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County to consider new water crossing  
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## Audit raises concerns about the future of the groundwater conservation district

By DIANA K. WARD  
Staff Writer

The future of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District is in doubt, according to an audit performed by Coleman, Horton and Company.

"The district has significant liabilities in excess of assets," the Uvalde auditing firm said in its letter to the directors. "This condition raises substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern."

The district's annual audit was approved by the Board of Directors during this month's regular meeting. The audit was for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2003.

Total expenditures for the year were \$223,415, while total revenues were \$83,123, leaving a deficiency of \$140,292.

The largest expenditure was \$205,138 for legal and professional expenses. This item was budgeted at \$12,000, leaving a negative balance of \$193,138.

"The district incurred substantial current liabilities during its operation in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2003. Those liabilities exceed total assets," the audit report states.

"The district's continued existence is dependent upon its ability to resolve these liquidity problems. Management plans to negotiate a long term payout of these current liabilities and

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**Don Ralston, General Manager**



an increase in future tax rates to generate more operating capital. The district believes the aforementioned actions will be adequate to fund its on-going operations."

Don Ralston, general manager of the groundwater district, explained: "Everything that they found was fine — it was just the

fact that we incurred so much in legal fees and expenses. We incurred more expenses than we had income. And that is what he is referring to in that statement.

"He does have questions about the viability of the district being able to continue. If we continue with the legal expenses that we have had in the past, I have

doubts about it too."

Lynn Sherman, president of Water Texas, questioned contributions and grants of \$17,500 and miscellaneous revenues of \$8,798 reflected in the audit.

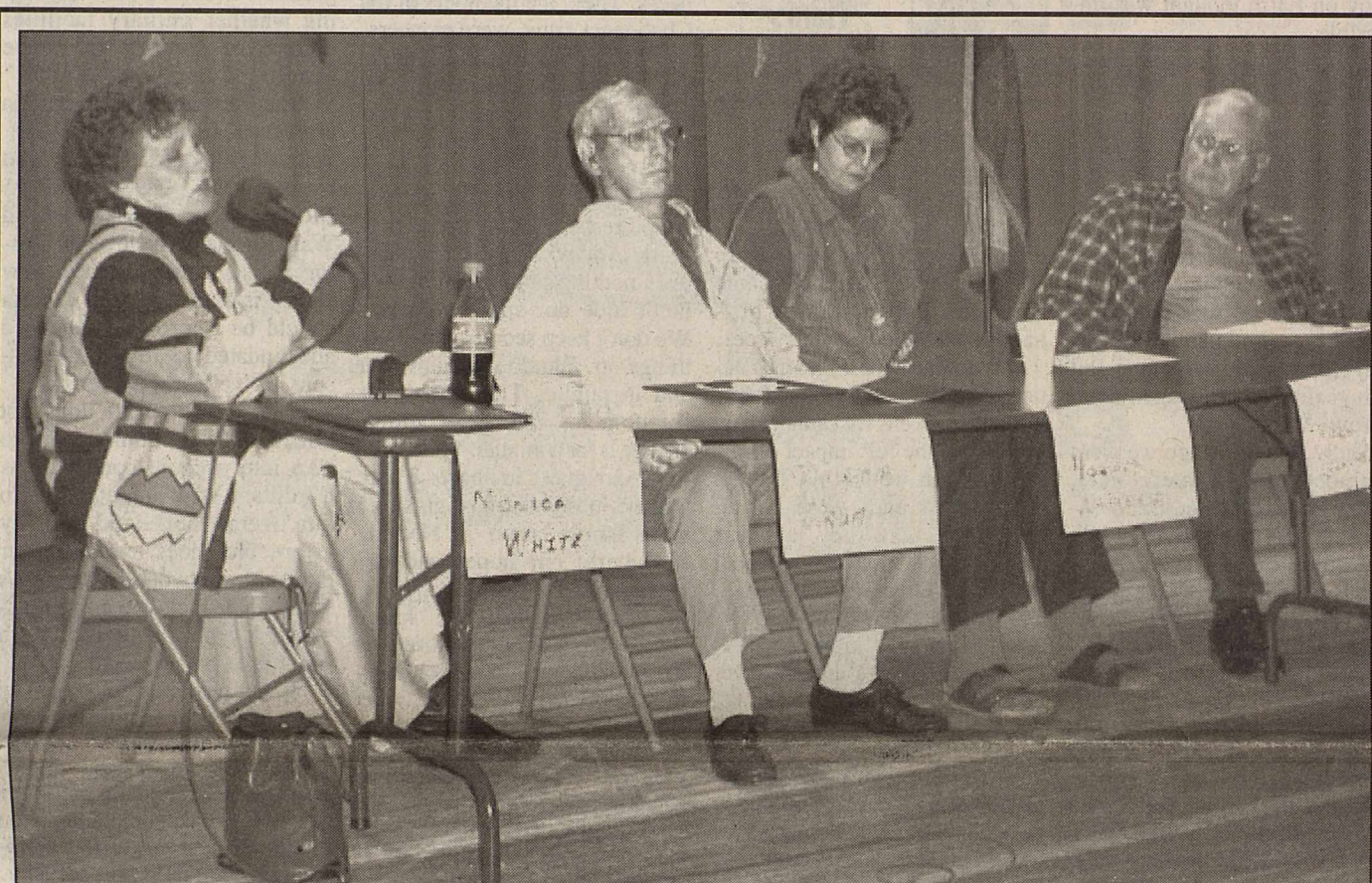
Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code says: "A district may make or accept grants, gratuities, advances or loans in any form to or from any source approved by the board, including any governmental entity, and may enter into contracts, agreements, and covenants in connection with grants, gratuities, advances, or loans that the board considers appropriate."

Sherman questioned whether any grants had ever been approved by the board.

"We can't find any references at least to \$17,500, and to my knowledge even the \$8,798," he told the directors during the public comment portion of the meeting. "I was hoping that it might be described in here, but I don't find it, Mr. Ralston. So I just wanted to bring it back to you all. If you did receive funds in the form of a grant, fine. I am not saying that is bad — the public just has a right to know where it comes from."

Ralston replied: "I pointed the \$17,500 out to the auditors. I do not know where it came from."

"Again, I think it's an open government issue," Sherman added.



Meet the candidates  
Monica White (from left), Howard Wakefield, Mary Gray-Partlow and Robert Windle, candidates for the Fort Clark Springs Association's Board of Directors, answer questions Saturday during a forum sponsored by the Community Council.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

### Forum features FCSA board candidates

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

Fort Clark Springs members had the opportunity to get to know more about the candidates in the upcoming Board of Directors election Saturday as the Community Council hosted a forum at Post Theater.

There are five candidates seeking three seats on the board: Pat Crum, Mary Gray-Partlow, Howard Wakefield, Monica White and Robert Windle.

The top two vote-getters will serve three-year terms, while the third director will serve a two-year term.

The ballots also include a proposition to change the number of directors from

seven to five, effective with the commencement of the 2005 election.

Ballots for the election were sent to members last week and must be received by the auditing firm by March 15. Results of the election will be announced at the annual membership meeting at the Amphitheater on March 27.

Diane Daniels led the forum, where candidates were able to present their qualifications and philosophies, and then answer questions from the audience.

