

# The Brackett News



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Brackett's Jennifer Ashabranner (3) puts up a shot during the Tigerettes' win over Sabinal in Tuesday's season opener. See related story, Page 5. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## SWB to propose optional extended area calling plan

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

Southwestern Bell telephone officials have announced that the company plans to propose an extended area calling plan that would allow customers to make unlimited local calls to 35 different cities for a single monthly fee.

The Kinney County Commissioners Court approved the proposal during its regular meeting last week.

"The optional part is what I like about it," Precinct 1 Commissioner Freddie Frerich said. "People can use it if it helps with their phone bill."

Southwestern Bell will present the proposal to the Public Utility Commission next month. If approved, the service is expected to be operational next year.

The telephone company is trying to gain support from counties included in the plan before officials formally make the request.

"I have already gained support from Zavala, Uvalde, Dimmit and Webb counties," Southwestern Bell's Rose Delgado told county officials during last week's meeting.

The extended area calling plan is an op-

tional service that includes proposed monthly fees of \$29.95 per residential line and \$60 per business line.

"The Public Utility Commission will approve the rate based on the number of resolutions that are approved," Delgado said.

"It is an optional service, which means that it is not a service that the customer is obligated to have. Like right now, if you don't have call waiting, you don't have to buy it if you don't want it."

"We're just trying to make this available for our customers," she said. "It is something that will reduce some of your long distance rates."

The proposed area stretches from Brackettville to Luling, and south to Laredo. San Antonio is included in the plan, but Del Rio is not.

"Val Verde is not included because their telephone service is with GTE," Kinney County Judge Tommy Seargeant said.

"I understand that GTE is proposing the same plan as well," Delgado said.

"Alenco Communications, around Laredo in Webb County, and Valley Telephone, in Artesia Wells, have partnered with us. Guadalupe Valley exchange, in Kingsbury

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near Seguin, has also agreed to go along with the plan.

"The county that is most important to all the other counties is Bexar County because all of them do a lot of business towards San Antonio," she added.

Delgado said she expects the plan to be popular to telephone customers who are Internet users.

"I know a lot of the customers are going to use it for Internet service," she said. "If they want to hook up with an Internet service provider in San Antonio, they can just dial. Right now, if anybody dials to an Internet service provider in San Antonio, the long distance minutes will add up."

### Annual community Thanksgiving service set for Sunday at 7

The annual community Thanksgiving service will be at the First United Methodist Church Sunday evening at 7 p.m.

The service is a joint worship service conducted by The Voices of Fort Clark and the Ministerial Alliance of Brackettville.

"This is a joint worship for all people of all the churches of the community," said Rev. Joe Townsend, pastor of Frontier Baptist Church. "Most ministers of the community will be participating."

The speaker for the service will be Rev. R.D. Holloway, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Special music throughout the evening will be by The Voices of Fort Clark.

"Since this is a joint venture of the various churches, all people of the community are urged to participate," Townsend said. "This is one of the highlight Christian activities of the year."

## Fort Clark receives \$10,000 state grant

Fort Clark Springs has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Texas Preservation Trust Fund (TPTF), a program of the Texas Historical Commission (THC), State Representative Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, announced last week.

The grant will assist the Fort Clark Springs Association Inc. in its efforts to preserve this valuable landmark.

The grant money will be used to make improvements to the Service Club, according to Fort Clark Springs General Manager Jim Heath.

"The reason we applied for the grant is to try to broaden our sources of revenue," Heath said. "We're trying to preserve our heritage and the historic integrity of Fort Clark."

The THC selected 20 preservation projects from 102 applications to be recipients of the 1999 TPTF grant awards totaling approximately \$324,000. Five additional preservation projects have been named as grant alternates in case a grant recipient is unable to accept the award.

The Texas Legislature created the TPTF, the only preservation

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grant program in the state, to preserve endangered historic buildings and significant archeological sites statewide.

The TPTF is an interest-earning pool of public and private monies. The earned interest and designated gifts are distributed as matching grants. The program provides up to one-third of the total project costs for acquiring, planning and developing historic properties.

The state legislature provided a significant boost to the TPTF with a \$2.5 million appropriation in 1995 and another \$4.5 million in 1997. The fund will award a portion of the interest on these appropriations for 1999 grants to owners of eligible historic properties.

