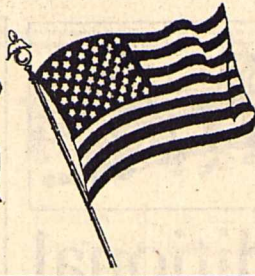


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Absentee balloting tops 300

More than 300 citizens have cast ballots so far for the Nov. 5 general election.

As of Wednesday morning, a total of 341 ballots were cast, including 274 by personal appearance and another 67 by mail.

Absentee balloting got off to a better start than anticipated on Oct. 16 during the extended voting period for the Nov. 5 general election.

"It's been wonderful," Kinney County Clerk Dora Sandoval said. "We have had a very good turnout. More people usually turn out during a presidential election year."

The extended voting period runs through tomorrow. Citizens can cast early ballots from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Courthouse.

"The next couple of days should be very busy," Sandoval said Wednesday morning. "Usually, the last three days are the busiest."

Voting for Tuesday's general election will last from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Polling places are: Slater Hall, Precinct 1; Brackett High School Auditorium; Precinct 2; First Baptist Church, Precinct 3; and the Kinney County Civic Center, Precinct 4.

There are only two local contested races. Incumbent Commissioner Freddie Frerich is being opposed by write-in candidate Tony Ray Kelley. In Precinct 3, Joe "Boy" Williams is being challenged by Gregorio O. Juarez, another write-in candidate.

Incumbent County Attorney Tully Shahan is running unopposed as a write-in candidate.

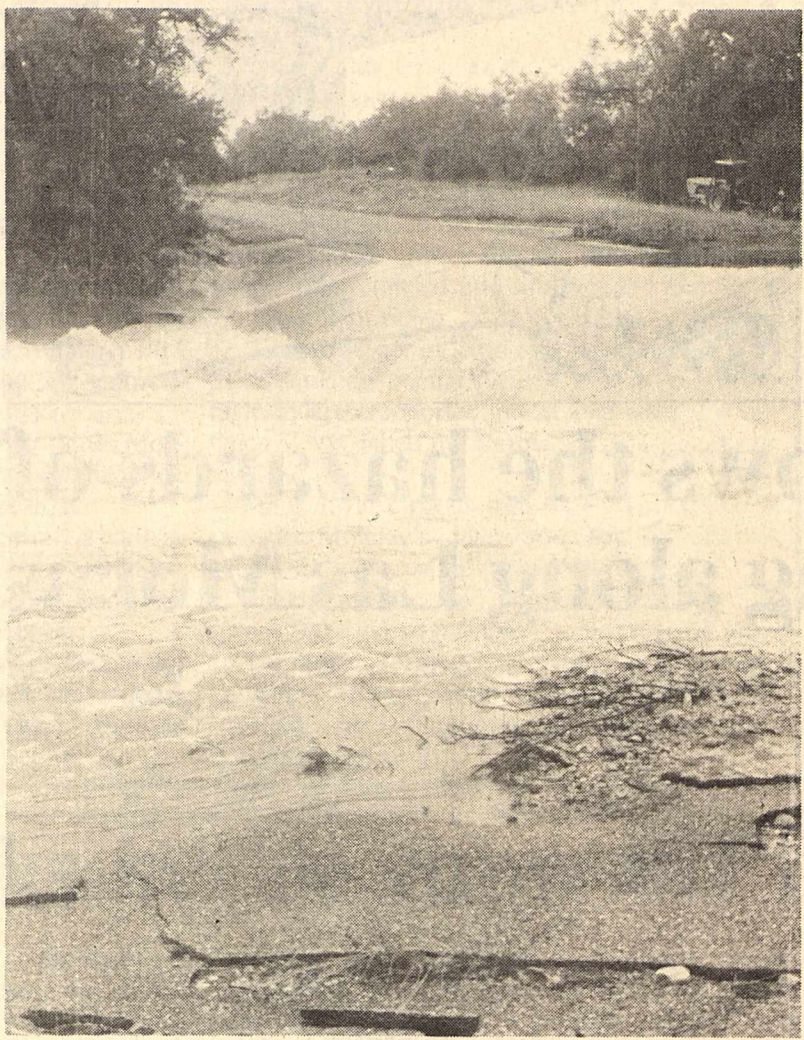
Also running unopposed in the Nov. 5 election are L.K. "Buddy" Burgess, sheriff; Martha Pena Hooten, tax assessor-collector; and Bill Lindeman, constable.

Heading the ballot is the presidential race between Democratic Incumbent Bill Clinton and Bob Dole, the Republican nominee.

Also running for president are Ross Perot, Independent; Howard Phillips, U.S. Taxpayers Party; John Hagelin, Natural Law Party; and Harry Browne, Libertarian Party.

Republican Incumbent Henry Bonilla faces opposition from Democrat Charles P. Jones in the District 23 U.S. House race.

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Heavy rains hit hard early Monday morning, causing severe flooding throughout Kinney County. Pictured is the Pinto Creek flowing over F.M. 2804. The swift current removed large sections of pavement on the road. Brackett News Photos by Wes Robinson

Much needed rains also bring danger

Two men rescued after being stranded for hours

Much needed rains soaked South Texas Sunday night and Monday afternoon, but the flooding was also accompanied by some dangers.

Two Texas Department of Transportation employees were stranded for hours in the west prong of the Nueces River, located in northwestern Kinney County.

Del Rio fireman Tito Zertuche pulled Juan Hernandez and Joe Diaz to safety Monday afternoon after the two Brackettville men were left stranded at a low water crossing.

Zertuche and Daniel Young, also a Del Rio fireman, traveled in U.S. Border Patrol helicopters piloted by Mike Johnson, Henry Moses and Bill White.

Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said Zertuche was an "expert in repelling."

"He repelled down the rope, got the two stranded motorists, and took them away from high lines so the helicopter could get lower. He picked up the two motorists and brought them to safety."

Two attempts at stringing rope to shore to tow the victims in were unsuccessful. Johnson eventually dropped Zertuche upstream so that he could swim the current to the victims.

Once the fireman arrived safely, Johnson brought the helicopter down and hovered three to four feet over the victims as Moses and Young helped them board the aircraft.

"Most of us couldn't get across Grass Valley because of the high water there," Burgess said. "The highway department used their dump trucks to pull some pickups across to get them on the other side."

"The fire department crossed the low water in the fire trucks and took EMS personnel with them."

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Filming begins on Chinese feature film

An international crew has set up in Brackettville and filming has begun on the multimillion dollar feature film, "Once Upon a Time in China VI."

The crew is currently on location near the Devil's River, and will later film at the famed Alamo Village Movie Location.

Featured parts, bit parts and extras are needed for the Chinese feature film. Those interested should dress in 1870s period clothing and go to the Kinney County Civic Center Friday from noon until 7 p.m.

Actors and real people of all ages are needed, as well as Native Americans, with their own regalia. Asian males of all ages are especially needed.

"Once Upon a Time in China VI" is the continuation of the epic story of Wong Fei-Hung, a Chinese folk hero, martial artist, doctor of acupuncture, chiropractor, and holistic medicine.

The plot has Fei-Hung coming to the U.S. to check on a disciple of his that has opened a clinic in the western frontier around the 1870 period. He continues his adventure and falls in love with a girl from a native tribe.

Parts I through V were theatrically released in Asia and are available on video in specialty U.S. video stores.

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Brackett battles Natalia on the road tomorrow

The Brackett Tigers will try to keep on track in their efforts to make the high school football playoffs as they travel to Natalia tomorrow for 7:30 District 30-2A contest against the Mustangs.

After a crucial 20-12 loss to Charlotte (7-1) two weeks ago, Brackett (4-4) rebounded to top Comfort 28-21 Friday. It was the first loss of the season for the Bobcats (7-1).

The Dilley Wolves are currently leading the district race with a 3-0 mark. Brackett, Charlotte and Comfort are all 2-1, while Center Point and Natalia are both 0-3.

In other games Friday, Dilley hosts Comfort and Center Point travels to Charlotte. Both games kickoff at 7:30.

The Harris Ratings has Brackett listed as an 8-point favorite over Natalia, while Dilley is a 1-point favorite over Comfort and Charlotte is favored by 38 over Center Point.

"Natalia is going to be ready," Tigers coach Roy Rokovich said. "They have a lot of seniors and they have pride."

"They have a good football team. In fact, they were one of the favorites going into the district race."

