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Tigers Win Regional

BHS tackle Shiner Saturday at 6 in Alamo Stadium

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The Tigers now move into the fourth round of the 2004 A playoffs with a sound whipping of the Axtell Longhorns 28-6 last Friday.

This round is often called the Quarterfinals, or the Elite Eight. The Tigers now face their toughest game of the year.

Ask any football coach in Texas and they will tell you that there are no bad teams left at this point of the season.

This statement is no exception for the challenge the Tigers face this week. This week's game features the top ranked team in class A from Shiner and the second ranked team, your Brackett Tigers.

Many are calling this the 1A state championship, saying that this game will determine the eventual state champion. Shiner and Brackett are the only two teams that remain undefeated in class 1A.

The Tigers will need a great number of fans to help cheer

them on to victory over Shiner and continue their march toward a State Championship. The Tigers need you to come out to San Antonio and watch one of the best high school football match-ups of the year.

The game kickoff is at 6 p.m. on Saturday at Alamo Stadium in San Antonio.

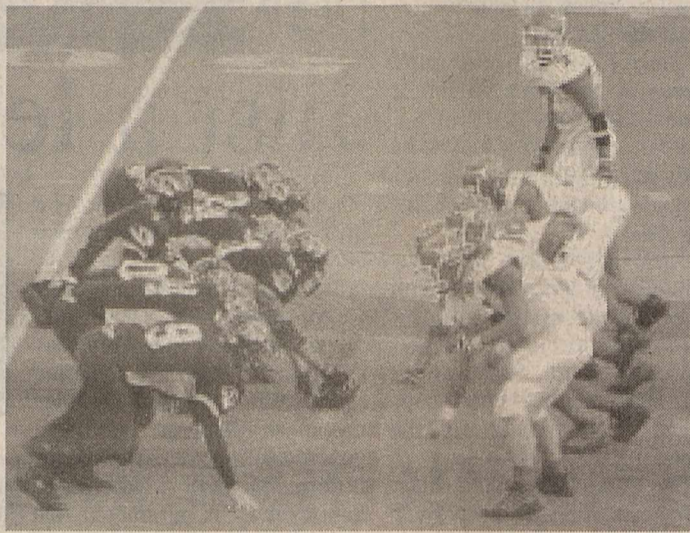
Last week, it was a short Thanksgiving and a long Friday for the Brackett Tigers.

The day began with an early departure from Brackett High School and a long bus ride to the sleepy tourist town of Wimberley.

With the opening kickoff of the first Region 4 semi-final taking place at 4 p.m. the Tigers were forced to accelerate their pre-game rituals. When the kickoff finally came, the Tigers looked no worse for wear.

The only thing standing between the Tigers and another playoff victory were the ever dangerous Axtell Longhorns.

The Longhorns entered the game with an 11-1 record, and



The Fighting Tigers went head-to-head against Axtell and came out victorious 28-6. The Tigers face No. 1 ranked Shiner on Saturday

were led by quarterback Kevin Neal.

Neal was the leading passer in class A and, oh by the way, he ran the ball for well over 1,000 yards.

This did not scare the Tigers or the hordes of fans that made

the long drive to the third round playoff game.

The game began with an ominous sign; the Tigers lost the toss and were forced to take the opening kickoff. It was the first time all season that the Tigers did not kickoff to open the game. The

Tigers were not discouraged and the offense took the field driving the ball well into Longhorn territory.

Facing a fourth down, the Tigers had to make the first tough decision. They were too deep in Axtell territory to punt and just close enough to the end zone to smell an opening touchdown. The Tigers went for it and came up just short. Axtell took the ball.

After a great defensive stand, the Longhorns were forced into their first of four first half punts. The Tigers took the ball on their own 39 yard line and began their second drive.

This drive consumed the remainder of the first quarter and with 10:09 left in the second quarter Brand Wylie took the ball and ran through several tackles on his way to a 21 yard touchdown.

With the Tigers leading 7-0, the two teams settled into a defensive battle. The two teams traded punts, the Tigers fumbled on the Axtell 25 yard line, and

Axtell punted for the third time before the Tigers put another drive together.

This drive covered 56 yards and took only 29 seconds before quarterback Kody Yeager found Miles Braesicke wide open in the flat and Braesicke strolled 16 yards into the end zone to give the Tigers a 14-0 halftime lead.

Now, it has been said that championship teams make the fewest mistakes and capitalize on their opponent's miscues.

Brackett had already escaped with a few mistakes, including the fumble, when Axtell committed their first big mistake.

Only 54 seconds into the third quarter, the Longhorns fumbled on their first offensive play. The Tiger defense swarmed to the ball and came up with possession on the Axtell 36 yard line.

The Tigers settled into their typical, time consuming, pound the ball through the line, offense. This game plan accomplished two major tasks.

First, it completely wore
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BRIEFS

Ft. Clark Ladies Golf

Great to see so many snowbirds back. Since time changed, we play Tuesday, 10 a.m. Teetime.

T's and F holes minus 1/2 your handicap was Nov. 23rd game. 1st place was a tie between Pat Nelson, and Marge Maderich, 2nd Place Marian Weber, and 3rd place Betty Lee. If you enjoy golf as much as we do, join us.

Enjoy Las Moras Creek

The public is invited to view a film on Las Moras Creek Sunday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Post Theatre.

The 30-minute video is by Len Zorm, an international award winning photographer will be featured on a seven-foot wide screen.

DVDs will be available for purchase.

Pee Wee Hoops Registration

Pee Wee Basketball registration is at the Elementary building in the hallway today and Fri from 3 to 4 p.m. and again on Thurs from 5 to 7 in front of the Gym. Registration is \$17 per each child from grades 1st to 6th. For more information contact Maggie Kerr at 563-9533 home or 563-5615 cell.

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Brackettville a stop on bike tour of USA

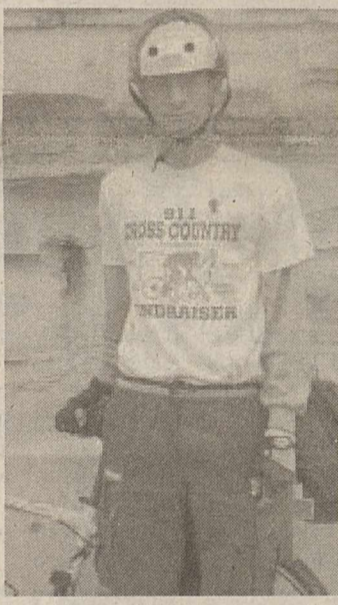
Don Boehly, 911 USA Cyclist, age 49, from Grayson, Ken., is touring the 50 states on bicycle for 911charities.

This tour is in support of 9/11/01 Charities, the Charities for 9-1-1 Service Personnel as in Law Enforcement Agencies, Fire Fighters, EMT's, Paramedics, and our Military Service Personnel (in time of Peace and War).

He is also raising awareness through this campaign to make people realize the services 911 does for them and appreciation of their great work.

Beginning Sept. 1, 2004, Boehly has traveled more than 1900 miles across the southeastern states. From here Boehly was headed to Del Rio and on west on U.S. 90 to New Mexico, then Phoenix, Ariz. and stopping in San Diego, Calif.

Boehly plans to travel all 50 states as time permits.



Boehly breaks for a breather in Brackettville

For more information, visit <http://groups.msn.com/911crosscountrycyclingtour>.

Community Unity is Friday at 5:30 p.m.

The Church Alliance of Brackettville invites the community to its annual Community Unity Christmas Program Friday Dec. 3, in the east side of the Kinney County Civic Center.

The program starts at 5 p.m. with the Food Court and Entertainment, 5:30 p.m. for the Poster Contest Cash Awards.

This year's theme is "Jesus: The Gift of Joy!". Toys will be distributed at 7 p.m. and clean-

up at 8 p.m. To make a donation to this year's Community Unity Christmas Program make checks payable to Gateway Ministries, Inc., P.O. Box 1449, Brackettville, Texas 78832.

Persons or groups wanting to have a table to distribute free items at the Food Court or anyone who has any questions, may contact Charlotte Corey at 563-2121 or 513-0890, or email at: bccorey50@yahoo.com.

Robinette wins district in bureau speech contest; off to state Saturday

Cody Robinette recently competed in the Farm Bureau Free Enterprise Speech contest, held in Castroville

Robinette received First Place in the District contest and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for his speech.

Contestants presented a six-minute speech on the Free Enterprise System.

In order to enter this competition, each participant must have attended the Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo in June.

Robinette was selected by the local Farm Bureau chapter to represent Val Verde and Kinney county at that seminar.

Robinette will advance to the State competition Saturday



Cody Robinette, right, accepts his first place award from Tad Duncan, Regional Director for the Texas Farm Bureau.

held in San Antonio, and will compete against 12 other district winners at the Farm Bureau Annual meeting.

Aim for success meetings held for parents and students

The Brackett Independent School District is pleased to announce that Aim for Success will be presenting their program to Brackett ISD students (6th through 12th Grade) Dec. 14.

Aim for Success is a nationally acclaimed educational organization and the largest provider of sexual abstinence programs in the nation, according to Michelle Frerich, counselor at BISD. These programs cover the risks of teenage pregnancy, the epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases, the pain of emotional scars, and much more, Frerich said.

Aim for Success presented

about 2,500 of these health-based programs last year.

Ninety percent of those programs were in public schools across the nation, reaching about 20,000 students and their parents. Frerich says Aim for Success has received local, state and national recognition for their work in public schools.