"The financial aid the Texas Preservation Trust Fund is pro-



Fort Clark's Service Club will benefit from a \$10,000 grant from the Texas Preservation Trust Fund, a program of the Texas Historical Commission. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

viding to this unique resource contributes to our state's growing heritage tourism industry," Gallego said.

"The great program helps our community and many others create the quality of life that attracts new business to our state," he added.

To apply for the fiscal year

2000 TPTF grant program, contact the Architecture Division at (512) 463-6094 or P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas, 78711.

The THC is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

### City passes ordinance concerning employees' residency requirements

The Brackettville City Council updated an ordinance to comply with state law concerning residency requirements for municipal employees during a special meeting Monday night.

The new ordinance says: "The governing body of the City of Brackettville feels that in the best interest of the city and the community that all community area residents be considered for various appointments to any city office."

Previous ordinances stated that employees had to live within the city limits, and later within the county.

But state law says that "a municipality may not require residency within the municipal limits as a condition of employment with the municipality."

The ordinances were brought to the City Council's attention last week when officials appointed Ron Ring as chief of police and Gil Raymer as municipal judge.

### Council to raffle Christmas tree

What a bargain! That is, to win a six and a half foot decorated Christmas tree valued at \$200.

The "eye-popper" is presently on display, until Dec. 12 at the Fort Clark Springs' Adult Center.

The tree is adorned with a jillion miniature white lights, strands of pearls, wide gold ribbons and oodles of crystal like angels and hearts.

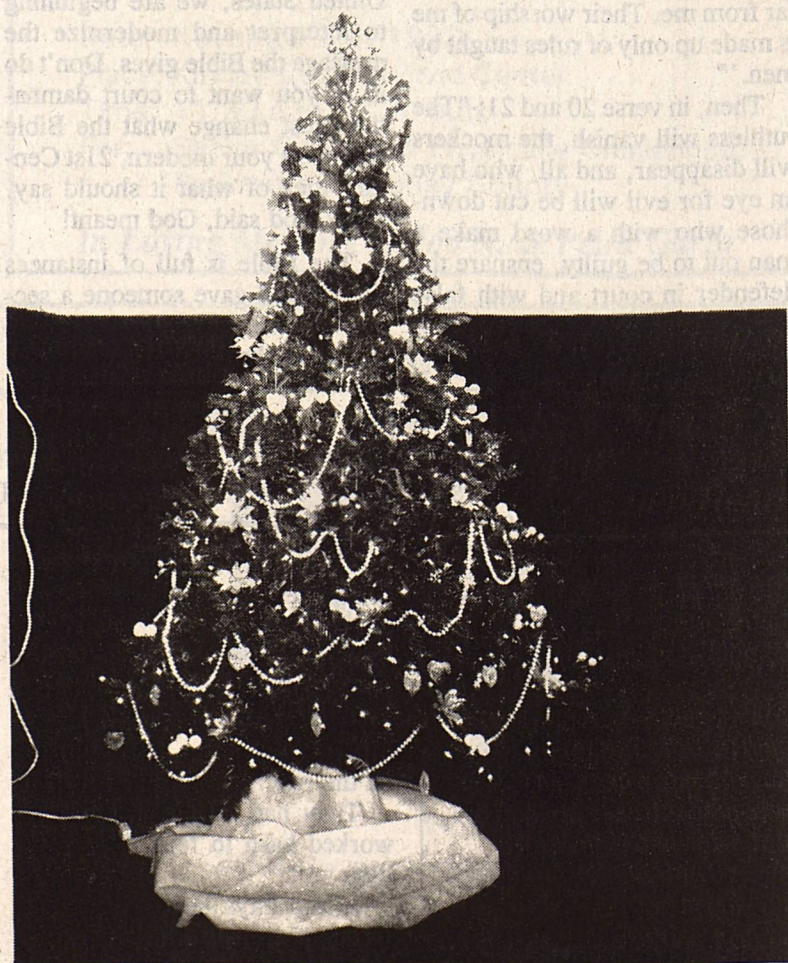
The lucky winner will be able to move the tree wherever they wish at 5 p.m. on Dec. 13.

The tree was designed exclusively by an artistic creative team, composed of Nelda Archer and Rosetta Pingenot.

