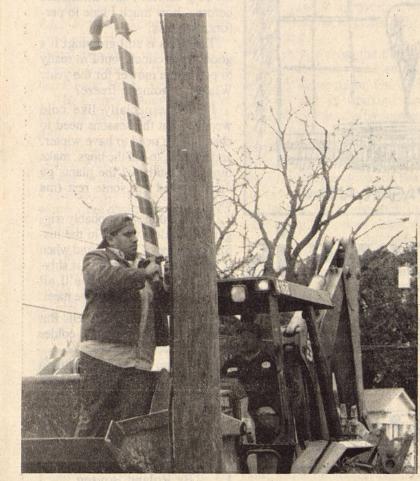
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City of Brackettville employee Eddie Garza puts up Christmas of water," Prince said. "We're requesting audecorations on the city streets. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry thority to hook on to the water supply of the

Water contract proposed for new detention center

The Brackettville City Council will consider providing water services to a proposed cember meeting.

Serving the communities of Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs, Spofford and Kinney County

The proposed contract is between the city and CiviGenics, a Massachusetts-based company.

Kinney County officials have approved a proposal from CiviGenics to construct and operate a 500-bed detention center here. The facility would house federal inmates.

owned by Joe York Jr., located on Highway 131, approximately 1.3 miles south of the Highway 90 intersection, which is outside of size facility from other areas as a benchmark, the Brackettville city limits.

CiviGenics, first addressed the Brackettville a month." City Council two months ago.

"Certainly, we would need a large supply

"We certainly can't move fordetention facility in Kinney County at its De- ward with this if we're not assured of the utility connection. If we can't get this clearance soon, we're going to be stymied on proceeding to the next step." **Bob Prince of CiviGenics**

The facility is proposed to be built on land city. We'll run the water line from the hookup out to our service.

"If we can take the same type and same probably our water service would be some-Bob Prince, marketing director with where in the neighborhood of \$1,800 to \$2,500

> County Judge Tommy Seargeant said he The Brackettville City Council took no ac- upper tier to the newest employee."

tion at the previous meeting, when officials proposed to negotiate a contract.

'As far as the facility goes, I'm for it 100 percent," Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Gonzalez said. "I'm also in favor of getting going on this as soon as possible. We need to get it done."

Prince said an agreement would be needed before CiviGenics could proceed with plans for the detention facility.

"We certainly can't move forward with this if we're not assured of the utility connection," he said. "If we can't get this clearance soon, we're going to be stymied on proceeding to the next step."

Prince said the facility will employee approximately 100 people with an annual payroll of about \$2.1 million.

"We want to bring in as few outside peranticipates the detention facility using between sons as possible," he said. "What we can, we 70,000 and 75,000 gallons of water per day. certainly would like to hire local, from the

Briefs

Kinney County Jail

mission on Jail Standards, Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess announced this week.

"The jail passed standards Contributing Writer without a mark against it," the sheriff said.

Shannon J. Herklotz, an inspector with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, said there Weather Modification Associawere "no deficiencies noted."

Following a review of the report by the executive director of Del Rio Bank & Trust, discussed the Texas Commission on Jail Standards a certificate of compli-

Cloud seeding appears to be passes inspection The Kinney County Jail passed an inspection by the Texas Com-

By Frances McMaster

Cloud seeding appears to be successful in Kinney County, according to Bill Cauthorn, who is the chairman of the Texas Border

Cauthorn, who is the CEO for rainfall enhancement Thursday at

Seeding clouds in one area does not rob another of its rain. In fact, more rain may occur there.

The Titan Radar System tracks the planes used in seeding, as well as the clouds. Everything the aircraft has done is on record. A crew with a meteorologist stay on standby watching the radar when the weather is promising, even if it means staying all night long.

Drought is not the only reason

Conference focuses on new teaching techniques

Second and third grade teachers from Jones Elementary returned this week after attending a national reading conference in New Orleans.

The reading conference stressed the latest techniques in teaching children how to read.

The teacher's trip to the national conference was funded by the reading grant

ance will be issued to the Kinney County Jail.

Community Unity to feature Santa Dec. 20

Santa Claus will be on hand will be from 6 to 9 p.m.

sponsored by the City of Brackett- paid a half of the money needed ville employees, will also have for the project. food, drinks, music and singing.

Crosby recognized

Crosby this week.

the Brackettville Rotary Club meeting after receiving an invitation fron Herb Senne, the group's program chairman for December. During the drought that plagued the area recently, Kinney, Val Verde and Maverick counties Sunday, Dec. 20, for the Fifth An- applied to Texas Natural Resource nual Community Unity, which Conservation Commission for a has been going on for around 25 permit to seed clouds for rain. The years and quite a bit of data has etry, clouds that contain rain can Community Unity, a project commission issued the permit and accumulated.

Due to the absence of appro-

opportunities to seed occurred. The U.S. Border Patrol's Brac- However, after mid-July, 25 suckettville station presented its quar- cessful missions were flown in the terly outstanding student award to three-county area. Approximately Brackett High School junior Colby half of the missions were flown in Kinney County.



BILL CAUTHORN and HERB SENNE

Cloud seeding is a science. It can be modified," he said.

monitor program effectiveness salt. Ice crystals form causing the Jimmy Bader, Henry Fuentes and over at least a five-year period. cloud to become heavy, and rain Bob Young. priate cloud formations, limited Experience has shown that rain- fall out of it. fall yield from a specific cloud seeded.

> "We will probably never com- 45 percent during that time. pletely control the weather, but it

to manipulate the weather. Storm clouds can be seeded to reduce severe thunder storms.

In Kansas, funds for weather enhancement are paid for by insurance companies. They pay for hail suppression. As a result, insurance rates have been lowered.

Representing Kinney County on the Texas Border Weather Modification Association's nine-The association intends to ver iodide and a small amount of member Board of Directors are

The program is funded in Kin-The Lower Colorado River ney County by the West-Nueces formation can be increased by 30 Authority has used rain enhance- Las Moras Soil and Water Conpercent or more when properly ment in five counties for 20 years, servation District, Kinney County, and the rainfall has increased there the City of Brackettville, Fort Clark Municipal Utility District. One thing has been discovered: and the Del Rio Bank and Trust.

that was recently awarded to Jones Elementary School.

"Teachers who attended the national reading conference came back with new ideas about the teaching of reading to young children," said Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson.

"A couple of ideas that I have heard were the use of learning centers which stress reading and writing. The use of poetry to teach children to think and understand the English language was a major topic at this conference."

"Brackett ISD wants to be on the cutting edge of education," Stephenson added.

INSIDE

Joe Townsend

Just when it seems the bottom has been scraped by inane rulings by bureaucrats, here comes one even more ridiculous. **Opinion/Page 2**

Ivey home featured The Ivey house is one of four homes to be featured in the Kinney County Arts Council's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes Sunday. **Community/Page 3**

Brackett tops Sabinal

Brackett won three out of four games against Sabinal. The Tigers claimed a 58-34 victory and the Tigerettes won 50-41. Sports/Page 5

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Simple Mirror brings Christian message

With the help of radar telem-

be identified, then seeded with sil-

By J.J. Guidry News Editor

Simple Mirror is anything but a stereotype of Christian music. The four-man acoustic rock band Cause of our beliefs." brings a Christian message, but with a '90s sound.

at the First Baptist Church of Miller said. Brackettville on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m.

band of Christians rather than a group's drummer. "Basically, it Christian band," said Steve is where God has led us." Miller, the 15-year-old lead singer for Simple Mirror. "A lot of J.D., has recently joined the group people, when they hear the term as a bass player. 'Christian band,' it will turn them off to the music completely.

cert, we don't like to preach to "just trying to play as much as Christian band. people. We just like to present our we can and spread our message." views and what we believe to be right through our music."

Chris Reed, 17, were in an alter- try has turned into a business. native rock band before forming Simple Mirror in August.

a Christian band be-

The Uvalde band will perform sical style, more acoustic really,"

"There wasn't any other choice but to be a Christian band because cially," said Reed, who plays gui-"I like to think of us more as a of our beliefs," said Mizell, the tar and is a background singer.

Miller's 13-year-old brother, during their performances.

Miller, Gary Mizell, 21, and ing that the Christian music indus- turn to things like alcohol, drugs

ting bigger but a lot of it is get- just trying to tell people, you can break off and start a different mu- want to do this for a living and you're still going to have that music is just kind of cheesy. For that people enjoy," he added.

we want it to be a business, but "There wasn't any we don't want to start overlookother choice but to be ing the ministry part of the music.

> The group performs almost all original songs, but occasionally Gary Mizell throws in a cover tune by Jars of Clay.