"I'm glad to see a good turnout for the Community Council today," Wakefield said. "It's wonderful to see this many people interested in what we've got to say."

Windle added: "We have a nice crowd, but I sure wish there

was a lot more here to get some more input and feelings from the people.

"I always felt that if you weren't a participant, you didn't have room to complain, so I guess we won't hear many complaints," he joked.

Crum, who has worked as a bookkeeper and payroll clerk for 30 years, was the only candidate not in attendance at the forum.

White, the only incumbent running for the board, was appointed as a director last year, along with Sherry Holloway and Ron Pellin following the resignations of Frank Cheaney, Carol Miller and Glen White.

White has been a resident of Fort Clark since 1992.

"Since I've moved here, I've seen the fort change from more

of a retirement community to a younger community," she said. "I would like to continue involving our retired community that's here, but at the same time, I also want to make our younger families feel welcome here, and feel like they are also part of our fort."

White said her main goal if elected would be to continue to cut expenses without cutting additional services.

"We have cut so many services — we're all tired of it. Let's find some other ideas," she said.

"I noticed a lot of people in different organizations on the fort have started pitching in on some of the smaller expenses. We had a member who paid for building a cage

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## County pursues Courthouse grant

Terrazas questions funding for the project

By DIANA K. WARD  
Staff Writer

*"I just didn't agree with the spending of the \$20,000 so early when we had to let people go."*

**Nat Terrazas**

The Kinney County Commissioners Court adopted a resolution to participate in the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program last week, despite the financial concerns raised by Commissioner Nat Terrazas.

The program provides partial matching grants to Texas counties for the restoration of their historic county courthouses. To participate in the grant program, counties must submit a master preservation plan for renovating and maintaining their historic county courthouse. Once submitted, the plan will be reviewed and may either be accepted, with suggested changes made and resubmitted, or rejected.

Upon final approval of the master preservation plan, a grant application may be submitted. The application must state the amount of money or in-kind contributions that the county promises to contribute to the project.

The Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program funds 85 percent of the project, while the county is responsible for funding 15 percent. The program began with a \$50 million appropriation for the grants, which were awarded in two rounds. In 2001, legislators approved another \$50 million allocation to fund Round 3 grants. In 2003, the 78th Texas Legislature approved the sale of \$45 million in bonds to continue the program.

"This is our county seat, this is our center of government and we would like for it to represent everybody in Kinney County and we would like for it to be something of a showplace that we can be proud of," said Ailene Reid, chairperson for the Kinney County Historical Commission.

With the resolution in place

the Kinney County Historical Commission can begin fund raising efforts. The county match can be raised through donations, fundraisers, capitol expenditures incurred by a county on work approved by the Texas Historic Commission during a 30 month period prior to the application, in kind match, motel occupancy tax or general fund revenues.

With the recent rollback of the county tax rate and the various budget cuts passed by the commissioners this year, Terrazas expressed his concern about the cost of the project.

"I think it is a great idea, too," he said. "I have been the only one who has voted against it. It is not because I don't want it to happen. It's just that right now I don't think it was the time to spend any money on the courthouse, since we did cut some of the people back."

Reid replied: "We don't want the taxpayers to pay for it. That is what I am trying to tell you. The commission is trying to come up with the money."

Terrazas asked how much county funds have already been invested in the project and Reid responded, "I figure around \$20,000."

"How much have we paid a jailer to stay on?" Terrazas questioned, referring to cuts to the budget of the Sheriff's Department, which led to two employees being released. "I just didn't agree with the spending of the

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#### ■ Tigerettes fall

Poth jumped out early against Brackett and held off a late Tigerettes' rally for a 57-44 win in the first round of the state hoops playoffs. Sports/Page 7

#### ■ Tigers set to play

The Brackett Tigers (13-11) will open the state basketball playoffs next Tuesday as they face Randolph (22-5) at 7 p.m. in Lytle. Sports/Page 7

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## Early voting for primary begins on Monday Garza, Guidry file to run for mayor

Early voting for the Democratic Party primary elections begins Monday at the Courthouse and continues through March 5.

The primary election includes a four-person race for county commissioner of Precinct 1. Incumbent Francie Wylie is being challenged by Marvin Davis, Mike Holley and Linda Jaso.

Five of the six local positions on the ballot for the primary will have unopposed races. Incumbents without opposition on the ballot include L.K. "Buddy" Burgess, sheriff; Bobby Guidry, constable; Martha Pena Padron, tax assessor-collector; Tully Shahan, county attorney; and Nat Terrazas, Precinct 3 commissioner.

Early voting will be held during the week from 8 a.m. to 5

p.m. at the County Clerk's Office in the Courthouse.

Applications for ballots by mail will be received through March 1.

Election day is on March 9. Voting places are the EMS Building, Precinct 1; BHS auditorium, Precinct 2; Senior Citizens Apartments, Precinct 3; and the Kinney County Library Annex, Precinct 4.

Candidates can now file to run in the Brackettville City Council and Brackett ISD Board of Trustees elections. The deadline for filing a candidate application is March 15 at 5 p.m.

The city and school elections will be held on May 15.

A mayor and four city council members will be elected in the Brackettville city elections. Joe Garza and J.J. Guidry, a

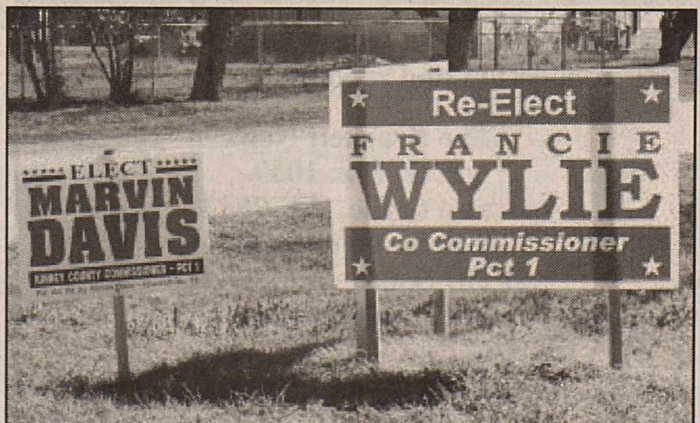
former City Council member, have filed to run for mayor. Carmen Berlanga is the incumbent, but has not been active in the city since suffering a stroke last fall.

As of noon Wednesday, three incumbent aldermen had filed for re-election — Camilo Cruz, Mary Flores and Johnny Samaniego. Council member Francisca "Chica" Garza is also up for re-election.

The mayor and council positions each has a two-year term. Three school board members are up for re-election: Lloyd Lee Davis, Jim McDaniel and Sara Terrazas.

The three trustees will be elected to three-year terms.

The only person to file for the school election as of noon Wednesday was Curzin Rowland



Candidates for county commissioner of Precinct 1 have posted signs around town for the upcoming Democratic primary.

Crane.

Early voting by personal appearance in the city and school elections will be conducted each week day at City Hall on W. Spring Street and the Brackett ISD Central Office on Ann Street, beginning on April 28 and ending

May 11.

March 16 is the first day applications will be accepted to vote early by mail for the city and school elections. All applications to apply for a ballot by mail must be received by May 7 at the close of the business day.



