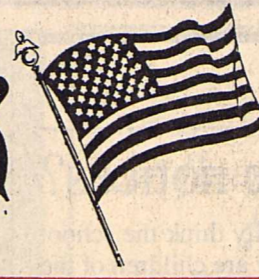


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## Briefs ...

### Second Edition of Christmas Tour of Homes coming soon

The Kinney County Arts Council will provide a great treat for area residents on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The second Edition of the Christmas Tour of Homes costs \$5, and you can tour through some of the nicest, best decorated homes in Brackettville.

Tickets will go on sale soon at The First State Bank, Fort Clark Springs and also from members of the Kinney County Arts Council.

The FCS Board of Directors has approved an open gate for folks who want to attend this gala event.

This year, there are six featured homes: Larry and Diana Walker, J.E. and Sondra Meil, Doug and Melissa Davis, Russell and Diana Hatch, Ben and Rozetta Pingenot and Clemmy and Pat McKelvey.

### Beta Sigma Phi has Thanksgiving Dinner

Members of Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met on Thursday evening at Slater Hall for their annual Thanksgiving dinner.

The traditional dinner was enjoyed by Vicki Bell and her son Doug from Detroit, Jan Chism, Patsy and Ken Callnan, Patsy's mother and friend, Nancy and Tony Frerich, Marge and Walt Geeze, Luella and Dwight Gilliland, Lou and Carl Green, Ann and Guy Hiblar, Betty Inman, Gaye and Roger Kurz, Jean Land, Clara and Alan McCord, Pat and Clem McKelvey, Alicia and Gil Raymer, Mylo and Dale Unruh, Molly Schroeder, and Bobbi and Pack Waddill.

The next regular meeting will be Monday.



The Voices perform at the annual Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday night at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. See related story, Page 2. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Punctured water line leaves Brackettville dry Thursday

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

The city of Brackettville was without water for about five hours on Thursday.

Contractors working on the city's newer sewer system punctured the city's main water line while working on El Paso Street last week.

"This was probably the first major problem we've had with the main (water line) that bad in Brackettville," City Manager David Luna said. "We were flooded with calls, but the staff handled it real well and so did the boys."

The water line was punctured just before noon on Thursday.

"Water was coming out of the ground," Luna said. "We let the water run because it was so close to noon. We didn't want the businesses and the restaurants to be without water right at noon because it was serving time."

"In the mean time, we were preparing to fix it. We dug so we could shut off valves. One of the valves

wasn't working, so we had to go to the location where the water was coming out of the ground, dig there and get some pumps to get the water to run from there into the drainage."

The city decided to cut off the water flow at 1:00 because of low pressure.

"The water tank, which holds 750,000 gallons, has four reams and the water was down to the last ream," Luna said. "When it gets that low, the motor constantly runs, so we had to shut off the whole town so we wouldn't burn out the motor."

City workers finished the repairs around 6:00 Thursday evening.

"After 6:00, we had to go all over town and flush the lines through the water hydrants to make sure that whatever dirt went in the lines came back out," Luna said. "That took another hour to hour and a half."

"We had about two hours of overtime for four people, and four hours of overtime on two more because they had to go open valves and shut valves on the hydrants."

## 16 Tigers make All-District team

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

The Brackett Tigers had 16 players earn honors on the 30-2A all-district football team, which was announced this week.

"Overall, I was very happy with the selections," Tigers coach Roy Rokovich said. "I thought we were well represented."

Steven Rodriguez of Dilley was the district's offensive most valuable player. Rodriguez was also the first team punter.

Natalia's Nick Mendez was selected as the first team quarterback and the place kicker was Gustavo Lozano from Comfort.

Earning first team honors at running back were Brackett's Jorge Rodriguez, Fabian Santos of Dilley, Dereck Syfert from Comfort, and Charlotte's Gary Vallejo.

"Jorge came in as a back-up fullback," Rokovich said. "We had some injuries and he stepped up and did a great job. He is an outstanding runner. I expect some great things from him next year."

First team wide receivers in-

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**Roy Rokovich**

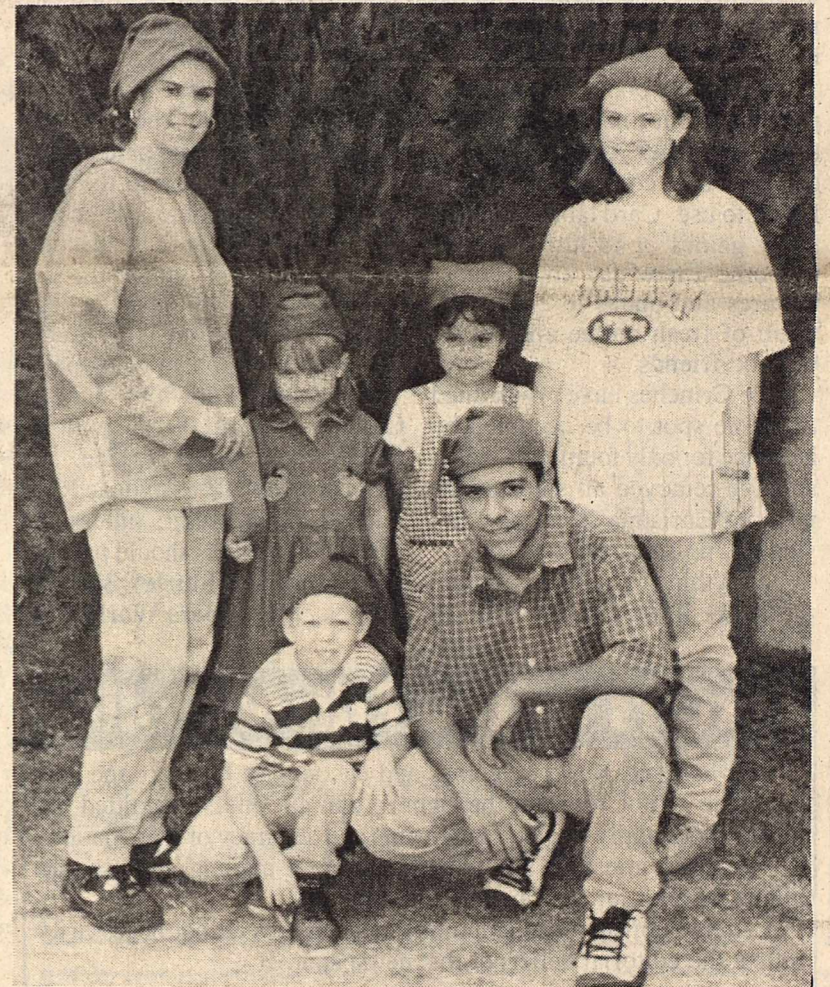
clude Brian Flores of Brackett, Joey Tijerina from Charlotte, and J.J. Neves from Dilley.

"Brian was real steady offensively all year long," Rokovich said. "He came up with some real big catches. He was real consistent. I'm glad we have him back for another year."

All-district tight ends on the first team were Brackett's Jose Gonzalez and Comfort's Kirk Wiedenfeld.

"Jose also had some big catches this year," Rokovich said. "He is one of our most improved players. He really came on as a consistent run blocker, and he also has great hands."

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Members of the Brackett High School Class of 1997 are currently selling tickets for Supper with Santa Claus. From left, Courtney Harrison, Michael Aguirre, Lindy La Mascus, little kid 1, little kid 2 and Austin Grubbs. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Sharp delivers November sales tax rebates

AUSTIN - John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, delivered a total of \$206.2 million in November sales tax payments to 1,083 Texas cities and 116 counties.

"Total city and county sales tax rebates year-to-date are 8 percent higher than those for the first 11 months of last year, as the Texas economy continues to clock along at a good pace," Sharp said.

Sharp delivered city sales tax rebates totaling \$190.5 million, 4.9 percent above the payments in November 1995 of \$181.5 million. Rebates of \$15.7 million to Texas counties were 2.1 percent below the \$16 million payments of November of last year.

This month's payments to Texas cities and

counties include taxes collected by monthly sales tax filers on September sales and by quarterly filers for July, August, and September, and reported to the Comptroller in October.

The city of Brackettville received \$5,169.71 in November, 16.4 percent more than the \$4,442.98 delivered to the city last November. Year-to-date payments to the city of Brackettville rose by 4.84 percent, from \$42,293.22 to this year's total of \$44,341.20.