We're really blessed in the fact that several of us are pretty prolific song writers, Steve espe-

The members of Simple Mirror often share their testimonies

"We've all lived pretty interesting lives up to this point," Reed The band is hoping to some- said. "I'm a 17-year-old alcoholic, "When we go and play a con- for now Miller said the group is pect to hear from someone in a

"As a teenager especially, you Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. Miller said the group is trying can get so depressed and it seems to keep focused on its goals, not- like there's nothing out there. You void." and sex, and all the other things "The industry is definitely get- that the world offers you. We're his life complete.

day sign with a major label, but and that's not something you ex- Simple Mirror, an acoustic Christian rock band made up of Chris Reed (from left), Gary Mizell, Steve Miller and J.D. Miller (not pictured), will perform at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, **Photo Special to The Brackett News**

through music is what's making that is very innovative.

a lot of Christian music that's true. Miller said spreading the word But there is a lot of great music

"Not only are we trying to send "A lot of people are under the a positive message, but we want We just kind of wanted to ting corrupted," he said. "We always look to these things, but false assumption that all Christian to come up with a style of music

The Brackell Hews

OPINION

Thursday, December 10, 1998

New Congress hits the ground running

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

The campaigns are over, and the American people have made on important committees. their choices.

In the next few weeks, representatives from across the country will arrive in Washington to start the business of forming a new Congress. It is a process established by our Constitution and one that takes place every two years.

The 106th Congress will be sworn in on Jan. 6 of next year. Joining that Congress will be 40 newly elected members of the House of Representatives.

To help these new members get acquainted with their new responsibilities, as well as their new surroundings, the House of Representatives conducts an orientation program, usually held in November or December before the January swearing-in.

Newly elected representatives, however, can't coast until January. They must immediately begin putting together a competent staff from the thousands of resumes that await them in Washington.

These are the people who make sure that constituent casework is handled responsibly, the office and work for the good of the enwill operate within its budget, the issues important to the district are fully researched, and the mail and phone calls get a timely response.

A new member also has to find space for offices in the congressional district as well as in Washington.

Many of my constituents often ask me how this process takes place. It is done by seniority of the class. For example, those elected in 1996 choose offices before those elected this year. Individual office selection within the

members to end up with smaller ment serves the people.

offices on the top floors of the House office building.

Freshmen, as well as more senior members, work hard to get

Each political party establishes a committee, which makes committee assignments. Members are usually placed on committees based upon their particular knowledge of a subject or the committee's importance to their constituents.

Freshmen also spend a lot of time studying the complicated but necessary - rules of the House that govern debate on the House floor.

They spend an equal amount of time finding their way around the maze of corridors, hallways and tunnels that make up the Capitol complex.

Cowboys' training camp, a freshman member cannot help but be in awe, following in the footsteps of legislative giants in a place where so much of our history was made.

Whether a freshman member or the speaker of the house, the responsibilities of a member of Congress doesn't change. We must answer to our constituents tire nation.

The 435 members of the 106th Congress will try to reach agreement on issues ranging from highway spending to Social Security, national defense to the minimum wage, wool tariffs to foreign trade.

They will find out that their country and fellow citizens are as diverse as they are similar.

They will be guided by the greatest document providing representative government: our Constitution. Hopefully, they will not class is based on a lottery system. forget its words or the intent of It is fairly typical for freshmen its authors and ratifiers: Govern-



Recall of playpens is mplex. Like a rookie arriving at the owboys' training camp, a fresh-an member cannot help but be

"Millions of playpens are being recalled because they pose a hazard of strangulation for children wearing loose clothing or pacifier strings," read the banner line of a recent news item.

Just when it seems the bottom by bureaucrats, here comes one playpens. even more ridiculous.

this earth-shaking decision by un- playpens? believable reasoning.

The recall totals 9.6 million no longer in business. People who playpens going back 40 years and have destroyed playpens can claim includes playpens by eight major financial awards. Over 40 years companies. The basic reason is many, many of these have served that claim is made eight deaths their usefulness and have been dehave occurred.

Six of the deaths were strangustrings." These have been banned since 1977, but some deaths were demic. caused when parents tied the paci-



The other two deaths were The ridiculous leeches of mega- caused by "sweaters with loose to no one. bucks of taxpayers money reached strings." This is the fault of the

> Two of the manufacturers are stroyed.

In a nation of 260 million could hardly be classed as an epi-

The real tragedy here is the fact integrity

has been scraped by inane rulings fiers on strings after buying the that the American taxpayers are robbed to feed the arrogance of a "commission" that is accountable

> An order such as this can be announced and the victims have no recourse.

Seeing the actions of some congressmen in the impeachment hearings makes one wonder how any sane individual could vote for them and place the entire population in jeopardy.

In the final analysis, the people lations caused by "pacifiers with people, eight deaths over 38 years are responsible for such buffoonery because they vote for politicians totally lacking in intellectual

But I could be wrong **By Chuck Hall**

Where's Jack Frost?

Why am I still faced with lawn mowing chores? I have mentioned before - how much I hate to perform that task.

The grass is still growing! It's good for livestock, but I'm ready to put up the mower for the year. When is it going to freeze?

I don't especially like cold weather, but the seasons need to change. We need to have winter, and freezes, to kill the bugs, make birds fly south, let the plants go dormant and get some rest (me too).

This column will probably trigger the coldest winter in the history of Kinney County. And when it happens, and everyone is shivering in their shoes, you'll all throw things at me when we meet.

I'll even dislike it myself. But we still need to see some colder weather.

We haven't even seen autumn vet! How can we really appreciate spring without winter? It needs to freeze. But I could be wrong.

Tax Tips By Roland Boysen

Here are some education issues that are new for 1998:

First is the HOPE scholarship credit. This is \$1,500 for the first two years of post-secondary education. It covers tuition and related expenses, but not room, board, books or nonacademic fees.

The HOPE credit is available to the taxpayer's spouse or the taxpayer's dependents.

The student must have earned a high school diploma, carry at least one-half the normal course load in a degree program for at least one term during the tax year and not have been convicted of a federal or state drug felony.

Second is the Lifetime Learning Credit. A nonrefundable credit up to \$1,000 (\$2,000 after 2002) per family per year for tuition and related expenses paid after June 30, 1998 for post-secondary edu-

Military drawdown has gone too far

For the past several years, I and many of my colleagues in Congress have argued that missions



threestage space launch vehicle over Japan, where tens of thousands of U.S. troops are stationed.

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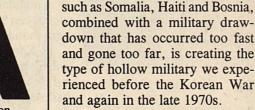
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combined with a military drawdown that has occurred too fast and gone too far, is creating the type of hollow military we experienced before the Korean War and again in the late 1970s.

Even the generals are starting to publicly acknowledge this. After years of minimizing our readiness problems as "manageable," the joint chiefs of staff recently testified before Congress that our readiness has degraded since new peacekeeping missions. 1991.

tance, in October Congress added decline.

story. Here are just some of the have increased more than 300 perobjective indicators of our readi- cent under President Clinton. ness program:

its worst recruiting year since curity and making it harder for us 1979. The Army failed to meet to respond to situations in which its recruiting objective for infan- our forces are uniquely capable of try soldiers, the single most im- responding. portant specialty in the Army. Navy recruiting is 13 percent below its annual goal and highly skilled sailors are leaving the ser- administration's continuing refusal a shortage of 18,000 sailors in tic missiles. fleet manning.

lots turned down the \$60,000 bo- is that we'd have 15 years warnnuses they were to receive for an- ing before we would face an inother five years in the cockpit. coming missile. Unfortunately, They had a 29 percent acceptance recent events demonstrate that asrate for that bonus this year com- sessment was far too optimistic. pared to 81 percent in 1995.

This year only 10 percent of anniversary by launching a

Letters to the Editor Policy

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the Navy's eligible naval aviators decided to take bonuses and remain on active duty

We are reducing our forces at the same time we are taking on

Since Desert Storm our mili-Despite administration reluc- tary forces have been slashed to the bone. But the military is com-\$9 billion in additional defense mitted in several "operations other spending to begin reversing that than war" that do not represent vital national security threats. By The numbers tell a terrible some estimates these missions

This affects our ability to meet Last year, the military had legitimate threats to our own se-

Nor are we modernizing the forces we have. There's no greater national security failure than the vice in record numbers leading to to deploy defenses against ballis-

The administration's assess-More than 350 Air Force pi- ment of the ballistic missile threat North Korea celebrated its 50th

It had a range capability that could reach Alaska.

The North Korean launch also demonstrates that a "let's make a deal" foreign policy, coupled with the dramatic decline in military, has left the United States potentially vulnerable less than a decade after winning the Cold War.

This pattern continues today and was fully exposed by former U.N. Iraq inspector Scott Ritter's allegations that the Administration had ignored Saddam Hussein's frequent violations in order not to provoke a conflict.

At the same time the administration is appeasing countries of proven terrorist pedigree, it is sapping the strength of America's armed forces in places where our vital interests are not at all clear, such as Bosnia.