The parent meeting, Monday Dec. 13 at 7 p.m., in the auditorium, includes a preview of the student program so parents and guardians can see firsthand what the students will be hearing.

"This program equips parents with tools and medical information needed to communicate ef-

fectively with their children without embarrassment," Frerich said.

"Parents learn how, when, and why to talk to their children (toddler to teens) about sex," she said. Aim for Success believes parents should be their children's primary sex educators, but they have found that many parents don't know how to approach this critical subject.

"This is a must-see event for family, youth workers, counselors, nurses, school administrators, and anyone who is concerned about teenage sexual activity in our country," Frerich added.

Cancer drug benefits for Medicare patients

Eligible patients to receive oral anti-cancer drugs effective January 2006

AUSTIN - The American Cancer Society is encouraging cancer patients eligible to participate in the Medicare Replacement Drug Demonstration (MRDD) to act quickly and sign up during the limited enrollment period. Enrollment has been available to up to 50,000 Medicare beneficiaries with certain life-threatening diseases.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has dedicated half of these slots to cancer patients. The project implemented by CMS will enable thousands of eligible Medicare beneficiaries to receive coverage for certain life-saving oral anti-cancer drugs before

Medicare's full prescription drug benefit goes into effect in January 2006. Drug coverage under the MRDD will continue through Dec. 31, 2005. "Society volunteers and staff worked hard to secure this transitional coverage for cancer patients in the Medicare reform law President Bush signed last year," says Mark Redrow, President of the American Cancer Society, Texas Division. "Inclusion of the benefit was a significant victory for the Society and cancer patients."

CMS is accepting applications from cancer patients who are taking drugs specified in the project, but who do not currently

have comprehensive drug coverage. Applications are being accepted in the order in which they are received and coverage will begin on a "rolling" basis as applications are processed. However, there is a limit to the number of people who can enroll, so it is important for cancer patients to get their applications in as soon as possible. CMS has stated that they continue to process applications until they reach the limits." Moving forward, the Society will work to spread the word about the demonstration project so that as many cancer patients as possible can benefit. At the same time, we are monitoring the project's

implementation and its transition into the full prescription drug benefit package and communicate with CMS regarding any concerns that may arise. We look forward to working with CMS to improve the lives of cancer patients in Medicare," says Redrow. Cancer patients eligible to enroll should: Have Medicare Part A and B; Have Medicare as their "primary payer" (i.e., it pays for health services first before other insurers); Not have other comprehensive drug coverage and Live in the 50 states or Washington, DC.

For more information or to receive assistance, patients should call 1-866-563-5386.

Additional information, including the program application, is available online at: www.cms.hhs.gov/researchers

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

Founded in 1913 and with national headquarters in Atlanta, the Society has 14 regional Divisions and local offices in 3,400 communities, involving millions of volunteers across the United States. For more information anytime, call toll free 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

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Cubettes Win

The team earned the victory through an impressive defensive performance that saw the team tally 16 steals on the night.

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Amistad Parade

The last Light Parade was in 1993 and was discontinued due to low lake levels. The parade will be Saturday Dec. 11, 2004 at dusk.

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Donald Smith

Josie sat down and looked around. A cross was hanging prominently on the wall.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Tigers' magical season

Editor, Two weeks ago I had the opportunity to travel to San Antonio and watch the Brackett Tigers play against Flatonia in their playoff game.

It was the first time I had seen the Tigers play since the last game of the 1979 football season.

All week before the game I had thoughts about the football season of 1977 when the Tigers last won a playoff game and what a thrill it was for the Tigers, their coaches and their fans when they came from behind against Marion High School to win that playoff game.

Although that Brackett Tiger team lost in the next game to Poth before a full stadium in Hondo, that season was the highlight of my coaching career since I was the Head Coach of the Brackett Tigers.

That team was very much like this 2004 team.

When my wife Phyllis and my daughter Jackie traveled to

Alamo Heights stadium I was really excited because I knew I would see some of my players from that 1977 team and sure enough I did.

The Samaniego boys (Tony, Danny, and Johnny), Art Terrazas and Happy Cervantez sat with us during the game and we relived the old days and cheered once again for the Brackett Tigers.

I was told that Moses Benitez and the Voss brothers (Joel and Warren) were there but I did not see them.

As we watched the game unfold I could not help but see the same type of football team that I had coached.

The 2004 Tigers are very well coached, very declined, and very determined.

There doesn't seem to be an "outstanding" college prospect on the team but you can tell they are a "Team" and a very good one.

Coach Yeager and his staff have done an outstanding job of

getting this team prepared both physically and mentally.

Their actions on the field and on the sideline were outstanding.

I saw something I had never seen when the game ended and the Tigers faced the Flatonia sideline and acknowledged their opponents while they played their school song before turning around to honor Brackett with its school song.

It will certainly take a team that is just as well coached, just as declined and just as determined to knock this Tiger team out of the playoffs.

Since I saw them they have beaten Axtell and will face Shiner Saturday.

The Comanches better be ready because I know Coach Yeager will have the Tigers that way.

Back in 1977, on Thursday night before each game, all of the team would meet at my house (across the street from Tiger Stadium) and talk about what each player needed to do to get himself ready for the game.

We ended each Thursday night team meeting by playing a song entitled "You Light Up My Life."

High school football games are just "games played by boys for fun" but when you have a magical season like the Tigers had in 1977 and are having in 2004 they do "light up the lives" of everyone in the school and the town.

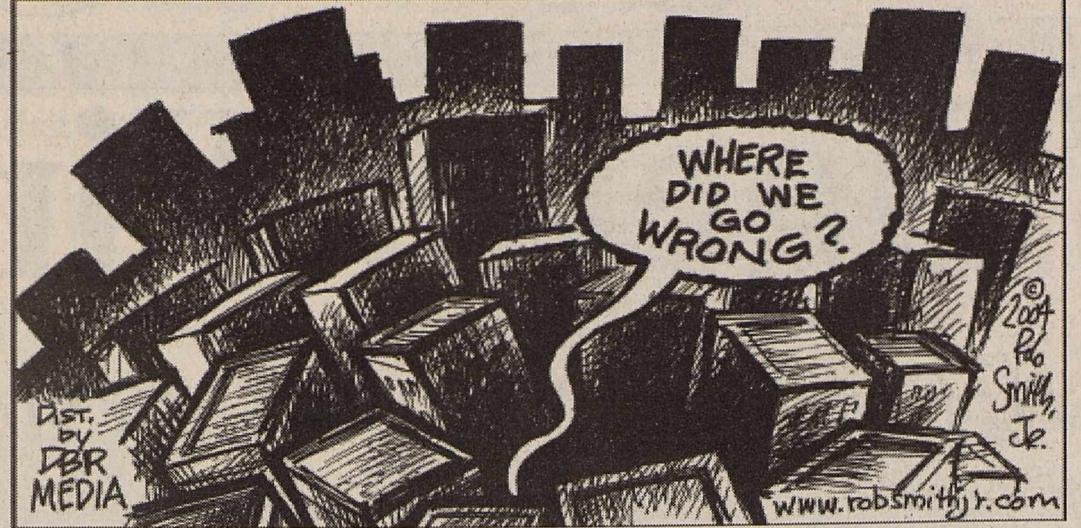
Due to a previous commitment on Saturday I won't be able to make it to Alamo Stadium.

I'll be at their game next week because I know the Tigers will still be alive in the playoffs.

Play your best, do what you've been coached to do, and then walk off of the field with your head up because the score will take care of itself.

Thanks for the memories, Jimmy Simmonds

DEEP IN THE BOWELS OF THE CENTURY OLD, UNPROGRESSIVE CATACOMBS OF THE BACKWARD NEW YORK LIBERAL ELITE - A VOICE IS HEARD...



Just a letter from home

As our nation fights the War on Terrorism, we place our lives and liberties in the hands of the brave men and women fighting on the front lines. These individuals risk their lives every day to preserve our freedom and safety. While we attend holiday parties and decorate our trees, our troops find themselves alone in foreign territory. Now, more than ever, it is paramount that we rally behind our troops and show our support.

When I think of our troops away from home over the holiday season, I am reminded of a story I heard many years ago. During the Vietnam War, Sgt. Billy Thompson sent a simple holiday request to news columnist Abigail Van Buren. He suggested that "just a letter from home" would make a wonderful Christmas present. This resulted in the holiday letter writing campaign called "Operation Dear Abby."

For 17 years, American citizens sent letters and cards to servicemen deployed away from home. These cards served to boost morale and spread holiday cheer to thousands of military personnel.



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

Many years later, during Operation Desert Storm, a new letter-writing campaign was born.

Rather than focus only on the holiday season, Any Servicemember aimed to promote troops morale year round.

During operations in Bosnia, the campaign continued to grow and brought joy to many members of armed services.

Unfortunately, recent threats of Anthrax and biological warfare, have made delivering large amounts of mail to our troops unsafe.

The Department of Defense was forced to announce that both of these highly successful campaigns would be indefinitely suspended. In the midst of a new kind of war, we must find new means of supporting our servicemen and women.

In light of these events, the Navy created a web-based alter-

native to traditional letter-writing campaigns. The new "Any Servicemember" web site, provides a simple system to send e-mail greetings to our troops. Anyone wishing a reply to their message, need only to include a return e-mail address. This simple process allows those sending the message to choose any branch of the military to send their greetings. While our troops will miss the brightly-colored envelopes and picturesque cards, they are excited about the convenience of e-mail.