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for them," he said. "It's going to be a tough game. We're going to have to go over there and play a good game."

Natalia first-year coach Chris Keller is no stranger to the Tigers; he used to coach at Lytle, who was in Brackett's district last year.

"Brackett has a good football team," Keller said. "From what I've seen of them on film, they appear to be very quick and they appear to want to get up in your face and strike you. That's always been Brackettville."

"I'm real impressed with them on both sides of the ball. They're well coached."

"They're still at the point where their kids are real excited about playing because they're still in the hunt."

"I'm sure their coaches are excited because they're getting better every week. We're expecting them to roll in here. I hope we can get up for the game."

The Mustangs are led by senior Nick Mendez, a four-year starter at quarterback and linebacker.

"Nick is a great athlete," Rokovich said. "He's the kind of kid you have to hit in order to tackle because he is so strong."

"He's a great guy. He's very smart. He runs the option very well. He reads extremely well. He is definitely the key to stopping their offense and their defense."

Mendez runs Natalia's veer offense, and likes to give the football to senior running back Eric Hernandez.

"Hernandez is a real good running back," Rokovich said. "He runs the dive for them off of the veer and they like to run a counter-trap option to him. He has a lot of ability."

When throwing the football, Mendez' favorite target is senior wide receiver Eric Ybarra, an All-Southwest Texas selection last year.

"We're going to have to defend Ybarra," Rokovich said. "He hurt us some last year. He's going to be a kid that we have to stop."

"He has a lot of tenacity. The kid is a real go-getter. He gets after it and has a lot of intensity, so he is a guy that we have to stop. Ybarra is a good receiver."

J. Wayne Ballew will lead the Tigers' offense into battle, along with running backs Jorge Rodriguez, Demitrus Williams and Moses Hernandez.

"Brackett has three good running backs and their quarterback is getting better each week," Keller said. "Ballew is doing a good job on the option. He seems to be making some good decisions."

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Fall Festival is today

Brackettville's annual Fall Festival and Costume Parade is today. The parade will begin on Ann St. at 4:30 in front of the Catholic Church and finish in the front parking lot of Jones Elementary, where the festival will continue until 7 p.m.

The PTO will sell hamburgers and drinks. Tickets will be 25 cents each and can be used at any of the booths.

"The parents in the community have turned out to support our elementary students," Jones Elementary School Principal Michael Schooler said. "The entire community has supported everything we have done really well."

"The funds that are raised in this will help support the students throughout the year, to go on field trips and to do some exciting things."

The Headstart will sell pizza pie, the pre-kindergarten will have a cookie sale, the kindergarten will have a pumpkin toss and a food basket raffle, the first grade will sell cascorones and will have a petting zoo, the second grade will have a cake walk and a dunk-

"The parents in the community have turned out to support our elementary students."
 Michael Schooler

ing booth, the third grade will have putt putt golf, the fourth grade will have a cake raffle and a sponge throw, and the fifth grade will have a turkey raffle and a checkers tournament.

Also, ESL will have a raffle, the seniors will have a pie toss, the juniors will have a jailhouse, the freshmen will have a wishing well, and the FHA will have a bean bag toss and bobbing for apples.

A dance contest will also be held this year for the elementary-age children, and prizes will be awarded for three levels.

Music for the Fall Festival will be provided by Butch Lopez.

"If you just want to come, it's a great alternative to walking around and trick-or-treating at night, so come on out and have a good time," Schooler added.



Leisha Wardlaw, left, gets a flu shot from Linda Earwood, right, as Cindy Pineda looks on. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

LIONS ROAR

By Peter Pohl
Contributing Writer

The last few weeks have been very busy for the members of the Brackettville Lions Club.

At the 1996 Kinney County Health Fair, sponsored by the Lions, 461 adults and 46 Brackett first graders attended; 386 people received flu shots and 135 had their eyes screened in the new Lions Mobile Eye Screening Unit.

The Lions Club's annual pecan sales have started and many individuals are buying the pecans for the holidays.

Also, the Lions have had their first meeting with the representatives of organizations, churches, business and interested individuals in regards to the Annual Kinney County Christmas Basket program.

If you or your group want to be involved with the Christmas baskets, talk to any Lion or call club member Phil Land at 563-2880.

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Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Is the need for additional DPS troopers so dire?

An open letter to Governor George W. Bush.

Dear Sir:
I am much concerned about the traffic of drugs from Mexico, especially through our area. I applaud any effective effort at interdiction.

After observing the assignment of a large number of Highway Patrol agents to this area, I feel this is a debacle. As a Pastor for nearly 30 years in Brackettville, I drive 30,000 to 40,000 miles a year, mostly visiting the sick and hospitals. I have seen DPS agents in abundance.

It's 30 miles from Brackettville to Del Rio, and I often see three or four DPS vehicles in this 30 miles.

One day, recently, I saw three vehicles in a one-mile stretch, all rolling. I stood in a business on Highway 90 in Brackettville and, in 15 minutes, I saw four vehicles, two going east and two going west.

One day, recently, I was going toward Laguna on Road 334. Many times I drive this road without seeing a car on the highway. As I drove out to visit a man bed-ridden and terminal, a DPS vehicle approached facing me. When he, passed I saw him turn around and start to follow me.

I always drive 50 to 55 miles per hour, but this day I was driving 45. The patrolman followed for approximately a mile then turned on his lights for me to stop. I did.

I asked why he stopped me. He said, "You crossed the center line."

I said, "No Sir, I did not cross the center line." If I had it would have been minuscule.

In no way would I have noticeably driven even partly across the line. It was in a passing lane and I hadn't seen a car in miles.

I then asked when he alleged I crossed the line, as he approached or as he followed me. He said "As I followed you."

This made it even more ridiculous. Would any sane person ever violate a traffic law knowing less than a quarter of a mile behind was a DPS agent?

I then asked, "Why did you turn around and follow me?"

He said, "Your windows are shaded and I wanted to know if you were legal."

He proceeded to check them and sure enough they were within legal limits. I've been driving this car for several years and never has any law enforcement officer ever questioned the shade.

He gave me a "Warning Ticket" reading "fail to drive in a single lane."

He acted like he was doing me a favor because I wouldn't have to pay a fine.

He identified my vehicle as a "(Chev/2dr.)" when in reality it is an El Camino - a pickup. He never checked nor asked about insurance.

When I asked where he was from, he said "Sweetwater." He was accompanied by a Border Patrol Agent.

This is only one of many cases of harassment by these "outside" agents.

One young man driving from Del Rio at night by himself was stopped and harassed with no legitimate cause.

An older man was stopped and harassed because he was driving slowly. He was a stranger to the area and was sight-seeing.

One lady driving to Del Rio to an appointment at the Social Security office was stopped for speeding. The agent gave her a "Warning Ticket" listing her speed at 70 miles per hour.

He detained her at length. He had her open the hood and trunk of her car and searched them. He searched her car.

He asked her where she lived, though he had her drivers license and I presumed had checked the car on the computer. He even asked her if she ever went to Mexico.

She showed him the letter showing her appointment which he refused to believe.

The springs of the hood of her car are weak and when she lifts the hood she must prop it up. She carries a stick to prop it up. He even asked her why she carried the stick.

He asked her if she owned the car. He asked her how long she had had it. He asked her where she bought it.

When she started to leave her car wouldn't start and the agent had to give her a "jump start."

I'm sorry I can't give his name, but I can't read it. The man who stopped me was named Lozano, Badge No. 8332.

My question is, "If they have a Border Patrol Agent with them, what can they do about interdictions of drugs the Border Patrol Agent can't do without them?"

Since they apparently are not needed where they came from, why should tax payers be bled to pay them?

If the need for agents is so dire, why did the President transfer 25 Border Patrol Agents from Texas to California?

I could hope there would be an "out of house" investigation and these excessive agents sent back where they came from.

I am deeply concerned about drug traffic and use. What ever can be effective in this area certainly has my whole hearted support.

This influx of DPS agents and their actions is certainly counter productive.

Let me add, you have had and continue to have my whole hearted support. You are doing an outstanding job and are a great credit to the Office of Governor and the State of Texas.

Respectfully yours,
Joe R. Townsend

CLINTON'S BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE—STEP RIGHT UP WITH YOUR TAX DOLLARS!!



Study shows the hazards of developing along Las Moras

"If you put your teepee right next to the water, your wigwam is gonna get wet." It's not a question of if but when.