The 1999 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill includes an amendment I added requiring the president to assess our overall readiness. As we await the president's assessment, there are several things we can do now to arrest this alarming trend:

Immediately deploy available technology to provide a national missile defense system.

Transfer a fairer share of the burden of the Bosnia mission to our European allies. The United States has twice as many troops there as our nearest European ally. The billions we are spending in Bosnia could be used for missile defense.

Restore our military readiness with an increase in defense spending on new, modern weapon systems and better pay and health care for military personnel to encourage their retention. The \$9 billion added in October is a down payment.

Truly reversing the decline in America's global influence and our military readiness will require a change in policy by an administration that has become accustomed to bluster and empty admonitions when resolve and commitment are in order.

cation. Can't be claimed if reimbursed by an employer, paid by scholarships or fellowship grants or allowed as an income tax deduction. Student can't claim if dependent on another.

This credit is limited to 20 percent of the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees required for enrollment or attendance.



There is a man here who was born here and has spent his entire life here.

He is an outdoorsman who loves fishing and hunting. He is a radio buff who has cultivated acquaintances and friends via the airways in many distant places. He has a wide coterie of friends.

He is outstanding as a mechanic and followed this trade for many years.

He is the father of two very fine children. He is a truly loyal husband. His wife of many years has developed some very serious physical problems requiring constant care. No one could be more considerate and caring than he to his mate.

He is in all aspects an upright individual with many friends. Surely, Emil "Bubba" Schafer is an Unsung Hero.



COMMUNITY The Brackett Hews

Ivey's residence featured in Art Council's Obituary **Annual Christmas Tour of Homes Sunday** Yeackle

By Woodie Hornburg **Contributing Writer**

This year's Kinney County Arts Council's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes will feature four in the back. homes displaying their Christmas decor, including the home of into the entry way, you view a vast Gerald and Hazel Ivey.

be open on Sunday from 2 to 5 stove, which can also be converted p.m.

Colony Row, Crockett Road and the old Waco courthouse. A wall Bowie Street by eye-catching of rock backs the stove and hearth Christmas trees made of wood, and holds heat for hours. which were designed and painted

The Ivey home is located on a Harry Miller Jr. in 1982.

The ranch style house's exte- able formal to southwest to the trolled.

foundation is part of Fort Clark's former stables - a horse trough is still standing at the back of the lot. The yard is xeroscaped with

river rock in the front and pebbles

When you cross the threshold spacious living room. On the far The Kinney County homes will side resides an unusual earth into a fireplace. It rests regally on Tour homes are identified on a slab of marble that came out of

by Wylie Simmons of Fort Clark. a full wall sliding-door closet, plus favorites. a walk-in closet and full bath.



The Ivey house is one of four homes to be featured in the Kinney County Arts Council's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes on Sunday. **Photo Special to The Brackett News**

Winberg to whimsical iron and enjoy decorating inside and out. mas Tour of Homes are \$5. The two bedrooms each have metal animals and various smaller Their niece started their Santa

Beyond the living room is a 40- entertainment and is wired with a This year a small tree will display specialty lot and was built by foot by 14-foot tiled sun room with sound system that allows all of the some of their collections. the decor ranging from comfort- rooms to be individually con-

rior is composed of rock quarried Ivey's collection of iron. Their col- Christmas is Gerald's and in the Brackettville area. The lection runs from Lladro and Hazel's favorite holiday and they

collection years ago, so their This house was built mainly for theme is not altogether modern.

The Ivey's plus the home equals a relaxing environment for gracious living.

Tickets for the Annual Christ-

Tickets may be purchased from members of the Kinney County Arts Council or obtained at the homes included on the tour.

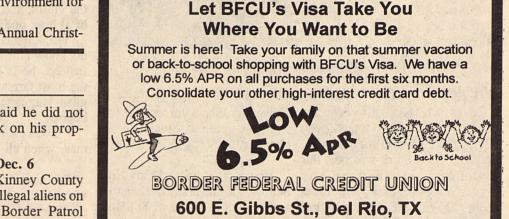
Donald Thompson Yeackle, 49, passed away Nov. 15, 1998 in San Luis Obispo, Calif. He was born March 12, 1949 in Birmingham, Ala.

Yeackle, who owned a travel service, was a member of the Elks Lodge for 10 years.

He is survived by his wife, Grace M. Yeackle of Los Osos, Calif.; his daughter, Anna K. of Washington D.C.; his son, Jefferson N. of Los Osos, Calif.; his parents, Henry and Marian Yeackle of Fort Clark Springs; and his brother, Henry Yeackle III of Del Rio.

Yeackle's body was cremated. A memorial service was held at Benedict-Rettey Chapel in Morro Bay, Calif.

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, Dec. 1

said she had hit something on the scene. He found nothing of DPS Trooper Tony Ashley was Highway 90, approximately 12 value inside the trailer, but noted notified of the situation. miles west of Brackettville, and a large amount of animal dropthere was an 18-wheeler in front door to the travel-trailer. of her and she believed it spilled some diesel on the roadway. Chief dispatched to the scene. He said of the Cline checkpoint. the woman had fixed her tire and spilled a little diesel on the shoul- owner of the cow was notified of der of the highway.

6:24 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol blocking an overpass. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to Volunteer Fire Department, and wreckers from Del Rio and Uvalde.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

woman reported a disabled vehicle the scene and helped free the Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was on Highway 90, a half-mile west child's foot from the trees.

5:10 p.m., A motorist reported was back on her way to Del Rio. a black angus cow on Highway He noted that the truck-tractor had 90, east of Brackettville. The the situation.

5:45 p.m., A Kinney County officials reported a three-vehicle man reported a man in a house accident west of the Cline check- with a gun. Reserve Deputy Sherpoint. Three people were injured iff Manny Pena was dispatched to in the accident. The vehicles were a ranch on F.M. 1572, but it was a false alarm.

9:12 p.m., An employee of the scene, along with Kinney Enterprise Rental requested assis-County EMS, the Brackettville tance for a customer, who was driving a 1999 Dodge Durango. The driver of the vehicle received assistance from U.S. Border Patrol officials. The vehicle was 1:30 a.m., U.S. Border Patrol towed to the parking lot at the

12:15 p.m., A Del Rio DPS travel-trailer was open. Chief ing recklessly on Highway 90, want the man back on his proptrooper reported that a motorist Deputy Fritter was dispatched to travelling west towards Del Rio.

4:41 p.m., A Brackettville had a blowout. The woman said pings inside it. Fritter secured the woman reported that her son's foot was stuck between two trees. 3:24 p.m., A Brackettville Sheriff Burgess was dispatched to

Saturday, Dec. 5

1:00 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that her son was driving while intoxicated. deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was notified of the situation.

1:10 a.m., Michael Simeon Ford, 23, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Chism and charged with driving while intoxicated. Ford was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

11:10 a.m., A resident at the Senior Apartments reported a horse grazing near the complex. Police Chief Ring was informed of the situation. He met with the owner of horse, which was removed from the property.

2804. He said the door to the ported a red Dodge pickup driv- The complainant said he did not erty.

Sunday, Dec. 6 12:15 p.m., A Kinney County man reported four illegal aliens on F.M. 1572. U.S. Border Patrol officials were notified of the situation.

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officials reported six to eight goats Sheriff's Office. in the middle of the roadway on 9:40 p.m., A Brackettville was notified of the situation.

2:31 p.m., A motorist called of Spofford on Highway 131. accompanied the woman. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess and DPS Trooper Richard Slubar were dispatched to the scene.

Thursday, Dec. 3

1:11 p.m., A Kinney County man reported a travel-trailer near the city's brush area on F.M.

F.M. 693. The owner of the goats woman requested assistance while she obtained some personal property from her grandmother's resi-911 to report that she had an au- dence. Chief of Police Ron Ring tomobile accident two miles north was dispatched to the scene and

> 10:12 p.m., An employee at on a \$5,000 personal recognizance Penny's Pizza reported problems bond. with someone using the business' water faucet. Police Chief Ring requested assistance in removing was dispatched to the scene.