As our troops face new challenges, we must demonstrate the true conviction for our armed services.

Each person must do their part to help boost the morale of those who will not be home for the holidays.

I urge each of you to participate in this thoughtful and patriotic campaign. It will take only a few minutes, but think of the joy it will bring to these very special and admirable men and women.

For more information about the U.S. Navy's Any Service member campaign, visit any servicemember.navy.mil.

Big Mama Sez!



Friendship is like money, easier made than kept.

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Combs recognized for her work in childhood obesity prevention

AUSTIN- Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs was one of six heroes from across the United States recently honored at the TIME/ABC New Summit on Obesity for their initiatives that fight obesity and serve as models for others to follow.

Texas was recognized as being the first state in the nation

to implement a far-reaching statewide school nutrition policy and for its innovative work to combat childhood obesity.

"It was an honor to be invited and to be recognized for something we are so passionate about. We understand obesity reaches far beyond Texas borders, which is why I was so happy to share

our ideas on a national level," Combs said.

"Unfortunately, we are 'supersizing' ourselves, and over the past 20 years our country and state have seen dramatic increases in obesity.

"We must all work together to cure this sad epidemic."

The heroes, who were chosen by TIME, have launched innovative, scalable programs in their states and have been progressive in their efforts to curb obesity.

The summit, which took place in Williamsburg, VA. June 2-4, 2004, gathered policy makers, physicians, educators, food and beverage industry leaders to discuss the issue and to present solutions to reverse the obesity epidemic.

Texas was lauded for the innovative and progressive approaches it is taking toward reversing obesity in schoolchildren.

Most recently, the Texas Department of Agriculture released a policy limiting the number of grams of fat and sugar Texas schoolchildren are served each week.

TDA restricted portion sizes for chips, cookies and frozen desserts, and it is phasing out deep-fat frying in schools. TDA also released six educational TV commercials in English and Spanish as well as radio commercials with the help of Academy-award winning actor Tommy Lee Jones.

"We've tightened the rules on everything from vending machines to French fries and are working to educate the public that the obesity crisis in Texas children is here, it's real and it's urgent," Combs said.

Five others were also recognized at the summit for their heroic work to reverse the obesity trend. They were:

Sandy Beall, CEO and Founder, Ruby Tuesday Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee.

Beall's restaurant chain is the first and only in the casual-dining category to provide comprehensive nutrition information for all food items on its menu.

Majora Carter, Founder and Executive Director, Sustainable South Bronx, Bronx, New York, Healthy produce used to be expensive and hard to find in the South Bronx.

But Sustainable South Bronx has galvanized community groups to turn the Hunts Point Terminal, the largest wholesale food market in New York City, into a full-fledged fresh food market that sells discounted produce to local residents in the Bronx.

Gov. Mike Huckabee, Little Rock, Arkansas. Gov. Huckabee's "Healthy Arkansas" plan is working to transform Arkansas from one of the unhealthiest states in the country to one of the healthiest.

Huckabee, who himself shed 100 pounds, has launched an initiative to encourage companies to offer their workers incentives for achieving healthier lifestyles.

Lance Morgan, President and CEO, Ho-Chunk Inc1, Thurston County, Nebraska. Morgan's Ho-Chunk Inc. is addressing obesity in Native Americans by creating a first-of-its-kind "active living" town for the Winnebago tribe's reservation in Thurston County, Neb. Ho-Chunk is designing and building the new town in a way that encourages routine physical activity to combat obesity.

Alice Water, Chez Panisse and Edible Schoolyard, Berkeley, California. Water, a world-renowned chef and owner of Chez Panisse, started a program called Edible Schoolyard at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School in Berkeley in 1997. Teachers and kids incorporate their school's one-acre organic garden into lessons and as they learn, they develop a taste for healthful eating.

Lions Club Thrift Store Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004 Open 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon Christmas Items, Jackets, Sweaters, and Couches. For information or assistance please call: Dimple Henry: 563-3049 Donna Saylor: 563-3382 Mary Dixon: 563-2747

***** Big Estate Sale 50+ years accumulation of great stuff! Furniture, glassware, vintage costume jewelry and clothing. Antiques, primitives, guns and reloading equipment, tools, household goods, appliances, kitchen stuff, sterling, knick knacks. Too much to mention! All must be sold! Saturday, December 11th Sunday, December 12th 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. House is on Fort Clark Address is Unit #3, #56 Warbonnet ***** Follow well placed signs *****

Do you have something to say? Write a letter to the editor today!

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, November 22
9:30 a.m., A woman called to report loose dogs. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was advised.
6:30 p.m., Abraham Palacios, 17, of Del Rio, was arrested by Trooper Tony Ashley for minor in possession of alcohol. Palacios was later released after time served.
7:39 p.m., Juan Antonio DeLeon, Jr., 23, of Del Rio, was arrested by Trooper Ashley for furnishing alcohol to a minor. DeLeon was later released after posting a \$200 bond.
Tuesday, November 23
11:24 p.m., A local business reported a possible intoxicated person who backed into another vehicle. Deputy Donald Page was informed.
Wednesday, November 24
6:59 a.m., A man reported a broken window located on the fort. Deputy Bobby Guidry was advised.
9:57 a.m., A Fort Clark security employee requested a deputy because someone had shot at a woman's vehicle. Deputy Page was dispatched.
1:55 p.m., A man reported a man skinning a deer that was caught in a fence. Deputy Ring

was advised.
5:05 p.m., Sentry Security reported an alarm sounding at a residence on Highway 2804. Deputy Ring was notified. Sentry Security called back to disregard the alarm.
7:48 p.m., A woman stated her boyfriend had left for a job and has not heard from him since he left. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was notified of the situation.
8:10 p.m., A woman reported a possible intoxicated driver traveling East bound on Highway 90. DPS Trooper Tully Welch and the Border Patrol check point were notified.
9:36 p.m., A woman reported that she had been ran off the road by a white truck. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched.
9:41 p.m., A man stated he heard shots being fired. Deputy Gutierrez was advised.
Thursday, November 25
12:15 a.m., A woman stated she heard gun fire near her residence on Highway 2804. Deputy Gutierrez was informed.
1:39 a.m., A woman stated her 16-year-old son had not come home yet. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.
5:00 p.m., A woman reported

a green truck almost blocking her driveway to her residence. Deputy Ring and the owner of the vehicle were notified.
8:57 p.m., An employee of the Uvalde Police Department reported a possible intoxicated motorist. She stated that the driver of the truck ran another vehicle off the road and was traveling at a high rate of speed on Highway 90 towards Brackettville. Deputy Gutierrez was advised of the situation.
9:48 p.m., A woman reported shots being fired near Highway 131. Deputy Gutierrez was advised.
10:14 p.m., A woman reported loud music on Thomas Street. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.
Saturday, November 27
1:45 a.m., A Fort Clark security employee reported hearing screams coming from a local business.
4:30 p.m., A woman reported her residence was broken into. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.
11:26 p.m., A man stated that he had hit a deer on Highway 277 and needed a wrecker and an officer. No injuries were reported. Del Rio Police Department was notified.

Sunday, November 28
12:00 p.m., Rudolfo Garza Sanchez, 47, of Buda, Texas, was arrested by Deputy Ring for driving while intoxicated (DWI), Second offense. At the time of report, Sanchez was still being held.
12:56 p.m., A man reported an accident on the corner of Fulton and Beaumont Street. Deputy Manuel Pena and SBC were notified.
3:40 p.m., Deputy Pena reported two pickup trucks driving recklessly on Highway 90 east. Uvalde Police Department was notified.
5:20 p.m., John Paul Doy, Sr., 38, of Killeen, Texas, was arrested by Deputy Pena for possession of marijuana. Doy was still being held at the time of report.
8:49 p.m., A woman requested a deputy at her residence. Deputy Donald Page and Gutierrez were notified of the situation.
Monday, November 29
3:37 a.m., An anonymous caller reported a possible intoxicated driver. Deputy Page was notified.
4:30 a.m., A man reported a woman walking on Highway 277

OBITUARY

Philip R. Fordahl

KERVILLE - Mr. Philip R. Fordahl, age 74, a resident of Kerrville for three years, passed away Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004, in a local hospital. He was a prior resident of Ft. Clark Springs.

Mr. Fordahl was born Oct. 22, 1930, in Hettinger, ND to Albert and Agnes (Aaker) Fordahl. He married Evelyn Larson in Camp Rucker, Ala. on June 6, 1952.

When he was 16 years old, he joined the North Dakota National Guard, raising to the grade of Sgt. First Class when he became a Platoon Sergeant of the Counterfire Platoon.

In January of 1951, the Guard was activated during the Korean Conflict, as they called it, and he served at Camp Rucker, Ala.; Fort Campbell, Ken., where he attended leadership school with the 101st Airborne; and at Fort Benning, Ga., where he attended counterfire training and then returned to Camp Rucker, being discharged in the fall of 1952.

After being discharged he remained on the ranch where he worked with this father and brother, Norval, and in September of 1953, he attended Billings Business College (their daughter was born Sept. 1, 1953, his first day of school) and in March of 1955, he, his wife, and daughter moved to Minneapolis, Minn., where he attended the Court Reporting school at the Minnesota School of Business.

Upon completion they moved to Great Falls, Mont., where he accepted a position in the District Court of the Eighth Judicial District of the State of

Montana with The Hon. Clifford F. Holt. After serving for close to 30 years with the District Court, he retired from the officialship and started a freelance reporting firm with two other reporters and called it Fordahl, Fletcher, Wolter and Associates.