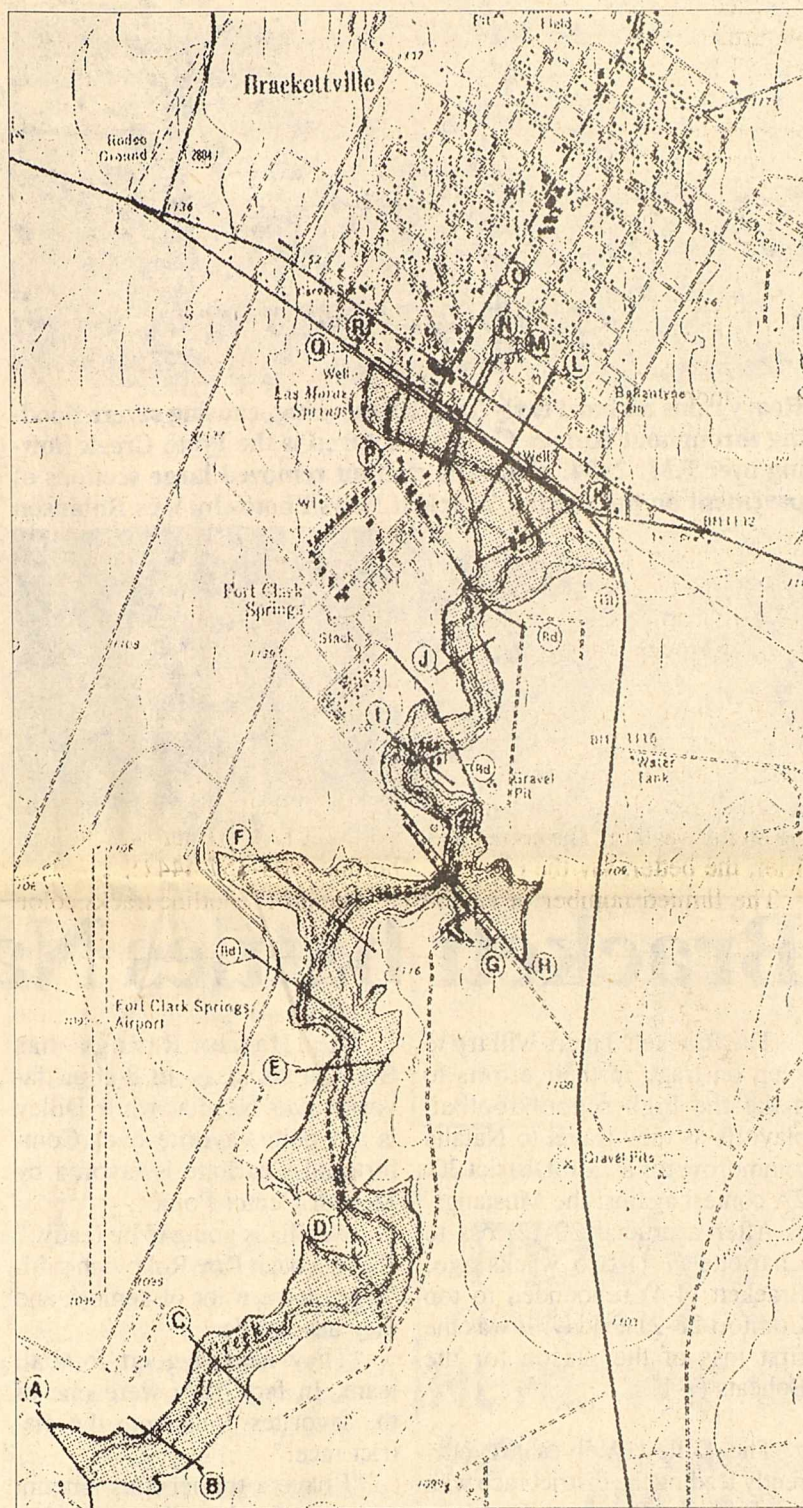
As I see Las Moras Creek out of its banks again, I'm reminded of the flood we had in 1987. For those of you who are newcomers, we had quite a bit of flood damage to homes, especially on Fort Clark Springs. My long time board member, P.H. Coates, has reminded me over the years that our Conservation District has repeatedly issued warnings about the hazards of development along Las Moras Creek.

Back in 1990, because of continued development along Las Moras Creek, my board chairman, Bret Trant, and I, with the rest of the board, felt compelled to order a survey that clearly define the "Flood Zone" along Las Moras Creek. This report was made public in August 1991. The maps and elevations were filed with the County Clerk's office and are available to the public.

The bottom line of the report was: "In order to reduce flood damages, development should be avoided within the 100-year flood plain."

Like I said before, this is on file in the County Clerk's office and I have kept copies of the maps and report in my office. If anyone is considering building some type of structure along Las Moras Creek, or perhaps already have constructed something along the creek, I encourage you to study this report.

James Crumley,
District Conservationist,
USDA, Natural Resources
Conservation Service



Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Wednesday, October 23
9:12 p.m., Paul Anthony Negrete, 37, of Brackettville was arrested by Kinney County Sheriff's Deputy Tim Santos for public intoxication and resisting arrest. Negrete was booked into

Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Hall. He was released the next day after posting a \$750 bond and paying a \$100 fine.

Thursday, Oct. 24
8:50 p.m., Phillip Neil

Lewellen, 26, of Del Valle, and Carl Orville Smith III, 26, of Austin, were arrested by Task Force Officer Manuel Neimann for possession of valium and alprazolam. They were booked into the Kinney County Jail. Both were released the following day after posting a \$1,000 bond.

Friday, Oct. 25
12:45 a.m., James Stephen Garner, 44, of Conroe, was arrested by DPS Trooper David Morgan for theft by check. After being booked into Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Hall, Garner was released. He posted a \$2,000 bond.

Saturday, Oct. 26
1:55 p.m., Roberto Urbina Lopez, 31, of Grand Prairie, was arrested by DPS Trooper Sabino Martinez on an outstanding warrant for aggravated assault. Lopez was booked into the Kinney County Jail and released the same day after posting a \$5,000 bond.

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The best defense of diabetes is early detection

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

November is National Diabetes Month. I'm talking to you about Diabetes Month early this year to emphasize the importance of early detection. Getting a jump on diabetes is the best defense against it.

Diabetes weakens and cripples its victims by impairing the body's ability to process food sugar into energy.

The scariest part of diabetes is that most people are unaware that they have the disease until it is too late. Over 16 million Americans have diabetes, but half of those people don't even know it.

Left untreated, diabetes can lead to complications such as blindness, kidney disease, stroke, heart failure and leg or foot amputations. For all these reasons, early detection is crucial.

Watch for the warning signs of diabetes, which include fatigue, excessive thirst, rapid weight loss, blurred vision, frequent urination, or cuts or bruises that are slow to heal.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I have been deeply involved in efforts to expand diabetes research and prevention around the country. I am happy to report that progress is being made.

This year, scientists located the gene that promotes the most common form of diabetes. Each discovery like this puts us one step closer to a cure, but we still have a long way to go.

Finding a cure for diabetes is one part of the bigger picture. Prevention care is critical to controlling the complications of diabetes.

A diabetic's day-in day-out routine of monitoring blood sugar levels can take over the life of the patient and the family. That's why new discoveries which help make this routine less burdensome for some diabetics are so important.

This year brought several innovations aimed at easing the daily routine of some diabetics.

This year, scientists began testing the use of an insulin pump inserted under the skin. This new method will hopefully help some diabetics avoid several-times-a-day insulin injections. Scientists also began testing to see if swallowing a capsule of insulin crystals everyday could prevent or delay one form of diabetes.

We don't have a cure for diabetes yet, but we have made great strides in research this year. But for now, our best defense against diabetes is awareness and education.

Editor's note: For more information regarding diabetes, please call 1-800-DIABETES.

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Officials team up to save two stranded motorists

Brackettville gets six inches of rain

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"You couldn't get close to where the pickup was stranded," he said. "We finally got the Border Patrol helicopter there."

Burgess said no injuries were reported, other than "a few cuts and bruises on the fireman from the wire and the brush."

In addition to the Border Patrol and the Del Rio Fire Department, Game Gardens, the Kinney County EMS and the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department were among the many law enforcement agencies involved in the rescue.