Friday, Dec. 4

4:50 p.m., Carla Beth Keeney, 31, of Uvalde was arrested by DPS Trooper Juan Lozano and charged with possession of a controlled substance. She was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Kenney was released the same day

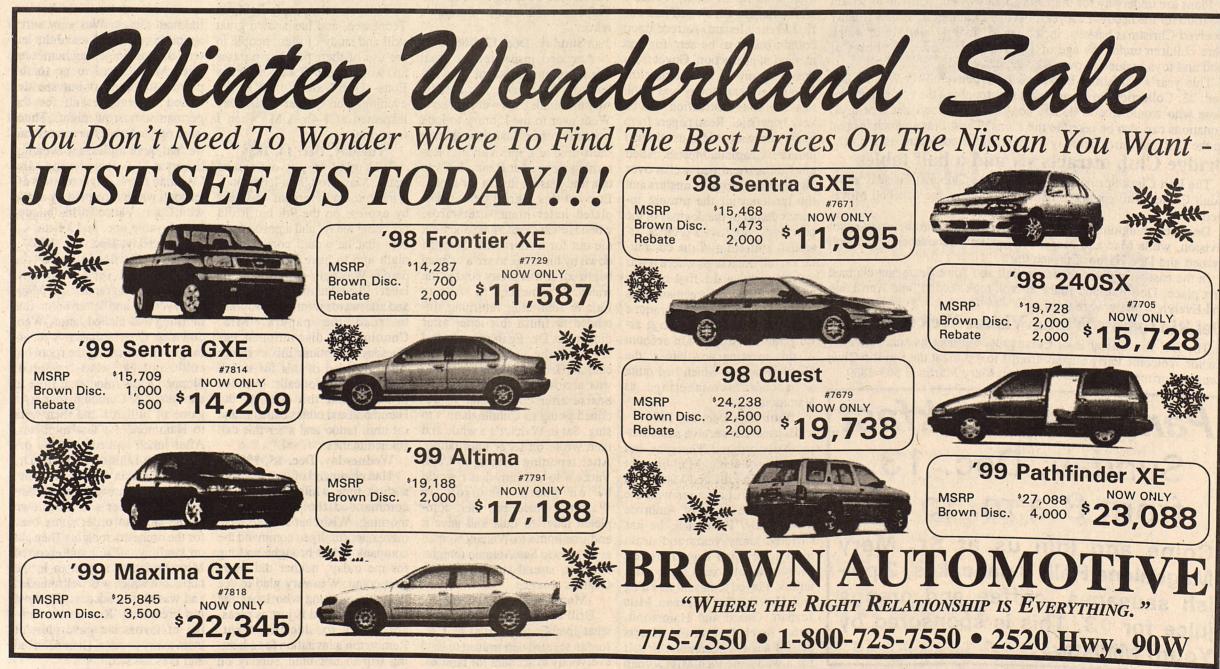
9:15 p.m., A Brackettville man a man from his property. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the 11:15 a.m., A motorist re- scene. The man was already gone.

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LIFESTYLES

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The Brackell News

Engagement



BRETT STARKWEATHER and MELISSA MEYER

Meyer, Starkweather announce engagement

daughter of Mrs. Sylvia Meyer ing first grade at Stockdale El-Canty and the late Gilbert Meyer, ementary in Stock-dale, Texas. and Mr. Brett Stark-weather, the son of Mrs. Suzy Earl and Mr. Dave Stark-weather, announce School, the university of Houston, their engagement and upcoming and a 1998 graduate of Sul Ross nuptials, scheduled for Dec. 19, 1998 at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Karnes City, Texas.

Melissa is a 1989 graduate of Brackett High School and a 1994

Miss Melissa Meyer, the University. She is currently teach-

Brett is a graduate of Katy High State University with a master's degree in education. He is currently the librarian for Stockdale I.S.D.

The couple will make their graduate of Southwest Texas State home in Karnes City, Texas.

Briefs

Genealogical Society hosts quarterly meeting

Frances Brooksheir presented a program on the history of Sabinal on Saturday as the Southwest Texas Genealogical Society held its quarterly meeting at the Sabinal Public Library.

A former WAVE, Brooksheir had been collecting material on Sabinal since she attended school there in the sixth grade. Her aunt is the oldest living citizen in Sabinal at this time and is credited with helping Frances compile her material which she hopes to have published in the spring.

During the business meeting, Nell Evins and Nona Whitley were made lifetime honorary members. Among the 36 members and guests present were Brackettville residents Hawkins Huey, Pat McKelvy and Agnes Vondy.

Moore – A Christmas poet

By Karen Sutherland Good Old Days

guest in his home when he was a dren for Christmas in addition to boy. His father took part in the usual brightly wrapped pack-Washington's inauguration as first president of the United States.

He was a friend to John Jay, Francis Scott Key, Alexander could trace his ancestry back to country.

He was a philanthropist, donating large parcels of land to several religious and educational institutions. He was fluent in several languages. He wrote a twovolume dictionary of the Hebrew language, and he was a professor at General Theological Seminary in New York City. He was an accomplished musician, who played the violin, and he was the author of at least one hymn.

Yet, Clement Clarke Moore is not known for any of these things. Instead, he is known for writing the most famous poem in the English language - a poem which begins:

"'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

But how did a scholarly man, who wrote political pamphlets and treatises on foreign countries, happen to write a poem that is loved by children all over the world?

The year was 1822. Three of our first four presidents were still living. Our country was expanding at a rapid pace. We were getcountry's 50th anniversary. Clement Moore lived in New

George Washington was a something special to his six chil-Taylor Moore, would eventually have nine children.)

It was snowing quite heavily, Hamilton and many of our yet the family needed a large turcountry's founding fathers. He key for their Christmas dinner. So he had the horses hitched to the some of the earliest settlers of this sleigh and headed into New York to buy the biggest turkey he could find. The air smelled of Christmas. There were wreaths on the doors and Yule logs on the fires.

> As he rode along, Dr. Moore's thoughts kept turning to his beloved children. Soon they would be hanging their stockings by the fire in preparation for St. Nicholas.

> Jan Duyckinck, who sometimes did odd jobs for them. Jan wanted to talk. He always had folk tales of his native Holland to tell, and today was no exception. He wanted to tell Moore about Christmas in Holland.

thought about Christmas and St. Nicholas.

las, Moore decided, he would look asked for and received permission like this plump jolly man from to copy the poem. Holland. He would have a twinkle in his eye, just like Jan's, and he Moore's poem appeared in the would smoke a pipe. The words Troy Sentinel. It had been sent in began to form in his head. It will anonymously. The editor added reprinted with permission from please the children, he thought.

Arriving at home, Moore sat ting ready to celebrate our down at his desk and wrote out are indebted for the following de- 46711.

head on the ride back home. When of music - that homely and de-York City. He wanted to give he completed them, there were 56 lightful personage of parental lines in all.

ing their stockings when he came about laden with Christmas bounages. (He and his wife Elizabeth out of the study. "Tell us a story, ties. Papa," they begged.

Soon the whole family and the servants were gathered around the fire, but instead of the usual story, Moore pulled some sheets of paper out of his pocket and began to read, "'Twas the night before ing ... (We hope that children will Christmas, when all through the accept this poem) as a proof of house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse." As he read on , the children's eyes grew wider have a Merry Christmas." and wider.

to all, and to all a good night."

At first no one said a thing, but there were tears in his wife's and Arriving in town, he ran into his mother's eyes. Then shouts of glee and dancing began. Charity, his six-year-old daughter, begged to have the poem read again. And so, for the second time, Moore began the words which so delighted his family.

Almost a year later, one of After choosing his turkey, Charity's friends, Harriet Butler, Moore started out for home. He was a guest in the Moore home. Sworn to secrecy, Charity showed her the wonderful Christmas poem If there really was a St. Nicho- her father had written. Harriet

> On Christmas of 1823, this explanation:

the verses that had formed in his scription of the unwearied patron kindness - Santa Clause - his cos-The children were busy hang- tume and equipage, as he goes

There is a spirit of cordial goodness in it, a playfulness of fancy, and a benevolent alacrity to enter into the feelings and promote the simple pleasures of children, which are altogether charmour unfeigned goodwill towards them - as a warmest wish that they

Moore was embarrassed by the He continued to read. Finish- publication of the poem. It would ing, he said, "Happy Christmas not do to have his colleagues think he was writing frivolous verse. Yet, as the years passed, his poem became popular all over the coun-

> Finally, in 1857, he acknowledged his authorship when he published a book of his own poems. In 1861, he wrote the 56 lines by hand for the last time. He died in 1863, just a few days prior to his 84th birthday.

> He is buried in the Trinity Church Cemetery, where every year the children of the community sing carols by his grave and lay a wreath of greens on it. Then they go into the church, and the vicar reads "A Visit from St. Nicholas," a fitting tribute to a man who loved children.

