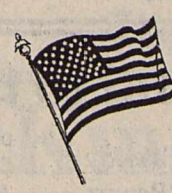


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### BRIEFS

#### KARE meeting in Hunt Library

Parent Alert: KARE For your Kids meeting is at Brackett ISD Hunt Library tonight at 5:30. This gathering is for parents, grandparents and caregivers of children ages birth to pre-kinder.

Come join us for a presentation of ideas and opportunities to prepare your children - yes, even babies - for their school experience.

It's never too early to begin enriching their lives with books and language to ensure success in school. Come register for our 2x2 Reading Program.

Each participant will receive a free book for their child along with other important information and resources.

Door Prizes will be awarded. Sandwiches, dessert and drinks will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Bring your babies with you. Child care will be provided for toddlers and other children.

This meeting is sponsored by the Kids Advance with Reading Enrichment program funded by the Literacy Through School Libraries Grant and Brackett ISD.

We KARE about your kids and you!

#### Cavalry Brigade musters Dec. 3

With "gee hahs" and "gee-ups", volunteers of the Cavalry Brigade are gearing up for the month "clean-up on For Clark Saturday, Dec. 3.

Shafter Hall is assigned as the mustering assembly station at 9 a.m. Troopers will be cheered to learn of new details added that will test their artistic aptitudes. The chefs are also preparing a "mystery" menu that is more than palatable, but downright scrumptious.

All volunteers are welcomed and regardless of physical limitations, training will match abilities. What better pay than "free" lunch, great fun and superlative fellowship?

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#### Smith

"It's not about me anymore is it?" Rick asked Jordan remained silent for a few moments praying for the words that would give Rick some answers. Finally he responded, "No Rick, it's not about you anymore. You're having a hard time imagining a universe where you aren't the center."

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## Holiday shooting leaves one in hospital, another arrested

Following the Thanksgiving Holiday, one man is in the hospital, the other in jail.

According to Kinney County Sheriff Leland "Buddy" Burgess, Jose J. Garza Jr., 36, of Brackettville is in the Kinney County jail charged with Aggravated Assault with a deadly weapon.

Burgess noted that Garza is being held on a \$30,000 bond. Burgess said that on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at the

300 block of Beaumont Street, Garza shot Tony Sanchez, 40, of Brackettville, in the right knee with a 12-gauge shotgun. Investigators say two shots were fired.

"We believe the first one went into the ground," Burgess said. "The second shot was to Sanchez' knee.

"He (Garza) must not have been more than 25 feet away," Burgess added. Sanchez was airlifted to Uni-

versity Hospital, where he is listed in stable condition. On Monday, Nov. 28, Sanchez was in surgery, where "doctors are attempting to save his leg," according to Burgess.

Burgess did not know what the incident stemmed from, but alcohol was involved.

Burgess also noted that Garza is on community supervision following a second degree felony in 2001 on a drug charge.

## Border Patrol rescue Honduran national

Del Rio - On Nov. 21, a local rancher in Dimmit County contacted Border Patrol Agents from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Del Rio Sector to report a potentially ill illegal entrant on his ranch.

Agents responded and located a 25-year-old male who was unresponsive and semi-conscious.

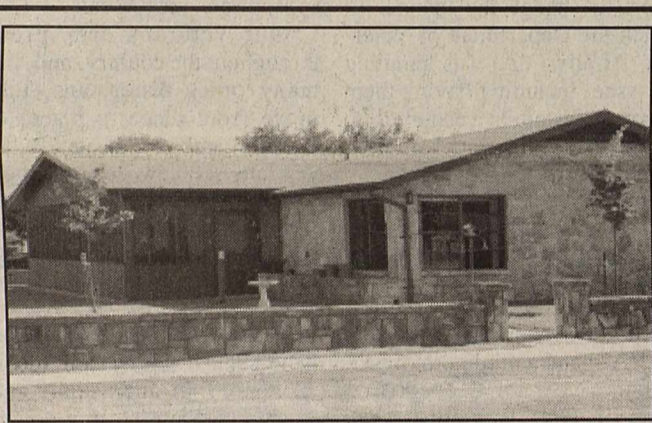
Emergency Medical Services were contacted and advised of the man's condition.

He was then transported to the Dimmit County Memorial

Hospital where physicians determined he was suffering from severe hypothermia and extreme dehydration.

The man was later transported to Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, for further treatment. The Border Patrol makes every effort to prevent injury or death of persons entering the United States.

During Fiscal Year 2005, which ended Sept. 30, 2005, Del Rio Border Patrol Sector agents rescued 72 people from life threatening situations.



Brackett News photo by Pam Hale

## KCAC Christmas Homes Tour Dec. 11

The Kinney County Arts Council features Jim and Sandee Ressiman's home this week. Their home is one of five homes to be included in the tour on Dec. 11th.

The Ressiman's home was first occupied in January 1983. The rooms consist of an

open great-room that include living, dining and kitchen areas, with more than ample cabinet and storage space. The Western/Native American motif enhances the display of Lionel trains running through two rooms and a leather crafting art studio.

## Community Unity Dec. 11; volunteers sought

Rev. Jean Reardon FUMC Pastor

The Annual Community Unity Christmas Program, sponsored by the Kinney County Church Alliance will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Kinney County Civic Center from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

This event, generously supported by many local businesses and individuals, is offered free to the community as an opportunity to reflect on the true

meaning of Christmas.

Your support is needed in many ways.

Monetary donations are welcomed. Brightly decorated boxes containing donation envelopes can be found in many prominent locations around the community. Checks can be made payable to Gateway Ministries or to any church that participates in the KCCA.