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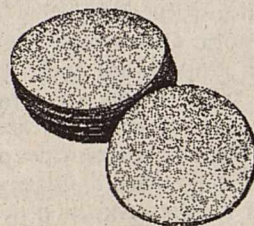
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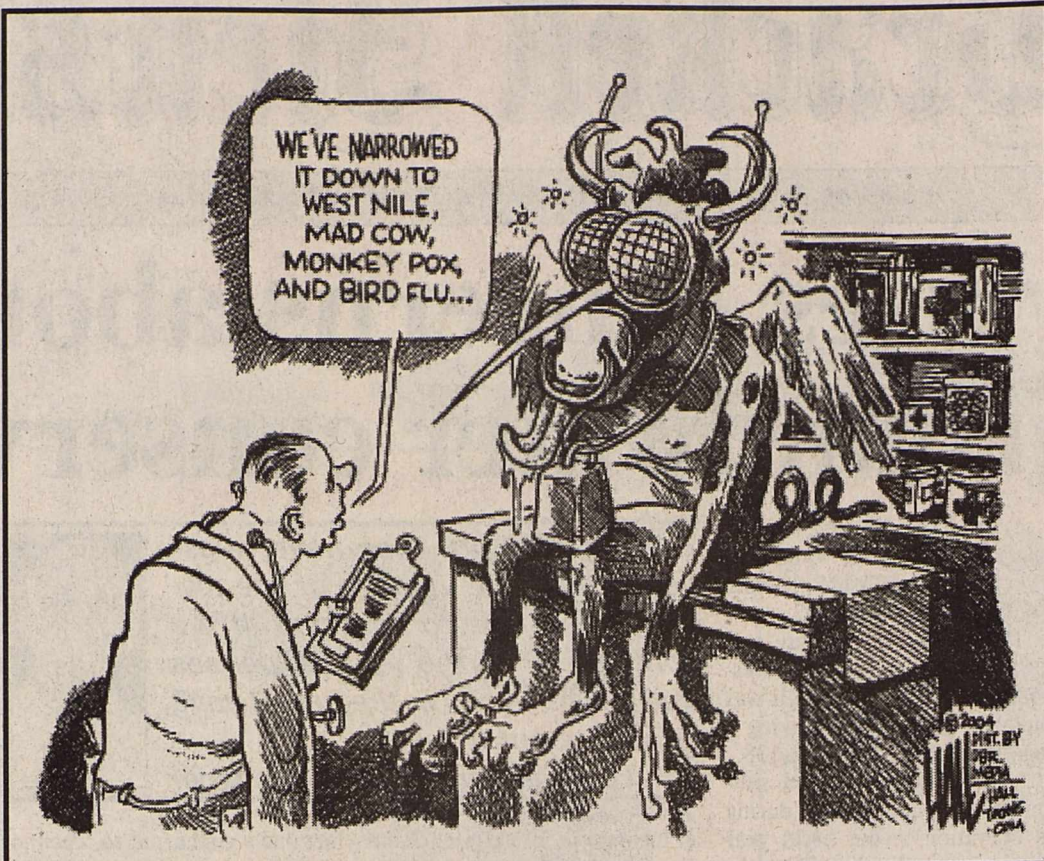
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That monumental mission, and the dozens that have followed, remind us that dreams really can become reality. But with reality comes tragedy and sorrow.

Sadly, one year ago we were reminded of this fateful fact. Seven brave and dedicated astronauts lost their lives while pursuing a national dream. Words cannot express the gratitude we owe to those courageous souls, their families and loved ones.

I think President Ronald Reagan said it best in 1986 when he expressed a national gratitude to the space program after learning that the Space Shuttle Challenger had been lost. I would like to leave you



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today with a portion of his poignant remarks:

"Perhaps we've forgotten the courage it took for the crew of the shuttle ... They were aware of the dangers, but overcame them and did their jobs brilliantly. We mourn seven heroes."

"We mourn their loss as a nation together ... For the families of the seven, we cannot bear, as you do, the full impact of this tragedy. But we feel the loss ... Your loved ones were daring and brave, and they had that special grace, that special spirit that says, 'Give me a challenge, and I'll meet it with joy.'"

"They had a hunger to explore the universe and discover its truths. They wished to serve, and they did. They served all of us."

"We've grown used to wonders in this century. It's hard to dazzle us. But for 25 years, the United States space program has

been doing just that ... We've grown used to the idea of space, and perhaps we forget that we've only just begun. We're still pioneers. They, the members of the Challenger crew, were pioneers.

"The future doesn't belong to the fainthearted; it belongs to the brave. The Challenger crew was pulling us into the future, and we'll continue to follow them."

"I've always had great faith in and respect for our space program. And what happened today does nothing to diminish it. We don't hide our space program. We don't keep secrets and cover things up. We do it all up front and in public. That's the way freedom is, and we wouldn't change it for a minute. We'll continue our quest in space. There will be more shuttle flights and more shuttle crews ... Nothing ends here; our hopes and our journeys continue."

"The crew of the space shuttle Challenger honored us by the manner in which they lived their lives. We will never forget them, nor the last time we saw them, this morning, as they prepared for their journey and waved goodbye and 'slipped the surly bonds of earth' to 'touch the face of God.'"



Capitol  
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A new look  
at Texas bases

The first responsibility of the federal government is preserving our national security. A strong defense is also critically important to Texas and our economy.

So as we launch a periodic review of our national system of defense facilities, we must take into account the changing nature of our security challenges, particularly the new threat posed by terrorism. Decisions on troop strength, training, deployment and facilities should be based on conditions that fully assess current security needs.

The Pentagon has begun the 2005 Base Closing and Realignment Commission (BRAC), charged with adjusting our military capacity to meet realities of the 21st century. The Defense Department started the process by publishing a set of draft criteria, seeking comment on the ground rules to be used in judging whether military facilities across the country are to be maintained or closed.

The Pentagon's draft criteria are very similar — almost identical — to standards employed by the 1991, 1993 and 1995 BRAC rounds. These are Cold War criteria. I believe that using old standards to face a new enemy is a mistake. The criteria should be improved, enhanced and updated to reflect the lessons we've learned after 9-11.

The current draft does not direct BRAC commissioners to take into account contributions a military base might make to our overall homeland security effort. Nor does it require our extensive network of overseas facilities be included in the planning. I am urging that both omissions be corrected.

In the new war on terrorism, homeland security is the ultimate goal. They may be two separate federal departments, but Homeland Security and Defense are already working in tandem on numerous measures, from biochemical threats to port security.

For example, if a military base such as Brooks City-Base in San Antonio can play an important role in medical and biological research that's vital to both homeland and national defense, that contribution ought to be weighed as part of the BRAC process. If Corpus Christi's Naval Station Ingleside can host Coast Guard infrastructure to help patrol the Gulf of Mexico, that should also be considered.

Most of our overseas bases were established during or after World War II, and maintained to meet conventional Cold War threats. Even the Department of Defense has acknowledged that several are poorly located to meet today's military needs. Some bases, particularly those in Europe and Asia, lack the land area and flying space to allow first-class training for our forces.

If an overseas training mission can be accomplished more efficiently and at less expense in the vast expanses of Ft. Hood or Ft. Bliss/White Sands, then BRAC commissioners should factor that into the equation. The current criteria do not.