Tickets are available at the Adult Center on Fort Clark, Jean's, Bank and Trust - Brackett Branch, the Kinney County Career Center, or any member of the Kinney County Arts Council.

This project is in conjunction with the Annual Christmas Tour of Homes.

The tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Donations contribute to the positive cultural enrichment of the area school children.



This Christmas tree will be raffled by the Kinney County Arts Council on Dec. 13. Photo Special to The Brackett News

### Local artists invited to take part in Highway 90 sesquicentennial

The San Antonio-El Paso Road - Highway 90 - is getting ready to celebrate its 150th birthday next year. As part of this sesquicentennial celebration, a special postal cancellation for the post offices along the old road will take place on May 1, 1999. Local artists, young and old, are invited to submit their own designs for this unique postal cancellation.

The design for the cancellation should be no larger than two and a half inches by one and a half inches and reflect the overall historical theme of the Sesquicentennial of the San Antonio-El Paso Road. The submitted designs should be camera ready.

Since the stamp itself will be done in black and white and with a rubber stamp, the designs should not be complicated. Deadline for submissions is Dec. 15, with the final selection made by the San Antonio-El Paso Road Sesquicentennial Committee in January.

Submissions may be sent to or dropped off at the Landmark Inn SHP, 402 Florence Street, Castroville, Texas, 78009. Those

wishing to have submissions returned should provide a self addressed stamped envelope.

The road between San Antonio and El Paso, which opened up communication and transportation westward to Santa Fe and San Diego, was first explored and opened in 1849. With the establishment of a chain of U.S. military forts, the road became an important transportation and communication link.

In 1850, mail service between El Paso and San Antonio was established followed by passenger service the following year. The exploration of the route also allowed for the study and cataloging of many native plants and animals. The road also served as one of the major southern routes to the gold fields of California.

The May mail run will be on horseback from Brackettville (Fort Clark) to San Antonio, including stops at Cline and Uvalde (Fort Inge), Sabinal, Knippa, D'Hanis (Fort Lincoln), Hondo, Quihi and Castroville (Vance Station/Landmark Inn SHP).

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# Iraq is of no concern to the United States

Our wily president continues to pull off his antics to shunt aside attention to his immoral and illegal activities.

With the radically liberal media supporting him, he shows little concern for the truth and the nation he represents. The latest reprehensible actions in regard to Iraq continue the chain of irresponsible actions that have highlighted his career.

In the first place, Iraq is of no concern of the USA. If Saddam Hussein is as dangerous as Clinton wants us to believe, why are his neighbor nations not concerned?

He loudly prates that six neighbor nations signed a letter saying the present situation is Iraq's fault. So what? This is no commitment of real support of the U.S.

For seven and a half years, the UAI team has found no amount of "weapons of mass destruction." Iraq in size is less than two-thirds the size of Texas and has about two-thirds the number of people.

In the seven and a half years of searching, it seems to me any capability or amassing of "weapons of mass destruction" could have been found.

Clinton ordered the destruction of a medicine factory simply to

## Between Us

By Joe Townsend



draw attention away from his personal misbehavior.

To this day, there has been no verifiable evidence of his claims the plant was making substances of lethal nature. He stands alone in all the world of his specious claims.

All he says about Hussein may be true, but how is this a concern of the USA?

The only nation that stands in support of the USA in regard to military action against Iraq is the Clinton clone Tony Blair of England.

The USA amassed 250-plus aircraft and approximately 50 warships to bomb a nation less than two-thirds the size of Texas. Sure, England is anxious to bomb Iraq, they even offered 12 aircraft - some support.

Clinton refused to have the U.N. security council consider the move because he knew they would veto it. He refused to consider letting Congress consider the matter because he knew it would never

pass muster there.

He spit on the Constitution and claimed for himself the power to order American troops into war. He and his rubber stamp appointees loudly spout the words "the international community" which on analysis means the USA and Britain.