Be sure to note that your check is for Community Unity

Program.

Volunteer workers are also needed from now through clean up on Dec. 12. Many people are needed to make this event a success.

Committees are currently being formed. The Smile Patrol (greeters) is being led by Mary Martin and she can be contacted at 563-2239.

Don and Anita Smith will head the Intercessory Prayer Committee, the Smiths can be

reached at 563-5323.

The Technical Committee will be chaired by Bob Corey (563-2121) and Bruce Trautwein (563-5556). Susan Moore will be coordinating the Entertainment Committee and her husband Rendall will lead the Woodworking Committee, both can be reached at 563-2444.

The decorations will be lead by Charlotte Corey (563-2121).

The Food Court, Transportation, Promotions, Crafts Security and Clean-up Committees all are in need of leaders.

If you are interested in participating, contact the Coreys at 563-2121 or the designated chairperson.



Brackett News photo by Leigh Volesko

#### IN THE ARMY NOW

Marci Resendez, left, takes a moment to hug Valerie Terrazas goodbye as she prepares to leave for basic training. Valerie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Terrazas, Sr. She is currently at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and expected to graduate Army Basic Training in February 2006 and will then study to be a topographic analyst. The recent graduate of Brackett High School will serve her country for four years and will receive \$71,000 from the Army College Fund. She was also given a \$15,000 signing bonus.

## Council hosts special called meeting tonight

Brackettville City Council is hosting a special called meeting tonight at 6 p.m. in the City Annex on U.S. 90 west.

Following citizen's communications and council's communications, the council will go into executive session for discussion of personnel.

According to the agenda released by city hall, discussion of personnel includes the employment of two utility clerks and one maintenance employee.

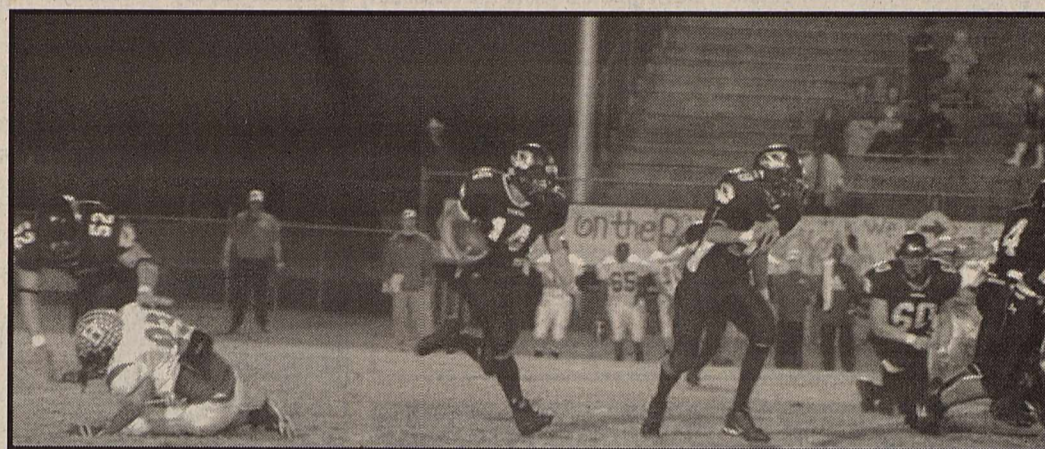
The council will also discuss the evaluation of city employee

Teno Flores.

Following executive session, the council will reconvene.

Its then that the council will consider possible action on items regarding employment of two utility clerks and one maintenance employee as well as possible action regarding the employment of Flores, this action item may include termination.

Following the possible actions, City of Brackettville Mayor Joe N. Garza, along with council members could provide comments.



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The Tiger's running back Brand Wylie (14) runs the ball with Tiger teammate Joey Castillo (58) during Friday's playoff game against Bremond. The Tigers end another successful year as District Champions and Area Titleholders.

## Tigers end another successful year Bremond stops Brackett 28-7

The Fighting Tigers ended another successful Football year with a record of 10-2, a District Title and an Area Win.

Throughout the year, the Tigers tangled with Center Point, Sonora, Nueces Canyon, Leakey, Rocksprings, Blanco, D'Hanis, La Pryor, Sabinal and Charlotte.

The Tigers beat all but one - Sonora, and that was a very close game.

On Nov. 25, BHS faced off against Bremond, but came up just short of the area title 28-7.

Bremond now goes on to face Chilton, who defeated Shiner last week. Shiner was last year's 1A State champs.

In Friday's game, Miles Braesicke rushed for 96 yards and scored the Tiger's touchdown.

Also, Robert Davis rushed for 54 yards for the Tigers.

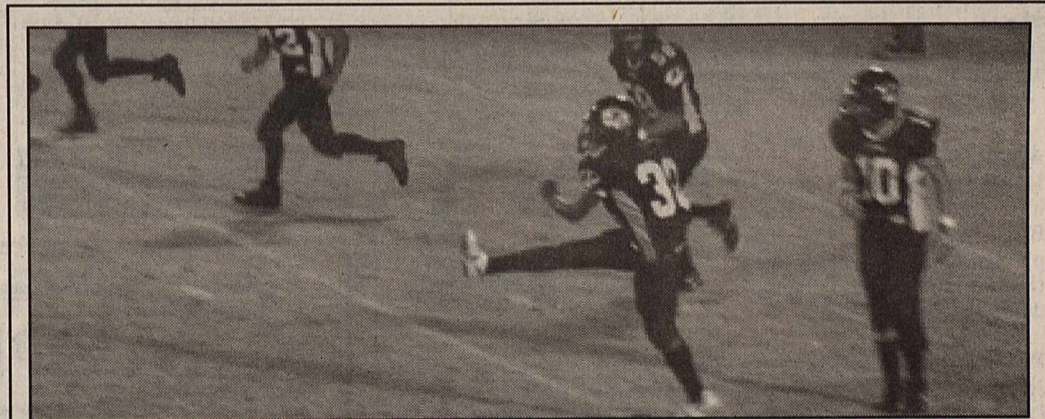
"The

kids played hard, we just couldn't pull it out," Voyles said.

