Longhorns.

9) moved into third place in the times when we force the action points, Rolando Ortiz scored District 30-2A standings with a and don't let the game come to four and Tillman Davis had 3-2 conference mark.

continue to strive and get better us and take advantage of situa- three.

Dietrich Davis led Brackett figures Friday as the Tigers gers coach Charlie Marquardt against George West with 18 posted a 55-38 win over the said. "As a team, we need to points, while Oscar Sierra and Charlie Slaughter both had 11. With the win, Brackett (10- to reach our potential. There are Noe Talamantes had eight



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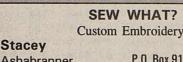
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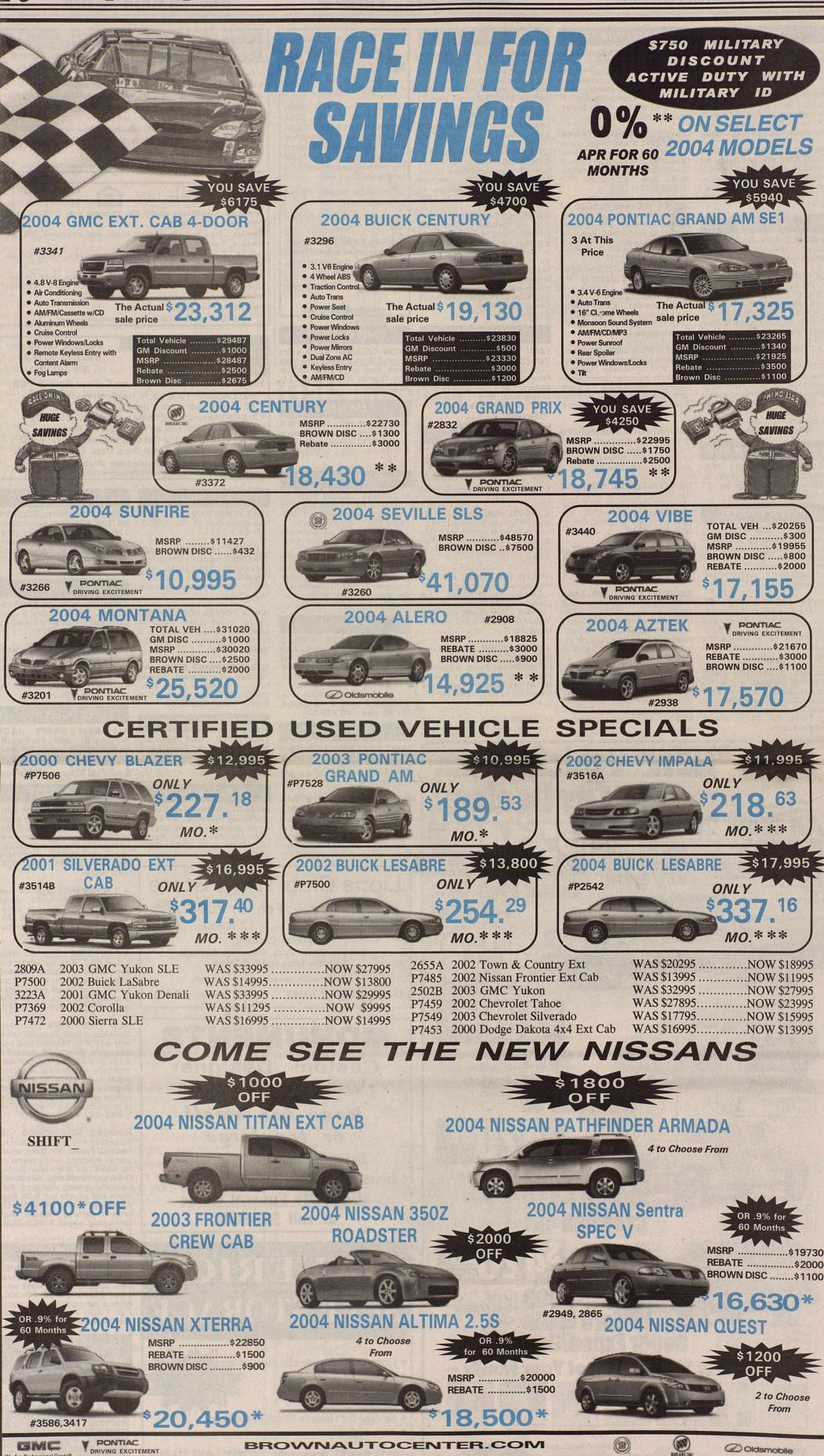
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