Let's be clear, the ultimate goal should be the strongest national defense and the most effective homeland security our tax dollars can buy. If all relevant factors are considered, I'm confident that Texas will fare very well in the BRAC process.

Our military men and women enjoy serving in Texas. They benefit both personally and professionally from our wide-open spaces, our weather, our reasonable cost of living and our facilities. Defense is important to Texas, and Texas is vital to our national defense. It's been said that "Texas defends America." That's true, Texas has more active duty than any state and we're superb at it. Texans should welcome a thoughtful and politics-free BRAC process.

As Americans, we all have a stake in ensuring that our force structure and facilities are as efficient and effective as possible — and that the criteria used to judge those conditions reflect the changing threat we face at home and abroad.

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# Forum features FCSA board candidates

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around the lights here at the town hall. I know the bridge club paid themselves to install a thermostat over at the Adult Center. I would like to continue to see that go on."

White said she also wants to increase the association's membership.

"Our membership continues to dwindle monthly — and that's not a good thing," she said. "There are ways we can go out, without spending a lot of money which we don't have, and promote the fort and try to sell memberships."

"We all moved here because we love the fort the way it is. I want to make sure this fort survives. I like the fort the way it is and I want to try to keep it this way."

Wakefield has been a member of the association since 1978 and a resident since 1989.

"I have enjoyed the privilege of living here and using these facilities," he said. "When we first came here, this was a retirement village, but since that time, it has become a family village. Things change as time

changes, and we need to change with the times.

"I think that the board that we have now is doing a good job. Our finances are in a lot better shape than they were several years ago, but I think there are a lot of improvements to be made yet."

Wakefield said he would focus his attention on capital improvements if elected.

"They've been keeping up with every-day things, but as far as making improvements on the streets and keeping the fort up as it used to be, it's not being done," he said. "If elected, I will try to get more improvements on the fort."

Wakefield also addressed the issue of security at the forum.

"We have too many people coming into the fort that aren't really supposed to be here," he said. "They don't have the privileges that we have, but they're coming in anyway. How they're getting in, I don't know, but I sure would like to find out."

Gray-Partlow said she is running for the board because she wants to be an active member of the association.

"I really don't have any patience with myself if I sit around and don't get involved and do things," she said. "That's why I want to serve you on the board."

Gray-Partlow said her priority as a director would be to increase the association's revenues.

"It is true that we have cut services — we needed to," she said. "I have a great respect for the board that we have right now. They've made some very hard and difficult choices."

"We really don't want to cut services any more, so our only other choice is to figure out a way to raise our revenue. We do have some opportunities to do that. We have a historical fort, we have bird watching, we have R.V. opportunities that can help us to increase our revenues if we would promote ourselves in those areas."

"I would like to use your expertise because there are folks that live on this fort that have lots of experience and lots of expertise. There's a wealth of energy and information that we have here that we could use to help us to promote the fort to raise our revenues. We just have



Fort Clark forum  
Fort Clark Springs Association members listen to the comments of candidates running for the Board of Directors Saturday during a forum sponsored by the Community Council.

to put our creative and pro-active energies towards that end," she added.

Windle has been a resident of the fort for six years.

My wife and I have enjoyed the fort," he said. "I don't have

an axe to grind. I feel that the board we have now has done an excellent job. I know it started with nothing and it got up to the point where it's paying its bills now, so we've improved and I know we will continue to

improve."

If elected, Windle said he would support the board.

"If we keep going like we are, our property value will rise, and that's the way we need to keep it," he said.

## BRIEFS

### Facts about new Medicare benefits

Medicare is an essential health care program for people age 65 and older with disabilities. New law will bring people with Medicare more choices in health care coverage, better health care benefits and provide extra help to people with low incomes, according to the Area Agency on Aging. You will still be able to choose doctors, hospitals and pharmacies.

If you are happy with the Medicare coverage you have, you can keep it exactly the same, or you can choose to enroll in new options. No matter what you decide, you are still in the Medicare program.

For more information, contact Vada Baldree, Area Agency on Aging benefits counselor volunteer, at the Nutrition Center on Friday from 10 a.m. to noon, or call the Middle Rio Grande Development Council Area Agency on Aging at (800) 224-4262.

### Booster Club meets next Thursday

The Brackett Athletic Booster Club will meet next Thursday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m. at the Hunt Library to plan for the upcoming BHS Athletic Awards Banquet.

### Columnist offers another way to prepare chicken

Different ways to prepare chicken are necessary to continue to be excited about serving it. See what you think of this easy and quick idea.

I think you may also enjoy being able to make your own much-enjoyed honey mustard dressing, so I threw it in, too.

#### Chicken Parmesan

- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons white bread crumbs
- 1 large egg, beaten well
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- dried basil.

Flatten chicken breasts to half their size. Mix together the cheese and bread crumbs in a bowl or on a paper plate. Season the chicken pieces with salt, pepper and garlic powder, if desired. Dredge chicken breasts in flour, dip in beaten egg and then into parmesan mixture, coating both sides well. Season lightly with dried basil.

Heat olive oil to medium hot and saute until browned on both

sides for about three to four minutes. Keep warm until served.

#### Homemade Honey Mustard Dressing

- 1/2 cup quality mayonnaise (not lowfat)
- 2 tablespoons yellow mustard
- 6 tablespoons honey
- 4 tablespoons salad oil, such as corn or sunflower
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/3 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/3 teaspoon white pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika.

Combine all of the ingredients, blending thoroughly with a whisk until smooth.

Cover and refrigerate overnight or at least eight hours to allow flavors to blend well.

Produces about 2 cups of dressing.



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

## County considers new water crossing

By DIANA K. WARD  
Staff Writer

Kinney County officials are considering the construction of a cement water crossing on Anacacho Lane in Precinct 4.

The commissioners discussed the issue last week, but opted to reset the selection and awarding of a proposal until a special meeting Friday at 9 a.m.

"We approved this, I think, back in the summer — we just didn't have the money to do it," said Pat Melancon, commissioner of Precinct 4.

The county has since budgeted \$12,500 for the project.

Melancon said a bid from Mike Bizzell was the higher bid, but it included 12-inch wide beams that are 2 to 3 feet in depth with No. 4 and 6 rebar. The other bid, from C&R, did not mention beams, just an overlay.

"I think that's a lot better job for just a little bit more money," Melancon said.

Nat Terrazas, Precinct 3 commissioner, questioned the need for a beam.

"I think that they are wanting to do the same thing, they just worded it different," he said.

Melancon agreed to go and talk to both contractors and get

a clarification of exactly what they are talking about.

"But part of the bid process is not to assume what they meant when they wrote it," Melancon said. "That's what I'm going by — what they wrote."

Terrazas added: "It's like going and buying a semi when all you need is a pickup. It's the same thing."

"If we can get what we need for a lower price, why go so high?" he asked.

Other items on the agenda for Friday's special meeting include:

- Discussion and possible action concerning outside auditor's presentation of audit for 2003

year-end.

■ Approve and ratify county judge's signature concerning long term care agreement (LTC) for Electronic Data Interchange and request for LTC electronic services pertaining to Kinney County Aging Center.

■ Resolution expressing the need for the allocation of Community Development Block Grants to remain at the present level.

■ Discussion and possible action concerning an interlocal agreement between Brackettville and Kinney County.