Editor's note: This story was Good Old Days magazine, 306 "We do not know to whom we East Parr Road, Berne, Ind.,

.... Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, FOOTSTEPS ECHO 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by The Fort Clark Dianjes and Letters of veterans of the Civil War, he realized his Major General Francis Henry French ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 12th from the Class of 1879. He was Courtesy of his decendants assigned as 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory took Guard's place. Enjoy play- Williams was sent to his quarters and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiing with gentlemen very much, for not knowing his tactics. I was ment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, where Lt. French was detailed as but it is more work than pleasure glad to see this and hope the lesthe Regimental Adjutant. In December of when the ladies join in. Farber son will not be lost on several 1882, the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort came in from Langtry today look- more that go out to drill improping well and hearty. Have not seen erly prepared. Marched on guard At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, him for about a year. After tennis for Walcutt this morning. Mail Harris, Walcutt & I went down brought letter from home and a to the store for something to drink sword knot. Read "The Prophet Friday, Dec. 10, 1886 and Harris beat me two games of of the Great Smoky Mountains" There was a slight mist this billiards there. In the evening es- in the morning. After lunch wrote corted Miss Coleman over to the a letter of condolence to Lucy account of having to prepare for choir practice at the Chapel where McConomy and commenced a let- the hop next Monday evening. we sang for over an hour and then ter to Helen Giddings but did not Spent the morning in chatting and finish it. Completed "The making out programme for Monwent to Mrs. Cunningham's to Prophet" this evening. Have day evening. Also played tennis a practice a duet with Miss Jordan for Tuesday evening. Read papers found it very interesting and well while. After lunch met on a court written. The authoress has suc- and then commenced letter home. from home after this practice. Leefe & Guard left tonight to meet ceeded splendidly in delineating Intended to finish it after dinner the character and manner of life but callers came in and prevented on a board at King's Camp and of the mountain people living in it until after seven o'clock when Farber started on a two month's Tennessee, and has shown great the mail closes. Was very sorry leave. skill and study of these people in about this as it will make the let-Sunday, Dec. 12, 1886 the use of their peculiar phrases ter a day late in getting home. In-Attended inspection as usual and words. Read "Le Courrier des vited Mrs. Guard to go to the this morning. Mail brought a let-Etats- Unis" and dozed in the promenade concert but she deter from San Antonio explaining evening. The Officer of the Day clined to save herself for the this course of instruction will be why the tennis balls were not sent. inspected at 1-45 A.M. when I Went over to the Library to look german tomorrow night. There home afterwards. Had usual dress over the papers and then spent a turned in. were only a few at the concert but short time at Capt. Vance's. Re-Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1886 we had quite a pleasant evening. Was glad to get off guard Escorted Miss Johnson and Miss after dinner and had a chat over turning stopped at Hammond's to again. Mail brought a letter notitalk and was invited in for lunch. Coleman home. My letter this affying me that overcoat was sent ternoon was interrupted by a ride Enjoyed this a great deal. Comby express on the 9th but it did pleted letter home afterwards, with Capt. Vance in his buggy, not come today, and a postal from when Hewitt came along and took an enjoyable one, and a bath. Ives that he would come up tome out for a short ride. Stopped Thursday, Dec. 16, 1886 tee on full dress hops where it was down by the creek to see a woman night and to have his room pre-Our last drill until after the pared. Was very glad to get this holidays. Am very glad of it. agreed to have the first one the baptized. It was pretty cold in the latter. Played tennis before lunch Completed programme for Mon-Monday before Christmas. Was water. Commenced to write to and afterwards went to the Library day evening and letter home this selected to make out programme Lula & John after returning. Inand to attend to decoration & ar- tended to finish this letter after to read the papers. Mrs. morning and mailed latter. Went Cunningham discontinued her rangement of room. On account dinner but Dr. Egan came in and down to Quartermaster's to arof this meeting was late at the sat until the call sounded for Tuesday receptions this evening. range for decorating the room but Am very glad of this for it will Cercle Francais which had quite church. Had to change clothes and could not get what I wanted. give more time for calls. Intended a successful meeting at was almost late at church. Was Stopped a few minutes at store to to make some this evening, but hoarse after church and so desee Harris & Cunningham play a clined going to Cunningham's to Hammond and others called in and Saturday, Dec. 11, 1886 game of billiards and then went sat until tattoo and after this call Expected to receive some tensing. Sat in Walcutt's a while and to Hammond's a few moments. nis balls ordered Thursday but then wrote on letter until tattoo. studied tactics. After lunch looked over the pa-Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1886 After reporting went up to Capt. pers in the Library, and then Dr. Had command of the company Vance's to tell him that I would Harris came in to chat a while. be on guard tomorrow in a short time while Capt. Vance Went into Hammond's a few min-Walcutt's place and then com- commanded the battalion this utes after dinner and then down morning. Wish that I could have to the store to order some beer pleted letter to Lula and gave it more opportunity to command the for the orchestra tonight. Then put suffered many years and death and one home to Walcutt to mail company. Mail brought nothing on swallow tail suit and escorted as he goes to San Antonio tonight. for me today, neither did over- Miss Jordan to a german in the Have to attend reveille during coat come. Was very glad to see hop room which was well attended Guard's absence. Ives this morning who looks the and was quite a success. Enjoyed Monday, Dec. 13, 1886 same as ever and is just as pleas- it a great deal. Received a num-Drill this morning was someant. Had to decline Capt. ber of favors but gave most of After lunch Guard and Harris what livelier than usual as Col. Remington's invitation for a hunt- them to my partner. Hammond led played against Hammond & self Jordan seemed determined to hold ing trip to last until Sunday on and Ives assisted. for a while and then Miss Jordan everybody to account for failures.

Parents learn how to help children to succeed

Jones Elementary Principal Michael Schooler and the school's fourth grade teachers spoke to parents Thursday about ways to help their children to succeed in TAAS writing.

"This is the first year that students are tested on writing skills, so the more parents and teachers work together in this endeavor, the better the results will be," said Judy Hooker, a fourth grade teacher.

Everyone in attendance received free product samples and refreshments were served. The three door prizes were awarded to Norma DelBosque, Araceli Perez, and Rachel Lattimer.

The parents in attendance were DelBosque, Lattimer, Perez, Judith Adams, Mary Campos, Ana Cano, Gloria Conrad, Phyllis Meyer, Gloria Ramos, Elsa Salazar, Debbie Smith and Maria Talamantes.

Christmas basket program being planned

Plans are underway for the 1998 Kinney County Christmas basket program for the needy. Last year, over 111 families in Kinney County received Christmas baskets, including 361 individuals, 116 of which were children under the age of 12. There were over 300 boxes of food and toys, valued at over \$2,500, delivered.

This year's Christmas baskets will be delivered on Wednesday, Dec. 23. Collection Boxes are located throughout the community for those who would like to donate non-perishable food items or toys. Donations can also be taken to the Lions' Thrift Shop, which is open on the first and third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bridge Club attracts six and a half tables

The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday at the Adult Center with six and a half tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Don Hearthington and Harvey Hicks won first in the north-south division, while Mac and Marie McCandless were second, and Bob Barnett and Doc Harbor finished third.

In the east-west division, Joyce Bell and Alice Seargeant claimed first place, Don Bell and Blake Hinton took second, and Ann Legg and Evelyn Whitely were third.

Del Rio to host Winter Visitor Welcome Party

The Del Rio Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Winter Visitor Welcome Party Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Del Rio Civic Center. For more information, contact Mary Martin at 563-2809.

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, Dec. 13, from 8 a.m. to ??

Come and join us at St. Mary Magdalene Hall. 3 pancakes, 2 polish sausages, coffee and orange juice for \$3. This is sponsored by Youth Ministry.

Clark

Lt. French began diaries, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years.

morning and a cold East wind, but the drill call sounded as usual and we had the customary drill. Mail brought a letter and bundle of papers from home and some Ordnance Returns from Brown. Took a long ride with Dr. Harris this morning returning after lunch and then went up to Capt. Vance's where he, Hewitt & self had our first French lesson. Agreed upon certain books to be sent for and method of instruction. Guyot from the company is instructor. Enjoyed the lesson today and think very beneficial. Read papers from parade. Chaplain Merrill called cigars about religious matters and the tendency of the present towards denial of the dogmas of the past ages. At seven o'clock attended a meeting of the commit-Hammond's.

they did not come. Mail brought a letter from Lula and Mattie and a paper from Lancaster with the notice of the death of Ambrose McConomy. Poor man, he has must have been a great relief. Must write and send my condolences. Played tennis all morning with Hewitt, Miss Coleman, Miss Jordan, Guard and Hammond.



SPORTS

The Brackell Hews

Briefs ... Hoop teams eye SWTJC titles

Cubs top Panthers for Brackett tops Sabinal in three of four games fourth-straight win

The Brackett Cubs picked up their fourth-straight win Monday night as they topped the Comstock Panthers 45-10.

a 16-2 lead after the opening stanza and then outscored the Panthers 10-2 in the second quarter.

Jared Hobbs scored a gamehigh 21 points to pace the Cubs. Jesse Davis also finished in double figures with 14 points.

Jesse Smith had four points for Brackett, while Ryan Benton, Philip Munoz and Jose Pineda all scored two.

The seventh grade Cubs (1-2) will face Sacred Heart today at 6 p.m. in Del Rio.