"I am very proud of all of the players. We went a lot further than a lot of people thought we would."



VOYLES



Brackett News photo by Pam Hale

#### IN ACTION

Look in next week's Brackett News edition to see if your favorite Tiger made the All-District list. According to Athletic Director Greg Voyles, the All-District Team will be published next week. In top photo, Jacob Schroeder shows off why the Tigers are expected to dominate this year's All-District team.

## RGEC hosts blood drive

"I believe there are angels among us, sent down to us from someone above. They come to you and me in our darkest hours. To show us how to live, to teach us how to give. To guide us with a light of love."

These are words from "Angels Among Us", a song by the popular country group Alabama.

We believe there are angels among us here in Brackettville, too. In fact, we're counting on it!

Rio Grande Electric Co-op will be hosting a pre-holiday blood drive Dec. 9, in front of the Co-op.

South Texas Blood and Tis-



knowledge that each pint of blood donated could save as many as four lives this holiday season.

Prior to donation, you will be given a "mini-physical" consisting of a pulse, temperature, blood pressure and iron-level check.

You will also receive your overall cholesterol test results and blood type by mail.

Typically, the holidays are a time of great need for blood, and it's often in short supply. Please find the "angel" in you, and join us Dec. 9.

For more information, call the Co-op at 830-563-2444, and ask for Cathy.

## Lending a helping hand to those in need

The holiday season is upon us, and what a wonderful time it is to spend with family and loved ones reliving old memories and making new ones.

While we cherish these special moments, we should not forget about those among us who are not as fortunate.

All around our communities are hard working folks who, because of unfortunate circumstances, cannot stretch their paychecks for enough food for themselves or their families. Setting aside a portion of your afternoon or weekend to assist those less fortunate than us could make a huge difference — especially in this holiday season.

This country was built on individualism, which includes an individual's responsibility to his or her neighbors. Part of this responsibility is to lend a hand to a neighbor in their time of need. By giving a little of yourself, you not only empower your neighbor, but you also make your community stronger and



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

more united. There is perhaps no better example of people uniting and working for the common good of the community than in small towns in South and West Texas. In these small Texas towns people are naturally charitable. Texans haven't forgotten to make it a priority to give something back to our communities. And it's not like you don't have anything else to do.

You lead busy lives. You work, take care of families, go to church, coach little league, and yet still make the time to volunteer.

Many people think heroes are the people who beat the odds and achieve the impossible. But the

people who do succeed against the odds aren't the only heroes. America is full of them.

Heroes are the people who not only recognize that the world is full of need, they do something about it. They get up in the morning and decide they are going to do something to make their community a better place.

There is nothing more satisfying than helping an impoverished child learn to read or delivering a good, hot meal to an elderly grandmother.

Not only do you bring smiles to the faces of those you volunteer to help, but you get a warm feeling in your heart that lasts a long time.

The opportunities to help are boundless.

If you're not involved, get involved. Make the decision to just do it.

Whether it's stopping along the highway and picking up trash, or organizing a fundraiser to donate money to charity.

You can make a difference. And to those who are already doing it, a hearty thank you.

Giving to those in need around us, helping our neighbors, and assisting those with special needs — that is the true meaning of the holiday season.

## Thanking soldiers for their Gift of Freedom and Security

Thanking Soldiers for their Gift of Freedom and Security

The most pleasant warmth of the holidays is that generated by gathering with family and friends.

During these respites, we have a chance to reflect on and appreciate all that we work for and all the freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

When you are making the finishing touches on that perfect pie, listening to holiday music or sitting back to watch a football game, take a moment to remember all our veterans who have labored and sacrificed to make our prosperity and freedom possible.

Also remember those who are overseas right now, in harm's way, so that we can gather in freedom and safety. By aiding the people of Iraq and Afghanistan in establishing new, successful democracies, they are securing a safer future for us.

Our soldiers deserve the very best from us. In the Senate, I have devoted a substantial portion of my work to ensuring that we fulfill our pledge to take care of our fighting men and women.

I serve as chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs. I make a special point of examining areas in which the proper care of our veterans may have been overlooked and seeing to it that those issues are addressed.

After the first Gulf War, thousands of our soldiers began to show symptoms that did not fit the diagnosis for a traditional illness.

A federal panel claimed that most of the veterans were suffering from stress.

This conclusion did not sit right with me or many of our veterans, so I spearheaded an effort to change the manner in which the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) was handling the issue, including having them devote substantial resources to investigating the matter in more detail.

Further research suggested that some veterans' illnesses actually may have been caused by exposure to sarin nerve gas or other toxic substances. I sponsored a provision that mandates the VA spend a minimum of \$15 million a year for the next five years on a Gulf War Illness research.

We also consolidated this research at UT Southwestern in Dallas, where Dr. Robert Haley



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

published the first breakthrough study suggesting a link between exposure to nerve gas and Gulf War Illness.