■ Approval of bills for the county detention center project.

## County pursues Courthouse grant

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\$20,000 so early when we had to let people go."

Reid said the grant opportunity will not always be available to the county.

"Later on, the county is going to have to do it all," she said, referring to funding necessary repairs to the courthouse. "If the state doesn't give us the money, then who's going to do it? The taxpayers."

Reid estimated the total cost of the project at \$2.5 million, but Terrazas said it would be more like \$4 million.

"Say it is \$4 million. Fifteen percent of \$4 million is \$600,000. Where are we going to get that?" the Precinct 3 commissioner asked.

Reid said it was the goal of the commission to raise the

funds. "I can see where you could come up with \$100,000 or \$150,000, but \$600,000 is a lot of money," Terrazas said.

Reid replied, "Well, you know, all we can do is try. It's not going to happen overnight."

Tootsie Herndon, mayor pro-tem of Spofford, interjected: "We have to start somewhere. It's like an old house — sooner or later you are going to have to repair it. There are ways of getting grants. This is a preliminary step to just hopefully raise the money also."

Francie Wylie, Precinct 1 commissioner, said the county needed to commit to the project now.

"This is a very, very long range project. But we need to set the stage right now for our

Historical Commission to begin their fundraising efforts," she said. "If we don't set the stage for them, the county will never get anywhere with this project — anywhere. We could never apply for a grant. And I can promise you this county would never be able to restore this building without this grant."

"Passing this resolution in no way legally obligates county funds towards this project," she added.

Wylie was designated by the court as the principal contact and decision-maker for information related to the program.

Wylie took the initiative to begin the nomination process so the local courthouse could be included in the restoration program. Her first step was to secure a Recorded Texas Historic

Landmark status for the courthouse. Wylie made an application to the Texas Historical Commission and the courthouse has been recognized as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark. The historic marker for the courthouse has been cast at the foundry. The marker will be placed on the courthouse lawn near Ann Street at a marker dedication ceremony on March 22, the courthouse's 93rd birthday. The The Kinney County Historical Commission is organizing the ceremony.

"I think that it's a great idea and I would like to commend Commissioner Wylie for all of the effort she has put into this," Herndon said. "She has worked very hard and so has the Historical Commission. It has our approval from Spofford."

## KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

### Sunday, Feb. 8

3:05 p.m., Val Verde Sheriff's Office officials reported four horses loose about 4 miles east of Mud Creek on Highway 90.

7:30 a.m., A U.S. Border Patrol agent reported 10 head of goats out by the Old Hobbs Ranch.

9:30 a.m., A Fort Clark Security employee requested assistance with a man who had threatened another man.

### Monday, Feb. 9

7:45 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs man requested assistance at the stables.

5:53 p.m., DPS Trooper Tully Welch reported an abandoned vehicle close to the weather ball on Highway 90, about 14 miles east of Brackettville.

5:53 p.m., Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess reported a highway sign down close to the Burger and Shake on Highway 90. Texas Department of Transportation officials were notified of the situation.

### Tuesday, Feb. 10

2:15 p.m., A Texas Department of Transportation employee reported a loose cow on Highway 693 by the railroad tracks.

7:41 p.m., A 911 caller reported a reckless driver on Highway 90 headed into Fort Clark Springs.

### Wednesday, Feb. 11

8:26 a.m., A man reported that someone knocked down 50 to 75 feet of fence on his ranch, located on F.M. 1572.

12:50 p.m., A Val Verde Sheriff's Office employee reported a fire on Highway 277 by the Sycamore bridge. Members of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to the scene.

6:16 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol agents reported loose goats on Highway 90, about 3 miles west of the Cline checkpoint.

6:30 p.m., An anonymous caller reported that the phone was off the hook at Pico's.

9:38 p.m., A woman requested assistance at her mother's residence on N. Beaumont Street. She said two juveniles keep hanging around the house and that she did not want them there.

### Thursday, Feb. 12

7:29 a.m., A Brackettville man reported a break-in at one of his ranches in Edwards County. He said he would notify the Edwards County Sheriff's Office of the situation.

9:40 a.m., A woman requested assistance in unlocking her vehicle, which was parked at the courthouse.

7:32 p.m., A 911 caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Highway 90, west of

### Brackettville.

9:40 p.m., Deputy Ron Ring reported that the west door of the courthouse was left unlocked.

### Friday, Feb. 13

2:36 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee reported a sick raccoon.

7:45 a.m., A Sentry Security Alarms employee reported an alarm sounding at Alamo Saddle on F.M. 693.

9:15 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs employee reported sick raccoons at the R.V. park.

10:35 a.m., A man reported that someone had hit his vehicle.

10:55 a.m., A man reported that while riding his bike at 8:45 that morning on Third Street, between N. Fort and Gove Street, he was bit by a dog.

9:17 p.m., A Del Rio DPS official reported two to four trucks traveling at a high rate of speed on Highway 90, west of Brackettville.

### Saturday, Feb. 14

1:21 a.m., Deputy Ramon Gutierrez reported that he was on a routine traffic stop near Pinto Creek when a motorist stopped and informed him that his friend was having a heart attack. EMS personnel were dispatched to the scene.

4:03 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee reported assistance at a residence in Unit 15 because of a possible

prowler. Deputy Gutierrez and Deputy Cody Shannon were dispatched to the residence. A woman said someone tried to open her front door, and said that it could have been an unknown person who wants her dead. She advised the officers that Deputy Ring was already investigating her claims. The deputies found no signs of a disturbance or footprints in the wet grass at the residence.

12:07 p.m., A woman requested assistance with a sick baby that had a fever.

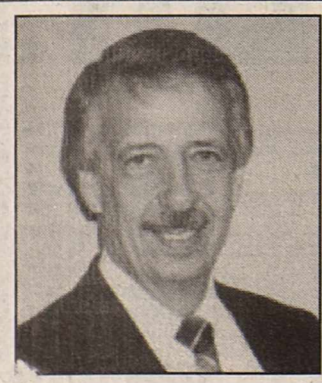
12:16 p.m., Deputy Pena reported that he found a woman on the floor. The woman said she was OK and did not want assistance from EMS.

2:50 p.m., A Pico's employee reported that someone had locked their keys inside their vehicle.

### Sunday, Feb. 15

1:05 a.m., A woman reported loud music at a residence on Second Street, close to the cemetery. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the scene. He spoke to the resident, who agreed to turn the music off.

9:00 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee reported a dead raccoon on top of a pickup truck in the Bullis Hall parking lot. The dead animal was bleeding down the side of the truck and onto the pavement.