In 1988,89, he sold his interest and became fully retired.

Philip was an amateur radio operator. His family spent their summers at Flathead Lake, Poisson, Mont. He and his wife, along with four other couples formed Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (ELCA) at Brackettville. Their services were held at the golf course. Slater Hall and later at the Episcopal Church.

Phil served as the First Vice President of the newly formed church. He also served as their president. Later they moved to Kerrville.

Survivors, include wife, Evelyn Fordahl, daughter Kathryn Fordahl of Del Rio; son Timothy Fordahl and wife, Terri of Fort Collins, Colo.; sister, Carol Ann Seamands; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Norval and Harold; grandson, Jesse Augustine.

Memorial services were held on Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at Grace Lutheran Church in Bandera.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or to the National Kidney Foundation.

The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com

Diabetes care gets new mileage

Clearwater, Fla. — Jack Grynberg was in for some good news and he was in for some bad news. The bad news was that he was on the precipice of developing diabetes. The good news was the physician delivering the news was Dr. Boris Draznin. "When I first met Jack Grynberg he not only was stressed to the limit, he had a blood glucose level of 274," said Draznin, an authority on metabolic disorders. "Needless to say he needed my help." Part of that help came in the form of Draznin's innovative approach to treating this potentially debilitating disease. It's a unique plan that combines diet and exercise - but not just any exercise. "It's not the mileage that

counts here," said Draznin who has devoted 30 years to the study of diabetes. "It's the duration." In his recently published book, The Draznin PLAN - The Thinking Person's Guide to Diabetes, Draznin teaches patients how to overcome their diabetic symptoms through diet and exercise. "I've found that most people don't like to exercise, work hard and get sweaty," Draznin said. "But they don't mind a few minutes of exercise, 30 to 60 to be exact." And thus was born the "Draznin Mile." What is the secret to the success of the Draznin mile? Simplicity. "A 20 minute walk covers one mile and burns 110 calo-

ries," Draznin said. And therein lies the success of handling most cases of type 2-diabetes: Limiting caloric intake, certain carbohydrates and increasing exercise. "It's the feeling that it's not the miles you log, it's the time you do it in," Draznin said. "This helps busy executives like Grynberg to make the exercise plan more palatable for the long term." Draznin said that within a few months of limiting his intake of pastas, rice dishes, alcohol and more, the 72-year-old Grynberg, president of Grynberg Petroleum near Denver, Colo., had lost 15 pounds and had blood sugar readings of 92. "Popular diets offer short-term success, but these strict,

"one-size-fits-all" approaches are not conducive to long term weight loss," Draznin said. "The real key to keeping weight off involves changing your lifestyle." Draznin contends that diets must be individually designed and specifically targeted to achieve and maintain weight loss. And only then can the onset of type-2 diabetes be prevented, and existing diabetes be treated successfully. Draznin said independent studies have found that his plan boasts an 80 percent initial success rate and that 65 percent of the participants continued to receive health benefits over time. For more information contact Marsha Friedman at 727-443-7115 ext. 201.

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Lake Amistad Christmas light parade

The Parade of Lights on Lake Amistad will once again become an annual event.

The last Light Parade was in 1993 and was discontinued due to low lake levels.

The parade will be Saturday Dec. 11, 2004 at dusk, which occurs about 5:37 p.m.

There will be a new moon so the light displays will be spectacular against the reflection off the waters of Lake Amistad.

Those that wish to participate and decorate their boats can obtain applications at the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce, Rough Canyon Marina Amistad National Recreation Area, Lake Amistad Resort and Marina, Southwinds Marina and Del Tex RV and Auto Repair Center. Contact Larry Lively of Forever Resorts on Lake Amistad at 830-774-4157 if you wish to rent and



The last Night Parade on Lake Amistad featured this entry from DelTex RV. Expect more of the same during this year's event set for Dec. 11

decorate a houseboat.

A skilled driver with the houseboat will be provided at a special rental rate exclusively

for the parade. Spectator viewpoints will be at Amistad Dam.

Governors Landing, Diablo East and Southwinds Marina.

For further information, please contact Mark Morgan at 830-775-7492 ext. 234, or Plyler at 830-775-9715.

Church Alliance community Thanksgiving service successful

The Community Unity Thanksgiving Service was held at the St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.

Prelude was presented by Cathie Conrey, Organist, Introit and Special Music, with the Voices of Fort Clark.

The welcome and introduction of Pastors was by Rev. Nathan Lafrenz.

The invocation was led by Pastor Ned Sitzes. The Old Testament Reading by Pastor Darin Koenig and the New Testament Reading in Spanish by Pastor Bernie Cervantes.

The New Testament Reading in English by Pastor Bob Corey.

The Prayer for Inspiration was led by the Rev. Roger Baker.

The Message was from the Rev. William Adams, Sr.

The Thanksgiving Offering Prayer by Pastor Charolette Corey and the Benediction was led by Fr. Cornelius Scanlan.

A reception was held in the Church Hall with refreshments furnished by the women of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

The collection was taken for donations to the annual Church Alliance sponsored Community Unity Christmas Program to be



Celebrating Thanksgiving together included from left: Joe Gooble, Deacon, St. Mary Magdalene; Father Cornelius Scanlan, St. Mary Magdalene; The Rev. Bob Corey, Gateway Ministries; The Rev. Roger Baker, First United Methodist; The Rev. Bill Adams, St. John's Missionary Church; The Rev. Darin Koenig, First Baptist Church; The Rev. Ned Sitzes, Frontier Baptist Church; The Rev. Nathan Lafrenz; Our Redeemer Lutheran Church & St. Andrews Episcopal Church; The Rev. Charolette Corey, Gateway Ministries; The Rev. Judith Adams, St. John's Missionary Church.

held Dec. 3 at the Kinney County Civic Center from 5 to 8 p.m. (toys to be distributed at 7 p.m.).

Anyone wishing to donate to the Christmas Program, please make checks payable to Gateway Ministries, Inc. and note that it

is for the Christmas Program (toys & "fixings") PO Box 1449, Brackettville, Texas 78832.

Donation envelopes may be picked up at local businesses.

Free food will be distributed by the food vendors and live entertainment will be provided.

Landowners required to hold licenses to conduct hunts

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reminds landowners that a hunting lease license is required for certain hunting operations. The owner of a hunting lease or the landowner's agent may not receive pay or anything of value from hunters unless the owner or agent has acquired a hunting lease license from the department.

This law applies to all hunting leases. Basically if you lease your land for hunting (deer, turkey, doves, exotics, etc.) you need to purchase a hunting lease license for the property leased. This license is for the total amount of property in a county owned by an individual, partnership, firm, or corporation.

"A person who violates any provision of the hunting lease license requirements or who fails to comply with any provision of the hunting lease license requirements commits an offense

that is a Class C Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor, which carries a fine of between \$25-\$500," said David Sinclair, chief of Wildlife Enforcement at TPWD. It is recommended that the license (or a copy thereof) be displayed at the main hunting camp if there is one. This saves time in trying to contact a landowner to see if one has been purchased for the property.

Hunting Lease licenses are available wherever regular hunting licenses are sold; Wal-Mart, Picos, Super S, etc. When purchasing a Hunting Lease license, you will need the name of the ranch and the number of acres leased. If you did not receive a renewal notice in the mail from Texas Parks and Wildlife, don't wait for it. Go to any License retailer and purchase the necessary license.

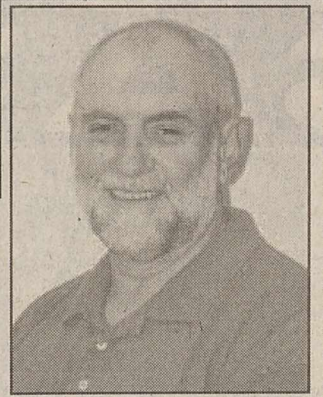
Contact your local Game Warden if you have any questions.

GIVING THANKS!!

Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C.

The holiday season is a time to reflect on the things in your life that you are thankful for. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your referrals to our practice. Since we opened our Chiropractic Clinic in April, more and more of our new patients indicate that they were referred by a friend or family member. By your referral, you have paid us the nicest compliment possible - and we appreciate your confidence and trust.

When explaining the benefits of chiropractic to others and motivating them to have a chiropractic check-up, you are giving them an opportunity to achieve better health.



There may be nothing more loving you can do for your friends and family.

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Sausage — Stuffed Jalapenos keeping you warm this winter

Warning! Today's appetizer takes time to prepare, filled with fire and loaded with taste appeal.

As my mother-in-law would say, "This tastes musty — musty have some more."

These will disappear quickly at any gathering and well worth the time to prepare.

Sausage — Stuffed Jalapenos
1 lb. bulk pork sausage, 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded parmesan cheese - no substitutes, 22 large jalapeno peppers, halved lengthwise and seeded, ranch dressing, optional.

Cook sausage over medium heat until no longer pink, breaking into crumbles while cooking. Drain well.

In medium to small bowl, combine the cream cheese and parmesan cheese; fold in sau-



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sage.
Spoon or place about 1 tbsp. into each jalapeno half.

Place in two ungreased 13x9 2 inch baking dishes.

Bake uncovered at 425 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until filling is lightly browned and bubbly.

Yields approximately 44 appetizers. Serve with ranch dressing for dipping if desired.