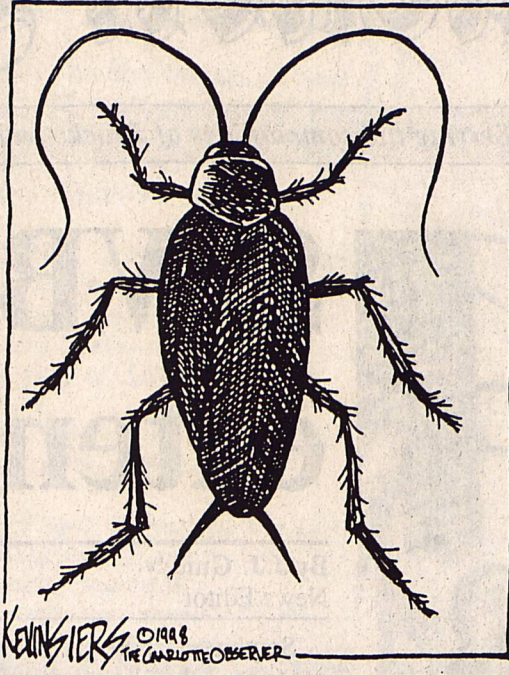
He spouts about balancing the budget, but consigns millions of dollars and thousands of personnel in an exercise of his desire to have his name flashed across the headlines of the nations.

He professes to have deep concern for the women and children and yet it is acknowledged that the first barrage of missiles would claim 10,000 lives. This becomes a just cause when the nations of the world so declare it.

One man with a bloated ego and a desire to derail investigation of his behavior can never make such a costly decision justified.

This nation and the world will survive Bill Clinton, but it won't be easy.

## Q: NAME TWO CREATURES THAT CAN SURVIVE ANY DISASTER



## God's message has not changed

By Steven R. LaMascus  
Contributing Writer

What exactly is a prophet? I've never met one, have you? But then again ...

What about the preacher who stands in the pulpit on Sunday morning and proclaims that if we do not change the way we do things in the United States that we will suffer the consequences; that God will not allow the wrong thinking and immoral behavior that is prevalent in the country today to go on indefinitely? Is that man a prophet?

He probably would deny it. He would say that he is merely telling us what it says in the Bible. And he would be right.

But what is the Bible? It is the word of God. And what does a prophet do? He brings to the people what God tells him to bring. He relays the word of God to the masses. So is a preacher a prophet? Possibly.

What he definitely is, is a messenger. And not just ministers, preachers, pastors, priests and others formally educated in translating and relating the word of God, anyone can be a messenger. Anyone can read the Bible. Anyone who can read the Bible and understand that it is the immortal word of God can then begin to appreciate that it is not merely a history, but also a prediction.

The Bible has more than one meaning. Most of the Bible has at least two different messages to deliver.

When Isaiah speaks of what will happen to Israel, he is speaking of the consequences to any future civilization which strays down the same crooked path. He is telling us that if we do the things that caused God to abandon Israel he will abandon us to our fate as well.

That, my friends, is a fact that you can prove by studying history. It happens every single time, without exception.

Isaiah 29:13 says, "The Lord says: 'These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men.'"

Then, in verse 20 and 21: "The ruthless will vanish, the mockers will disappear, and all who have an eye for evil will be cut down-those who with a word make a man out to be guilty, ensnare the defender in court and with false testimony deprive the innocent of justice."

I don't know about you, but it seems to me that those words could just as well be directed against us as against ancient Israel.

How many of you know someone (other than our current president, that's too easy) who goes to church every Sunday, but whose business practices and personal life are more reminiscent of Shyster than Jesus?

That is what God, through Isaiah, is saying. Not was, is. If you are going to say you are a man or woman of God, follow his laws and don't just give him lip service.

All of us are fallible. I am one of the worst offenders. I let my passions and temper overrule my common sense on too many occasions. God knows that. He made me and knows everything that I am. He knows that I am as imperfect as a man can be. He also knows I try to be better.

That is the purpose of grace. That is why God has told us that he is a forgiving God. All we have to do is offer our repentance. Sincerely and apologetically bow to the supremacy of God and ask for forgiveness.

We must also, however, make an honest effort to live a sin free life. We will not succeed. That is not our nature. We will fail. But the proof is in the effort. No matter how many times we fail we must continue to try.

After the death and resurrection of Jesus, a group sprang up called the Gnostics. They misunderstood the meaning of grace. They tried to say that since sin was forgiven, then the greater the sin the greater the forgiveness. Therefore, a person should sin more to gain more grace.

This is a totally corrupted interpretation of the message brought by Christ. It doesn't work. Sinning on purpose to get a higher level of forgiveness is a horrid corruption of the teachings of Jesus.

How does that apply to modern America?