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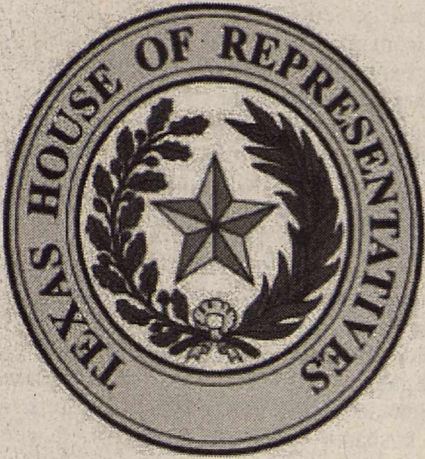
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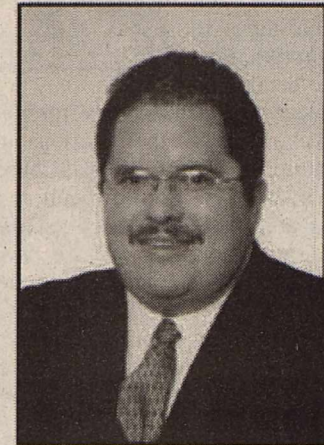


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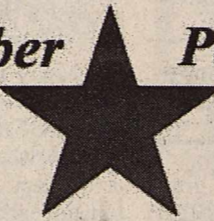
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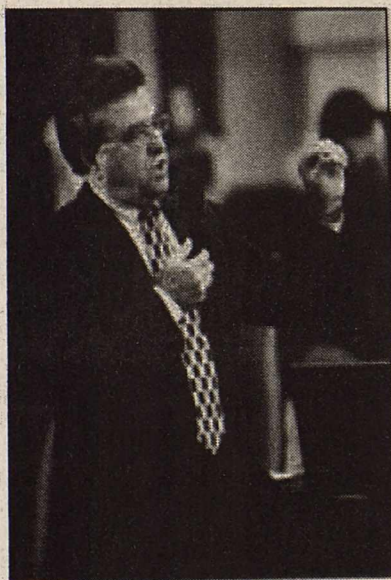
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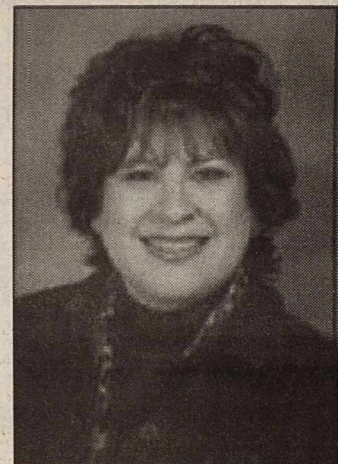


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# Lutherans and Episcopalians host joint liturgy on Ash Wednesday

Perhaps some of the readers of *The Brackett News* might be wondering what it is like to pastor two different congregations.

Many churches have traditions of pastors ministering to two different churches, normally of the same denomination. But it is rather uncommon to pastor two churches of different denominations.

But right here in Brackettville this is being done with Our Redeemer Lutheran and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches.

And guess what — it is going very well! It has been a



Our Redeemer Lutheran & St. Andrew's

Nathan Lafrenz

real joy for me to learn about the traditions and liturgy of the Episcopal Church. It hasn't been too difficult as the two liturgies are very similar, and the theology of the two churches share much in common.

One tradition we share in common is the practice of celebrating Shrove Tuesday in the

Mardi Gras tradition of Fat Tuesday, although much more restrained than what one might find on Bourbon Street in New Orleans.

St. Andrew's has a long tradition of holding a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday evening each year. I have attended this meal for many years due to the shared facility arrangements between the two churches, and I can attest to the wonderfully tasty change of pace that pancakes and sausage can be for supper rather than for breakfast.

This tradition of having a fun meal on Shrove Tuesday goes back to the practice of cleaning

out the pantry of fun foods and having a feast prior to the beginning of Lent, which begins the next day on Ash Wednesday.

So come and enjoy this feast of pancakes and then join us for a joint Lutheran/Episcopal liturgy on Ash Wednesday.

This joint liturgy of the imposition of ashes and Eucharist is the first of its kind in the United States. Imagine that, little old Brackettville now a pace setter!

This first-of-a-kind Ash Wednesday service begins at 7 p.m. next Wednesday.

# The counsel of the wise is like a living spring

"I've about had it with Jim," said Cathy. "We can't communicate with each other. He won't talk. I can't get to his feelings. We've been married 10 years and I don't really know him. We've become total strangers."

"I know how you feel," said Rhonda as she sipped her coffee. "There's not a woman alive who hasn't had that experience. Jack and I were at that point three years ago. I felt like we'd grown apart and I was ready for a new life."

"But I thought you and Jack were the perfect couple," Cathy spoke with surprise.

"We covered it up pretty well. I decided I would stick it out for the kids. Besides Jack has always been a good father, and when you come right down to it, a pretty decent husband. It was just that we couldn't communicate."

"What did you do?" Cathy asked.

"Well, the first thing I did was visit with my pastor. He gave me some good spiritual advice and recommended a Christian counselor."

"At first, Jack refused to go to the counselor so I went alone. At the end of the first session, she asked me what I was doing to make the situation better. I



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had to admit that all I was doing was complaining, which made things worse. She helped me to see that men and women communicate differently. She also helped me to do some things to change myself. As I began to change, Jack got more agreeable. He finally went to the counselor with me and we began to get our marriage back on track. The first thing you need to do Cathy is to visit with a Christian counselor. I can tell you it's worth it. With help your marriage can heal.

"Long ago a very wise man said that plans fail when there is no counsel. (Proverbs 15:22)

"A wise person's knowledge wells up in a flood, and his counsel like a living spring." (Sirach 21:13)

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# The Bible warns Christians against the sin of pride

It's funny how many different perspectives on the Gospel of Jesus Christ I encounter during a week.

I talk with a lot of people — many Methodists, but also Baptists, a lot of Catholics and Lutherans, Episcopalians and some who won't claim a denomination. Each understands the truth of Jesus Christ differently.

How can we as Christians harmonize these differences with Paul's assertion that, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Ephesians 4:4-5)

I suppose all of us want to be "right" — that is, I want to know that what I believe is right and what I say and do stands as correct when confronted with my actions.

Indeed, reading some places in the epistles, we all seem to be encouraged to correct and rebuke the sins of our brothers and sisters (2 Timothy 4:2).

The problem, of course, comes when we begin to think that because through God's grace we might understand a passage more correctly than another believer, we might be somehow more superior or more holy or more blessed. And this sin of pride seems to be my own personal trap.

The battles that draw me into this sort of sin are numerous. Just get me started on alcohol use, wise use of money, helping the poor, showing charity to all, and next thing I know a sermon has launched from my mouth or my pen.

Sadly, I sometimes rejoice from reading my own words or hearing the sound of my own voice.

Researching for this article, I discovered something I hadn't seen before — both James and Peter quote the same scripture to warn Christians specifically against the sin of pride (see James 4:6 and compare with 1 Peter 5:5).

The quote is from the Proverbs: "Surely he scorneth the



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Rev. Roger Baker

scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly." (Proverbs 3:34)

How do we resolve the things that divide while attempting to unite under Christ's banner?

I suspect that there will be no complete resolution until we are all gathered before Christ's throne.

In the meantime, I am working hard to remember that I don't have all the answers, but we all have access to the one who has all the answers.

The 14th chapter of John makes for good reading. It's the discussion the disciples have with Jesus when they remain uncertain about the future and where Jesus is going to go.

Jesus gives them reassurances they do not understand, followed by the line I love the best: "In

my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:2)

"Many mansions" means a place for every believer. "Many mansions" means a place for me, too. So when I grow frustrated at my lack of understanding, I remember that those many rooms includes a place for many who understand God's word imperfectly, including me.