Work like this is an important part of our duty to our veterans.

Caring for soldiers' mental health is a vital part of ensuring that they enjoy the freedom for which they fought.

I learned that the VA was not using its resources in this area efficiently. The doctors who research and treat soldiers' mental illnesses are dispersed throughout the country, with little structure to focus their efforts.

We need to establish Centers of Excellence that develop experts on particular issues.

Other facilities need to reach out to these Centers of Excellence to benefit from their research.

And, when a patient has a particularly complex issue, the other facilities need to be able to refer that patient directly to the Center of Excellence whose experts are most adept at understanding new problems.

I recently persuaded the Congress to pass a bill requiring just that, developing Centers of Excellence in mental health, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, prosthetics and diabetes care.

This bill specifically designates the Waco health facility as a "Mental Center of Excellence" and directs the VA secretary to support it and other centers with appropriate resources.

Our veterans are spread throughout the country, and, like many other Americans, they move from place to place, on vacation and to relocate. When veterans see new doctors, those doctors need to know patients' previous medical histories and have access to other records like CAT-SCANS, x-rays and blood tests.

When they need urgent care, doctors must know their medical history in an instant; and patients may not be in a condition to communicate that information to doctors themselves.

With this in mind, we had started to set up a digital recordkeeping system that can be accessed by VA doctors anywhere in the country.

Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf during the early stages of this new digital system, forcing thousands of veterans to leave their homes around New Orleans and travel hundreds of miles.

When these displaced veterans found themselves away from home, doctors in other VA facilities were able to access many of their patients' old tests and other records via a computer network set up in Houston.

Based on its initial success, my subcommittee has decided to move forward with a full-scale project, allocating \$50 million to develop this initiative.

Before long, doctors will no longer need to perform duplicative tests, such as CAT-SCANS that were already performed elsewhere, and they will not need to pester veterans to repeatedly fill out the same information about their medical history.

In the long run, this new system will provide better care while saving veterans frustration and taxpayers money.

These are just a few of the ways that we are working on your behalf to fulfill our duty to those who have been so devoted to our country.

Still, there are important ways we need to thank our soldiers beyond this work.

There are a multitude of ways to show your appreciation. When you see men and women in uniform at the airport or out shopping, you can make a special point to say, "Thank you for your service."

When you see a soldier behind you in a line, you can ask him or her to please go ahead of you.

But, do not forget that taking 10 minutes to express your thanks in writing is often the most meaningful way to let our soldiers know that you are truly grateful for the sacrifice they make.

So consider taking a few moments to send a direct thank you to our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan or to their families.

It is especially important to remember the families of fallen soldiers. Describe to them some of the good things in your life which you know ultimately are secured by their sacrifice.

I work hard for all of us to make sure the Senate does right by our soldiers, but to thank them properly takes personal action by all of us.

Here are a few links to get you started:

- § www.anysoldier.com
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- § operationhomefront.net

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# Let the holiday games begin JV Tigerettes on winning streak

Ready or Not, the fun and games have begun. Huh?

Definition of Fun: Everyday filled with decorating, cleaning, baking, addressing Christmas greetings, planning family and friend get togethers. Definition of Games: Making lists, checking them twice for things to do and gifts to buy, finding just the right gifts at the right price, finding time to do all that you want to do. As you know the list could go on and on. So much to fit into an already overflowing

schedule.

Today, I want to share some tips "one size fits all" and are affordable for everyone.

1. Make it top priority to get a good night's sleep. Don't short change your rest needs.
2. Make time each day to relax for at least 10 minutes. Sit down with a refreshing drink; listen to music; read or simply close your eyes and daydream.
3. Take a short walk. That's right! It not only stretches the legs, it relaxes tension due to



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

help in accomplishing the holidays extra chores. If not possible, it helps to take frequent short "time-outs."

With the sharing of these tidbits of advice, I want to wish each and everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Never let us forget whose birthday we are celebrating this month and his teachings of love, giving of self and kindness. Don't leave Christ out of Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

exercise. But also you're away from the source of the tension.

4. Don't demand perfection in all things from yourself or others.
5. Involve your family to

## winning streak

Brackett's Junior Varsity girls basketball team is on a roll, beating Comstock and Nueces Canyon. On Monday, Nov. 21, the Tigerettes were host to the Comstock Lady Panthers. The Tigerettes dropped Comstock 33-25.

Tigerettes taking to the court included Jessie Jones, Bianca Terrazas, Capri Creech, Chaito Sanchez, Ashley Stephenson, Sam Moore, Summer Allen, Meghan Davis, Haley Harris, Natalie Aguirre, Bianca Martinez, Whitney Gum and

Meldrid Vara. "The Girls showed improvement from their first game," Coach B. Schroeder said. "Fundamentals still are the key and need to be continually emphasized. We need to get back to the basics and work on our free throws." That advice seems to be working. The JV Tigerettes spanked the Nueces Canyon Lady Panthers 30-8 on Tuesday night. Captains for Tuesday's included Harris and Gum. The JV Tigerettes head to Carrizo Springs for a JV Tournament.

### OBITUARIES

#### Willie Jo Bitter Dooley March 15, 1908 - Nov. 21, 2005

Willie Jo Bitter Dooley entered final rest on November 21, 2005, after 97 years of vigorous life.

She was born Willie Jo Tiller on March 15, 1908, in Prairie Lea, Texas, to parents W.J. and Annie Tiller, joining brothers Ullie, Allie and Nellis, and sisters Lula, Lona and Cora. Willie Jo attended college at the Normal College (now Texas State University) in San Marcos, Texas, studying music and becoming a proficient pianist.