We too are corrupting the message. Like the Constitution of the United States, we are beginning to interpret and modernize the message the Bible gives. Don't do it! If you want to court damnation, just change what the Bible says to fit your modern, 21st Century idea of what it should say. What God said, God meant!

The Bible is full of instances where God gave someone a second chance. He gave the Israelites more chances than I can com-

prehend and they disappointed him each time. Finally, he destroyed their nation, took their land and all but wiped them out. He did this out of love, just as you discipline your children out of love.

His prophets told of the coming wrath of God, time and time again, and no one listened. They would give lip service to the true God for a short time, to mollify a king, but they did not practice the true worship of the Creator. They paid the price. Or have we forgotten the Holocaust?

Today's prophets are telling us the same things. We are guilty of the same things. We worship Satan and idols and practice witchcraft and voodoo, say there is no God and that man evolved from apes.

We accept the destruction of the family unit, say that abortion isn't murder, argue about whether adultery is wrong and call it a sickness, and say homosexuality is an alternate lifestyle.

We not only accept, but expect, dishonesty from our public servants. The only thing we care about is the impact of the government on our wallets.

We don't vote for the best man, the honest man, the man who is interested in the health of the country, we vote for the man who can put more bucks in our pockets, and we don't care how he does it or what else he does while he is doing it. Our idols are now green and have the face of a dead politician on one side.

I am no prophet, but even one of the admittedly limited mental capacity that I have can see that things are wrong. I can read the Bible and see that those messengers who are telling us to repent or be destroyed are modern-day prophets with a message from God that we had better pay attention to. You can do your part.

Vote for the best man, a statesman! Take your family and go to church! Discipline your children when they need it! Be honest! Work out your differences with your spouse instead of filing for a divorce at the first disagreement! Don't accept ungodly practices!

Speak up when someone asks your opinion! Practice Christianity just like your children practice basketball or football.

And when you sin, and you will, get down on your knees and tell it to God. Then ask for his forgiveness. You'll be surprised how much better you will feel. Believe me I know, I get a lot of practice.

**Big Mama Sez!**

*It often shows a fine command of language to say nothing.*

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## Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

There is a fine lady who lives in Brackettville and has been here many years.

For many years, she was the wife of a "cedar whack." This was a name given those sturdy, hard-working men who cleared cedar on the ranches.

They had a rigorous life and worked hard to feed their families.

In the days before the chain saw, their's was a hard life. In the winter, they worked many times in the bitter cold. In the summer, the terrific heat was no deterrent

to work. The price for posts was usually very low, causing them to work hard and long.

This dear lady sided her husband all the way while raising a fine family of four boys and one girl.

She was always a hard worker until her heart finally gave her the message that she had to slow down.

She is a very likable person and very devoted to her family. Surely, Helen Smith is an Unsung Hero.

# It's American Education Week!

This is American Education Week! We have a fine school system in Kinney County.

Our system is a good one because we have strong parent support.

We also have well behaved students who want to learn and teachers who want to teach.

In Brackettville, our administrators and board members try to do all possible to make these things happen.

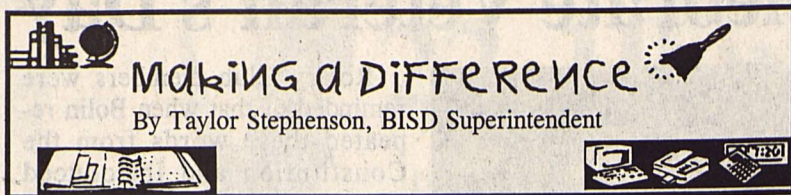
It takes folks who work each day at their job, who don't care who gets the credit for improving education.

It takes positive people working as a team to provide the best for our children. I believe we have that at BISD.

Public education supports the goals of our democratic society: to prepare responsible citizens, to enhance individual happiness and to enrich individual lives.

To fix the future, we have to believe in the present. When the present is bright, the future will be even brighter.

The future of public education depends not only on state and fed-



eral policies, but also on thousands of daily decisions in school communities.

These decisions are made right here in Brackettville by teachers, secretaries, administrators, board members, parents, bus drivers, cafeteria employees, teacher aides, custodians, maintenance staff and above all students.

Each day, as we work together for our schools, let's build public participation in education while we make our decisions for the common good of all students.