Local citizens Lloyd Lee Davis and Bo Bo Morgan also assisted at the scene. Davis utilized his helicopter and Morgan brought his boat.

The Sheriff's Department received a call at about 8:30 Monday morning concerning stranded motorists on Tularosa Road. Hernandez and Diaz retrieved the motorists at Davis hanger.

"After the Highway Department picked up the stranded motorists, Juan and Joe went further down Tularosa to check out the rising water," Burgess said.

"When they got near the end of the slab, the state-maintained part of the highway, the river was coming up so fast they decided to get out."

"They turned to come back and the river was coming up so fast that they saw that they weren't going to make it, so Juan put his pickup up against a utility pole to give it support from the rushing water. They crawled up on top of the pickup as the water kept rising."

"The water got up to around their stomach with them standing on the pickup," he said. "Some highway crews reported in that they needed assistance so we called the Border Patrol for helicopters."

Many local citizens said they haven't seen a rain like Monday's since 1964. Brackettville received six inches of rain early that morning.

Rocksprings received eight inches, Leakey had seven, Del Rio had five and Uvalde received four.

The storms formed as a result of a slow-moving front coming up from the Gulf of Mexico that collided with a cold front that stretched from Texarkana to Del Rio.

Voters turn out early

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A statewide race attracting interest is the U.S. Senate campaign in which Republican Incumbent Phil Gramm is being challenged by Democrat Victor M. Morales.

Other contested races include Texas Railroad Commissioner, Republican Carole Keeton Rylander and Democrat Hector Uribe; and Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice, Republican Tom Phillips and Democrat Andrew Jackson Kupper.

Additional Supreme Court races include Place 1, Republican John Cornyn and Democrat Patrice Barron; Place 2, Republican James A. Baker and Democrat Gene Kelly; and Place 3, Republican Greg Abbott.

Three places are open on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, including Place 1, Republican Sue Holland and Democrat Bob Perkins; Place 2, Republican Paul Womack and Democrat Charles Holcomb; and Place 3, Republican Tom Price and Democrat Frank Maloney.

State Rep. Pete P. Gallego, a

Democrat, is unopposed in his District 74 seat in the Texas House, as is Democrat Phil Hardberger for chief justice of the Fourth Court of Appeals.

Neither George M. Thurmond, 63rd Judicial District judge, nor Tom Lee, 63rd Judicial District attorney, are being challenged. Both are Democrats.



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State parks set to show off fall colors

By Henry Lutz
Contributing Writer

AUSTIN - In autumn, Texas state parks offer not only cooler weather conducive to picnicking, hiking and camping, but also an eye-popping kaleidoscope of fall colors brought on by the changing climate.

From Caddo Lake State Park in extreme north east Texas to the Texas Hill Country to the Panhandle Plains, the woods and forests strut their autumn stuff. It may not be a storied fall in New England, but it's good enough in the Lone Star State to foster special "Hotlines" that update the changing fall colors.

Perhaps the most popular state park for autumn color seekers is Lost Maples State Natural Area near Vanderpool, which annually draws thousands to view the relict stands of bigtooth maple trees.

Beginning Oct. 3, callers can dial the Lost Maples leaf color change report (512-389-4449 or 1-800-792-1112, Option 1) to receive a recorded message updated weekly through Thanksgiving.

The canyon maples' most vibrant reds, yellows and oranges usually can be seen in late October and early November, depending on the weather. The cooler and drier, the better, say the experts.

The limited number of camp-

sites and the 250 parking spaces go quickly on the weekends. To reserve a campsite, call the Texas Parks and Wildlife's central reservation center at 512-389-8900.

The state's main fall foliage hotline is maintained in Laredo by the Texas Department of Transportation. That TxDOT phone number is 1-800-452-9292.

But of all the regions of Texas, East Texas traditionally boasts the most spectacular displays of autumn colors. To monitor the colorful transformation taking place in the pine and hardwood forests, the East Texas Tourism Association (ETTA) maintains a foliage hotline (903-757-4444).

The ETTA hotline tracks color

changes throughout East Texas, from the golden glow of the Chinese tallows along the coastal plains, northward through the pines and oaks of the Piney Woods, all the way to the rust red cypress-dotted Caddo Lake area.

Foliage chasers can get an up close look at the dazzling array of changing leaves at such East Texas state parks as Village Creek north of Beaumont, Martin Dies, Jr. near Jasper, Mission Tejas near Alto, Martin Creek near Tatum, Lake Bob Sandlin near Mount Pleasant, Cooper Lake south of Paris, Daingerfield and Tyler.

Editor's note: Henry Lutz is the Kinney County Game Warden.

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Lions Club stays busy

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Last year, the club helped over 100 families, and these families had over 125 children.

On Nov. 9, the Lions Club is sponsoring a golf tournament at the Fort Clark Springs Golf Course.

Monies collected from this golf tournament and barbecue are to be used to fund projects such as Christmas baskets for the needy, eye glasses for students, scholarships, and several other projects that benefit the communities of Brackettville, Spofford and Fort Clark.

If you would like to participate in the golf tournament, please call Lions Club President Ruben Martinez at 563-9103.

The Lions Thrift Shop has been crowded and a Christmas sale will soon start.

If you would like to donate unwanted clothes, appliances or furniture, call Lion Club's member Bob Burkepile at 563-9249.

Filming to begin at Alamo Village

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"Once Upon a Time in China VI" will also be theatrically released overseas and will most likely be released as a foreign film in video stores in the U.S.

Jet Li and Rosamon Kwan, two of China's top actors, star in the film, which is being directed by Hung Kempo. Producers are Tsui Hark, Raymond Fung and A. Noel Vega.

Vega said that his crew scouted locations all over Texas.

"But we knew we had found our set when we came to Alamo Village. So many excellent projects have been filmed here," Vega added.

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BISD Cafeteria Menu

Parents welcome to join their children at breakfast or lunch

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Breakfast Menu

Friday, November 1

Bacon Egg Pizza
Scramble

Fruit or Fruit Juice

Monday, November 4

Mermaid Breakfast

Biscuit/Sausage Pat.

Asst. Cold Cereal

Cinnamon Sugar TST.

Fruit or Fruit Juice

Tuesday, November 5

Anchors Away!

Breakfast Taco

Asst. Cold Cereal

Fruit or Fruit Juice

Wednesday, November 6

Land Ho!

Breakfast Pizza

Asst. Cold Cereal

Muffins

Fruit or Fruit Juice

Thursday, November 7

Ships Ahoy!

Waffle Stks/Syrup

Sausage Link

Asst. Cold Cereal

Bagel/Cream Cheese

Fruit or Fruit Juice

Lunch Menu

Friday, November 1

Pizza Wedge

Seasoned Green Beans

Choice of Fruit

Monday, November 4

Chicken Fried Stk. On A Bun

Oven Fries

Choice of Fruit

Tuesday, November 5

Santa Fe Sandwich

Vegetable Sticks

Peanut Butter Cup

Fresh Fruit

Wednesday, November 6

Hamburger

Burger Salad

Oven Fries

Whipped Jello

Thursday, November 7

School Made Burritos

Ranch Beans

Spanish Rice

Fruit

Tiger Band makes school history by marching in parade

The Brackett Tiger band made history Saturday, becoming the first band in the school's history to march on foreign soil.

The group, led by director Michael Smellie, marched in the Fiesta de Amistad Parade in Del Rio and Ciudad Acuna, Mexico.

"I thought the parade was a lot of fun," Smellie said. "I know the kids enjoyed marching in it."

"It gave them some great exposure because there was close to 25,000 people that watched the parade in Del Rio and Acuna. It was definitely the largest crowd they have played in front of."

"I was really proud of them because they out-played themselves," he said. "I heard a lot of great comments from the spectators, especially about how much our band has improved. They were also glad that we made the trip to participate."

It was the second parade performance of the year for the band. Earlier this month, the group marched in the homecoming parade.

"The Fighting Tiger Band took the international language of music and represented Brackett High

"I thought the parade was a lot of fun. I know the kids enjoyed marching in it."

Michael Smellie

School very well," said Stoney Burks, assistant principal for secondary schools at Brackett, who was at the parade. "Our community should be proud."

Smellie said the band marched close to four miles during Saturday's event.

"As a result, the kids are really excited about themselves. Hopefully, we will be participating in a parade in Corpus Christi which is about 15 miles long and a parade in San Antonio which is about seven miles long."