*When handling hot peppers, always use rubber, plastic or vinyl gloves.

Life saving reminders Carbon monoxide odorless and colorless

Potential poisoning by carbon monoxide is a serious issue, said Jimmy of Dynamic. "Carbon monoxide is an odorless and colorless gas produced by faulty gas heating system - and it can kill you," he said.

With the weather cooling off and heating systems warming up, now is a good time to have your furnace inspected, he added. Fuel-Burning appliances - such as furnaces, stoves, fireplaces, and space heaters - can be used safely if they are properly installed and maintained.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recommends that yearly, professional inspection include:

- Check chimneys, flues and vents for leakages and blockage by creosote and debris

- Checking all vents to furnaces, water heaters, boilers and other fire-burning appliances to make sure they are not loose or disconnected

- Inspecting vent pipes on heating systems

- Inspecting appliances for adequate ventilation. A supply of fresh air is important to help carry pollutants up the chimney,

and is necessary for the complete combustion of any fuel.

• Making sure ventilation air openings aren't blocked.

Jimmy added that Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends a CO inspection and a detector in your home to im-

prove your safety.

"You want to be warm and safe in your home this winter.

Get your furnace inspected by a qualified professional. Make sure that if your home has gas heat, you get a carbon monoxide check. You may save a lot more than just energy."

Thank You

Voters of Kinney County: We would like to thank each of you who voted and supported us through a very controversial election. We will do our very best to manage, conserve and protect our most precious natural resource, water, for you and future generations of Kinney County. Thank you friends and neighbors. God Bless You All. Your Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board Members.

Votantes del Condado de Kinney: Quisieramos agradecer a cada uno de ustedes que nos apoyaron con una eleccion muy controversial. Haremos lo mejor para manejar, para conservar y para proteger nuestro recurso natural mas precioso, agua, para ustedes y las generaciones futuras del condado de Kinney. Gracias amigos y vecinos. Que Dios los bendiga.

Sus Miembros Del Consejo Del Distrito De la Conservacion De la Agua subterranea Del Condado De Kinney.

Christopher Ring, Precinct 3; Tootsie Herndon, Kinney County Member at Large.

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Your love is still my guide. I miss you so very much. But I know that God has provided a much better place for you and that gives me some peace and comfort.

If roses grow in heaven, Lord, please pick a bunch for me, place them in my mom's arm and tell her they're from me. When she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while. Tell her we love her and miss her. That we will forever cherish her memory. God could not have provided a better mother than he did when he gave you to us.

Love You Always
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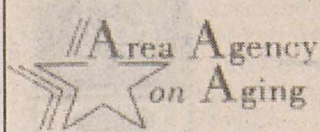
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Por favor de comunicarse al 2-1-1.



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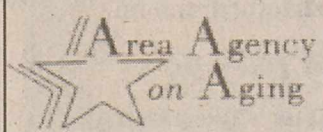
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Please contact us at 2-1-1



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Who's Who among America's students, teachers

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Local students are also included in Who's Who Among American High School Students - Sports Edition®.

Who's Who - Sports Edition students also compete for \$10,000 in scholarship awards.

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Aguirre, Kristin Meyer, Shanae Simmons, Timmeke Simmons, and Caitlin Wylie.

Tiger students are also included in The National Dean's List®.

The students listed below are among the approximately 254,000 students included in the 27 Annual Edition of The National Dean's List®, 2003-2004.

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Local teachers selected include: **Jamie Ballew, Rhonda Marquardt and Karen Crumley of Brackett High School.**

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BRACKETT ISD HONOR ROLL

The following is Brackett's Independent School District's Honor Roll for the second six-weeks:

High School

All-A Honor Roll

■ Seniors: Juliann Ashabranner, Tillman Davis, Cody Edwards, Monica Gonzalez, Kristin Meyer, Cody Robinette, Oscar Sierra, and Shanae Simmons.

■ Juniors: Alanna Conoly, Liliana Hernandez, Rachel Swinson, and Brand Wylie.

■ Sophomores: Justin Calk, Laura Meyer, Austin Shewbart, and Kara Yeager.

■ Freshmen: Bailee Allen, Meghann Davis and Gabriella Schroeder.

A-B Honor Roll

■ Seniors: Stephanie Bonner, Jaclynn Duncan, Courtney Frerich, Brandon Kluzek, Whitney "Woody" Massingill, Danielle Moore, Samantha Pina, Noe Talamantes, Celina Terrazas, and Kody Yeager.

■ Juniors: Dana Bonner, Miles Braesicke, Ashley Castillo, Kimberly Glass, Billy Steelman, and Leon Woolsey.

■ Sophomores: Dolores Cano, Alison Carroll, Robert Davis, Ivan Pinales, and Micheal Stephenson.

■ Freshmen: Heather Baggett, Kaden Berg, Travis Bonner, Julie Castillo, Lauren Cornelius, Capri Creech, Israel DeHoyes, Doolie Fernandez,

Hayley Harris, Daphne Hunt, Conrad Moore, Manolo Rosas, Maria Sanchez, Bianca Stewart, Gabriela Talamantes, and Anolda Watkins.

Jr. High School

All-A Honor Roll

■ Eighth grade: Samantha Moore, Harmony Pettett and Laura Swinson.

■ Seventh grade: Katie Yeager.

A-B Honor Roll

■ Sixth grade: Laura Adams, Summer Allen, Amanda "Katie" Braesicke, Emily Calk, Jessica Garza, Veronica Garza, Rebecca Mann, Bianca Martinez, Jerry Miller, Maribel Rivas, Jacob Schroeder, and Amory Thourout.

■ Seventh grade: Cheyenne Billings, John Blake, Cody Clark, Charles Conoly, Brooklyn Gose, Jaleel Proulx, and Michael Rosetti.

Elementary School

All-A Honor Roll

■ Sixth grade: Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Haley Hale, Ayland Letsinger, Janine Rex, Sahara Rodriguez, and Josh Smith.

■ Fifth grade: Lauren Duncan and Brittany Hale.

■ Fourth grade: Meghan Flores.

■ Third grade: Judy Adams, Korlee Allen, Wyatt Blake, Arturo Castillo, McKenzie Castillo, Clarissa Cruz, Clay Flores,

Shannon Gammill, Dolores Garza, Javier Gomez, Marisol Gomez, Hannah Johnson, Joshua Pena, Paul Resendez, Marlinda Rivas, Alberto Rocha, Shelby Schuster, Haley Smith, August Stephenson, and Holt Tuck.

■ Second grade: Webb Ashley, Peyton Bonner, Gabrielle Brown, Morgan Brown, Blake Duncan, Leonardo Elizondo, Siarra Falcon, Maddie Frerich, Mark Garcia, Griffin Grayson, Martin Guzman, Logan Hurt, Christian Lopez, Amber Resendez, Gabby Sandoval, Te'a Sandoval, Bryce Slubar, Davis Wade, and Yasmine White.

■ First grade: Anthony Aldaco, Walt Ashley, Hannah Baggett, Gage Brown, Kate Frerich, Isabel Garcia, Elle Johnson, Marely Kooztz, Diego Luna, Nolberto Martinez, Rafael Martinez, Emma Palmer, Kaitlyn Partlow, Jeyson Price, Adrian Resendez, Benjamin Rodriguez, and Katie Tuck.

A-B Honor Roll

■ Sixth grade: Erica Villanueva, Stella Guajardo, Sarah Davis, Michael Flores, Tyler McDonald, Manuel Pena, Victor Roman, and SuSu Seareal.

geant. ■ Fifth grade: Salvador Pacheco, Nevada Payne, Yamira Perez, Joel Talamantes, and Daulton Woodson.

■ Fourth grade: Priscilla Aguirre, Sierra Benson, Daniel Brinker, Brooke Brown, Cesar Castillo, Yeika Garcia, Briana Garza, Selina Gerardo, Rolando Gutierrez, Lucas Hurt, Austin "Bubba" Pettett, Josh Tait, and Marissa Villarreal.

■ Third grade: Isaac Baldillez, Mikaela Castillo, Isaiah Clementz, Edgar DeLeon, Jose Falcon, Teno Flores, Ernan Hernandez, Juan Lopez, Peter Martinez, Isaura Rivas, Kendall Seballos, and Damian Villarreal.

■ Second grade: Yessenia Argil, Benjamin Brinker, Brianna Flores, David Ortega, Karina Perez, Ayissa Rodriguez, Denise Salmon, Colten Stephenson, and Jose Talamantes.

■ First grade: Ramon Castillo, Kate Holmes, Madison Luce, Alyssa Martinez, Brianna Martinez, Tony Rivas, Elizabeth Rocha, Brianna Salazar, Eleazar Salazar, Leann Salazar, Victor Villanueva, and Dylan Villarreal.

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People of Pct. 2:

I want to thank you for your showing of faith in me in the election just held. I have tried to be fair in all of my decision while I have been on this Board. I will continue to do this as long as I am on this board.

Let me know if you have anything you think would improve the service of this Board to the people of this County and I will look into the matter.

Again, I thank you.
Cecil Y. Smith
Director of Pct. 2

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Cubettes win first game

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The eighth grade Cubettes opened their basketball season with a dominating 37-21 victory over the Hunt Eagles.

The team earned the victory through an impressive defensive performance that saw the team tally 16 steals on the night.

Coach Rhonda Marquardt said that the victory was attributed to team hustle and an effective full court press.

The team was led to victory by several powerful performances.