Kinney County's sales tax rebate this month was \$2,628.70, which is up 19.7 percent from last year's payment of \$2,194.65. The county has year-to-date payments of \$27,098.37, which is 6.7 percent more than the \$25,403.34 delivered in the first 11 months of last year.

Kinney County Health Services' tax rebate this month was \$2,587.68, which is 17.8 percent higher than last year's November payment of \$2,196.15. Year-to-date payments for Kinney County Health Services is \$26,635.31, which is 3.2 percent higher than the \$25,805.83 received through the first 11 months of last year.

The city of Houston received \$26.8 million in November, 3.5 percent more than the \$25.9 million delivered last November.

The San Antonio sales tax rebate for November was \$9.9 million, up 3.6 percent from the November 1995 payment of \$9.5 million. Year-to-date, San Antonio received 5.9 percent more in local sales tax payments.

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## Cable advertising, affordable and effective

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

Have you ever been surprised to hear a local advertisement as you watch a television channel such as CNN?

A commercial such as this caught the attention of Bill Haenn

shortly after he had become the manager of Fort Clark Springs.

A few days later, he was talking to Jan Phillips, representative for Cable Time, the company which produces these commercials.

As a result, Cable Time re-

cently filmed a fifth commercial for Fort Clark Springs. Each production has been of high quality and has provided effective advertising for the Fort resulting in additional sales.

As program chairman for the Brackettville Rotary Club meeting Thursday, Haenn invited Phillips to speak to the group.

Phillips gave an overview of how Cable Time was started 10 years ago in the Rio Grande Valley and now has offices in 31 states, with corporate offices in College Station. It is geared to advertising in all markets but concentrates on the rural areas.

She went on to say that television advertising, particularly on cable, is surprisingly affordable because it is based on frequency. Costs are kept down also because the TV crews can move in and film a production focused on a particular business.

"Co-op dollars" can also keep cost down. These are matching funds made available by the manufacturers of a given product. For instance, if you own a hardware

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store, the manufacturer of some item like paint might provide half of your advertising cost or might even have pre-produced spots already for use on television.

The amount of co-op dollars you accrue depends on the inventory you handle over a year. You contact them and let them know you are planning to use the co-op dollars you have accrued.

With a pre-produced spot, your name and location are tagged onto it. You might even choose to take part in the spot yourself, which often proves very successful.

Phillips said it was important to target people who are most apt to use the product you want to advertise, but sometimes owners over-generalize and fail to recognize where the potential lies. Once you've decided on this, you choose

a channel which will be viewed by that particular audience.

Advertising is always helpful in drawing people to your business, no matter what medium you use. Business increases and employees take pride in working in an advertised business.

In fact, you might want to use a multiple media blitz. Once you have focused on one aspect, you widen your perspective. Spotlight other products. Choose additional channels to reach a larger and different group of viewers.

The advertiser should be ready for the people who come in and have sufficient inventory to satisfy demand.

Advertising brings in the business. Fort Clark Springs can attest to that.



Jan Phillips, left, of Cable Time, is welcomed to the Rotary Club meeting by program chairman Bill Haenn. Photo by Eric McMaster

## Editorial

### Who benefits from public notices?

When the Brackettville City Council named the *Del Rio News-Herald* the official newspaper of the city, they stated that they were unhappy with the news coverage they were receiving in *The Brackett News*.

Perhaps the city officials are unfamiliar with the First Amendment of the United States?

"So many times, we don't have our monthly coverage or our minutes in our meetings," Mayor Carmen M. Berlanga said.

What monthly meetings have not been reported in *The Brackett News*?

"For every resolution, for every ordinance, for every bid or any business city related, we have spent a fortune on ads," Berlanga said.

The city spent \$651 in 1995 and \$321 to date in 1996 for advertising in *The Brackett News*. Is that a fortune?

"I feel, personally, that a little more attention should be given to the city," the mayor continued. "It's been given widely to the school and to the county, but I feel like an orphan to the newspaper."

Is this a personal matter? Do you contact *The Brackett News* when you have a story idea?

Do you really think the school and the county are children of the newspaper?

Alderwoman Mary V. Flores said, "Every time I pick up the newspaper, I expect to see something that was discussed at the meeting and it is not there."

"I feel that if we're paying for something, we should get our services," she said.

Is the city paying for advertising or news coverage?

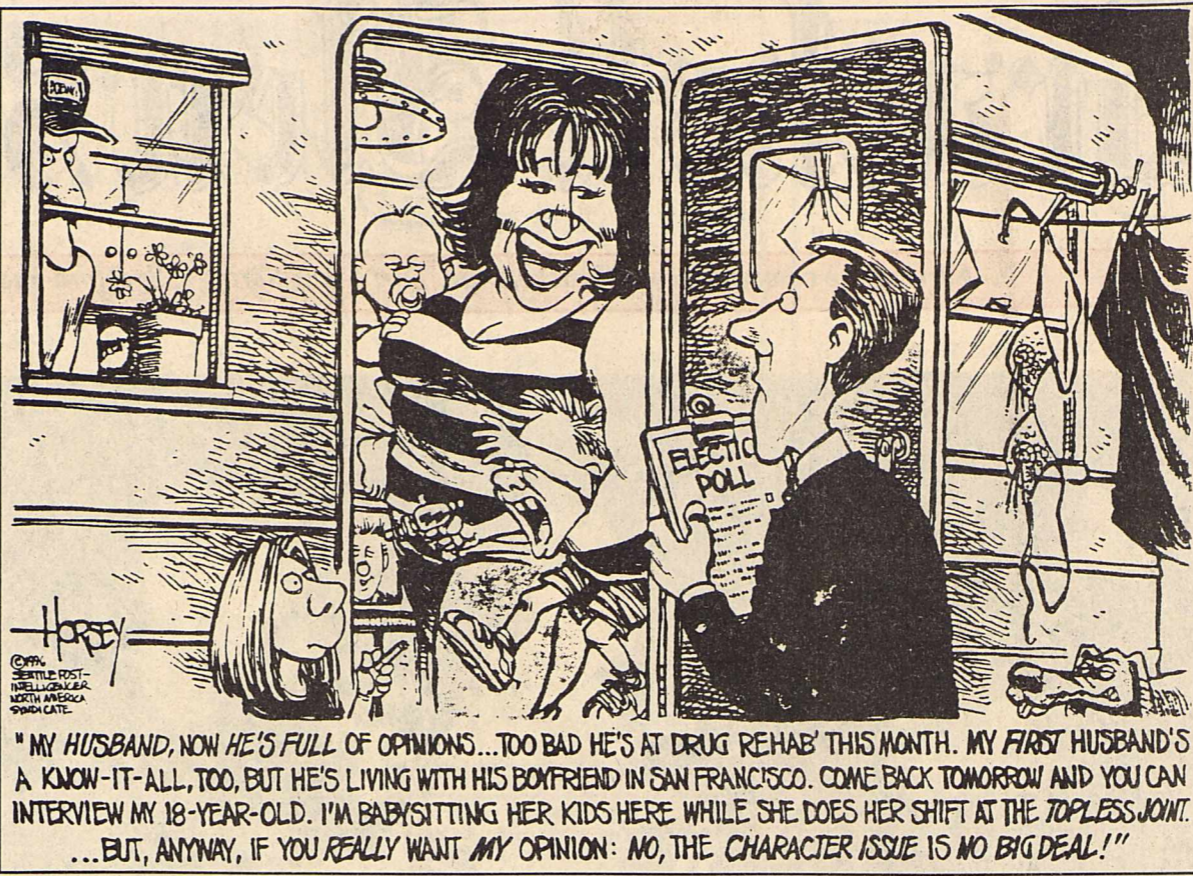
What did the city gain from taking this measure? Was it of a personal nature?

And what about the citizens of Brackettville? It affects you the most.

If the city was to announce a public hearing to raise your taxes, and the public notice of the hearing was printed in the *Del Rio News-Herald*, how many of you would read it?

Probably less than 100 citizens. According to the *News-Herald*, its daily circulation in Kinney County is approximately 120, which includes many readers who do not live inside of the city limits.

Of course, *The Brackett News* will continue to try and inform you of what's happening at City Hall, even if it requires buying the *Del Rio News-Herald*.