Cubettes pick up win

Brackett rallied for a 10-2 run in the third quarter Monday as the Cubettes defeated the Comstock Lady Panthers 26-13.

The Cubettes (4-0) were up 10-5 after intermission before outscoring the Lady Panthers 16-8 in the second half.

Valerie Gunter led Brackett with 10 points, while Mayra Aguirre scored six.

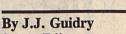
April Martinez finished with four points, and Ashley Antoine, Vanessa Castillo and Nicole Mata each had two points.

Seventh graders fall

The seventh grade Cubettes lost to Del Rio White, 12-3, and Sacred Heart, 31-15, at the Del Rio tournament Saturday.

Ashley Smith scored all three points for the Cubettes (2-2) in the first game. She had 11 points against Sacred Heart, while Stacy Castilla and Stacy Terrazas each scored two.

Heart today at 5 p.m. in Del Rio. defense Tuesday night.



Sports Editor

Brackett won three out of four games against Sabinal Tuesday The Cubs (4-0) jumped out to night in high school basketball action.

> The Tigers picked up a 58-34 victory while the Tigerettes defeated the Lady Yellowjackets 50-41.



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today.

The Cubettes will face Sacred Brackett's Jamie Bader (front) looks for an opening in Sabinal's Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry



In junior varsity action, the jans play at 10 a.m. boys lost 43-35 and the girls won

Brackett will compete in the College tournament, which begins

8:30 a.m. this morning as the Tigerettes face the Asherton Lady Trojans. The Tigers and the Tro-

The Tigerettes will play at 6:30 tonight if they win or at 3:30 this afternoon if they lose. The Tigers annual Southwest Texas Junior will play at 8 p.m. if they win or

at 5 p.m. if they lose. Brackett will face either Knippa The tournament kicks off at or Rocksprings in the second round. Those teams play following Brackett's first round games. On Friday, LaPryor will face Nueces Canyon at 8:30 and 10 a.m., while D'Hanis and Leakey play at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Saturday's championship games are set for 6:30 and 8 p.m. On Tuesday, the Tigers (2-4) outscored the Yellowjackets 25-2 in the fourth period en route to a 14-point victory.

Matthew Smallwood scored 11 of his game-high 21 points in the fourth quarter.

Coty Williams scored 12 points for Brackett, Schiller Hill and Damian Toms each finished with 10, Jacob Hughes added three points and Steven Hagler scored two.

The Tigerettes outscored the Lady Yellowjackets 12-7 in the third quarter to build on their 25-16 lead at intermission.

Sabinal outscored Brackett 18-13 in the final period, but the Tigerettes held on for the win.

The Lady Yellowjackets hit 6 of 12 free throws in the final eight minutes. Sabinal was 17 of 30 from the charity stripe, while Brackett made 5 of 8 free throws.

Jennifer Ashabranner scored a game-high 16 points to pace the Tigerettes. Lindsey Brotherton also finished in double digits with 12 points.

Patty Lopez scored nine points for Brackett, Stephanie Terrazas and LaToya Wright each had four points, Tricia Robinson chipped in three, and Jamie Bader added two.

Brackett returns home on Tuesday as the Tigers and Tigerettes host Nueces Canyon. The action begins at 5 p.m.





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written by a Wyoming game warden describing his opening day of deer season. Some of it reminds me of deer season in Texas.

I thought it was humorous, yet comes pretty close to the truth as to how hunting season usually goes.

Warden Matt Lentsch, is being Highway 16 is now Region R. reprinted with permission from the

Each year I get a comment or two like, "Boy, I wish I had your job - getting to drive around and look at critters all day."

I do have a great job, but unfortunately, I don't have the luxury of driving around looking at critters all day. Here's how my opening day of hunting season will most likely go:

5 a.m., Wake up after a "refreshing" five hours of sleep in the front seat of my pickup.

5:15 a.m., Saddle horses in the dark.

5:30 a.m., Ride to Woodchuck Bench, eat a "nutritious" breakfast of Diet Pepsi and snack bars on the way.

6:15 a.m., Hear shots.

6:45 a.m., Check two hunters with really nice 6-point bull elk; hunters say we are really managing the elk herd right.

want to know where all the elk busy are at.

8 a.m., Pea-soup-thick fog rolls in violation report. in.

9 a.m., Check more hunters with elk and deer.

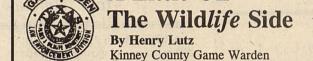
9:45 a.m., Ride out of Paintrock Basin, it's snowing hard. 10:15 a.m., Dispatcher gives

me report of violation south of Worland (90 miles away).

10:16 a.m., Load horses, drive washboard road off mountain to check hunters.

driving up and down road on a four-wheeler who says he hasn't "seen a damn thing," that if he had my job, "By God, there'd be plenty of deer around here."

buck under a juniper tree.





10:45 a.m., Check nonresident owner who wants to know when I hunter with Region M deer license, explain to him that Region The column, written by Game M was split and the area north of ing."

Northern Wyoming Daily News: Medicine Lodge State Park to make better time.

11:05 a.m., Drive 75 miles to area of violation report.

12:15 p.m., Talk to reporting party, get description of violators.

12:45 p.m., Check hunters with several nice buck deer.

1 p.m., Check hunter with 2pointer, says it was the best hunting season he's ever had.

swer questions about the fires south of Worland.

1:30 p.m., Check three hunters dressed in orange, all with rifles, only one has a deer license, the other two are merely "coyote" hunting.

2:30 p.m., Check more hunters, answer more questions on tion.

fires. 2:45 p.m., Try to get a hunter safety check, dispatchers busy.

3 p.m., Still trying to get hunter 7:30 a.m., Check hunters who safety check, dispatchers still

3:30 p.m., See truck described

3:40 p.m., Contact suspected violators.

3:50 p.m., Hear pack of lies from suspects.

4 p.m., Man finally confesses. issue citation.

4:05 p.m., Get report from my wife that there is a man at the Warden Station who discovered he left his license in Wisconsin.

4:30 p.m., Meet the man, is-10:25 a.m., Check a hunter sue duplicate license at Warden cense to man who accidently Station.

4:35 p.m., Head out to Lower censes. Nowood area.

5:15 p.m., Check hunters. 5:30 p.m., Check hunters with 10:30 a.m., See a nice 4-point untagged deer, issue citation. 5:45 p.m., Contacted by land-

am going to look at his corn field which my "damn deer are destroy-

6:15 p.m., Check hunters who 11 a.m., Unload horses at want to know where to hunt. I advise them to contact landowner with the corn if they want to harvest a doe.

6:20 p.m., Hunters tell me they "ain't going to kill no ole' doe." 6:30 p.m., Check hunters.

6:35 p.m., Check man with deer tagged with his girlfriend's license.

6:40 p.m., Have dispatcher call the girlfriend, the girlfriend isn't 1:15 p.m., Check hunters, an- sure if she killed a deer that day or not.

6:50 p.m., Man confesses to killing the deer and using his girlfriend's tag; write citation. 7:15 p.m., Observe man shoot a deer from his truck on the high-

way, issue citation. 7:35 p.m., Set up check sta-

7:40 p.m., Check hunters with deer, plus a few elk and antelope. 9 p.m., Drive to Medicine

Lodge to pick up horses.

9:20 p.m., Check camps at Medicine Lodge.

9:30 p.m., Talk to man that says deer were everywhere.

9:35 p.m., Talk to man that says "there ain't no deer around here," and he's packing up to go home

10 p.m., Load horses, head for home.

11 p.m., Get home, my wife has a list of "call me back no matter how late" messages.

11:05 p.m., Make phone calls.