She loved ballroom dancing her entire life, was very active with the Delphians and other social organizations, and participated in the 1926 Battle of Flowers Parade on a float designed with her friends.

Willie Jo married Clarence A. Bitter of Brackettville, Texas, in 1927. She bore one son in 1929.

Shortly after the beginning of World War II, the family moved to San Antonio.

In 1956, Willie Jo and Clarence built a building which is currently home of the Antler

Cafe in Bulverde.

Widowed in 1969, she worked as an Scrivener's associate for three years. In 1972, Willie Jo married ranchman Ogen D. "Buster" Dooley of Brackettville, Texas.

Widowed again in 1984, she continued living alone on the ranch until moving to The Inn at Los Patios in San Antonio at the age of 95.



Willie Jo was a vivacious, energetic, generous, loving and caring lady to the end, and a mother beyond superb.

Willie Jo is survived by one son, Clarence Jo (C.J.) Bitter and wife Christine of Cedar Hill Texas;

grandson James Bitter and fiancée Linda Strickland of Adkins, Texas; granddaughter Bunny Heiligmann and husband Howard of Georgetown, Texas; grandson David Bitter and wife Sharon with great-grandchildren Kelsey and Blake of Double Oak, Texas; nieces Florence Elam, Margaret Ann Thompson and husband Tommy, all of San

Antonio; nephew Bobby Tiller and wife Dorothy of San Antonio, great-nephews Richard Jewett and Ed Jewett and wife Doris of San Antonio; and a large extended family including Pedro Salas and Albina Castillo of Brackettville and many others who lovingly called her "Grandma."

Visitation was Friday, November 25 at Sunset Funeral Home and Memorial Park, 1701 Austin Highway. A memorial service followed.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association or a charity of choice.

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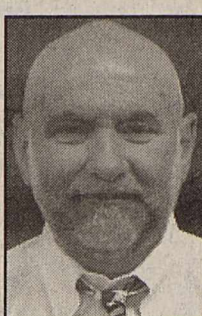
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### SHERIFF'S REPORT

#### Monday, Nov. 21

12:18 a.m., A man called 911 and reported two individuals throwing bottles outside their truck on Highway 90 headed westbound. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was advised, as well as the Val Verde Sheriff's Department.

10:34 a.m., A Border Patrol Agent reported an 18-wheeler was broken down on Highway 90 and requested a wrecker.

1:16 p.m., A security company reported an alarm at 201 E. Spring St. Deputy Ring was informed of the situation and en route to the location. Ring noted everything at the location was secure.

7:25 p.m., A woman reported that her brother was being harassed by a person and his family. She noted her brother was on his way to the family's residence. Deputy Gutierrez was notified and en route.

7:47 p.m., A deputy from Maverick County reported a motor vehicle accident on Highway 277. They stated the vehicle was about 70 to 75 feet into a field and went through a fence. Deputy Gutierrez requested a wrecker, no injuries were reported.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 22

2:24 p.m., Henry Villanueva, 20, of Del Rio, was arrested for Driving with a License Invalid. He was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley and released on bond.

2:45 p.m., Scott Robert Neubauer, 21, of Katy, Texas, was arrested for Failure to Appear - Possession of Marijuana. He was arrested by Constable Bobby Guidry.

2:40 p.m., A member of Fort Clark Security reported that a woman said she could not find her daughter. Details were asked and the only information they got was the woman's last name and that she lived in Unit 1. Deputy Kenneth Frietag was notified. Frietag noted the child was six-years-old and at the next door neighbor's home.

4:20 p.m., A dispatcher from the Val Verde Sheriff's Office reported a reckless driver running vehicles off the road on Highway 90, east of Del Rio,

heading to Brackettville. Deputy Frietag was notified of the situation.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 23

3:40 p.m., A Border Patrol officer reported that a vehicle was running people off the road. Deputy Frietag was notified of the situation.

8:23 p.m., A woman called to report that she almost hit a vehicle that was parked on the shoulder with no back lights. Deputy Gutierrez was notified and helped move the vehicle from the roadway.

8:39 p.m., A woman reported that a vehicle on the side of the road was driving slow with a spotlight. She figured it would be someone hunting. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.

#### Thursday, Nov. 24

8:58 p.m., Jose J. Garza Jr., 36, of Brackettville, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was arrested by Deputy Ron Ring and at presstime was still in custody.

#### Friday, Nov. 25

3:49 a.m., A caller to 911 reported a one-vehicle accident on Highway 90 West. No injuries were reported. Deputy Ring was notified of the situation. Ring reported no one was around the vehicle and looked as if the driver hit a deer, which landed on top of the vehicle.

#### Sunday, Nov. 27

11:55 a.m., A caller reported she was having problems with her neighbors and wanted to talk to a deputy.

12:02 p.m., Deputy Manny Pena reported he was en route to the border patrol checkpoint for a possible kidnapping.

3:39 p.m., A woman reported a child on a 4-wheeler and that she was afraid that the dogs might chase her and cause her to fall off the 4-wheeler or cause her to get hurt. Deputy Ring was notified of the situation.

9:08 p.m., A woman reported that she thought her neighbors were using drugs and wanted to speak to a deputy. Deputy Gutierrez was notified of the situation.