Bianca Terrazas poured in 14 points to lead all Cubette scorers. Samantha Moore tallied five points, Natalie Aguirre added four points, and Rebecca Mann, Roxy Gomez, Jessica Garza, Veronica Tallamantes, Bianca Martinez, and Esna Herrerra each scored two.

The leading rebounders were Martinez with six and Terrazas with four.

In the defensive category that turned the game into a win Terrazas notched four steals. Moore had three thefts during the game while Martinez, Mann, Tallamantes, and Aguirre added two steals each.

The team's next game will be in Brackettville against Rock-springs on Monday, Dec. 6. The tip off will be at 6:30 p.m.

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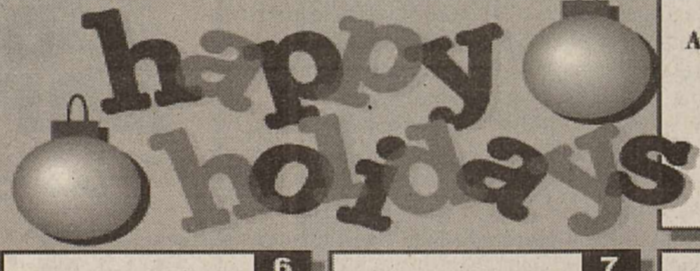
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New Year's Eve

Give thanks for vaccines

During the holidays, many people count their blessings — for freedom, for family, and for good health. The Texas Medical Association reminds us the health we take for granted was truly not an option during the days of the settlers, when devastating diseases caused untold suffering and often meant certain death.

Many of those diseases are considered eradicated or preventable today, thanks to immunizations. Immunizations are the single most important preventive measure parents or caregivers can take to keep their children safe from some of the most deadly diseases in history, according to Robert Gunby, MD, TMA president-elect and chair of the Joint Committee on Health Improvement Initiatives. "Diseases such as smallpox and polio once devastated millions," says Dr. Gunby, an obstetrician in Dallas. "Now, thanks to vaccinations, these diseases and many others are eradicated or greatly reduced."

Madisonville family practice physician Andrew Eisenberg, MD, MHA, chair of TMA's Council on Public Health, adds, "Vaccinations have saved more lives and prevented more disease than any other single medical intervention."

Too many children still are not receiving the immunizations they vitally need. Texas statistics are dismal, according to the

2003 National Immunization Survey (NIS), which ranked Texas 41st among the 50 states for completion of routine vaccinations. And that is an improvement from the year 2000 when our state was ranked 50th. In 2003, Texas children were immunized at a 78.1 percent rate, compared to Connecticut, which ranked tops in the country at a 95 percent immunization rate.

Though vaccination is one of the most effective tools for preventing disease and death, only three out of every four Texas children 19 to 35 months of age received all childhood vaccinations for disease in 1999, according to TMA. Houston has the lowest immunization rate for young children of any major city in the country (67 percent) which leaves the city at risk for an epidemic.

"It's easy to forget how serious some of these diseases are," says Dr. Eisenberg. "We don't see them like we used to, thanks largely to vaccines. Yet, some crippling and potentially fatal diseases that are no longer seen in this country — like polio and diphtheria — still occur in other parts of the world. Since many people travel in and out of the U.S. every day, these diseases are only a plane ride away. With the added threat of bioterrorism, it's more important than ever that infants and children receive recommended immunizations on time," emphasizes Dr.

Eisenberg. "Today's children are still at serious risk," Dr. Gunby says. "These diseases are not as common as they used be, but they still can have debilitating effects, such as pneumonia, choking, brain damage, heart problems, cancer, blindness — and even death."

To improve the Texas immunization rate and educate caregivers about the life-and-death importance of vaccinations, TMA has launched one of the most ambitious public health programs in its 151-year history. Be Wise — Immunize™ is a joint initiative of TMA and the TMA Alliance, funded through a grant from the TMA Foundation to substantially increase statewide immunization rates. The three-year program promotes immunization education and sponsors immunization events.

For more information about immunizations, call the Texas Department of State Health Services toll free, 1-800-252-9152, or look on the TDSHS Web site, www.dshs.state.tx.us or the web site, www.texmed.org.

TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing more than 39,500 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 120 component county medical societies around the state. TMA's key objective since 1853 is to improve the health of all Texans.



Warm Welcome

Photo by Gus Garcia

Newly elected state representative Tracy O. King, left, was welcomed Tuesday afternoon with a reception. King was welcomed by Brackett ISD Superintendent Bobby Templeton, Educator Mary Sam York and David Alexander, Patrol Agent In Charge for Brackettville's Border Patrol Station

Horticulture is a growth commodity

It's safe to say Texas horticulture is a growth commodity in the Lone Star State.

It is the second-largest agricultural industry here, accounting for about \$1.5 billion in cash receipts annually.

The green industry packs a \$9.7 billion punch to the Texas economy each year. With more and more people digging in their gardens, planting landscapes and getting back to nature for exercise and relaxation, it's no surprise that horticulture is on the move, and the Texas Department of Agriculture is in constant motion as well, helping to plant Texas' vast array of plants, trees, flowers and other products.

That's why TDS has produced a number of new materials over the past few years specifically with horticulture buyers and producers in mind. Funding for these brochures, directories and manuals was provided through a onetime grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to promote Texas specialty crops, and all are offered at no charge.

Our horticulture directory provides lists of producers and

suppliers of everything from bedding plants, roses and trees to turfgrass, native plants and groundcovers.

Our Texas Organic Guide offers information for producers interested in exploring the organic market, and the Rooted in Texas Pride guide provides information on the commercial

production of desert and native plants.

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Special license plates that honor members of the United States Armed Services

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Kinney County tax assessor-collector's office are featuring special license plates that honor members of the United States Armed Services and surviving family members during the month of November, in observance of Veteran's Day.

TxDOT can help qualified veterans display these license plates on their vehicles. Information about eligibility requirements and applicable fees are available at the county tax offices, on TxDOT's web site (www.dot.state.tx.us), by calling the TxDOT Help Desk at (512) 465-7611, or TxDOT's Fax-On-Demand forms line at (888) 232-7033.

Customers requesting orders for specialty license plates through the fax service should enter the code 0999 to receive

the form for the license plate they are ordering.

TxDOT started its specialty license plate program in 1965.

Today, there is a wide variety of different plate designs, many of them benefiting a particular group, organization, college or university.

Since 1994, more than \$10 million has been raised for sponsoring organizations, colleges or universities.

Hunters and hikers: Protect yourself

Thousands of Texas hunters and hikers are taking to the woods and fields in pursuit of deer, doves and the great outdoors. Unfortunately, they're not alone. Billions of critters that can carry diseases will be out there, too.

Hunters, campers and hikers have an increased risk of exposure to diseases transmitted by ticks, fleas and mosquitoes and to diseases spread by wild animals, according to officials from the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

West Nile virus can cause encephalitis and is spread through the bite of an infected mosquito.

Encephalitis is an inflammation of the brain and meningitis is an inflammation of the covering of the brain or spinal cord that may be caused by one of several mosquito-borne viruses.

Symptoms can include intense headache, high fever, nausea, muscle tenderness, partial unconsciousness and even coma. Although unlikely, death may occur.

West Nile virus is only one illness with which people who enjoy the outdoors have to contend.

With Lyme disease, which is the most frequently diagnosed tick-borne problem in the United States, there may be skin lesions or rashes. If left untreated, severe damage to the joints, heart and nervous system may result.

In addition, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, another disease that is spread by ticks and that produces a rash, can cause serious illness and even death if not treated quickly.

Plague, common in wild rodent populations of West Texas, is transmitted to people by fleas or by direct contact with infected animals such as prairie dogs, squirrels, cats, rats and mice. This dreaded disease sometimes includes the presence of painful, swollen lymph nodes. Unless treatment is sought quickly, death may result.

"Many of these diseases begin with flu-like symptoms such as fever, chills, headache and body aches," Fonken said. "However, symptoms can worsen quickly and affect various systems of the body."

The best way to avoid get-

ting these diseases is to protect yourself against insect bites:

- Use insect repellent containing DEET, following package directions carefully.

- Stay on trails and avoid areas of overgrown brush and tall grasses.

- Wear protective clothing such as a hat, a long-sleeve shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks. Wear light-colored clothes to easily spot ticks.

- Check your body carefully for ticks every few hours. Ticks are small, easy to miss and will attach to any part of the body from head to toe, so look carefully.

Some diseases are spread by contact with dust particles containing a virus, and others by direct contact with infected animals or animal carcasses.

Infected rodents such as rats and mice spread hantavirus infection to people. A rodent may have the virus in its droppings,

urine and saliva.

"You can become infected by inhaling dust that contains the virus," Fonken said. "Cleaning cabins, sheds or barns without a mask can increase your chances of coming in contact with hantavirus."

Early symptoms of hantavirus infection are much like those of flu. The disease may lead to extreme difficulty with breathing, possibly followed by death.

Patients may recover through supportive treatment, but antibiotics will not cure a hantavirus infection.

Deer hunters need to be aware that deer can share the bacterium that causes anthrax in people and that feral hogs can carry brucellosis.

Care should be taken when handling all wild-animal carcasses, including wearing latex gloves when field dressing those animals. Rabies is a viral infection of the nervous system that

may affect almost any warm-blooded animal.