I cling to the reassurance of seeing things "face to face" and with clarity instead of the darkness I experience today. (1 Corinthians 13:12)

If you find yourself looking for answers to tough questions, I hope you'll join us at First United Methodist Church as we search for some answers.

Please bring a Bible (but we have extras!) and be ready to hear some mild dissenting voices as together we explore the rich treasury of wisdom God has provided in the Holy Scriptures.

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# Why does Lent last 40 days?

Where are all the days going? The time seems so short since this nation, as well as others, celebrated Christmas.

And now, within a matter of some six days, with the arrival of Ash Wednesday, many Christians will enter into and experience the season of Lent.

It will be 40 days long. Actually, a bit longer than 40 days — 46 to be exact. However, if one discounts the Sundays while adding up the weekdays between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday, we do arrive at 40 days.

Why 40? The Jewish Encyclopedia informs its readers, "In the Bible, next to the number seven, the number 40 occurs most frequently." It goes on to enumerate the Bible references to "40 days and 40 nights" and to "40 years."

For some instances: The Book of Genesis relates the message Noah received from on high, "For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for 40 days and 40 nights."

The Book of Exodus tells us how "Moses was on the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights" before receiving the Tablets of the Law.

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passes along to us that the Prophet Elijah, after eating the food God provided for him, "went in the strength of that food 40 days and 40 nights to Horeb the mount of God."

Then, let's not forget that all three of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) give us to understand that Jesus of Nazareth "was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted 40 days and 40 nights, and afterwards he was famished."

Lent is 40 days, but for the "why," the best answer seems to be it comes to us from an ancient tradition, a tradition captured in both Testaments of our Bible.

In any event, whatever might be the answer to the "why," does it really matter?

What does count is what those of us who choose to follow the tradition do with the time given us.

# God blessed all families on earth

"And behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy Father, and the God of Isaac: the land where on thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed."

"And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

"And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places



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whether thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land: for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of." (Genesis 28:13-15) Hallelujah!

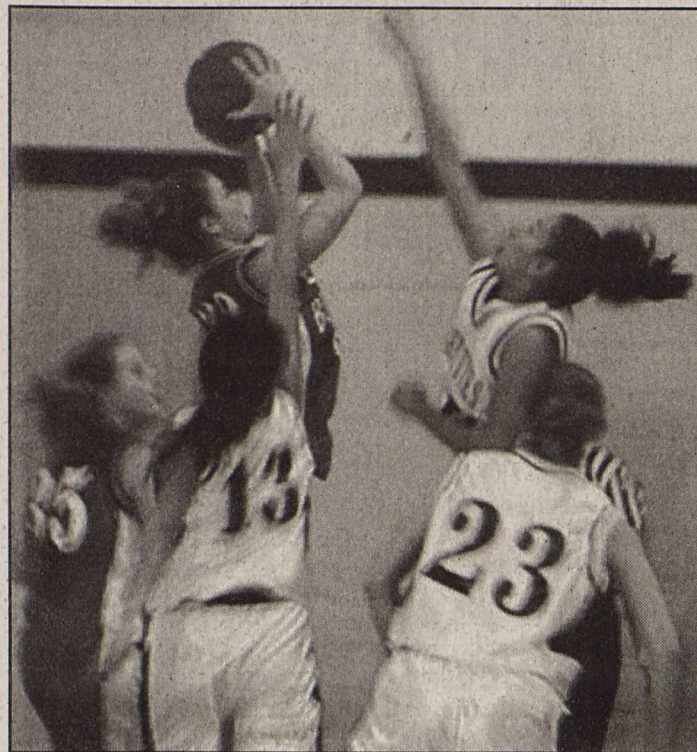
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# Pirettes top Tigerettes 55-47



**Denying the shot**  
Members of the Brackett Tigerettes defend a shot during recent basketball action. The Tigerettes fell to Poth 55-47 Monday night in the first round of the Class 2A state playoffs.

By J.J. GUDRY  
Sports Editor

Poth jumped out early against Brackett Monday night and held off a late Tigerettes' rally as the Pirettes claimed a 57-44 win in the first round of the Class 2A state basketball playoffs.

Poth was up 27-16 at the half and held a 43-24 after three quarters. The Tigerettes outscored the Pirettes 20-14 in the final stanza, but couldn't pull out the victory.

Whitney Wehmeyer led the Poth offense with 18 points. Jamie Scheffier scored 13 and Tara Grier added 10.

The Pirettes, now 24-5, advance to the second round of the post-season, where they will face Odem tonight at 7 in Beeville.

Brackett finishes its season with a 20-8 overall record.

Ashley Castillo, Courtney Frerich and Ashley Smith all scored nine points for the Tigerettes. Frerich was 4-of-6 shooting from the floor and tallied six rebounds and five steals. Cas-

tillo made 5 of 6 shots from the charity stripe, while Smith had three assists, three steals and three boards.

Shanae Simmons finished the contest with six points, and Stephanie Bonner posted five points and two steals.

Stacey Castilla, Jessi Crane and Emily Valenzuela each added two points for the Tigerettes.

Last week, Brackett closed its regular season, pouncing Freer in a 51-19 win. The Tigerettes led 8-4 after the first period and then blew the game wide open in the second quarter, outscoring the Lady Buckaroos 14-2 for a 22-6 halftime advantage.

Castillo and Amanda Davis each had 12 points for Brackett, while Bonner finished with 10. Simmons scored eight points, Smith posted five, while Crane and Frerich each had two.

Castillo pulled down 15 rebounds, Simmons tallied eight and Smith finished with five, while Valenzuela finished with three blocked shots.

## TRACK SCHEDULES

### High School Track

Feb. 28 .....Pearsall  
March 4 .....Crystal City  
March 13 .....Del Rio  
March 20 .....Open  
March 27 .....Uvalde  
April 3 .....Jourdanton  
April 8 .....Uvalde  
April 15 .....District  
April 23 ..Regional Qualifiers  
April 30/May 1 ....Regionals  
May 14-15 .....State  
**Note: District will be held in Dilley, regional qualifiers in Fredricksburg, regionals in San Marcos and state in Austin.**

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March 12 .....Del Rio  
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# Tigers open playoffs against Rohawks

By J.J. GUDRY  
Sports Editor

The Brackett Tigers will open the state basketball playoffs next Tuesday as they face Randolph at 7 p.m. in Lytle.

Randolph (22-5) finished as co-champions of District 29-2A with San Antonio Cole as both teams posted 13-1 conference marks.

The Rohawks closed their regular season on Tuesday with a 98-30 win over the School of Excellence. Randolph had six players score in double figures in the contest, including Tony Leverett with 22 points.

"Randolph has outstanding quickness," Tigers coach Charlie Marquardt said. "They like to get up and down the court. They will press us and man us up."

"They are aggressive on de-

*"Randolph has outstanding quickness. They like to get up and down the court. They will press us and man us up. They are aggressive on defense and will try to play an up-tempo game."*

**Tigers coach Charlie Marquardt**

fense and will try to play an up-tempo game. We definitely don't want to get into an up-tempo game with them," he added.

Brackett finished third in District 30-2A. The Tigers finished the regular season 13-11 and 6-4 in league play after posting a 69-47 win over George West on Tuesday.

The Tigers were up 35-30 at halftime before outscoring George West 34-17 in the second half for the victory.