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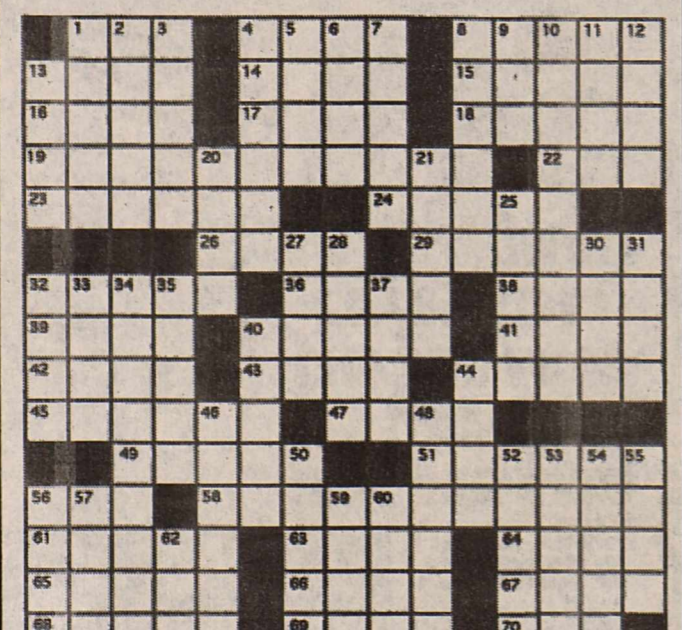
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 8 Red card  
 13 Slightly used auto  
 14 Expansive  
 15 Tree  
 16 Solar disk  
 17 This: Sp.  
 18 Pacific island group  
 19 On \_\_\_ in suspense  
 22 Ending for orific or cynic  
 23 Passions  
 24 Lindbergh or Earhart  
 26 Close  
 29 Lived in an aerie  
 32 Hot under the collar  
 36 Singing bird  
 38 Give a ticket to  
 39 Feast  
 40 Carries  
 41 Prefix

for room or chamber  
 42 Being: Sp.  
 43 Musical instrument  
 44 Egged on  
 45 Schedule  
 47 Female animals  
 49 Out of the way  
 51 Reddish-brown colors  
 56 Perform  
 58 Doctors for oldsters  
 61 Word with song or park  
 63 Flirtatious look  
 64 Landers' opponents  
 66 One who speaks about the future  
 67 \_\_\_ Clesen; "Little House on the Prairie" role  
 68 Tip over  
 69 Common

Latin abbrs.  
 70 Baseball's Mel  
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 2 Correct a text  
 3 Lone  
 4 Ranger's confidant  
 4 Opposed  
 5 Whip  
 6 Regarding  
 7 Bend down  
 8 Troublesome situation  
 9 Guido's high note  
 10 Confessing  
 11 Old cars  
 12 Public vehicle  
 13 Information  
 20 Harbor fier  
 21 Pains in the neck  
 25 Crowded award  
 27 Lily plant  
 28 Appraised  
 30 Ending for marion or cigar  
 31 Accomplishment  
 32 Brainstorm  
 33 Piece of jewelry  
 34 Long-tongued creatures  
 35 Young people  
 37 Change the decor  
 40 Commerce  
 44 Consumer  
 46 Abridgment  
 48 Organic compounds  
 50 Lacking smoothness  
 52 Item with keys & strings  
 53 Small land mass  
 54 Like Pisa's tower  
 55 Modern jets: abbr.  
 56 Aleutian island  
 57 Word with park or lamb  
 59 "\_\_\_ a Kick Out of You"  
 60 Mr. Guinness  
 62 One of 3 funny men



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

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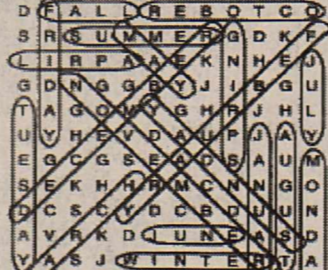
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1. April	11. May
2. August	12. Monday
3. December	13. November
4. Fall	14. October
5. February	15. Spring
6. Friday	16. Summer
7. January	17. Sunday
8. July	18. Thursday
9. June	19. Tuesday
10. March	20. Winter



**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You need to maintain your professional decorum at work. Leave what's happening at home right where it belongs. Later in the week, you sort things through successfully.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Money is an issue this week between you and your mate. You're upset at what you see as undue holiday extravagance. Relax; things get better after the New Year.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) No one can take advantage of you without your permission. Stop letting that certain co-worker get over on you. Once you put your foot down, you gain the respect you deserve.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You're tied up in knots over the coming holidays. Don't push yourself so hard. Family members are ready and eager to pitch in.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A holiday bonus you'd been expecting is taken off the table. Instead of whining about it, readjust your budget. You counted too much on what you didn't actually have in hand.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Avoid the temptation to stick your nose into someone else's business. While you feel you have the solution for this person, it's taken as meddling. Focus on your own interests.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You overhear a conversation which isn't flattering to you. Avoid confronting the perpetrators. These are people who just love to indulge in malicious gossip.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You're all wound up as the week begins. Try to take a deep breath and prioritize. This weekend, you play catch-up.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your concentration is off this week. That's fine since everyone can have an off week. Co-workers are happy to come to your aid.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) While you have a very specific idea in mind concerning the holidays, family members aren't cooperative. Instead of dictating, get everyone's input. By week's end, you all come to a mutually satisfactory agreement.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Things aren't going as smoothly as you'd like, both at work and at home. Ride out this rocky time. Some around you are just a bit over-wrought and need to work it through.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You're a bit insecure in the romance department. Try not to force the issue. This could have the opposite effect you want.