Smellie said the band is continuing to improve and that he is excited about all of the support the group has received.

"I would like to thank the parents and community for their support," he said. "I look forward to continued support as the program continues to grow better and stronger."



Making decisions

What a week! One of the great athletic contests in BISD's history was the victory Friday night over the Comfort Bobcats.

There were times when our chances to get in the win column looked slim.

Our Tigers played better as a team than the Bobcats did during the last quarter. The result was that Comfort is not undefeated anymore.

Brackett is back in the thick of things in the football district race. We'll be back at it this week as we play Natalia.

So, what else? How about the rain? Lots of it! I could hear the thunder all night long beginning about midnight.

I knew that it was raining hard, but I wasn't about to skip through the yard searching for the rain gauge. To tell the truth, the thought entered my mind, but I quickly suppressed it.

The phone began to ring about 5 a.m. School folks, bus drivers, administrators, talking mostly of the power outage.

For years, I've leaned to holding school when we could. I haven't changed in 23 years of making those decisions. The days that we skip have to be made up on a Saturday, or from a Christmas break or something of the like. Above all, I never want to have school when the danger exceeds the benefits.

This particular morning, there was no TV or radio, because of the power outage so the decision was a little easier. Even if school is called off, we couldn't get the word to the students.

There was little information on road problems available locally through law enforcement channels because of the power outage. I decided we should have school.

I began to doubt the wisdom of my decision about 7:30 a.m. The cafeteria was lit by candlelight. Other rooms and hallways were very dark.

Richard Terrazas and the maintenance staff hooked up a generator for light for the cafeteria. About 7:45, power was restored by CP&L. I had more confidence in my earlier decision to have school.

The rain just kept falling and falling and falling. I had noticed

Las Moras Creek was way out of its banks. Driving through downtown Brackettville, water had completely covered the streets.

Just a few days earlier, I had talked to our board president, Jimmy Bader, about the critical need for rain in Kinney County. Our prayers had been answered.

During the day, Pauline Hilliard, school librarian, was stranded somewhere out in the West Nueces area.

I have seen that river run before and knew it would be even wilder this time.

Pauline left for work at 6:30 a.m. and wasn't located until early afternoon. An answer to another prayer was the phone ringing as Pauline told me that she was safe.

Pauline's home had been flooded. She's still picking up the pieces today, but she is safe.

Ruben Buanello managed to pick up a few students on his bus route in the morning. He thought he could get them home for the afternoon route.

I watched him return later and he told me that the creek was up higher than his bus. So, he was forced to return to Brackettville with the students.

Buses and bus students get most of my attention on bad weather days. We will always give excused absences to students who miss school when buses can't run.

That's about it. The rain, about six inches in our part of the county, had been very general in the area.

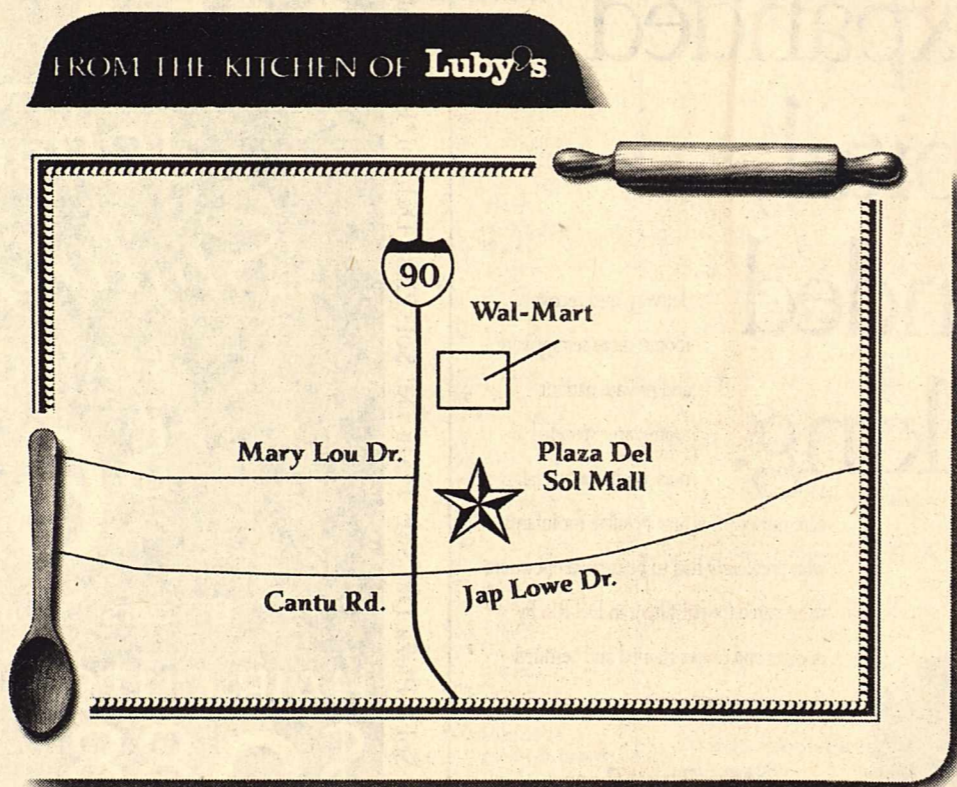
Our law enforcement officers and volunteer fire department deserve special credit. I know that Lloyd Lee Davis was busy with his helicopter during the storm. Seems that KC folks do a great job supporting each other in times of need.

That's about it. It was a difficult day for all. But, we got through it. The kids got to school and back home safely.

The rain was absolutely wonderful. Though it will cause some extra work rebuilding fences and reworking roads that washed out, it was a special week in Kinney County.

This week, think about what we can accomplish when we don't care who gets the credit. Keep a smile on your face. Have a good one!

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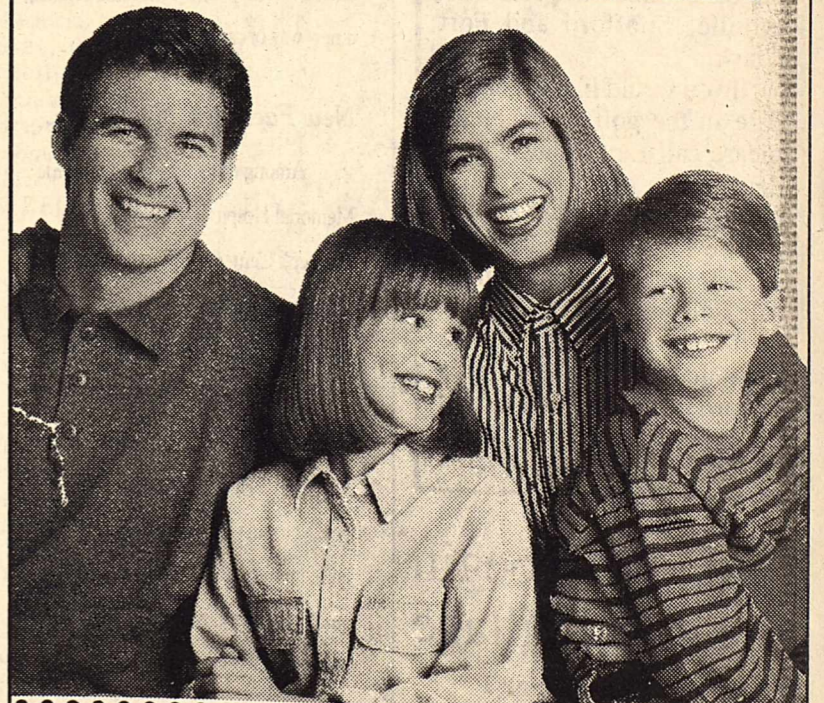
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Russell White, left, is welcomed to the Rotary Club meeting by John Ford, program chairman. Photo by Eric McMaster

White addresses the Rotary Club

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Russell White arrived at the Rotary Club meeting last Thursday carrying a large display case full of arrow points and Indian artifacts such as beads. He also brought a mortar and pestle with him, all of which he found in Kinney County.

White explained the uses of different sized points. Unless you are knowledgeable about these relics, you may lump them altogether and call them arrowheads.

However, only the smallest of these heads were actually used as arrows and measure from one to four millimeters. Dart points measure about five to ten millimeters. Larger points would have been too heavy to be shot from a bow. The Indians also used spears and axes made of stone.