"MY HUSBAND, NOW HE'S FULL OF OPINIONS... TOO BAD HE'S AT DRUG REHAB THIS MONTH. MY FIRST HUSBAND'S A KNOW-IT-ALL, TOO, BUT HE'S LIVING WITH HIS BOYFRIEND IN SAN FRANCISCO. COME BACK TOMORROW AND YOU CAN INTERVIEW MY 18-YEAR-OLD. I'M BABYSITTING HER KIDS HERE WHILE SHE DOES HER SHIFT AT THE TOPLESS JOINT. ...BUT, ANYWAY, IF YOU REALLY WANT MY OPINION: NO, THE CHARACTER ISSUE IS NO BIG DEAL!"

## Thanksgiving Service a success

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service was, as usual, an outstanding service.

It seems that every time we hear the Voices they are better and better. Their contribution to the service made it a high light event.

When the Voices sang "How Great Thou Art," it drew attention in a mighty way how great God really is.

Pastors participating were Rev. Bill Adams, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church; Rev. Sharee Harris, pastor of The United Methodist Church; Rev. Gil Ash, pastor of First Baptist Church; and Joe Townsend, pastor of the Frontier Baptist Church.

### Between Us

By Joe Townsend



The host church was St. Andrews Episcopal Church and they did a marvelous job.

In addition to enjoying and appreciating the very worshipful sanctuary, a gracious time was enjoyed by all following the worship service.

The ladies served up a vast array of cookies, finger sandwiches, brownies, etc. The people of St. Andrews were exceedingly gracious.

The cold weather led many to stay at home by the heater but there was, nevertheless, a good representation from the several churches.

An offering was received and will be used to assist transient people going through town and in need of help.

It was a joyful experience pin pointing the faith of the community in God over the devotion to the particular churches.

## Letter to the Editor

### Grinches have changed the World

A popular spot on Fort Clark Springs was a very friendly and informative gathering place for old members and potential new members of Fort Clark Springs.

There were books to exchange, papers and information were available for everyone. A T.V., couches and comfortable chairs for all to use. Card tables used for many games or to just visit and welcome a new day and friends. Pictures and plants to enjoy, the smell of fresh coffee and smiles of good friends.

The Grinches have proclaimed this little spot to be occupied by an office for only four hours a day, so have removed all signs of the past, no Christmas tree, no carol singing, no spirit of good will.

Everything is gone and in it's place, we have a counter for an

office, a few spindle shelves in the center of the room, to replace our Christmas Tree, with a grand display of sewer hoses and porta poties, all in grand color.

The Grinches have saved Christmas after all. The T.V. was spared for use by the paid staff.

The world is open to the general public, so come one, come all and enjoy this spot. If discomfort should come and you need a restroom, you will find they are all locked and no one is allowed a key without a ransom being paid.

The world, known by some as Campers World FCS, will no longer exist. In it's place, the Grinches now have Bivouac R.V. Park to their credit, unless the spirit of Christmas should prevail.

Tom and Shirley Baldwin  
Campers World FCS

## Counting our blessings this Thanksgiving

By Henry Bonilla  
U.S. Congressman, 23rd District

It's funny, but it seems that when things are going your way, you tend to forget how you got there in the first place. Moving on can be the best thing sometimes. But other times, reflection is important too.

Each year on the fourth Thursday of November, Americans gather together with friends and family to celebrate Thanksgiving. This is the time when we all reflect on the many blessings we share as Americans.

First, we should give thanks for living in a free country ruled by people. A few Americans sometimes forget how fortunate we are to be a democracy. Here, the people rule by voting. This simple act is the most powerful tool a citizen could have. But recently, fewer and fewer people have bothered to vote.

It's ironic that at the same time many citizens around the world are struggling to emulate our democratic model, many American citizens are becoming more apathetic to the democratic process. While

everyone may not be satisfied with the choices, that choice is theirs to use or lose.

Another simple blessing often overlooked is America's free, prosperous economy. Unlike any other nation, America's spirit of individualism and independence has produced the world's top economy.

From the very first families who struggled to farm this country's rich soil to today's high-tech entrepreneurs, the pioneer spirit has propelled our nation to the forefront of discovery and exploration.

Finally, we should give thanks that today, America is at peace. Our military is recognized as the best in the world. We should pray that our leaders work to keep the morale of the armed services a top priority.

On this Thanksgiving Day, our hearts go out to the thousands of servicemen and women who will not be home with their families and friends.

Things are going our way here in America. But let's not forget how we got here. Many hard-working men and women led us to this point.

Let's focus on what we have this Thanksgiving Day and everyday. Democracy, prosperity, freedom and peace. That's a lot.

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Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

## Texans tune out trash TV

Many Texans are concerned that their children are exposed to too much violence and suggestive programming on TV. The average American child sees 100,000 acts of violence and 8,000 murders on television before leaving elementary school.

In my annual questionnaire, which your newspaper was kind enough to publish late last summer, I asked Texans, "Do you support efforts to encourage the entertainment industry to provide more family oriented television programs, especially during the early evening hours?"

A definitive 82 percent answered yes, they do support such efforts.

"We have to bring back morality to the television screen," one person wrote. "High moral values should be encouraged 24 hours a day, every day."

Many of you had some harsh things to say about television programming: "We are tired of smut on every show," "There is too much violence and battering," and, "Unfortunately, the family oriented programs that are on are not up to par."

One person wrote, "I would support such efforts, but let's worry more about violence than sex." But another said, "We have to cut the filth out."

A number of you expressed concern about government censorship, pointing out that is a legitimate function of the government to encourage wholesome television programming, but not to mandate what is broadcast.

One person wrote, "Encourage is the key word here, the government can't insist. And we shouldn't use taxpayer money to pay for this."

Another said, "Encourage, yes. But this should not be a regulatory function of the government. We've got enough of that already."

"Any hint of censorship must be avoided. Individuals should control their TV sets, not Big Brother," one reader said.

"There are too many mindless, ridiculous programs offered now. However, it is not the government's job to police or mandate programing style or content," another wrote.

Many others agree with this general theme: "I don't need the government to do this - I have an off switch on my TV, and I'm getting a lot more reading done," one person wrote.

Others said, "This is my responsibility as a parent. It's up to parents to monitor what their kids are viewing."

Other thoughtful readers responded, "The industry can, and sooner than later will, police itself. There is no need for further government involvement," and "I despise anti-family programming, but feel the free market should rule."

Yet another strict constitutional constructionist wrote emphatically, "Get the federal government out of unconstitutional meddling!"

One reader echoed that sentiment: "The government should stay out of the entertainment industry. All the government will accomplish is to complicate the issue without being really effective. Government already tries to regulate more than it can manage."

Finally, the question elicited a couple of answers I found to be sad commentaries on television programming at the end of the 20th century.

One mother wrote, "I strongly support such efforts to encourage wholesome programming, but I don't think it will do any good."

Another observed, "I really wish the industry would voluntarily concentrate on high quality family programming without any government urging."

I do, too.

**Smoke From Nakai**

By Nakai Breen

Aho, I will continue to talk about the Eagle:

Today when the Eagle is needed, there is a bank in New Mexico where the Eagles that have been killed or found dead are kept. Whom ever needs some feathers or any part of an Eagle can obtain it from this bank with a card that is issued from the Federal Government.

It is said that in the year 1890 one of the tribe members killed an eagle in defiance of this ordinance. It is said that he suffered real bad nightmares. He was haunted by dreams of fierce Eagles attacking him, swooping down and attacking his children. He had one last dream that a huge Eagle carried his son to the tallest tree to feed it's babies and the man had to fast and pray for weeks in the wilderness until finally he was exorcised of these dreams.

It has never been recorded on the winter calendar that an Eagle was ever captured and then killed. The Eagles were killed only in the late fall or early winter. After the crops were gathered and all the four legged animals were in their dens asleep for the winter. It was the belief that they too respected the Eagle. If the Eagle was killed in the spring the ice and frost would return and the sleeping ones would wake up very fierce. Before the chosen Eagle person would go find the Eagle, the people would have an Eagle dance. Then the Eagle man would set out to search for the Eagle in the mountain. He would go with only his bow and arrow.