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# The Matador I never really grew up King of the Jews

In South America there grows a strange species of vine known as the "matador."

Roughly translated, the Spanish word "matador" means "killer," and this little plant has certainly earned that name.

The matador begins its life growing at the foot of a tree. At first it looks like a harmless little plant. But as it grows, the matador relentlessly winds its way around the tree and makes its way to the top, slowly strangling the tree. When the matador reaches the tree's top, it sends forth a flower, as if it is crowning itself. Many habits in our lives are very much like the matador. Left unchecked, any one of them can slowly entangle our lives and render us helpless. It usually starts slowly.

A little lust here, a small indiscretion there, then a little white lie to hide the sin. Before we know it, we are strangled by the habit that once seemed so harmless. None of us set out to ruin our lives through a sinful habit. The person who loses their spouse and family because of an addiction to pornography doesn't do so on purpose.

The man whose family no



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**Nathan Lafrenz**

longer trusts him because of anger or infidelity, never puts this on his goal sheet. The woman who depends on alcohol just to get her through the rigors of life didn't decide ahead of time that it would be a good idea to become an alcoholic. No, these habits form gradually, and they subtly entangle our lives.

We are usually not even aware we have a problem until we have done significant damage to ourselves or to the ones we care most about. These consequences are like the matador's flower—they bloom to our disgrace. Is there some "vine" of a habit winding its way into your life right now? Ask God to identify it, cleanse you of it, and forgive you. Then prayerfully make it your purpose never to return to that habit again.

This would make a good Advent practice for each of us.

"It's not about me anymore is it?" Rick asked Jordan remained silent for a few moments praying for the words that would give Rick some answers. Finally he responded, "No Rick, it's not about you anymore. You're having a hard time imagining a universe where you aren't the center." Rick looked at Jordan trying to process what he heard. Finally Rick smiled. "You know," he said laughingly, "every time I come here for counseling I get more questions than answers."

"You're right Rick," Jordan answered. "Let's see if we can find some answers." Jordan thought for a minute. "If your life is not the center of the universe anymore, then who or what is?" Rick pondered the question. "I think I know the answer to that, at least in my mind. "But it's really hard to turn it into new thinking and action. I know in my head that God has to be first, Amy and the kids next. I'm down the priority list. But when something comes up it seems like I always go back to thinking about myself. Give me an example," Jordan said. "Like when Amy told me I couldn't expect to go home and live with her when I get out," Rick said. "It's like, who does she think she



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is treating me like that. I don't think about her and the kids, I think about myself. I don't think about their feelings, I think about my own feelings. It's always me, me, me." Jordan smiled. "You're beginning to answer your own question. Long ago a very wise man taught that reason should be the basis for every action, reflection and thought must come before you do anything? Your thoughts are rooted in your heart, and sends out four branches: good and evil, life and death, and the mistress of them is always the tongue (Sirach 37:16-18). St. Paul said that the answer to this dilemma is to take every thought into captivity to Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 10:3-5). So how do I do all that," Rick asked. Jordan responded. "Growing up, one of the important mental skills we learn is what is called in psychology, 'decentering'. Somewhere in the process of maturing, you missed that one."

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

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a lot of false notions going around about Heaven and who is going to be there and what it is going to be like. First, everyone who has rejected Christ Jesus and the things of God will never be allowed into Heaven, (Romans 1:18-20, Revelation 20:13-15 & 21:8). There will be a large number of people from



*Jerry Davenport*

**Brother J.**

every tribe and country and race, (Matthew 24:31) if they have ever accepted Jesus Christ

as Lord and Savior, (Hebrews 12:22-24). We will get new bodies and can enjoy the new heaven and earth, (Revelation 21:1).

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<b>RED APPLES</b> 55¢ lb. \$19.50 case	<b>GRANNY SMITH Green Apples</b> 65¢ lb. \$23.00 case	<b>GOLDEN DELICIOUS</b> 59¢ lb. \$23.63 case
<b>PEARS</b> 55¢ lb. \$23.00 case	<b>RED GRAPFRUIT</b> 65¢ lb. \$24.50 case	<b>NAVEL ORANGES</b> 60¢ lb. \$21.50 case
<b>RUSSET POTATOES</b> \$1.69/10 lb.	<b>YELLOW ONIONS</b> 40¢ lb. \$15.50 case	<b>SWEET POTATOES</b> 40¢ lb. \$14.00 case

Pecans - \$2.09 lb.  
Walnuts - \$1.59 lb.  
Salted Peanuts - \$1.15 lb.

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ADOPTIONS

Note: It is illegal to be paid for anything beyond medical and legal expenses in Texas adoption.

PREGNANT? THINKING ADOPTION? Talk with caring people specializing in matching birthmothers with loving families...

ADOPT - A LOVING couple wishes to share their lives with your newborn. F/T mom, big sister, lots of love awaits.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

ALL CASH CANDY Route. Do you earn \$800 in a day? Your own local candy route. 30 machines and candy.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BENEFITS, 24 year old company expanding in Texas. FT/PT work from home.

DRIVERS WANTED

DRIVERS ARE YOU getting top 10 pay? Leading hometime? Van, Flatbed or Curtainside?

DRIVERS - NATIONAL FREIGHT needs YOU! New pay package - more freight - less sitting.

WE HAVE DRIVERS projected to earn \$83,000 this year! How much will YOU earn?

Answers to Crossword Puzzle
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EMPLOYMENT

JOB OPENING - CITY of Brackettville Maintenance Department - qualifications - preferred high school diploma or work equivalent.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE Development Council is accepting applications for the following position of Workforce Case Manager located at the Kinney Workforce Center to join our team.