Bows and arrows came into use around 700 AD. Before that time short spears called atlatlas were used. These had an extension that worked much like the elbow adds leverage of one's throwing arm.

The shape of these artifacts was determined by their use, but this also enables the anthropologist, whether professional or an informed amateur, to date them. The stone relics were chipped into shape using the end of deer antlers struck by a heavier stone.

Persons who have learned to make points in a manner similar to the Indians estimate that it probably took them ten or fifteen minutes to fashion one. They apparently didn't make a concerted ef-

fort to reclaim them after killing game.

Relics date from the Paleo Indian period which dates from around 9200 to 6000 BC.

White's earliest points are the Goldrina and a Plainview point, which dates around 9200 BC, or the Early Archaic period.

The Mid Archaic dates for 2000 to 1000 BC, while the Late Archaic dates 1000 BC to 700 AD, them came a transition period. The Late Pre-historic period is from 1200 AD to 1800.

The Indian relics from Kinney County date from 2500 to 1000 BC and there is an abundance of them.

White displayed knives and scrapers made of flint. Obsidian relics come from Mexico and New Mexico.

Some objects are made of lava rock. Mortar and pestles were used to grind the acorns, mesquite beans and prickly pears that comprised the Indian's diet.

Woven objects such as mats and sandals have been found in caves located in this area. Woven Indian ropes are as strong as any ropes manufactured today.

Collectors have offered White thousands of dollars for his collection, but he has kept all his relics.

White has thousands of points but said that the finest collection to be found in this area belongs to Virginia Shahan.

White reminded Rotary Club members that historic Kinney County is a fascinating place to live.

Moncus' Musings



MIKE MONCUS



Park Ranger, Interpreter
Bastrop State Park

The Tarp

As far as it goes the camp was perfect. I call it a camp but it's been more of a home for over 3 years. It's a pull-behind travel trailer only 26 feet of much less than that living space and my "Love" and I most of the time Anna have made it our home. We've learned a bunch and are satisfied the cramped space has not lessened our personal relationships. We've grown.

With the wind from an expected cool front, one of this years first northers, the brown tarp speaks a tarp language that I learned many years ago when tarps were made of canvas instead of plastic covered nylon. The smell and weight of great tarps or ship's hatch covers are a part of my and previous generations memories. The language is the same just freshened up and quickened like modern music and entertainment. Tarps can't resist speaking at the moment winds change and what great stories they tell are always happy. I've heard wind cry and sing and holler but tarps always speak fun and positive things even if a few eyes get ripped out. It's ropes and tie-

downs that are oft times negative and insecure and prone to complain. Tarps give you shade and song. Tarps use to be tarpaulin and demanded a lot of care and understanding and therefore more respect. I love to set out under them and write. That's what they're for, if not maybe fellowship and music. Some of our best times have come beneath tarps. A tarp covered the cotton trailers I rode to the gin when the weather looked like rain. A ship's hatch cover tarp housed the entire extended family at the mouth of the Rio Grand river when the family fished and recreated for a month when we were young. A tarp has covered all our folks at various interments where we've lain tired old bodies and young soldiers to rest and yet it's camps that tarps have made and it is this that I'm most thankful.

This camp, this home, is not less than any other and it's made complete with the positive little verses that wind teaches to the tarp. Just the flap and tug on the lines draws my full attention to a simple thing I had almost overlooked being thankful for.



Ask
Evelyn

Evelyn
Ludvigson

Q. What happened to Demi Moore's hair? I saw her on a TV news show the other day and she's practically bald. Does she have a head disease or what? Marvin W.

A. Demi shaved her head for a role for which, I'm told, she's being paid a small fortune in spite of the failure of her last several films.

Q. Is it true we're going to see the "Ellen" show ruined with another gay character? I guess being gay has become the new chic thing for Hollywood. Don't they realize their audiences are not happy with these shows now and don't want anymore? Ben McD.

A. As I write this, no decision has been made about having Ellen's character, Ellen Morgan, "come out" or not. Some skeptics say this is an attempt to wake up the viewing public which has been falling off. If so, it worked.

Q. Has Melanie Griffith had her baby yet and if so, what has she named it? Julia S.

A. Melanie and her husband, Spanish actor Antonio Banderas, welcomed Gloria Carmen Banderas Griffith on Sept. 24.

Q. This is not an important question, but it's one I've wanted to ask for a long time. Why don't we see more pictures of the White House cat, Socks? Is he still with us or did he die? Please answer when you can. Laurie C.

A. As I understand, Socks is well and still in residence at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. We don't see as many photos of him as we once did because Chelsea, to whom the cat belongs, felt all those flashes and clicks from the cameras frightened him.

■ Editor's note: If you have a question, send it to Evelyn Ludvigson, King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th St., New York, N.Y., 10017.

Smoke From Nakai

By Nakai Breen

Readers,

This sunrise I will tell you of the meaning of the Totem.

The totem is a very significant word among the tribes. It defines the clans, religion, and the roots of where a particular tribe came from.

Some totems are painted on the tipis, others are carved on wood and some are just spoken.

In the ancient times man began to divide into families, bands or clans. As the power of language developed it became necessary to devise a means by which the tribe could be distinguished from one another. So each group of people decided to choose a symbol (totem) from either plant, bird or animal.

When the babies were given a name, it had to be chosen from something relating to their totem. The name also had to be what the mother saw or did just before delivering her child. This way just by hearing the persons name, one can tell what her or his totem is.

For example Le-Hua-Na-Ka-I means River Rose, by the river or on the river. The totem is the Turtle because the River Rose can live on land or water and so does the turtle.

So until next time.
Nakai

Bridge Anyone

By
NORMA GOULD



The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met with 3 1/2 tables playing the Howell Movement.

In a very close game, Betty Inman and Ann Hibler won 1st place. Flo Stafford and Norma Gould won 2nd with Nita and Fred Clayton winning 3rd place.

Judy and Bob Douglas were welcomed back. Our Winter Texans are returning.

Some common house plants are poisonous

During this time of year when yards are full of flowers and interesting pods and nuts are dropping off of trees, it's hard to believe that anything beautiful can be so deadly. But the truth is that many innocent looking plants commonly found in your home or garden could cause serious harm if eaten. For example, eating more than two castor beans could spell death for adults.

Other poisonous plants include mistletoe, elephant ears, poinsettias and acorns from oak trees. Parents need to teach children not to put foliage in their mouths. Some poisons can severely irritate the skin if touched. Common ones in this group are poison ivy and poison oak. Warning signs include digestive upset, vomiting, blistering of the lips, nervousness, excitement, irregular heartbeat and mental confusion.

A handy number to have by your telephone in case of an accidental ingestion of plant material is the Texas Poison Control hotline. The number is 800-POISON-1. This central switchboard for the state gets you in touch with botanists and poison control experts in the area.

Fall is the best time to manage turf disease.

As the night time temperatures begin to drop and especially if we receive any autumn rain, fungi that cause take-all patch and brown patch begin to show up. I have already had a small case of brown patch in my lawn. Proper fall turf management strategies can help lawns survive the attack from these fungi.

Brown patch fungus attacks the base of the leaf. Affected leaves turn yellow and pull off easily and the base of the leaf is slimy and rotted. Since brown patch attacks the leaves and not the roots. The turfgrass will recover. However,

Is it time for a fresh start? When to replace a tree or shrub

In many parts of the country, the winter months are viewed as a time of forced respite from gardening. However, winter can prove productive if you reevaluate your approach to planning.

The American Association of Nurserymen (AAN) encourages you to think of winter as a perfect time to plan.

The AAN Yard and Garden Remodeling Kit can give you a head start on spring. Ask for it at your garden center or request it from a landscaping professional.

Evaluate a yard's structure

You may miss the green leaves of summer, but this time of year reveals the structure of your yard better than any other season. Views and topography are not obscured by growth, making it easier to sketch a landscape plan.

The Yard and Garden Remodeling Kit contains a grid and instructions to help you accomplish this goal. Taking a few photographs of areas you want to improve is another planning aid.

When planning the design of your garden, don't overlook the structural elements of your property: The architecture of your house, driveways, paths, or sidewalks and , of course, the areas of light and shade. It's best to prune trees, especially deciduous ones, in cooler months because you can see the form of the tree then.