11:30 p.m., Issue duplicate litagged his elk with his deer li-

11:45 p.m., Eat supper. 12 a.m., Go to bed. 12:05 a.m. Get a call of spotlighters by Manderson ... And so it goes

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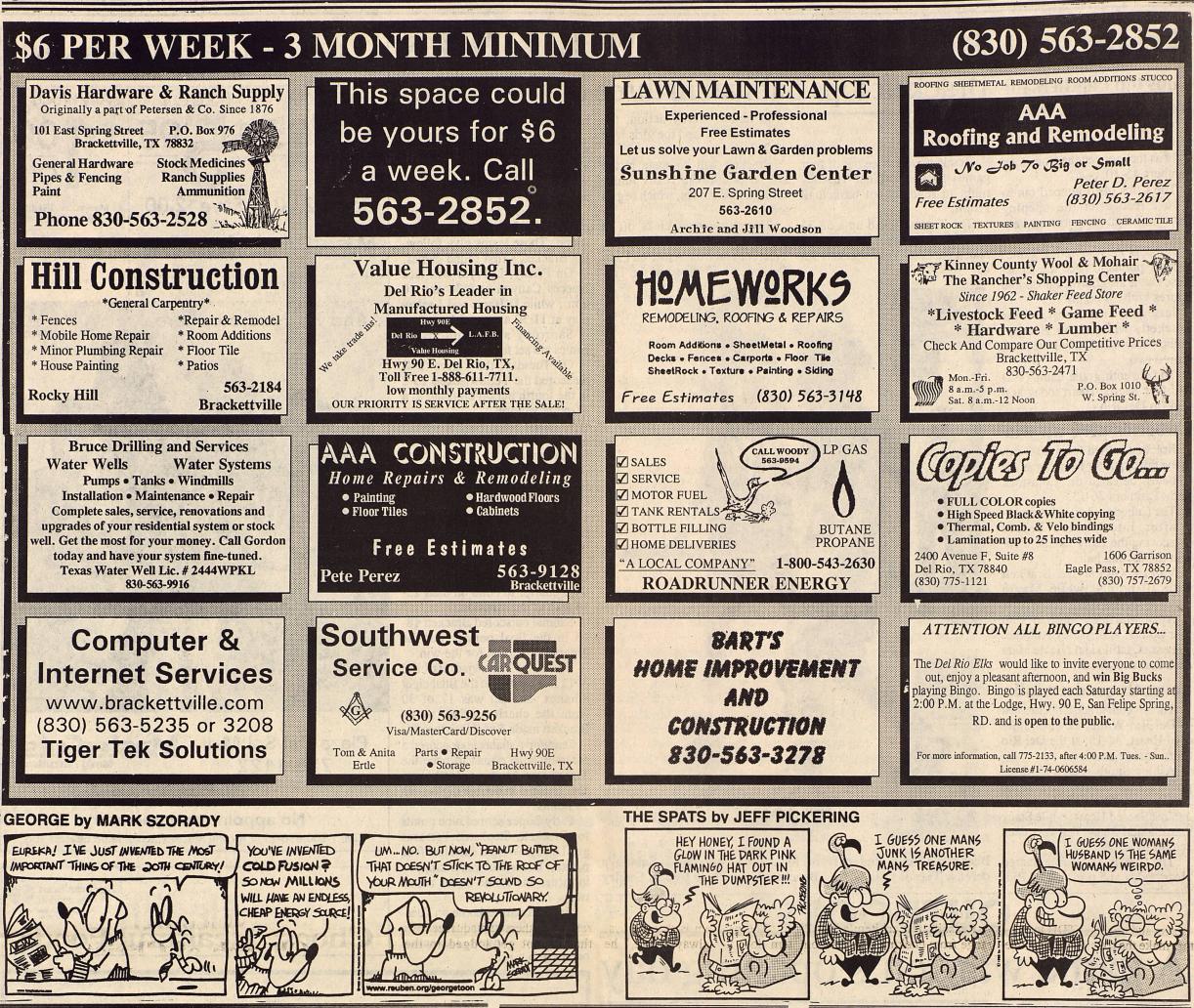
Tune in December 5th. at 8:35pm/7:35c. to "Holidays in Concert" Disney Channel's latest original music special featuring today's hot singing sensations, Shawn Colvin, Tatyana Ali and 'N Sync.

And don't miss "Out of the Box" - a new Disney Channel series encouraging creative expression among preschoolers. Tune in weekday mornings at 10:30am/9:30c.

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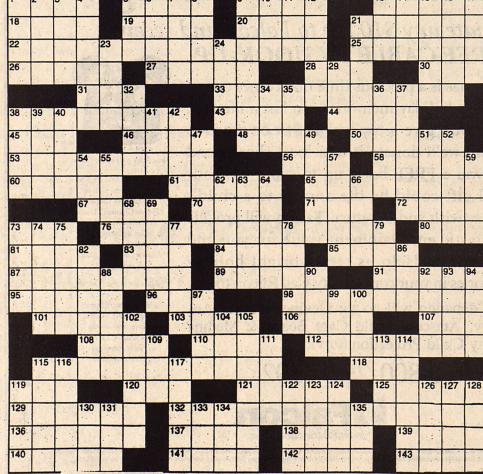
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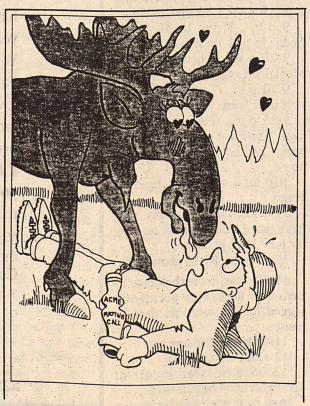


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HUNTIN' HUMOR



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An offbeat career proposition is made to you this week. You'll come to a decision about a school or travel matter. Social life finds you in demand over the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You'll stand out from the crowd in some way and don't be surprised if some unusual types are attracted to you. A career matter is finally settled. A relaxing weekend awaits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You may feel strongly drawn toward someone but may not be ready to reveal your attraction. Group activities and creative work pique your interest in general this week.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're somewhat independent and flirtatious this week. Some experiment with a new look. Be sure to complete tasks that need to be done around the house this weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Compassionate guidance is the keynote in dealings with children who are being rebellious. Recreation is high on your list of things to do. Some receive a gift.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Work left over from the office fills some of your time this week, but the accent quickly switches to pleasure with exciting romance a distinct likelihood.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The accent is on partnership activities. Unexpected company may drop by. An impromptu party is a possibility. Some begin a decorating project.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You'll be making



some changes at home base. Intuition guides your work efforts. Love at first sight is possible this weekend. By all means, go out!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Visits or news from grandchildren are indicated. Romance and travel make for a pleasant combination. A work colleague may appeal to you romantically.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You'll bring a work project to completion early in the week. Partners are likely to keep you guessing, but any surprises will be pleasant ones. Romance is thrilling.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You'll make your mark socially this week. Singles meet with unexpected romantic introductions.

Partnership activities are highlighted. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) For a while you're closeted with your own thoughts. But the week takes an upbeat turn with unexpected romantic developments occurring. Capitalize on this over the weekend.

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WHAPPY W BIRTHDAY
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RELIGION

The Brackell Hews

Fill up on God's living word Consider the true

By Pastor Charolette Corey **Gateway Ministries**

heads." The story of Christmas dreams, Hebrew pronounced sha-dah'-ee). plump, and happy children are not delegated (Isaiah 55:1-2).

Even as children delight in eating sweets, God wants us to be satisfied, and take great delight in his living word, just as if it were dessert (Psalms 37:4).

word, you will also be filled with abundant peace (Psalms 37:11).

pleasures that you are left spiritually empty. He wants you to get to know him on a per-

strictly to children's fantasies. It is God's de- ber "fat" happens when you eat foods with receiving the promise of the Messiah, the sire that you also be fat - spiritually fat that is more calories than what is required by your promised one, Jesus Christ, the anointed one body to burn off as fuel. It is stored by the and his anointing, Isaiah 54:14). body and is often visible as excess.

God wants your spirit to be so filled up and fed by his word that you have spiritual excess. He wants you to be spiritually "water-logged." When you treat yourself to God's living In doing this you become prepared for any occasion of spiritual "drought" and "food shortage" which might accidentally come your good," (Psalm 34:8). Stand in faith, rest in God warns you to not be so caught up in way. You will be able to endure through the hope, walk in love.

spending money on physical sustenance and bad times and come out victorious at the end.

This "soul" food is the living word of God, its commandments and promises. When God "Visions of sugar plums, dancing in their sonal basis as the Almighty God (El Shadday, feeds you with his spoken word, it causes you to ride the high places of the earth and par-Stock-pile God's word inside you. Remem- take of the heritage of Jacob (the heritage of

So delight yourself even as children delight themselves in eating candy, and "get fat" on the living word of God. It will satisfy your soul, bring you peace, and be ready to give you an answer when you are in time of trouble.

Um-m-m, "taste and see that the Lord is

Celebrate the beginning of Christ's reign

Submitted by

St. Mary Magdalene Church and celebrates the beginning of eternity. May they rest in peace. Christ's reign in heaven, the liturcitation of dead bodies.

life in which we, together with brother. those who have gone on before us, who not only lives, but forever of preparation. shares that endless life with his new earth."

Many of us have experienced the death of loved ones this year. It is a consolation to know they As the church year nears its end now live a new life with God in

As we come to the end of the gical readings speak of resurrec- year, let us give special attention tion. Jesus does not equate resur- to the Holy Spirit, who inspires rection of the dead with the resus- us to goodness in our relationship to our neighbor and closeness to

"Come Spirit of love and will be forever alive to the God peace" is our prayer in this time

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cost of Christmas

By Rev. Joe Townsend Frontier Baptist Church

sider the cost of Christmas. I do expensive gifts to the new not mean the cost of presents, nor travel, nor food, nor even of having to flee as fugitives to the tree and decorations. These return to their homes. are so incidental as to deserve little consideration.

seph a 70-mile journey on foot son, sent to die on a cross. It from Nazareth to Bethlehem. It cost Jesus himself a life of ridiwas a bad time for Mary, who was soon to bear the baby Jesus. a cross.