Next week I will wrap up. With Sound Mind, Nakai

**Moncus' Meditations**

By MIKE MONCUS

**Unsaved Time**

I and others had traveled. First to "Promise Keepers" in Irving then to Lajitas between the Big Bend and Presidio. During this time of travel the time decided to take a turn backward, except if maybe you stepped over into Mexico, which is very likely to happen if you are so close to the Rio Grande.

Time for Americans sometimes does things you may not understand, especially twice a year. If you have studied cultures like those of most of the native Americans, you've probably read somewhere of their tendency to not be so linked to schedules that are regulated by wrist watches or clocks. Maybe deep inside my ancestral genes some of those tendencies prevail. Anyway, while visiting in Irving with over one hundred thousand men highly interested in Jesus Christ, time came to a point where it would fall back one hour. This means my body would continue to wake up each morning at the time it was use to waking and not really need to do it. Subsequently, I changed my time keeping devise and went on as if nothing really had changed. Afterwards, I spent a good four days in Lajitas, Texas where everyone moves slower and, it seems, happier. After my training on different ways to communicate and interpret park resources I returned to my home in Bastrop and the necessary evils of work. The first night I slept very well, thank you, and woke when my body told me to at 6:15 A.M. All was well except my wrist watch appeared to be one hour off. I changed it and went to work and there discovered I was one hour ahead of all the other park employees.

This was my first bad experience with "Daylight Savings Time". This was unsaved time and even still my body has yet to identify with the usefulness of the time of year that time decides to play tricks. It's ironic it does this so close to Halloween.

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Members of the Brackett High School Class of 1997, pictured with members of Bo Hagler's kindergarten class, are currently selling tickets for Supper with Santa Claus, which is Monday night from 5:30 to 7:30 at the school cafeteria. Tickets for the event are \$10 and include a pancake buffet, a 5-by-7 color portrait with Santa, and a personal chat about Christmas wishes. Strolling guitarists will also be performing Christmas carols. The seniors are also selling tickets to businesses and individuals in hopes they will donate them back in order to give them to students at Jones Elementary School. All of the proceeds will benefit Project Graduation, the all-night, drug-free graduation party. For more information, call Susan Harrison at 563-2136. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

**Thanksgiving, an American happening**

It's an American happening, Thanksgiving! We know about that day in history when Pilgrims and the native Indians started a tradition of giving thanks called Thanksgiving. These folks had made it through a tough Winter. Crops were planted in the Spring and Summer. The harvest was bountiful, and the first Thanksgiving took place. Today, in 1996, we continue to give thanks for God's blessings.

The Community Thanksgiving Service was hosted by St. Andrew Episcopal Church Sunday night. It was a festive occasion with the ministerial alliance leading a grateful community. Lynn McNew directed and Cathy Conroy played for a grand Voices of Fort Clark appearance. The church resounded with "Come, ye Thankful People Come!" Rev. Joe Townsend talked of FDR's list of 4 Freedoms; Speech, Religion, Political Choice and the Freedom From Fear and Want! Our Episcopal brothers and sisters let us use their beautiful church and experience their culinary talents as we laughed and talked together after the service. I'm thankful for the Alliance and for the service for our community.

We had a grand day last Friday, as parents of our children came to share a Thanksgiving feast prepared by June Kaminski and the BISD School Lunch Staff. Richard Terrazas and staff borrowed tables and chairs from our good friends at Kinney County because we just didn't have enough. The food was outstanding. Judy Blankenship and the BISD staff worked to decorate adding the finishing touch to the

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**  
By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, BISD Superintendent

decorations. We served about 700 kids and adults. I'm thankful that in our town parents come to celebrate with their children and that our school staff takes pride in this annual event.

There's lots more. We live in the grandest place in Texas. The beauty of this area, the outstanding climate, and our people who work together to solve problems make it A number ONE with me. I'm thankful for life in Kinney County USA.

Our schools are going just fine, thank you! Each day, we have our share of the problems. When people interact we're going to have some conflict and discord. I'll tell you also that we come to school every day thinking that we are going to be better tomorrow than today! In other words, when problems occur, we jump on them and try to solve them. As a result, I report that our educational system becomes more sound each day. I'm thankful for our school board, educators, parents, students, the support staff and a community that tries hard to let us know that education is important.

Thanksgiving is a day of family tradition! I remember lots of poor days when I was just as thankful as I am today. My mom raised turkeys. There was usually an old gobbler that was red, white and blue chasing the Stephenson kids

around the yard. I can remember turkey feathers fanning out as I tried to reach my band shirt that was drying on the clothes line. The gobbler thoroughly enjoyed chasing me as I ran for the shirt and made the 360 back to the back porch with very few moments to spare!

One special Thanksgiving, there was absolutely nothing to eat in the house. We were blessed as one of the turkeys, last one of the season, met its demise with a slow moving automobile. My dad scooped the turkey up, plucked the feathers, cleaned it and began to bake it. Our feast of Thanksgiving was special that day in the late 40s with a turkey that made the supreme sacrifice for the Stephensons. I've always wondered if because of my mom's love of the turkey, could the turkey have died another way! My dad never admitted it if it did!

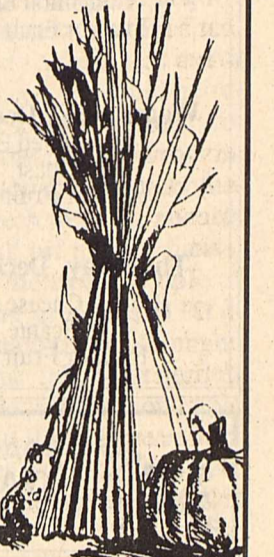
So, Thanksgiving can be fun. It can be a day when we look back and count the blessings for life and good health. One final thought, we've got a teacher, Kandace LaMarcus, who is working every day to regain her strength after a life threatening illness. This lady is one of the best. I'm thankful for this fine teacher. She's tough. She needs our prayers! Remember Kandace in your prayers! Have a great Thanksgiving.



Betty Inman, left, presents Kinney County Librarian Sara Terrazas with a check from the Brackettville Lions Club for the Friends of the Library. The Lions Club raised the money at its annual gold tournament and also made donations to the Seminole Cemetery Association and the local Cub Scouts.

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Scrambled Eggs  
Toast  
Fruit or Fruit Juice

Thursday, December 5  
Bean & Cheese Burrito  
Picante  
Fruit or Fruit Juice

### Lunch Menu

Friday, November 29  
Holiday

Monday, December 2  
Hot Ham & Cheese  
Oven Fries  
Choice of Fruit

Tuesday, December 3  
Meat Loaf w/ Rich Brown Gravy  
Whipped Potatoes  
Fresh Fruit  
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Wednesday, December 4  
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# Tigers place 16 on all-district team

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Linemen making the first team were Patrick Munoz of Brackett, Joey Perez of Dilley, Matt Wagner and Luke Clark of Charlotte, David Burley of Center Point, and Chris Martinez of Comfort.

"Patrick is probably one of the best pulling guards that I've ever coached," Rokovich said. "He does a great job of moving and blocking. He was probably the anchor of our offensive line this year. He did a great job."

The Tigers had two players earn offensive honors on the second team, running back Demitrous Williams and lineman Bobby Castro.

"I thought Demitrous had a good season," Rokovich said. "He is a great straight-ahead runner. He did a great job in our veer offense," he said.

"Bobby is a dominate straight-ahead runner," he said. "There were times when he just crushed people. He has a lot of potential and can really become a great lineman."

Earning honorable mention on offense for the Tigers were quarterback J. Wayne Ballew, running backs Moses Hernandez and Ramon De Leon, and linemen Josh Crumley and Chad Neuman.

"One of the hardest things in all-district is getting a quarterback on the team," Rokovich said.

"J. Wayne was the leader of our offensive this year. He's a tremendous athlete. He has great speed. I look for better things from him next year."

"Moses came in as one of the top runners in South Texas. He had injuries, but he worked hard to come back. We spot played him in district, and he gave it his all. He has given four years for this high school and he does a great job. I'm going to miss him a lot."

"Ramon also spot played offensively," he said. "He came in, in certain situations and made big plays for us. He was a big impact player. Because of that, we thought he was deserving."

"Josh started the season at tight end. We needed a tackle and he stepped up and did a tremendous job. He had a lot of heart and determination. I thought he had a real good season."