"We just played to their level

for three quarters," Marquardt said. "We let them stay in the ball game, but then ended up pulling away in the fourth quarter."

Travis Nowlin led Brackett's scoring attack with 26 points. Leon Woolsey and Oscar Sierra also finished in double digits with 15 and 12 points, respectively.

Dietrich Davis finished with seven points in the contest, Charlie Slaughter scored five, and Cody Edwards and Noe Ta-

lamantes each had two.

Last week, Woolsey poured in 27 points and grabbed a career-high 24 rebounds to lead the Tigers to a 65-52 victory over Freer to secure a post-season bid.

"I'm very proud of our mental toughness and our ability to stay focused," Marquardt said. "We have made the playoffs and that was one of our goals. We are playing good basketball at this point of the season — maybe some of the best we have played all season."

Slaughter finished with 13 points in the contest, while Nowlin posted 11 points.

Sierra scored seven points and had three rebounds, Talamantes scored three, Star Smith had two points, and Dietrich and Tillman Davis each had one point. Dietrich Davis also had eight boards.



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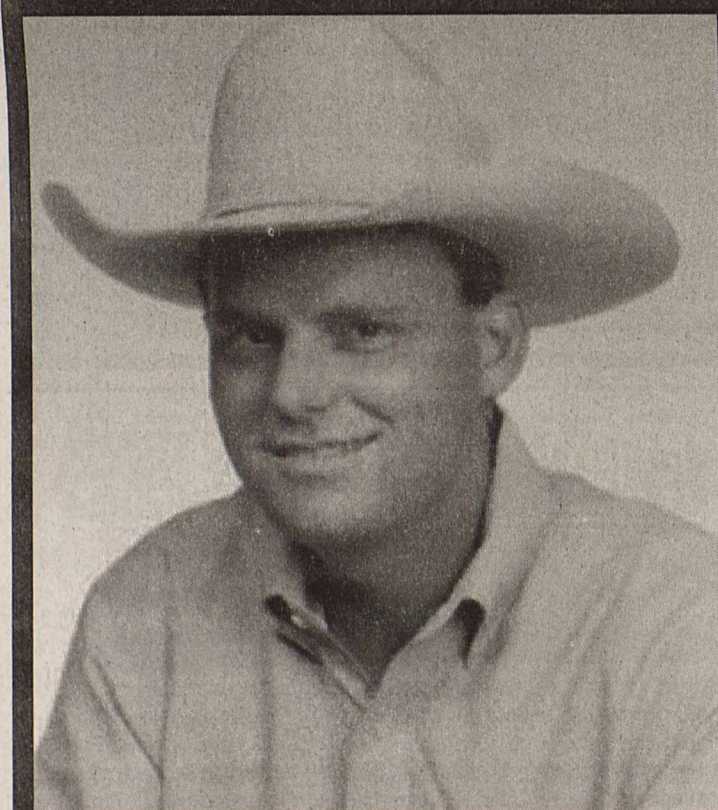
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3 Bright light  
4 Fairy tale misses  
5 Ghost  
6 Piece of meat  
7 Feel miserable  
8 Disease-carrying insect  
9 Uncanny person  
11 Hired thug  
12 "You \_\_\_?"; Lurch's phrase on "The Addams Family"  
13 Hot day drinks  
21 Sound of support  
23 Fumbles, in football  
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27 Poison  
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29 Part of a wk. eye!"  
31 Sioux shelter  
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51 Long-running TV show  
52 \_\_\_ vera  
53 Enlarge an opening  
54 Bench piece  
55 Alleviate  
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57 Item with runners  
60 "\_\_\_ pig's eye!"

**ROARING TWENTIES**

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

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8. Filly	18. Pollowog
9. Foal	19. Puppy
10. Gosling	20. Yearling

**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Sit down with your mate this week and make some plans for the future. Whether it's retirement or college for the kids, you have decisions to make. Later in the week, a family member is overly sensitive.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Take a good look around your home. It's time to make some changes. Perhaps some new furniture and a change of decor are in order.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You have several opportunities this week to advance your career. Just be sure to mull them over properly. You wouldn't want to make the wrong decision.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You can cure that restlessness by getting out the travel brochures. While you may not be able to take a trip right now, you can plan ahead. Pay attention to children's needs this weekend.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You take command this week on the workfront. Co-workers fall into place and follow your lead. Later, be sure to take a break and recharge your energies.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You don't have the patience to deal with a co-worker's ego. Instead of confrontation, do your best to avoid this person. In the long run, you come out on top.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You're unsure of your next steps concerning work. Don't let this cause you to lose sleep. Help is on the way from an unexpected source.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Be sure to complete all projects you've been assigned. This puts you in bigwigs' good graces. Believe in yourself, and you get the job done.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Family harmony reigns this week. The opposite is true at work. Try not to get pulled into a feud between two co-workers; it's not your battle.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your social life is in full gear this week. Shopping, however, isn't favored. Keep that wallet closed for now.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Real estate matters are favored this week. Those looking for a new home are lucky. This weekend, a friend requires your assistance in the romance department.

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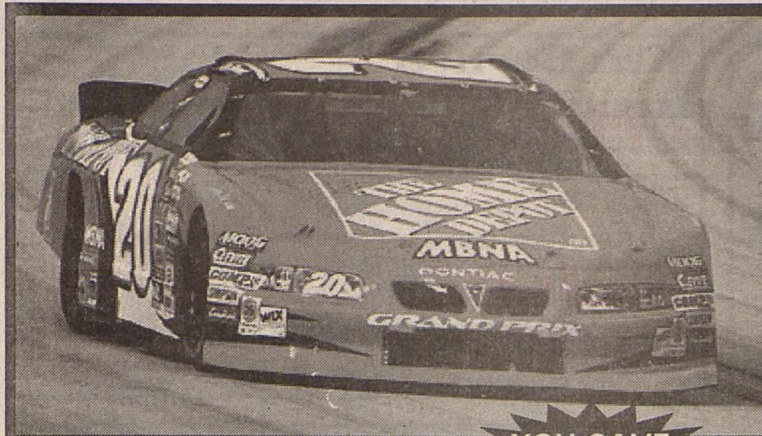
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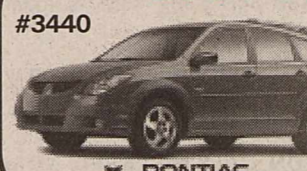
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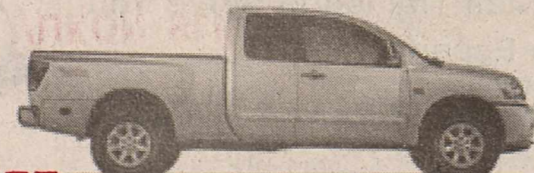
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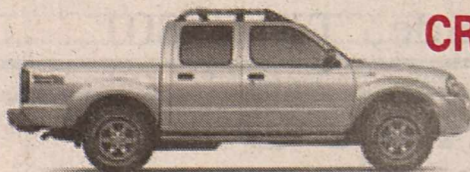
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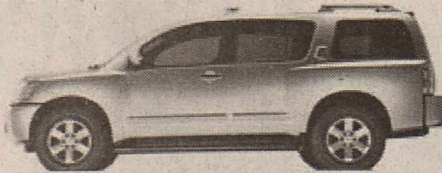
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