It cost them the inconvenience of the baby being born in a cave which gave shelter to animals and using the manger for a crib. It cost them a 200mile journey to Egypt on foot to protect the baby from death at the hands of the soldiers of King Herod.

Christmas cost every mother in Bethlehem and vicinity who had a child under two years of age, the child murdered on orders from Herod.

It cost the shepherds to leave their flocks unattended while they harkened to the chorus of day. angels and went into the city to find the baby and to endure the sage from God's word Sunday frustration and scorn of the at Frontier Baptist Church at 11 populace when they told about a.m. Come and worship.

the birth of the Messiah.

It cost the Magi a costly journey by camel caravan of 700 to This is a good time to con- 1,000 miles and much money for "King." It cost the humiliation

It cost the early church and the apostles ridicule, persecution Christmas cost Mary and Jo- and death. It cost God his only cule, persecution and death on

> All of this is not too costly if it means a gift of love with every exchange of gifts. It is entirely too costly if all it means is tinsel, bells and baubles. It is too costly if all it means is a holiday. It is entirely too costly if all it means is profits in commerce.

In true reality, it is not too costly because it means the hope of the world. It means the forgiveness of sin. It means "peace among men." It means singing in the heart for each person tastes the true meaning of the

There will be another mes-

shown me his marvelous kindness' kindness in a strong city. By Rev. William P. Adams Sr. St. John's Missionary Church "Oh, how great is thy good- nevertheless, thou heardest the

'Blessed be the Lord; for he hath

ness, which thou hast laid up for voice of my supplications when those who fear thee, which thou I cried unto thee. hast wrought for those who trust

secret of thy presence from the rewardeth the proud doer. pride of man; thou shalt keep the strife tongues.

"Blessed be the Lord; for he Psalms 31:19-24. hath shown me his marvelous

"For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes;

"Oh, love the Lord, all ye his in thee before the sons of men! ,saints; for the Lord preserveth "Thou shalt hide them in the the faithful, and plentifully

"Be of good courage, and he them secretly in a pavilion from shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord,"

Praise the Lord!

HEALTH

TDH checks stores for defective, dangerous items for children

Children may want the latest in for investigating problems. action figures, fashionable dolls, futurists games or huggable toys. But Texas Department of Health (TDH) product safety inspectors hope that people who make the final choices will make safety as ties.

To make the point to both consumers and retailers, TDH inspectors make the rounds of stores one range from choking or aspiration tem does not always work," he that cannot get lodged in the week each fall to check for toys hazards, sharp point and puncture said. and other children's products that hazards to chemical, lead paint have been recalled.

fective or dangerous. parents, grandparents or other care givers that they need to keep safety in mind when they are out shopping for children's items," said Charles Branton, director of TDH's product safety program.

"The 1998 list includes items recalled that we consider the most managers will remove recalled hazardous to children," said Mike Ward, chief of TDH's compliance

and field operations. Ward and the other safety inone of the most desirable quali- spectors around the state pay close to inform consumers who may rows and darts are not recomattention to the recalls that are have bought the item before the mended for children under age 5. specifically sold in Texas.

Reasons for an item's recall and thermal hazards.

This year's toy and children's Among the items on the list this recall information. If inspectors wrapped around an infant's neck. product and safety check, which year are baby rattles with small find recalled items still for sale, was conducted last month, was parts, wooden toys that have small they notify the store manager of highlighted by a list of 13 items balls, jewelry sets that can break the recall and ask that the item be that are among the hundreds that releasing small plastic beads, pacihave been recalled during the year fiers that can separate, xylophone by the U.S. Comsumer Product mallets small enough to get stuck Safety Commission (CPSC) as de- in a child's throat, paintball masks that pose potential eye injury haz-"This safety check reminds ards, flying dolls that can break apart, purses and balls that contain a petroleum distillate that can be harmful if swallowed, backpacks with painted artwork with high lead levels, children's furniture that has high levels of lead in the paint and children's sleepwear that is not flame resistant. "There is an established system in place addressing recalled consumer products," Ward said, noting that the CPSC sends out re-

Friday

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

throughout the United States.

items and send them back to the manufacturer," Ward said.

post the recall at the point of sale that stay secured when used. Arrecall.

In some instances, retailers may not have received the CPSC and strings that can become removed from the store shelves and returned to the manufacturer. Labels are especially important for consumer information, especially on items for children, Branton said.

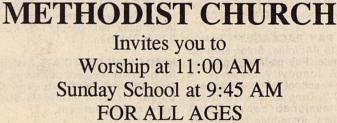
Look for sturdy construction "If the system works, then store such as tightly secured eyes, nose, buttons and other small parts.

If you buy arrows or darts, be sure they have rubber suction Store managers should also cups or flexible, protective tips

For an infant, buy large "The problem is that the sys- rattles, teethers and squeeze toys child's throat.

Never buy toys with cords

For children under age 3, do not buy toys with small parts such



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"They need to check the labels. Is the fabric flame resistant, for example. People need to be reminded."

Although the safety is highly visible for one week, product safety inspectors work year round call notices to major retail stores

Other tips in selecting toys and children's items for safety include:

Select toys to suit the age, abilities, skills and interests of the child. Even the brightest child should not be given a toy labeled for an older child. Toys safely designed for older children may have parts or strings that can choke or strangle a young child.

Be sure instructions are understandable to both the buyer and, when appropriate, the child. come deadly playthings.

as marbles, small balls and balloons. Uninflated balloons and broken pieces can choke a child. Use caution when giving toys to older children who have brothers and sisters under age 3. Younger children may be injured

by toys meant for their older siblings. For children under age 8, avoid electric toys with heating

elements and toys with sharp edges and points. Always give a helmet and

other protective gear along with a bicycle, tricycle, skates, skateboard or sporting equipment.

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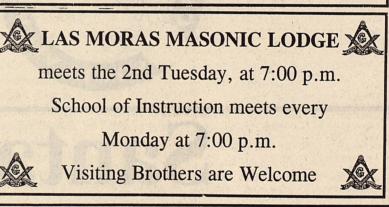
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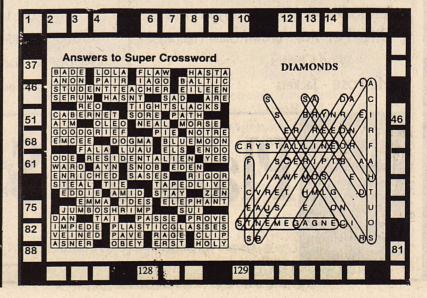
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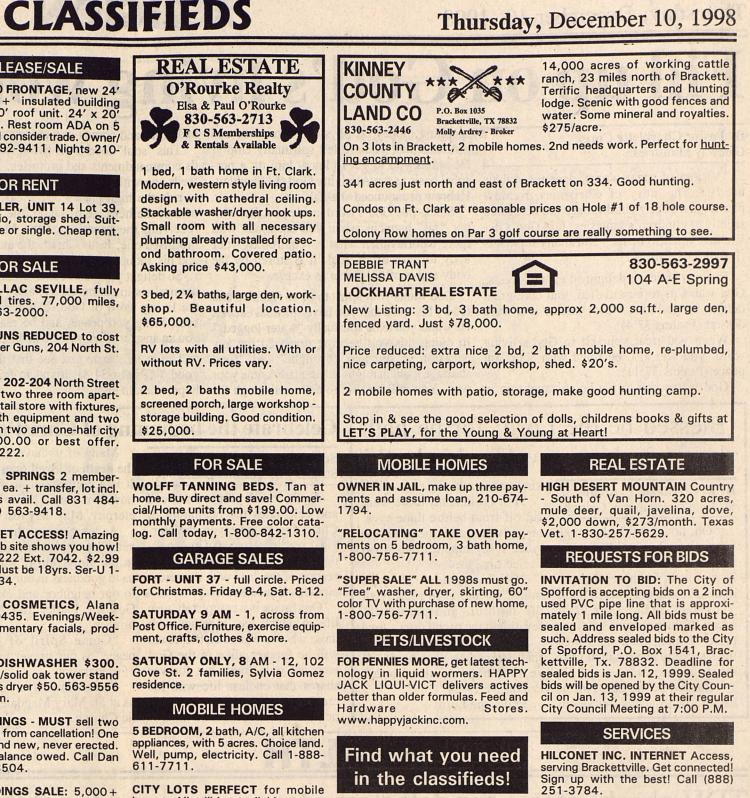
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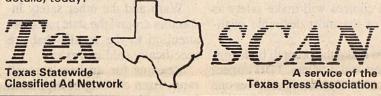
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