"Chad did a great job for us," Rokovich said. "He wasn't a starter at the beginning of the year. We had some injuries and he stepped up and did a good job."

The district's defensive most valuable player was Dilley lineman Spencer Hines. Brackett safety Ramon De Leon garnered first team honors and received two votes for MVP.

"Ramon was the glue to our defense," Rokovich said. "He was one of only two players to get nominated for MVP honors, and he got two votes. He is a tremendous person. I'm really going to miss him."

Other players earning first team honors in the secondary were Kris

## 30-2A All-District football team

### OFFENSE

**Most Valuable Player:** Steven Rodriguez, Dilley, senior.  
**First Team:** Nick Mendez, Natalia, quarterback, senior; Jorge Rodriguez, Brackett, running back, junior; Fabian Santos, Dilley, running back sophomore; Dereck Syfert, Comfort, running back, freshman; Gary Vallejo, Charlotte, running back, junior; Joey Tijerina, Charlotte, wide receiver, junior; Brian Flores, Brackett, wide receiver, junior; J.J. Neves, Dilley, wide receiver, junior; Jose Gonzalez, Brackett, tight end, junior; Kirk Wiedenfeld, Comfort, tight end, junior; David Burley, Center Point, lineman, senior; Joey Perez, Dilley, lineman, junior; Patrick Munoz, Brackett, lineman, junior; Matt Wagner, Charlotte, lineman, senior; Luke Clark, Charlotte, lineman, senior; Anthony Klagenberg, Natalia, lineman, junior; Chris Martinez, Comfort, lineman, junior; Gustavo Lozano, Comfort, place kicker, senior.

**Second Team:** Kris Pressler, Comfort, quarterback, junior; Ruben Campos, Charlotte, quarterback, junior; Demitrous Williams, Brackett, running back, junior; Zachary Pape, Center Point, running back, junior; Nandy Rodriguez, Dilley, running back, senior; Eric Hernandez, Natalia, running back, senior; Frank Ramon, Charlotte, running back, junior; Ryan Witt, Center Point, wide receiver, junior; Eric Ybarra, Natalia, wide receiver, junior; Eric Perez, Center Point, wide receiver, junior; Jimmy Bruns, Comfort, wide receiver, senior; Manuel Saldana, Natalia, tight end, senior; Luis Martinez, Charlotte, lineman, junior; Robert Norris, Natalia, lineman, senior; Todd Obedio, Comfort, lineman, junior; Alex Torres, Dilley, lineman, senior; Kraig Wiedenfeld, Comfort, lineman, senior; Bobby Castro, Brackett, lineman, sophomore; Luke Clark, Charlotte, place kicker, senior.

### DEFENSE

**Most Valuable Player:** Spencer Hines, Dilley, senior.  
**First Team:** Moses Hernandez, Brackett, end, senior; Kirk Weidenfeld, Comfort, end, junior; Dean Alexander, Comfort, lineman, junior; Jacob Richter, Center Point, lineman, junior; Luke Clark, Charlotte, lineman, senior; Joey Perez, Dilley, lineman, junior; Wes Baker, Brackett, lineman, sophomore; Jason Rozier, Natalia, lineman, junior; Matt Wagner, Charlotte, linebacker, senior; Luis Martinez, Charlotte, linebacker, junior; Krishna Perkins, Comfort, linebacker, junior; Jorge Rodriguez, Brackett, linebacker, junior; Alex Torres, Dilley, linebacker, senior; David Stamenov, Natalia, linebacker, junior; Kris Pressler, Comfort, secondary, junior; J.J. Neves, Dilley, secondary, junior; Ramon De Leon, Brackett, secondary, senior; Joey Tijerina, Charlotte, secondary, junior; Steven Rodriguez, Dilley, punter, senior.

**Second Team:** Carlos Maldonado, Dilley, end, senior; Maclyn Thompson, Center Point, end, sophomore; Nat Terrazas, Brackett, lineman, junior; Gary Vallejo, Charlotte, lineman, junior; Chris Martinez, Comfort, lineman, junior; Eliseo Perez, Charlotte, lineman, junior; J. Wayne Ballew, Brackett, linebacker, junior; Patrick Munoz, Brackett, linebacker, junior; Zachary Pape, Center Point, linebacker, junior; Jason Ruple, Charlotte, linebacker, sophomore; Bo Groom, Dilley, linebacker, junior; Jose Morales, Dilley, secondary, sophomore; Nandy Rodriguez, Dilley, secondary, sophomore; Ernesto Perez, Natalia, secondary, sophomore; Michael Aguirre, Brackett, secondary, senior; Jack Collins, Center Point, secondary, senior; Ruben Campos, Charlotte, secondary, junior; Eric Perez, Center Point, punter, junior; Gary Vallejo, Charlotte, punter, junior.

Pressler of Comfort, J.J. Neves of Dilley, and Joey Tijerina of Charlotte.

First team defensive ends included Brackett's Moses Hernandez and Comfort's Wiedenfeld.

"When Moses came off the injury, he started the rest of the year on defense," Rokovich said. "He was dominate. People stopped running to his side. He did a tremendous job."

Earning top honors on the defensive line were Wes Baker of Brackett, Dean Alexander, Jacob Richter of Center Point, Luke Clark of Charlotte, Joey Perez of Dilley, and Jason Rozier of Natalia.

"Baker is real intense," Rokovich said. "He can be one of the best defensive linemen this school has ever had if he keeps working because he is quick and strong. He has tremendous talent. A lot of people couldn't block him this year because he was so fast."

First team linebackers included Jorge Rodriguez of Brackett, Matt Wagner and Luis Martinez of Charlotte, Krishna Perkins of Comfort, Alex Torres of Dilley, and David Stamenov of Natalia.

"Jorge did a great job at linebacker," Rokovich said. "He played both ways for most of every game. He was the leading tackler on our football team."

Earning second team honors for the Tigers were tackle Nat Terrazas, linebackers J. Wayne Ballew and Patrick Munoz, and corner back Michael Aguirre.

"Nat did a great job," Rokovich

said. "He played back-up defensive end until district started. He moved to a tackle position and did a good job. I was real proud of his effort. He's a hard worker."

Rodriguez, Ballew and Munoz alternated at the two inside linebacker positions this season, and all three of them were named to the elite squad.

"I think we probably had the best linebacker crew in the district," Rokovich said. "I thought J. Wayne did a tremendous job. He was able to make the big plays. He has a real knack for knowing where the ball is."

"Munoz is very deserving. He was a back-up for most of the year, but came on real strong at the end of the season. He made some great tackles. I think Patrick improved a lot this season."

Aguirre recorded seven interceptions this season, second best in the district.

"Michael is a competitor and he is smart," Rokovich said. "He did a tremendous job all year. I thought he was well deserving of first team, but I was glad that he got second team."

Three Brackett players earned honorable mention on defense - David Coty Williams, linebacker David Honstein and corner back Brian Flores.

"I thought Coty did a great job, especially for a freshman," Rokovich said. "He started the season on the J.V., but he came on strong during the year. I expect great things from him. He can be an impact player because he's big, he's strong and he's fast."

Those things are hard to come by. "David improved every game and got better. He made a big interception against Comfort that sealed the victory for us. I was real proud of him."

"Brian made some great hits this year," he said. "He is a real good tackler and he did great job in pass coverage. There were some tremendous defensive backs in this district, and he is one of them."

The Tigers finished the 1996 season with a 5-5 overall mark. Brackett went 3-2 in district and was one game away from advancing to the post-season.

"I was tremendously proud of our coaching staff," Rokovich said. "Coach (Gary) Grubbs, Coach (Art) Finkenbinder, and Coach (Phillip) Sanders all did a great job."

"They prepared our kids week after week. I thought our kids were ready to play every week and that's a credit to our coaching staff."

"I want to thank our administration and Mr. (Taylor) Stephenson for their support of our program, and I want to thank all of our fans for coming out."

"I'm real proud to be in Brackettville," Rokovich said. "I look for a great season next year. Our goal is to be the district champions."

## Brackett gets by Del Rio, 80-68

The Brackett Tigers improved to 3-0 on the season after posting an 80-68 victory over the Del Rio Rams' junior varsity Friday night.