"It is impossible to tell by looking at an animal whether it is infected with the rabies virus, so avoid contact with any wild animals. Especially do not try to assist injured animals or touch dead ones," Fonken said. "If you see an obviously sick animal or suffer an animal bite or scratch, contact a game warden, a park employee, or an animal control or law enforcement officer as soon as possible."

Rabies is present in many wild-animal populations in Texas, especially skunks, bats, raccoons, coyotes and foxes.

Humans usually are infected through a bite by a rabid animal. Rabies is always fatal once symptoms begin, which is why you should immediately consult a doctor if any animal bites you.

More information is available online at www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis.

Note of Thanks

Orchids to all of you who helped in many ways to make our Thanksgiving dinner a wonderful event. Many thanks to you who planned and researched, cleaned, shopped and ran errands. Thanks also to those who decorated, cooked, baked, and served and cleaned again. We appreciate all who donated dollars and food items and solved problems. With your help we hope to make the Trooper Thanksgiving Dinner an annual event.

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Some Christmas shopping tips

Last year I offered some shopping tips for Christmas - it proved popular, so here it goes again!

I have personally checked the finances on each organization and have personal contact with most - each group truly needs the money and the blessings they provide are real expressions of Christ's love.

How about using the Gideons' memorial program to give Bibles to the world at large? Maybe you've enjoyed a Gideon Bible at a motel, in a hospital, or received one when you entered the Armed Forces. You can grab a Gideons Memorial card in the back of several local churches or go to their web site at www.gideons.org. Cost - whatever you want to give.

The Christian church is persecuted in many lands - but the Open Doors foundation is making a big difference by providing Bibles, training, and other resources. If you've ever read the book "God's Smuggler" and



First United Methodist Church
Rev. Roger Baker

wondered what Brother Andrew is up to these days, you can find out and make a donation at his ministry's web site: www.opendoorsusa.org.

If you haven't read "God's Smuggler," buy a copy on the web site and share it with a friend. For \$14 you can keep a copy, give another copy, and support a wonderful ministry.

Father Fabian leads a small group of monks in a hermitage near Christoval, Texas. He worked hard on the web site so you could buy their truly heavenly fudge. Take a look at www.carmelitehermits.org. Trust me, Father Fabian and the boys know how to cook - you won't regret a penny spent! Con-

sider visiting them if you travel between here and San Angelo. Gifts for under \$10 but trust me, you'll want to spend more!

Heifer International put livestock in the hands of the poorest people on the planet, giving them a chance to survive. It isn't church based - but who says only churches can do what's right? Check out www.heifer.org - I'm thinking that maybe a water buffalo might be the best Christmas gift I've ever given. \$10 will start a share of an animal, but why not be the answer to someone's deepest prayer and spend a little more? It's not often God allows us to answer the prayers of others in such a tangible way!

Last year I mentioned a membership to the Fellowship of Merry Christians. Ok, I think many of the local clergy are members - so how about the rest of you? Cost is \$24 per year and guarantees a lot of extra smiles for everyone. It is especially appropriate for teachers and

those working in healthcare, too! Try www.joyfulnoiseletter.com or dial (800)877-2747.

Kids need to see something physical many times so they don't feel neglected (especially when they start bragging to each other!) So here's where you can really make a big difference. Grab a pen and write a check to Gateway Ministries, the outfit that is sponsoring this year's Community Christmas Celebration on Friday, Dec. 3.

Any amount you can give will go a long way to make sure every child can have some sort of physical reminder of the greatest gift of all. You can find envelopes at most local businesses or call Pastor Charolette at 563-2121. The celebration is this Friday at the Civic Center!

At First Methodist Church, we're still amazed at the first and most important gift of Christmas, Jesus the Christ. Come join us for worship this Sunday at 10:45 and you'll hear about the Greatest Gift of All.

His name is Jesus

Jesus King of Kings. And they bring into the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted. The place of a skull.

And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh; but he received it not.

And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, that every man should take.

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Celebrating Christmas

Those of us of the various Christian Denominations that follow the Revised Lectionary will be challenged this weekend as the Evangelist Matthew presents us the emergence of John the Baptist from his communion with the God of Israel (and our God, too, by the way) into the public arena to meet the people of his day head-on. John was most definitely counter-culture in the way he behaved privately as well as publicly. He did not follow the crowd. He did not live in the city. Neither did he live in a rural area. Instead he "appeared, preaching *In the desert of Judea*". That's not all! The story the Evangelist Matthew unfolds informs us: that "John wore clothing made of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist." If that was not enough, "his food was locusts and wild honey." John the Baptists was most assuredly a per-



St. Mary Magdalene Church
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son who could cause one to re-evaluate, to take a second look at one's own approach to life and living.

We, in the U.S. of A., have entered the pre-Christmas season, spurred on by the Advertising People.

Question: Are these professional "brainwashers" manipulating us? Let's hope the buying frenzy will not distract us from celebrating the birthday of The Son of God who came among us so as to encourage us to think first of Abba, his Father, before even thinking of considering any other earthy option.

Everything we do takes planning and preparation

Last Friday morning as I was traveling early in the A.M., I passed the new Super Wal-Mart in Uvalde. The entire parking lot was full of shoppers looking for the best bargains.

It takes planning and preparation for that store to be ready for that massive onslaught of shoppers on the day after Thanksgiving.

It takes planning and preparation for shoppers to prepare and plan their purchases. Advent is a time of preparation.

We are preparing for the presence of God in our midst. As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, can we not have the same sense of anticipation as those shoppers eagerly awaiting the earlybird specials at Wal-Mart.

God is doing great things in



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Nathan Lafrenz

our midst. Let us be alert to the signs of His presence.

May this Advent season be a time for our eyes to be drawn to the presence of God in the midst of our families, schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, just as our eyes are attracted to Christmas decorations and light displays.

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The Lord sees every single step you take

The atmosphere was relaxed. Josie was anxious and with the passing of each minute she felt like walking out but her thoughts turned to Rolando. "There's no way Rolando and I can enjoy a healthy relationship until I deal with my past. All of it," she said to herself.

Josie's introspection was interrupted by a friendly voice. "Dr. Hardt is ready for you. Just walk to that door." Another friendly voice greeted her and a hand was extended to shake hers. Josie glanced around. The room looked more like somebody's living room than a counselor's office. The friendly voice spoke again. "Sit wherever you choose Josie. I'll be sitting right here."

Josie sat down and looked around. A cross was hanging



Empowering Families
Dr. Donald Smith

prominently on the wall to her left. An inviting picture of the Holy Family graced the wall to her right. A beautiful picture of a country church surrounded by trees with colorful fall foliage decorated the wall opposite her. Josie couldn't take her eyes from the picture. A bright light inside the church emanated from windows and a half-opened door. The light made a glow that seemed to dominate the scene. "It's so inviting," she thought to herself. "And so

peaceful."

"That's a beautiful picture isn't it Josie," Dr. Hardt said.

"It looks like someone I've been!" Josie exclaimed.

"Everybody says that," Dr. Hardt responded. "It's because the picture represents a place of peace and wholeness. It seems as though everyone who comes here has a mental picture of a place like that, a place of healing."

"That's why it looks so familiar to you. One of the goals of our work together will be to find peace and healing for you."

Josie remained silent. She continued looking at the picture.

She smiled. "Yes," she said. "I need that. Where do we start?" Dr. Hardt responded.

"According to the form you filled out for me, you mentioned

something about your past, about some kind of baggage you carry."

Josie looked at the floor. "Will anybody else know what we talk about in here?" She asked. "Only the three of us Josie," Dr. Hardt answered.

"You and I and God. Once a very wise man said that the eyes of the Lord are ten thousand times brighter than the sun. He sees every step you take and sees into the hidden corners of your life."

He knows every step before you make it and still knows them after they are made (Sirach 23:19,20). (To be continued)

Editor's Note: This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.

The different days of different people

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit different friends and it is surprising the different situations you encounter. For instance, some who are farmers on the Texas-New Mexico border are having one of the best years they have had in years. I happened by the house of another friend last week and while I was there his wife staggered in the door (she doesn't drink) so I

knew something was terribly wrong. She tried to talk but the words wouldn't come out. Finally, sobbing, she said that her father while out riding his bicycle had been run over and killed by a drunk driver. I can't explain why many things happen the way they do but the book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible gives us some insight. In Ecclesiastes 3:4 it says there is a time

to weep and a time to laugh and that God knows or ordains them both (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Life may not always be easy but one thing God wants us to do is include Him in our life and we will be better off if we do (Ecclesiastes 2:24,25). We do that by turning to Christ and asking for forgiveness for our sins and asking Him, Christ (John 1:12) to come into our lives. Then we try to have a



Jerry Davenport
Brother J.

lifestyle that honors Him. God promises a reward for those that do (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