Yes, even though you have no children in school, we can use your support, your prayers and your help in educating the fine children of Kinney County, Texas.

**Brackett Athletics**  
This week, round ball has begun! There are basketball teams that fill every gym.

We have lots of kids playing this year. You will want to keep up with the Tiger and Cub basketball teams.

We'll talk about coaches, players and games throughout the season. We're going to continue to build on a great athletic season at BISD.

Football season ended abruptly with a minute and a half to go on the clock in Devine.

The Tigers had played well and were supported by the best bunch of fans that I have seen in Brackettville since 1992. It rained, but our spirits were not dampened.

This was one of the most exciting high school games that I have seen in years. Our football season ended with eight wins and three losses.

It was a great season where we played a brand of ball that the entire community supported.

Thanks for a tremendous football season to our head coach, David Yeager and his fine assistant coaches and the terrific Tiger football team.

What a season!  
**Beautiful Weather**  
Can you believe the beautiful weather in Brackettville? Fall colors are everywhere. It's the best season of the year for outdoor activity. Take a walk, sit out, cook out and enjoy the season.

**Academic Wing**  
To pour our slab for the new high school addition, it will take most every cement truck in Uvalde and Del Rio. As I write, the work is scheduled to begin at 3 a.m. this morning.

One of the workers estimated that it would take 350 to 400 yards of cement and that each truck held 10 yards. You can see the immense size of the cement slab.

From that point on, the framing will be steel in a prefabricated frame that will be put in place fast. It will be fun to watch the construction project progress as we build a new Brackett High School. Have a great week!

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Sunday - Closed.  
Monday-Thursday - 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday-Saturday - 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

**Thursday, Nov. 12**  
7:54 a.m., Uvalde Police Department officials reported a two-vehicle accident at the Cline checkpoint. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie and Kinney County EMS officials were dispatched to the scene.

**Friday, Nov. 13**  
4:48 p.m., An employee at Southwest Service Company requested assistance from a deputy. She reported that a truck had been hit. No injuries were reported. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene. A red GMC pickup was driving west on Highway 90 when it hit a parked GMC pickup. The vehicle came to rest near the entrance gate at Southwest Service Company. Guidry reported that it was raining at the time of the accident. The driver said that he lost control of

his vehicle on the slick highway. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar arrived at the scene and worked the accident.

**Saturday, Nov. 14**  
5:56 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported loud music at Rose Alley. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene and took care of the complaint.

10:00 p.m., Larry Russell Byrket, 46, of Houston was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar and charged with driving while intoxicated, first offense. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Byrket was released the following day after posting a \$1,000 bail bond.

**Sunday, Nov. 15**  
12:43 a.m., A disturbance was reported at Ora's Drive Inn. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was

dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, he was told by a customer that the disturbance was at a trailer east of the bar. There he found a couple having a verbal argument. Chism met with both parties and the situation was taken care of.

6:30 a.m., An employee at Pico's reported that a man came in to see what he could take to get the alcohol out of his system. He left the store heading east-bound on Highway 90. The employee said the man could barely walk. Officials notified the Uvalde Sheriff's Office of the situation.

**Monday, Nov. 16**  
10:15 a.m., Del Rio DPS officials reported an early 90's model Cadillac travelling east on Highway 90 that could be transporting drugs. U.S. Border Patrol and DPS officials were notified of the situation.

## Community Calendar

**Thursday, November 19**  
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.  
6:30 p.m., The Lions Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

**Saturday, November 21**  
10:00 a.m., The Fort Club Springs Board of Directors meets

in the Board Room on Fort Clark Springs.

**Monday, November 23**  
6:00 p.m., The Fort Club Springs VFW meets at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs.

**Tuesday, November 24**  
6:30 p.m., The Fort Clark Shrine Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.  
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Du-

plicate Bridge Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

**Saturday, November 28**  
10:00 a.m., The Fort Club Historical Society meets at the Palisado Building.

**Tuesday, December 1**  
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

**Thank You**  
I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the General Election. Even though I was unopposed, I appreciate each and every vote. To the very best of my ability, I will continue to do my job and to serve the people of Kinney County.  
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## Garden Club discusses trends in Christmas, fall decorations

Sondra Meil, owner of The Giftbox, discussed the latest trends in Christmas and fall decorations last Thursday as she addressed the Mountain Laurel Garden Club.