Moses Hernandez paced the Tigers with 25 points, while Luis Guajardo scored 16 and Ramon De Leon had 15.

Rene Luna finished with nine points, Beau Smallwood scored eight, Demitrous Williams had four and Brian Flores pitched in three.

**J.V. falls in OT:** Brackett's junior varsity fell to Del Rio's freshmen, 62-58, in overtime Friday.

Jacob Puda and Tommy Sandoval both scored 18 points for the Tigers, and Phillip Juarez had 12.

**Team 2 takes second:** Brackett's Team 2 lost to Eagle Pass, 29-23, in the finals of the Del Rio freshmen tournament.

In three games, Hilda Aguirre scored 28 points, Laura Lee Ballew had 21, La Toya Wright finished with 17, Crystal Juarez had 15, Tiffany Eckenrod scored eight, Stacey Flores, Jessica De Leon and Gracie Terrazas all had two and Helen Flores added one.

Team 1 lost two games in the tournament. Jamie Bader finished the tourney with 18 points, Mary Ann Garza scored nine, Stephanie Terrazas and Sunni Jones both had seven and Samantha Payne added two.

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## High numbers of boll weevil eradication supporters turn out for court hearing

AUSTIN - Officials with the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. were pleased with the number of program supporters who attended the Supreme Court hearing on Wednesday.

"As the extra chairs were carried into the court room, it was clear that Texas cotton growers are concerned about the hearing and want the program to continue," said Frank Myers, executive director for the Foundation.

Along with the tremendous individual turn out, the Foundation was also impressed by the support it received from organizations across the state. Several of those, including the Texas Department of Agriculture, the State Attorney General, Farm Credit Bank, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Cotton Producers, Inc. and various grower associations, expressed their support for the program by filing "friend of the court" briefs on behalf of the Foundation. These organizations agree with the majority of cotton growers across the state that boll weevil eradication is necessary for the cotton business to survive in Texas.

"We are confident that the court will support the existing boll weevil eradication legislation and allow us to continue working toward the elimination of the boll weevil from Texas cotton," said Woody Anderson, third generation Mitchell County cotton grower and chairman of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation board of directors.

The hearing, which lasted a little over an hour, consisted of oral arguments by legal counsel and questioning by the Supreme Court Justices.

"We are anxious to put this issue behind us," said Myers. "Then we can focus all of our attention on the task at hand-eradicating the boll weevil."

Currently, the Southern Rolling Plains (SRP), the first zone in the state to begin an eradication program, is in their third year of active eradication and is reporting weevil numbers down 98 percent, with year-long catches averaging only one weevil compared to over eight weevils per trap this time in 1995.

## FDA streamlining the process for drug approval

The Food and Drug Administration is streamlining the process for drug approval. That goes for not only human medicines, but animal drugs as well. Dogs and cats have pretty much the same access to medical treatment that you and I do. But when it comes to cattle, sheep, goats and exotic animals, there are few drugs on the market. A new law should change that. The Animal Drug Availability Act simplifies the drug approval process. The new law should cut down on the time it takes to get a new drug on the shelf by about 20 percent. So instead of ten years for a new drug to become approved, in most cases it will only take eight years. The law removes the requirement for field testing except in special cases. Also, the FDA will now accept testing done in other countries as proof of a drug's safety. It benefits the animals, but the drug companies may be the bigger winners. The companies will save time and money, but don't count on much of that savings to be passed along to animal owners.

### Cactus A La Mode

At the height of the drought this year, ranchers were feeding prickly pears to their cattle, but did you know humans have been eating cactus as a regular food for years? It's a growing delicacy and you'll find it in everything from ice cream to cocktails. How does a cactus-rita sound or maybe ice cream topped with cactus puree?

You can get those odd items if you look hard enough and before we know it, they could be standard fare. Texas A&M researchers see a growing market and are trying to figure out how this state can capitalize. And there's plenty of cactus favorable land. The problem is the weather. The more edible varieties cannot withstand the severe cold Texas gets every five or ten years. Researchers are trying to breed cactus that is more

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By Alan L. McWilliams



cool tolerate and tastier with fewer seeds. The kind of cactus growing in most of Texas now is not good for commercial purposes because it is not very sweet and can be stringy. The taste of an edible cactus fruit has been described as sweeter than a cantaloupe. Some people prefer the stem, which has a wide range of flavors and can be used as a vegetable. Eating cactus is common in the Hispanic culture. It may not become as American as apple pie, but the researchers hope to have a hand in bringing cactus to more U.S. dinner tables.

### Christmas Tree Buying Tips

The day after Thanksgiving traditionally marks the beginning of the Christmas season, a time when acres of Christmas trees start popping up on street corner lots. Driving out to a choose and cut tree farm or on a ranch for Texas-grown Virginia pines and Afgans has become popular. Besides these varieties, retail lots will offer fir and spruce from the North. Some nurseries also will be selling trees with roots intact to plant outside after Christmas.

Before buying a tree, determine where in the home the tree should go. Often a tree looks smaller at a tree farm or out in the pasture. It is a good idea to take along a measuring device such as a pole or stick to determine the height of the tree.

Once the tree is home, cut the bottom quarter inch off the trunk. This keeps the trunk from being sealed off with sap and allows the tree to continue drinking water. Place the tree in a water holding stand right away. If the tree is not going to be decorated immediately, place it in a bucket of water

in a cool space such as a garage. The tree needs water at all times. Never allow it to become dry. A normal 6 to 8 foot Christmas tree can drink up to a gallon of water in the first 24 hour period after it is cut.

Keep the tree away from all heat sources, fireplaces, or television sets. Make sure lights and electrical connections are in good working condition to avoid fires. You need to do a freshness test at the lot. The needles should be resilient. Hold a branch about six inches from the tip, allowing the branches to slop through your fingers. On a fresh tree, the needles should not fall off in your hand.

Next, lift the tree a couple of inches off the ground and let it drop on the stump end. Examine the needles that fall. Most needles that fall should be brown ones that have died, but if you have a lot of green needles fall from the tree, that is a sign that the tree has dried out.

Trees that will be planted outside after Christmas should be handled differently. Since they are living plants, they cannot be kept in the house for much more than a week.

If you are upset at the thought of so many trees being cut each year, you might be interested to know that for every Christmas tree cut, there are two or three new seedlings planted to ensure a supply of Christmas trees in the future.

Cities have begun all types of recycling projects for used Christmas trees. Trees are chipped for use in landscaping. Cities near major lakes are sinking trees into the water to provide excellent habitat for fish.

## OUTDOORS

## TPWD taking new fishing, wildlife regulation issues to the public

Officials hope to gain additional comment through early scoping process

By Henry Lutz  
Kinney County Game Warden

AUSTIN--State wildlife officials unveil this week a sizeable laundry list of resource management issues which could result in several key revisions to next year's hunting and fishing regulations. The formal process for enacting any changes is still six months away, but officials are hoping an early start will result in greater public input into the determination of season dates, bag limits or means and methods for taking Texas wildlife resources.

The initiatives were presented during a briefing of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission's Regulations Committee in Austin on Wednesday, Nov. 6.

In sticking with last year's well-received approach for gathering public input on issues relating to the way the state's natural and cultural resources are to be managed, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is conducting a series of public "scoping" meetings to be held around the state. Meetings have already been held in New Braunfels and Bay City, with at least three additional sites on tap this month.

The New Braunfels meeting focused on finding an alternative to a proposal for a quality rainbow trout fishery along the Guadalupe River which was withdrawn from consideration last spring due to mixed public response regarding a provision restricting fishing to artificial lures only. In recent months, discussion among resource users and TPWD biologists has netted a compromise which could provide protection to this unique resource without sacrificing angling opportunity.

"We have met with persons on both sides of the issue and have gained consensus on a revised proposal which would limit harvest of trout to artificial lures without restricting use of live bait for other species," explained Phil Durocher, TPWD Inland Fisheries division director.

Other issues relating to freshwater fisheries include standardized bag and size limits on Lake Texoma, and custom largemouth bass regulations for several lakes around the state.