Make a wish list

Decide what you need and want in your landscape. Perhaps your goals are privacy, low maintenance, or a child's play space. Much of the work can be done on paper before you ever set a shovel to soil. Balance your desires with the reality of budget, how much can you afford to invest? By completing these tasks ahead of time, you'll be better prepared when you call on a garden center or landscape designer.

Remember that spring and summer are the busiest seasons for landscape professionals, so winter is a great time to contact them. When spring finally does arrive, you'll be ready to set your plans in action.

COUNTY AGENT NEWS

By Alan L. McWilliams



affected turf is more susceptible to cold injury during a hard winter.

Take-all patch fungus attacks the roots. While take-all patch symptoms do not appear until spring, infection begins in early fall and continues during cool, wet conditions like those we sometimes have during fall and winter. Because the roots are rotted, entire stolons may be lifted easily from the soil. The damage is similar to white grub damage; however grubs can be seen in the soil if they are the cause of the damage. If they are not easily visible in the soil in affected areas, then you would suspect take-all patch disease.

Cultural practices that encourage deep vigorous root systems reduce the damage caused by these fungi. Proper water management is critical. Adequate surface and subsurface drainage is necessary. Water your lawn when needed. A good test to determine when to water is when your footprints are visible after you walk across it. Early morning is the best time to water because the grass leaves dry quickly and brown patch fungus needs a number of hours of leaf wetness to cause infection, such as from evening watering and dew formation. Infrequent but thorough watering produces a deep-rooted turfgrass.

Lawns should be fertilized one last time before winter, however, applications that are too late stimulate growth and delay dormancy in the turf, making it more susceptible to disease and cold injury. Recommendations for the last fer-

tilization date vary across the state, our date being around the first part of October.

Although there are numerous fungicides available for control of brown patch, these do not control take-all patch. So you should use a fungicide for take-all patch only if you are sure you have it. Only two fungicides currently labeled for control of take-all patch. They are Rubigan and Bayleton 25. Rubigan is used by primarily commercial applicators while Bayleton is available for the homeowner. Fungicides are most effective as preventive treatments and are much less effective as curative treatments after the disease is established. Always read and follow all label directions when using a fungicide.

Trees beginning to change with season.

Leaves of some trees species are turning yellow and beginning to fall despite some favorable growing conditions lately. The color change is nothing but a sign that we may be in for some cooler temperatures. Unless diseased or damaged, the trees should normally begin to lose their leaves, and usually only the older ones right now.

Sycamore, elm, sweetgum, and silver maple normally lose their leaves earlier than most other species. Pines will soon begin losing older needles as well. This is a natural occurrence and nothing to be concerned about. Pines retain needles for two years and the shedding represents one year's growth.

If you have questions about any

Angora Goat Project Club elects officers

By Jamie Bader
Contributing Writer

The 4H Angora Goat Project Club held its first meeting of 1996-97 school year last Wednesday.

Officers for this year's project were elected. They include President Amy Bader, Vice President Zachery Davis, Secretary Jolee Jones, Photographer Dietrich Davis, Program Director Sunni Jones, Parliamentarian Susannah Davis, Reporter Jamie Bader and Treasurer Tillman Davis.

This year's stock show will be the third weekend in January. Angora classes will be nanny kids and

billy kids only. With the combination of commercial goats and registered goats in the same class, it has resulted in fewer goats to be expected in the stock show this year.

Goats were sheared on Aug. 1 to meet the stock show requirements.

The club plans to hold at least two meetings before the stock show to practice showmanship, and to learn correct grooming techniques.

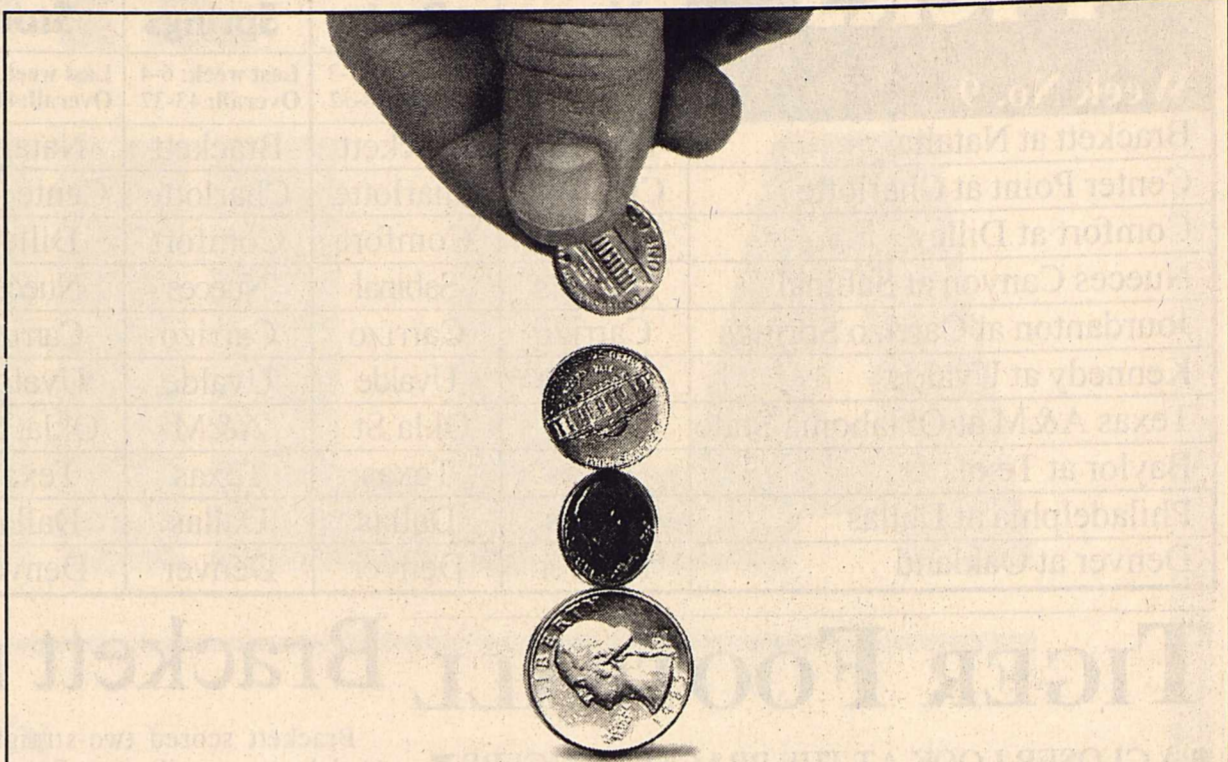
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SPECIAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE REPORT 1996

Cable TV Versus Satellite TV Consumer Update. Here Are the Facts:

UPDATE:

Consumers today are faced with a growing variety of ways to receive TV signals into their homes. On the rise are new technologies, new satellite TV services, premium channels, special events and niche programming. You may even be thinking of buying one of the new satellite services called Direct Broadcast Satellite (or DBS.) But before you do, consider these facts before committing to any new TV technology.

DBS equipment is costly.

Ever heard the old saying: Why buy the cow when you can get the milk for free? Well, neither DBS nor cable TV is free but which service really costs more? First of all: with DBS, just one equipment set-up (the dish, receiver and remote control) costs between \$300 and \$800. Don't be fooled by slick advertising claims. You are making a significant financial investment. It's true that some upstart companies are offering hardware for under \$400, but these are promotional prices for bare-bones or even obsolete equipment. To watch different programs on different TV sets or to simultaneously record on your VCR, you'll have to spend much, much more. With installation, the final, real cost is likely to be hundreds more than the price quoted. And, that's just the equipment. Typical monthly programming costs can easily exceed \$50! Plus, DBS technology may seem very advanced today, but the technology is changing at a dramatic pace. In a very short time you run the risk of owning equipment that is obsolete. Sure you can cancel your service but remember equipment costs are not refundable.

The "Beta Syndrome".

Already the last generation of satellite equipment being sold is different and "better" than last year's model. The only way to upgrade a DBS system in a few years is to buy a new one. Be careful. It's a pile of money and you don't want to be stuck with obsolete equipment, just like 8-track cassette players, loads of video games and all those Beta VCRs.

Cable provides all the necessary hardware to customers for a low monthly fee, often under \$2. Again: why invest in costly equipment when someone else can be responsible for "upgrading" your equipment for you?

Is local news, sports, weather available on DBS?