The group's meeting at the Gorgas Room attracted 22 members, including five new members - Vici Bell, Ella Chambers, Luella Gilliland, Jan Peck and Sara Richhart.

Meil, who was assisted by Mary Meek, shared professional hints members could use to save money by decorating items already on hand and by updating wreaths and arrangements at very little expense.

Betty Gibbs won a decoration donated by The Gift Box. In other business, Juanita Roberson volunteered to make adjustments for the Howard

Skelton memorial plaque. She was commended for her work and for her donation of tree identification plaques.

Rosie Mattingly agreed to purchase a mulberry tree with money donated by Amie Skelton. President Clara McCord will assist in completing this memorial project.

The wildflower project in front of the Museum was completed Saturday by McCord, Patsy Callnan and Hazel Ivey.

A Chinese gift exchange of homemade goodies will highlight the December meeting.

Hostesses Marge Geeze and Joyce Bergey served drinks and homemade cakes on a table decorated in the fall theme. They presented Molly Schroeder, who won the door prize, with a lovely fall arrangement.

## Sorority welcomes winter Texans

Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi celebrated the return of its winter Texans Monday as the group met at the Gorgas Room at Fort Clark Springs.

Members shared their summer adventures, along with letters from Helen Peck and Barbara Brissette who will be arriving soon.

The group's hostess, Elizabeth Goebel, served a delicious

assortment of meat and fruit kabob, a vegetable tray, and pumpkin bread, complemented with wine and coffee.

Goebel coordinated the refreshments with Dee Curry's program of "The Zone," a lifestyle of healthy eating.

Members present were Curry, Goebel, Opal Groce, Betty Mathison, Pam Melancon, Barbara Miller, Jan Peck and Evelyn Whitely.

## Bolin presents patriotic concert as Rotarians celebrate Veteran's Day

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

Mike Bolin presented a musical program of patriotic songs to celebrate Veteran's Day last Thursday during the Brackettville Rotary Club's weekly luncheon.

Several years ago, Bolin came here to head public relations for Fort Clark Springs. Later, he accepted a similar job for Alamo Village where he has served since.

Bolin's talents are ordinarily used to handle publicity for the Village, but this program tapped his own musical gifts. Bolin has a pleasing, melodious voice that is classically trained.

He laughed as he spoke of this, pointing out that instead of presenting concerts, he has found himself in quite a different field.

Bolin used taped music to accompany himself as he sang. He introduced each song, connecting the selections.

He spoke first of appreciation for veterans who have "saved this world for us." He pointed out that we have been involved in nine major conflicts since the



Mike Bolin presented a musical program of patriotic songs to celebrate Veteran's Day during last week's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting. Brackett News Photo by Frances McMaster

Revolutionary War, and 1.25 million people have died in them.

It is easy to forget the unique significance of the founding of this country and easy to lose appreciation of that concept and expression "all men are created equal."

Rotary Club members were reminded of that when Bolin repeated these words from the Constitution and introduced "The Star Spangled Banner."

He then sang "America the Beautiful" which was written by a young English teacher, Katherine Bates, sitting on a mountain in Colorado.

Being a citizen of this country and being free also requires a commitment to this nation and the responsibilities that accompany it. Commitment to these ideals are still at issue. The concept that equality is a right granted by God has been passed to new nations.

Freedom is valuable. Those who realize its value are willing to pay any price for it.

When we recite the Pledge of Allegiance we are expressing our commitment to this nation and to the beliefs for which it stands. We are a part of a unity created by this invaluable system.

Bolin then sang "My Country tis of Thee." The Rotarians then joined him to end the meeting, singing "God Bless America."

## But I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



## We never grew up

John Woolf was in town recently. Those of you who don't know who I'm talking about have missed meeting one of mankind's most pleasant individuals.

He's a unique person, who happens to be a graduate of Brackett High. He has traveled far. In the many years that have passed since his leaving, he has somehow managed to stay in touch.

We spent three fun days recalling stories from our youth. We stuck to one standard rule: Don't let the truth stand in the way of a good story. We laughed and we cried.

There was a time when I thought he was a part of my family. I guess I still do. Part of him never left Brackettville. And part of Brackettville never left him.

It may be a long time before our paths will cross again. I wish him the best of luck in his journeys. I hope his travels always lead him toward happiness.