The Bay City meeting centered around issues relating to management of the blue crab fishery, including possible establishment of new conservation harvest measures and a biodegradable panel on crab traps to help reduce mortality as a result of lost or abandoned traps. "We estimate an annual loss of about a quarter million pounds of crabs from lost and abandoned traps," said TPWD Coastal Fisheries division director Gene McCarty. "We're also looking into the issue of shrimp by-catch, specifically croaker,

Jerry Cooke, TPWD upland wildlife ecology program director. "I expect we'll hear a lot about this topic in Lufkin."

A scoping meeting has also been slated for Columbus on Nov. 26 at the Colorado County Courthouse, 2nd Floor District Courtroom. Among items expected to be discussed are issues pertaining to waterfowl regulations.

Another scoping meeting is slated for Dec. 5 in San Angelo at the University Center Ballroom, San Angelo State University, 2601 W. Ave. N.

All meetings are set for 7 p.m. Other issues relating to wildlife regulations include:

A proposal to expand the muzzleloader deer season into adjacent counties in the Edwards Plateau, Possum Kingdom, South Texas and the Trans Pecos regions.

The issue of crossbow use during the general whitetail and mule deer season.

The addition of a spring Eastern wild turkey hunting season in seven East Texas counties and a proposal which would change the opening date of the spring Eastern turkey season to the Monday nearest April 14 for 14 consecutive days.

The addition of a permit to take prairie chickens in the Panhandle in light of a possible listing of this bird as threatened by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

■Editors note: For more information, or to provide comment, about these and other regulatory issues, the public is encouraged to contact Dr. Bill Harvey, TPWD Regulations Coordinator, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744 or call 1-800-792-1112 ext. 4642 or 512-389-4642

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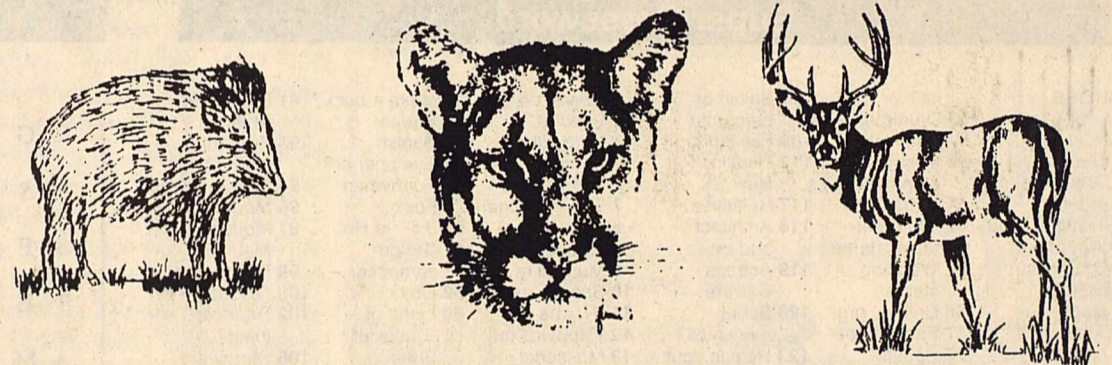
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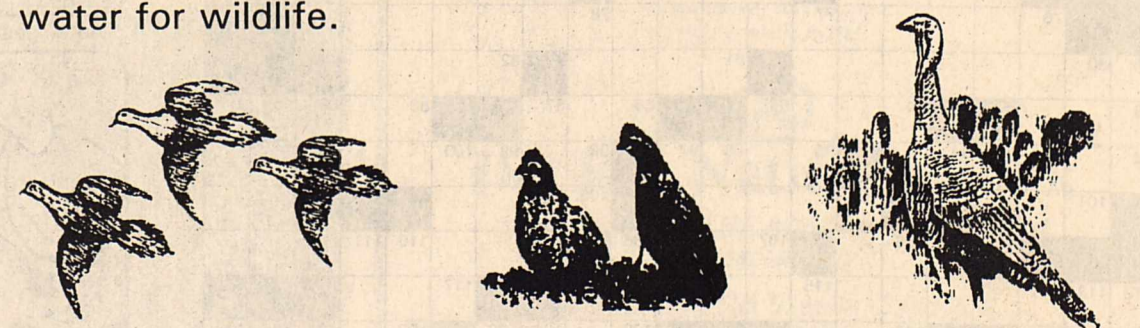


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21 Roof edge  
22 Above the crowd  
23 "The Life of Riley" actor?  
25 Den denizen  
26 Off-limits  
27 Besmirch  
28 Kind of kin  
29 Hog heaven?  
31 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."  
32 Tuck's mate  
34 F. Scott Fitzgerald novel?  
40 Unstable  
45 See 48 Across  
46 College collar  
47 Gershwin or Levin  
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55 Neil Sedaka  
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58 Drummer  
Van Halen  
59 Casino employee  
61 "Gay"  
62 "Unforgettable" name  
64 Wedding staple  
66 Drillers' org.  
67 Face shape  
70 Beastly places?  
73 Milan's locale  
76 Poe short story?  
79 Something to remember  
81 Scheme  
82 Move quickly  
83 Annoy  
84 Hasty  
86 Easy dessert?  
88 Endangered ape  
92 Ark park?  
95 Puppeteer  
Baird  
98 "Before the Next Teardrop Falls" singer?  
101 Organic compound  
102 Composer  
Copland  
103 Amneris' rival  
104 Coach  
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105 Comic Laurel  
107 Ballad or barcarole  
109 Fall fabric  
112 Hopkins/Pitt film?  
117 Relatives  
118 Architect's add-on  
119 Actress Carrere  
120 Scout munchies?  
123 Hole in your head?  
127 Brooch material  
130 Wisecrack  
133 "Midnight Cowboy" actress?  
135 Egyptian statesman  
136 Bring to ruin  
137 Come to terms  
138 Pianist Gilels  
139 Chased up a chestnut  
140 "L'\_, c'est moi"  
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Natasha's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) It's a good week for shopping and making any purchases of a major nature. Be sure, though, that you are getting the best buy for your money before making a final decision. Deceptive salespeople could mislead you into making a mistake.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're wrapped up this week in a project on the home front which is more time-consuming than you'd anticipated. This distracts you from a work assignment, but persevere anyway. News received this weekend is good.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Activities with family members are highlighted this week, particularly where children are concerned. If possible, try to take a short trip somewhere, since travel is favored. A weekend social gathering could end up in tatters if you allow an argument to ensue.  
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You're less than thrilled this week with a friend's opinion of your romantic behavior. However, perhaps you have been a bit cavalier in your dealings with others. Some soul-searching over the weekend will give you the answers.  
**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You're allowing a minor problem to consume too much of your time, taking you away from tasks at hand. Worrying about it isn't going to solve anything. A business opportunity which comes up this weekend delights you.  
**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You're a veritable font of great ideas concerning business this week. Originality and creativity are heightened. Romance, travel and get-togethers are happily favored, especially over the weekend.  
**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You spend a good part of the week happily curled up with a good book, which you love to do. However, don't give in to laziness since much awaits you to be done. Later in



the week, sticking close to home and putting about is favored.  
**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) The early part of the week is best for solving some domestic problems. Later, it's clear sailing for getting together with friends for good times. Your significant other surprises you with a romantic suggestion this weekend.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You're tempted this week to simply stay in bed and let life pass you by. However, you'll feel much better, physically and mentally, if you get out and engage in some sort of physical activity. Enjoy a party this weekend.  
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A matter pertaining to your career takes center stage this week. You're actually a bit closer to realizing your goals, though you don't realize it. Financial news is good.  
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Good news about a business or financial matter makes your week. However, it seem a friend is behaving somewhat jealously. Don't let this petty sniping get to you.  
**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You come up with a very creative idea this week to put the spark back into your romance. Later in the week, you have a tendency to be moody. Don't let this consume you and put others off.  
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Dec. 1	Rebecca Ann Perez	Dec. 4	Jaimie Montalvo
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*Frontier Baptist Church*  
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Thanksgiving is the high light of the expression of the recognition of the bounty of God and an outward expression of thanks to our God.

There are so many things all Americans should be proud of and thankful for. In spite of radical racists and sniveling politicians we still have a great deal of freedom of speech. Racists have made anathema of certain words that are perfectly good words. We still have the privilege to say what we choose to:

We should be thankful we live in a land where the church doors swing wide for any who want to find peace of heart and mind and soul rest. There are some in the Muslim world to-day who not only decry the mention of Jesus Christ but some nations put to death those who openly preach Jesus as Savior.