DBS cannot offer local stations. In most parts of the country it's illegal! DBS systems, by law, cannot deliver the signals of the national broadcast networks to areas that can receive their signals via antenna (or cable). In order for those people with DBS to watch their local TV stations and their network programs, they must hook up a conventional antenna on their roof. Of course, there is an easier way. With cable you automatically receive all local broadcast stations. Day in, day out, cable brings you reliable coverage of all local news, sports and weather produced in and for your community. The best

Five Reasons Cable Beats Satellite TV

Cable	Satellite TV
1 Equipment You'll Need To Purchase: None.	Satellite dish, receiver, remote.
2 Costs for Additional Outlets: Free. (Basic Service)	Up to \$500.
3 Local News, Sports, Weather: Only on cable.	Not available.
4 Approximate Equipment Purchase Costs: None.	\$350 - \$800.
5 Costs for Equipment Repairs: None.	Up to total value/replacement cost.

Source: Cable Telecommunications Association

DBS can do is offer national networks (ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS and FOX) via signals imported from a big city. Plus, there's an additional monthly fee and this DBS package is only available if you absolutely cannot get local signals off the air. And you thought rabbit ears were a thing of the past.

Beware of smoke and mirrors.

Don't be fooled by the promise of hundreds of movies. Premium channels offered by DBS services are all available on cable. Those so-called extra movies must be ordered separately and they come with extra charges, too.

Will my dish and receiver work with any DBS supplier?

Answer: maybe...maybe not.

Another important detail the salesperson may try to gloss over is: not all satellite equipment is compatible with all the DBS services. Both RCA and Sony manufacture satellite dishes and receivers. Programming is distributed through several suppliers (DirecTV, Primestar and USSB to name a few.) To date there are at least four different satellite services being offered and no two use the same equipment! It is possible to buy a satellite dish and receiver only to find out that the programs you want are only offered by a different supplier. Sound confusing? It is.

What happens when your DBS equipment breaks?

When your DBS equipment fails, your system is completely useless. The worse part is your monthly fees will continue even though your DBS equipment is unable to receive the signal. So what happens when something does go wrong? First, you have to figure out what the problem is. If it is an equipment problem you have to contact the retailer who sold it to you. The retailer will probably refer you to the company that manufactured it. The manufacturer may refer you to a repair service.

Regardless, you own the DBS equipment so you will probably be asked to call a national 800 number. Then, you will need to package and ship your faulty DBS equipment off to a repair service. The repair service will eventually diagnose the problem, repair it if necessary and send you the bill. Best case scenario, 4-6 weeks. Many DBS dealers will strongly suggest that you purchase a one- to three year service maintenance agreement to guarantee parts and service. Anyone who invests in DBS should consider this option. It's more money but at this point why cut corners?

(With DBS)...there are at least four different satellite services... no two use the same equipment!

With cable, you lease equipment. If you experience trouble with your cable service, a technician will be there within 24 hours to fix it. On-time service is guaranteed. They make sure their customers' equipment is kept updated and working properly. It makes good business sense to keep their equipment and their customers happy.

Satellite programming is not free!

Part of your cable bill goes to pay for programming each month. The same is true for DBS. There is a consumer misperception that DBS allows you to access unlimited satellite programming for no cost once you purchase the equipment. This is not true! DBS equipment is an upfront cost that does not include satellite programming. Once DBS is installed, you must continue to pay monthly programming fees, possibly to two satellite programming suppliers.

Cable sends you one bill. With DBS, who knows...

Several companies offer DBS service, and each sells different channel line-ups. To get the full range of satellite programming that you get from your cable service, you may need to order from two programming suppliers, and you will get a bill from each. And it still doesn't get you any local stations. Cable offers a complete range of local, premium and speciality programming and you'll receive only one monthly statement.

What if I own more than one TV?

If you want the option of watching different programming on additional TVs, separate receivers retailing for about \$200 each are needed for every TV set hooked to the DBS system and then you have to watch the same channel on all TVs — to watch different programs on different TVs, additional equipment is required that costs as much or more than the equipment for the first TV. Connecting more than two additional TVs can mean paying addition-

When you get hooked up to Cable TV, basic service on additional outlets is free!

Not true with Satellite TV.

al monthly programming fees. Furthermore, a telephone line must also be attached to the back of every receiver. With cable service, the minimal monthly fee for an additional outlet averages just a few cents per day.

Stormy weather and satellite TV don't mix.

Bad weather can affect both cable and DBS service, but DBS delivery is particularly subject to rain fade. You may expect some service interruptions that could last as long as 10 minutes at a time in heavy storms. This would be absolute disaster if it were to happen during the final ten minutes a first-run movie or play-off game! Normally digital reception is of high quality, but DBS digital compression can cause some curious freeze-frame effects during live action sports. Even foliage between the dish and the satellite can cause interference. Other problems can be caused by ice, snow and lightning. Power surges can even start fires or simply fry your delicate DBS equipment. While both cable and DBS systems are susceptible to inclement weather, any damage to the cable system will be repaired by your cable company without additional expense to you.

DBS installation isn't a breeze.

DBS requires a southern exposure and a clear line of sight to satellites. When a dish is mounted on your home, obstructions such as trees must be cleared away. Buildings can also be obstacles. Dealer installation costs about \$200; a self-install kit is about \$70. Also, watch out for zoning and building codes which limit where and how you can install the dish. A small cable wire entering a home is always permitted.

Your cable company is an active part of this community.

As the long-time provider of cable service to this community, your cable company has come to know you pretty well. The franchise fees and local taxes that they pay help to support programs and services in this community. Most DBS companies are national and have not made these local commitments. Your cable company, on the other hand, is proud to sponsor community charities and events. And through complimentary cable connections, they bring free educational programming to many schools in our service areas. Cable companies upgrade their technology to provide a foundation for exciting information, education and entertainment services just over the horizon. Satellite service is "one-way" technology. Consider the facts. You'll see cable TV is still your best choice for entertainment, information and beyond. •

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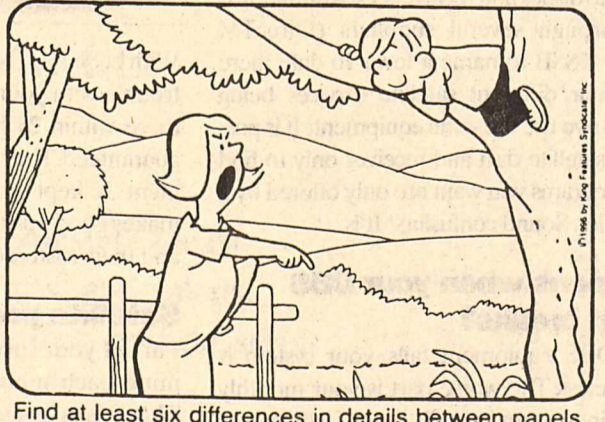
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The annual event brings together "chili heads," a name given to the true masters in the fine art of chili making, from all over the United States and sometimes these chili connoisseurs even come from overseas to compete.

The art of chili making is a Texas tradition imbedded deep in the culture of its peoples. A true Chile aficionado, Adams has attended all but two of the 23 armed forces cook-offs. He is also the only cooker from Laughlin to participate in the event.

Before this year, Adams had come as close as 5th place twice and a 10th place once, but he hadn't quite managed to pull out a first. Well, this year he had all the right combinations and walked away with top honors.

"Prior to this year, I had only entered the traditional style competition," said Adams. "But, this year someone recommended that I enter the anything goes competition. Well, I did and I guess this year I just had the right combination and I won!"

The cook off is judged by a panel of twelve chili gurus, deemed worthy to be selected as judges, They each sample all of the entries and then use their "chili sense" to determine which entry has the most perfect combinations of flavor, texture and color.

They clean their palate between chilis by eating grapes, crackers, cheese or carrot sticks and drinking various beverages, mainly beer.

If it sounds like fun, that's probably because it is. The competition is surrounded by a variety of games and other picnic like activities, and attendees of course, are encouraged to sample the chili entries and make their own judgments.

In the chili world the name of the chili is almost as important as the chili itself and much thought goes into the selection of the name, as it should reflect the personality of the cook as well as the chili. "Before this year, I always called my chili "Green Lizard Chili." but this year I thought I'd come up with a new name since I was entering a different category. I had never won a competition so I figured I'd just call it "Lost Again Chili." I was more surprised than anyone when the judge called out my name for first place. I just figured, well, it looks like "Lost Again" finally won!

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