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FOR RENT

RV 30 AMP site for rent. NW of Brackettville. 563-9525 or us68vet@yahoo.com.

FOR SALE

MOBILE HOME FOR sale. Extra nice - like new, 3 bdrm/2 baths.

HOT TUB 2005 Model. Neck jets, therapy seat. Warranty! Never used. Can deliver.

SAWMILLS FROM ONLY \$2,795.00. Convert your logs to valuable lumber with your Norwood portable band sawmill.

WOLFF TANNING BEDS. Buy direct and saving. Full body units from \$22 a month.

GARAGE SALES

YARD SALE DEC. 3, 306 E. Thomas. 8 a.m. - noon.

HOME BUILDERS

STOP RENTING! Yes, you too can build a new home. Low down. Low interest rate.

HOUSES FOR SALE

I'M MAD ... AT banks who don't give house loans because of bad credit, problems or new employment.

HOME FINANCING. GET pre-approved 100% loans or small down based upon your circumstances.

JOB TRAINING

CONSTRUCTION - TEXAS. LIKE to play in the dirt? Learn to operate Bulldozers, Excavators, Backhoes, and Skid-Steers in 4 weeks.

NOW HIRING FOR 2005 Postal Positions. \$18.50-\$59.00+/hr. Full benefits/paid training and vacations.

O'Rourke Realty

Paul & Elsa O'Rourke (830) 563-2713

BRACKETT - Ann St. Spacious 2 bed, den enclosed porch, 3 baths. \$40,000.

SALE/RENT - 3 bed, 2 baths. unfurnished, carpet, partially fenced.

UNIT 15 - 2 bed, 1 bath. furnished mobile home. Very inexpensive. Possible owner finance.

UNIT 3 - M. H. - 3 bed, 2 baths. 2 extra rooms added. 2 carports \$23,000.

UNIT 15 - Must sell, 3 bed. 2 baths, fenced yard, carport. Price reduced \$16,000.

UNIT 15 - 3 bed, 2 baths, spacious doublewide. \$38,000.

3 BED, 2 baths double-wide on golf course. \$61,000.

UNIT 38 - RV lot with utility connections. \$10,000.

SEVEN LOTS on Spring St. ourouke@the-1.net www.ourouker Realty.net

MISCELLANEOUS

CASSETTE TO CD only \$9.95. www.vintagesounds.biz. Locally owned and operated business.

EARN DEGREE ONLINE from home. Job placement assistance. Computer & financial aid if qualify.

REAL ESTATE

NEW MEXICO LAND liquidation. 140 acres - \$89,900. Beautiful ranch property in an unspoiled setting.

A BARGAIN - 75 Acres - \$34,900. Rolling hills, good brush, rock outcroppings. Trophy deer habitat.

50.45 ACRES, Southwest of Rocksprings. Native, exotic game, turkey, hogs, 5 deer county, heavy cover, \$895/acre, owner terms or TX vet financing.

WANTED

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department. Meetings are 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m.

LAS MORAS REALTY

DEBBIE TRANT / BARBARA VOSS 830-563-2997 104 A-E Spring

IDEAL FOR HUNTERS - 1995 River Valley mobile home, 3BR, 2BR, to be moved or continue to rent lot.

UNIT 14: Nice RV lot with travel trailer and room addition ready to occupy!

UNIT 3: 3/2 mobile home, large den addition, approx 1,600 sq. ft. wood stove, carport, REDUCED PRICE!

164 +/- Acres - North of Brackettville, large hunter's cabin, 3/2 mobile home, two wells and numerous barns. READY TO HUNT!!!!

Ranches and small acreage available. View listings: www.realestatetxkinneycounty.com

Tejas Properties Phyllis & Les Meyer 615 Hwy 90 EAST
BEAUTIFUL 3/2 with office in the Oaks, features an open living area, 2400+/- sf, abundant kitchen cabinets, Pella windows and doors, fenced backyard with covered patio and 3 decks, hot tub, and sprinkler system. Freshly painted and Ready For Move-In!!! \$179,500.00 www.Tejas-Properties.com

REAL ESTATE
Historic Home - 202 McClaine Single level, 2,580 sq.ft. - Extra large lot, 1.56 ac. - New hardwood floors. Requires seeing to appreciate. \$140,000.00. POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCE.
Log Cabin Manufactured Home (private lot) 2,000 sq.ft. covered front deck, 11' high ceilings, 4' replace. On 5.05 acres - Kinney County Ranch Estates.
Unit 7, Fort Clark Springs, Lots 17 & 18. 4BR, 2B, fenced yard and carport. \$66,000.
Commercial Property - 109 W. Spring St. Good Rental Location Call 563-2446.
Six Pastures - 725 +/- AC, 1170 +/- AC, 950 +/- AC, 440 +/- AC, 650 +/- AC, 525 +/- AC - priced to sell. Owner financing available.
110 Sunset, Lots 8 & 9, Unit 23, Fort Clark Springs. Main House, 2,540 sq. ft., 3BR, 2B, office/art room, 2 car carport, 2.3 acre. Guest house, 1,000 sq.ft., 2BR, 1 1/2 bath, shower, open kitchen, living area. RV pad. Large connecting patio. \$194,500.00
830-563-2446 Fax 830-563-2699
103 W. Spring St., Brackettville, TX 78832
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2005 F150 SUPERCREW XLT
2005 FREESTYLE SE 27 Miles Per Gallon
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