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We should feel overly thankful for the fact that God is totally approachable through Jesus

Christ. There is no absolute need for any intervisor, personal, materialistic icon, ritual or penance. God's ear is always open to the plea of His children. God is always more touched by a persons prayer for himself than the prayer of another. God definitely hears intercessory prayers but not as a substitute for ones own prayer.

As the Israelites in the wilderness wandering were furnished manna for food, each person gathered daily enough for the day, God expects us to call upon Him and depend on Him everyday, day by day.

Each Israelite gathered for himself. To know the real greatness of our God 'its' necessary for each to go to God for himself. No substitution is acceptable. The way to truly show our thankfulness to God is by living a life demonstrating our love for and obedience to Him.

Next Sunday will be time to celebrate The Lords' Supper, followed by the fellowship luncheon at Frontier Baptist Church. These follow worship. A warm and cordial welcome awaits all who are there. Come and See.

**First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor



As Christians, everyday should be a day of thanksgiving. But we are human. And so we don't always do what we should do. So aren't you glad the Native Americans and the pilgrims set aside a special day to be observed as Thanksgiving.

I write this as I prepare to go to our ecumenical community Thanksgiving service. One of the things for which I am so thankful is community- the Christian community of faith and the Brackettville community. Although we have different ways of expressing our faith, we are able to recognize and celebrate our unity and

thereby to come together to worship God. After all, what we have in common, namely Jesus Christ, is far more important than our individual preferences in worship style and even the finer points of theology. What a wonderful opportunity to join together and celebrate.

Thanksgiving was begun as a celebration of working together and in God's grace overcoming trials and hardships. Let us continue to work together, to give thanks, and to celebrate. This thanksgiving, know that I give thanks for you in Christ Jesus.




*First Baptist Church*  
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**Thank You Father!**

Because of your power, I am alive.  
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Because of your creation, I am rich.  
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Why does it often take a major tragedy or disappointment to make us appreciate the marvelous gift of life that God has bestowed upon us? Instead of complaining about what we do not have, why not count your blessings this Thanksgiving and see if you don't conclude that life is a gift from the hand of God!  
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*Gateway Ministries*  
Pastor Charolette Corey

Fruit season is upon us. Grocery stores are filled with the smell of fruits from the valley, California etc. Shoppers hustle and bustle to buy fruits in preparation as gifts in pies, fruit baskets, etc. Fruits are also an integral part of Christian life; the fruit of the Spirit being the major objective in every Christian's life.

When a Christian is producing "good fruit", he/she exhibits characteristics of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23). By allowing the Holy Spirit to work this out in oneself, the results bring about this "good fruit". People then associate this by-product of Jesus in one's life as the act of "being Christian". (Christian means "little anointed one" Acts 11:26).

Good fruit is to be shared. To keep it to oneself, causes it to rot on the shelf. Everyone hates the smell of "rotting fruit". God wants each of us to share the

"anointing" He has given to each one who believe in Jesus as the Son of God and received Him as personal Lord and Savior. By sharing the goodness and love He has given unto us, we plant seeds of the same into others lives.

Remember, you shall reap whatever you sow. If you plant apples you will get apples. If you plant tomatoes, you will get tomatoes, (not watermelon). As we plant the anointed love of God into others' lives, we will continue to grow in love and not become "stunted" in our walk with God.

If you are, instead an annoying person, and plant seeds of annoyance, you will reap annoyance. Everything around you will become annoying and you will loose all joy in life. Choose to walk in the "anointing", not in the "annoying".

Grace and mercy be unto you all during this season and always.

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**PRAISE THE LORD!!!**  
**HAPPY THANKSGIVING.**

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord, he is God; it is he who hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Entering into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations. Psalms 100.

Praise the Lord. Come feast with us in the Lord the table is set. Thanksgiving Day Services 10A.M. St. John Baptist Church. Everyone is invited. Let's start the day with Praise.

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**EMPLOYMENT**

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35 ft. furnished RV on wide lot. Covered carport. \$14,500.00

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**Kinney County Art Council's 2nd Annual Christmas Tour of Homes**  
Sunday, December 15, From 3:P.M. to 5:P.M.  
Tickets may be purchased at The First State Bank, Fort Clark Springs Gate, K.C. Art Council members, or at the featured homes. The Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors have approved an open gate for folks who want to attend this gala event!

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**ONE DAY CHRISTMAS SHOW**  
Wednesday, December 4, 1996  
10 A.M. to 6 P.M.  
at new business  
**Alamo Saddlery**  
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Gifts \* Jewelry \* Saddles \* Tack Tulisha Wardlaw

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About 20 years ago a very fine and lovely lady moved to our community with her husband and family. She has been an outstanding mother as her three adult children attest. She is a devoted wife and a real credit to her husband. She has worked at several professions and has proved herself to be capable and efficient in all her commitments. She is warm hearted and friendly. She is much loved by all who know her. Surely Rose Bizzell is an Unsung Hero.

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Out Patient Center  
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Quality health care right here at home

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Dr. Michael Singer Ophthalmologist	4 Dr. Brant S. Mittler Cardiologist Internal Medicine (pacemaker Clinic)	5 Dr. S.J. Fisher Ophthalmologist Dr. Harvey Komet E.N.T. Doctor	6 Dr. David Dean Neuro Surgeon Dr. Raymond Hernandez Ophthalmologist	7
8	9	10 Dr. Michael Singer Ophthalmologist Dr. G. Sherrod Cardiologist	11 Dr. Brant S. Mittler Cardiologist Internal Medicine	12 Dr. R. Evans Ophthalmologist Dr. Harvey Komet E.N.T. Doctor	13 Dr. Jeffery Warman Pediatric /Orthopedic Dr. Raymond Hernandez Ophthalmologist	14
15	16 Dr. Raymond Whitted Gynecologist	17 Dr. Michael Singer Ophthalmologist	18 Dr. B. S. Mittler Cardiologist I. M. Dr. S. Miller Dermatologist	19 Dr. S.J. Fisher Ophthalmologist Dr. Harvey Komet E.N.T. Doctor	20 Dr. David Dean Neuro Surgeon Dr. Raymond Hernandez Ophthalmologist	21
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

SW&KM Limited Partnership, a limited partnership to-be-formed under the laws of the State of Texas, Del Rio, Texas, has applied to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to form a bank holding company. SW&KM Holdings, LLC, a limited liability company to-be-formed under the laws of the State of Texas, Del Rio, Texas, has also applied to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to form a bank holding company. SW&KM Holdings, LLC intends to acquire control of SW&KM Limited Partnership which intends to acquire control of Westex Bancorp, Inc., Del Rio, Texas, which owns 100% of the stock of Westex Bancorp of Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, which owns 100% of the stock of each of Del Rio Bank and Trust Company, Del Rio, Texas, The First State Bank, Brackettville, Texas, and Sutton County National Bank, Sonora, Texas. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application including the record of performance of banks we own in helping to meet local credit needs.

Robert Sidney Cauthorn and James Guy Cauthorn have each applied to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to each acquire 29.25% of all Units of SW&KM Limited Partnership pursuant to the Change in Bank Control Act of 1978 (12 USC 1817(j)).

This Act requires that persons proposing to acquire significant ownership interests in a state member bank or bank holding company give 60 days prior notice to the Federal Reserve. For purposes of the statute, an acquisition of control includes the acquisition by a person or group of persons acting in concert of 25 percent or more of any class of voting securities of the bank or bank holding company. Prior notice may also be required of a person or group of persons acting in concert if the transaction results in that person(s) being the largest shareholder with between 10 and 25 percent of the shares of the bank or bank holding company.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Banking Supervision, P.O. Box 655906, Dallas Texas 75265-5906. For the application, the comment period will not end before December 15, 1996, and may be somewhat longer. For the notice under the Act, the comment period will not end before December 5, 1996, and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262 (as revised, 49 Federal Register 5603 (February 14, 1984)). Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25 (1984). To obtain a copy of the Board's procedures or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the notice, contact Mr. Rob Jolley, Director-Applications, at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, at (214) 922-6071, or on the application, contact the Community Affairs Officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Ms. Gloria Vasquez Brown, at (214) 922-5266. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received by the Reserve Bank on or before the last date of the comment period.