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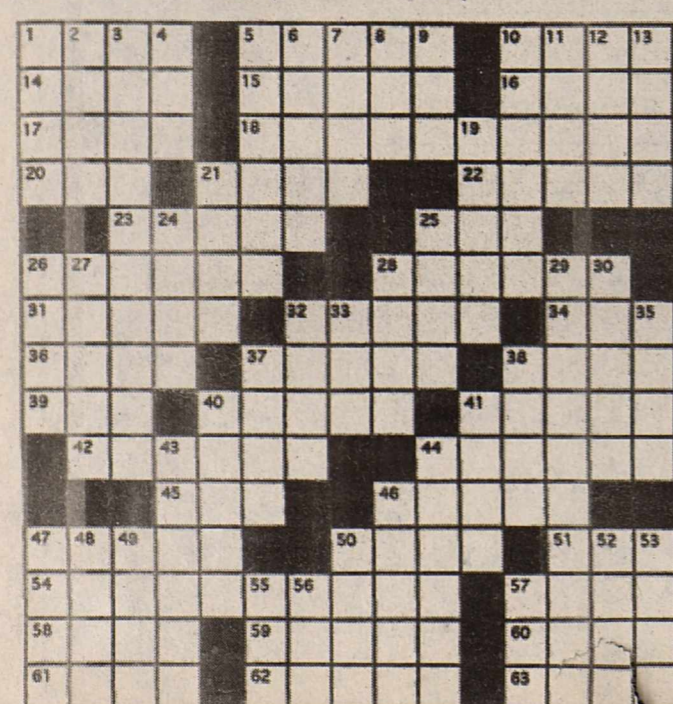
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 57 Novel by Melville
 58 Comparison: abbr.
 59 Field of expertise
 60 Assess
 61 Allen and Gibson
 62 Church feature
 63 Pesky one
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 2 and down
 2 "Ah, me!"
 3 Old style for women riders
 4 Soil
 5 1, 2, 3, or 6, to 6
 6 Has steady pain
 7 Bud holder
 8 Part of a sock
 9 Diploma aspirant: abbr.
 10 Remember
 11 General Bradley
 12 Embankment
 13 Halo wearers: abbr.
 19 Dazzling display
 21 French possessions
 24 Cockney residences
 25 Aircraft: pref.
 26 Amphibian
 27 Annoyed
 28 Southern specialty
 29 Dickens or Churchill
 30 Challenges
 32 Dirt
 33 Piece of jewelry
 35 Deep wound
 37 Parched
 38 River in Switzerland
 40 Word with code or colony
 41 Hospital section
 43 Sahara sights
 44 Ship's officer
 46 Magna
 47 Cain's pop
 48 Name for a Frenchman
 49 Cameo-shaped
 50 Parks
 52 Insignificant amount
 53 See 50
 55 Son-gun connection
 56 Eur. nation
 57 Assn.



ROARING TWENTIES

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

Today's Category: MEN NAMED WILLIAM

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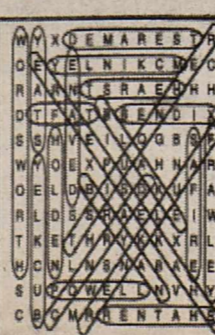
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 2..... Wes Robinson Dec. 4..... Pee Wee Pena
 Dec. 3..... Adam Aguirre Dec. 5..... Joe Don Ferguson
 Dec. 3..... Joe Diaz Dec. 5..... Stevie Lowrance
 Dec. 3..... Marty Isenberg Dec. 5..... Natalie Thelen
 Dec. 4..... Gloria Conrad Dec. 6..... Frances Larson
 Dec. 4..... Laura Meyer Dec. 7..... Rita Holmes
 Dec. 4..... Jaimie Montalvo Dec. 7..... Becky Moore
 Dec. 8..... Carol Benefield

Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Bendix 11. Holden
 2. Blake 12. McKinley
 3. Bryan 13. Powell
 4. Buckley 14. Rehnquist
 5. Conrad 15. Saffre
 6. Demarest 16. Shakaspeare
 7. Devane 17. Shatner
 8. Faulkner 18. Telf
 9. Frawley 19. Wordsworth
 10. Hearst 20. Yeats



ASTROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Avoid a tendency to be too touchy this week. It's not like you to overreact, especially to an imagined slight. Later in the week, travel is a possibility.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You spend much of the week deep in thought. You emerge, however, with wonderful, new ideas. This spurs you on the road to success.
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're confident in your abilities. However, a certain task before you isn't as easy as it looks. Tread carefully.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's unlike you to be a braggart, so don't indulge in it this week. Yes, your accomplishments are being noted. That doesn't mean, however, that you're immune to some stumbling.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This isn't the week to rearrange finances. If need be, only make a move after you've consulted an adviser. Over the weekend, your charm brings benefits on the social scene.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You are able to accomplish a lot this week. However, you can only do this if you're willing to curb your temper. A co-worker who gets on your nerves is really harmless.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) You find yourself the center of attention this week. Enjoy this popularity, but don't let it go to your head. Some who are most flattering have an ulterior motive.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You make your best progress early in the week. Later, a minor health problem keeps you in bed. By week's end, you're feeling in the pink again.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Tread carefully in business dealings this week. An insincere person could take advantage of your good nature. Trust your instincts, and you'll be fine.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're in the mood for change as the week begins. This could be anything from a career change to new curtains! Only you know what will satisfy you.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Things don't go exactly as you'd hoped this week. While you're a bit off track, you are able to deal with this gracefully. Try not to keep late hours since you need your rest.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You feel centered and focused this week. Use this to your advantage in the workplace. Over the weekend, a minor crisis requires you to be adaptable.
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Tigers against Comanches in game of the year Saturday

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line. down the Axtell defense. Second, it produced a one yard touchdown run for Noe Talamantes to give the Tigers a 21-0 lead.

After the touchdown, Axtell began to feel the pressure and they began to try to convert every fourth down. After two failed attempts, the Tigers took the ball and with 6:08 left in the game, Braesicke secured the Tiger victory.

This time Braesicke would not be denied as he found a seam, burst through several attempted tackles, and outran the remainder of the defense for a 33 yard touchdown.

With 6:08 showing on the clock and the Tigers holding a 28-0 lead, Axtell made one last great effort.

The ever dangerous Neal found a gaping hole in the Brackett defense and raced 33 yards to the end zone. The 'Horns went for the two point

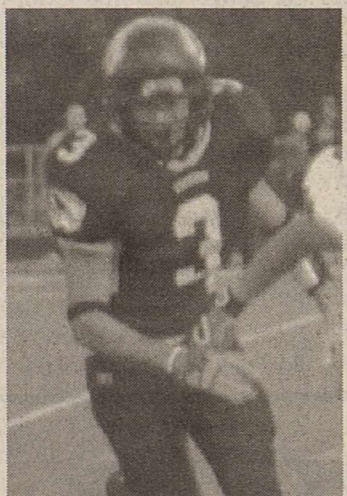


Photo by Danielle Moore
The Tigers' Tres Rueda in action during Friday's game.

conversion, but the defense would not allow them to convert. The Tigers got the ball back and burned up the last 4:27 for the victory. The Tigers were led by Yeager who completed two of four pass attempts for 32 yards

and one touchdown.

Leon Woolsey and Braesicke each had one catch for 16 yards with Braesicke's going for the touchdown. Talamantes carried the ball 19 times for 136 yards with one touchdown to lead all rushers.

Braesicke carried the ball 15 times for 79 yards with one touchdown, Clyde Adams carried seven times for 40 yards, and Wylie tallied four carries for 29 yards and one touchdown.

Charlie Slaughter added 26 yards on three rushing attempts, Cody Edwards totaled 25 yards on four carries, and Mark Kestelot added four rushing attempts for 15 yards.

The Tigers totaled 350 rushing yards and 32 passing yards for a team total of 382 yards on the afternoon.

The defense held the Longhorns in check giving up only 67 rushing yards and 75 passing yards for a team total of 142 yards for the game.

BRIEFS

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Flu shots available

The Brackettville Lions Club is sponsoring flu shots at the Fort Clark Springs Service Center. The clinic is for persons over 65 years of age and high-risk individuals. For more information call Mary Dixon at 563-2767.

Blood Drive Dec. 8

The Brackett High School Student Council and South Texas Blood and Tissue Center is having a blood drive Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To donate blood call Julie Bruce at 563-5965 or contact BHS at 563-2491.

4-H Horse Project

The Kinney County 4-H horse project group met Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Harris' Arena. Election of officers were held; Chairman, Hayley Harris; Vice-Chairman, Bailee Allen; Secretary, Summer Allen; Treasurer, Natasha Smith and Reporter, Korree Allen. The next meeting is Dec. 19.

EMS classes

EMS ECA classes began Nov. 30, at the EMS building. Due to funding problems, the classes were temporarily put on hold. Funding is now approved and classes are starting.

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Adult FCA meets

The Adult Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will meet Sunday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. at the Church of Christ located on North Ann Street.

There will be continued planning for the Christmas stocking and gifts project and discussion about participation in the gathering of provisions for a nursing home in Acuna. The meeting and membership is open to the community. For more information contact Carolyn Conoly at 563-3699 or Rhonda Marquardt at 563-5181.

Holiday Tour

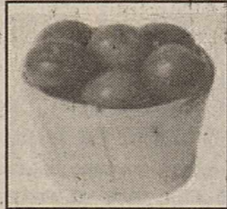


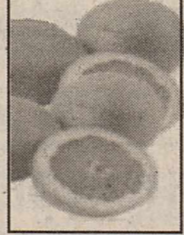



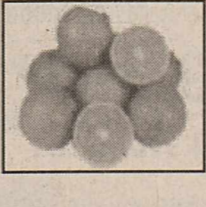


The Kinney County Arts Council invites the public to the 2004 Holiday Home Tour Dec. 12, 2 to 5 pm. Featured are the homes of Donieta and Larry O'Keefe, Phyllis and Les Meyer, and historical Stagecoach and the Pony Express Stop owned by Barbara and Neal Simmons.

A \$5 donation goes to the Kinney County Arts Council. Tickets are available at the FCS Adult Center, any Council member, or call Sharon at 563-9096. **'Cavalry Brigade'**

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