In some strange way he seems closer than he used to. But I could be wrong.

### FOOTSTEPS ECHO

*The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French*

Courtesy of his descendants



*Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his 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 assigned as 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882, the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.*

*At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years.*

**Friday, Nov. 19, 1886**

Had a battalion skirmish drill this morning but it was not a very brilliant affair. Mail brought me a letter & bundle of papers from home. Carried Geary's mail down to the guard house as he was on guard and then spent a short time in the office and afterwards went over to the Library to read the papers. Capt. Feche't came in after lunch and beat me a rubber of piquet. Capt. Remington also called and sat for a long time. Gave him Dr. Porter's address as he wanted to send for some "Key West" cigars. Read papers from home until parade time. Had usual dress parade. In the evening called on Miss Jacobs and then went to Capt. Feche't's to play cribbage, but he was not at home. Called on the Fowler's, on Mrs. Morris who was out and on Dr. Town. Then went up to see Capt. Vance but he was out. Met Guard and wife walking and walked with them a while, accepting Mrs. Guard's invitation for a Thanksgiving dinner. They are disgusted with this post, like myself, and want a change. Read papers from home later.

**Saturday, Nov. 20, 1886**

Expected to meet on a Board of Survey this morning, but Capt. Vance the president of the Board went hunting and prevented. Mail brought letters from Harry Rhoads with receipt for check, Miss Houston and Mr. Terrell of San Antonio explaining that absence from town had prevented him from paying tax on our land as I requested him to do, and a book from Henry Freeman. Went to Mrs. Cunningham's for a book of music and then over to the Library to read the papers and to practice on the organ a while. After lunch went down to the store and played a few games of billiards with Hammond. Wanted to take a bath afterwards but was prevented by a call from the chaplain who rather disgusted Geary & self by the bragging manner in which he spoke of his acquaintance with presidents and other high officials. At four o'clock attended dinner with Dr. Town at Eckerson's and had an enjoyable time. In the evening went up with Hammond to see Mrs. Leefe about the choir

practice but she was not at home. Then attended a meeting of officer at the Adjutant's office in regard to entertainments this Winter. Cunningham & Taylor are anxious to give Dr. Town a big entertainment on account of his leaving soon, but the sentiment of the meeting seemed to be against it. Think it would be the commencement of a bad precedent. Called on Capt. Robinson and on Dr. and Mrs. Schwartzkopf until tattoo. After this call read the papers from home.

**Sunday, Nov. 21, 1886**

Attended inspection as usual. The mail brought samples of cards and paper from Dreka and a postal card notification that my set of crockery was over at the railroad. Was very glad to learn this. It was shipped by freight and has come through much quicker than I expected, and the charges are much less than by express the way I ordered it to be sent. Carried Capt. Vance's mail up to his house and sat a while chatting. Shook hands with Mrs. Witherell who has just returned from a trip to the North. Saw Vedder about sending for the crockery. Guard came up and sat until noon. After lunch commenced letter home but Dr. Town came along and invited me out for a ride. Went down the creek about five miles and enjoyed the ride a great deal. Wrote on letter after returning and completed it after retreat. Sang in the choir as usual. After service the Cunninghams, Miss Coleman, Hammond & self met at Miss Jordan's to sing and had a right pleasant time. Hammond did not return after tattoo. Commenced letter to Lula after taking Miss Coleman home but did not write much. Received a telegram from the agent at Spofford stating that he sent me a box by mistake instead of the barrel of crockery. So I cannot get my set until tomorrow. Vedder had to send out to the railroad today and told the driver to bring my barrel back with him.

**Monday, Nov. 22, 1886**

No drill this morning, today being the day of the funeral of Ex-Prest. Arthur. Salutes were fired at reveille and retreat and one gun every half hour during the day. Mail brought the samples & price list from the tailor in Lancaster and a letter from Henry Freeman. Went down to the Q.M. warehouse and saw the box which was sent over by mistake to me and tried to arrange with Vedder to send over for my barrel. Col. Heyl, the inspector, came along

to inspect some property for him and so he did not have time to attend to my request. Was measured for a new overcoat and sent the measurement to Haas of Lancaster with the order for a coat. After lunch Hammond, Dr. Harris and I put up the lawn tennis net and then Guard joined us when we had several excellent games. Dr. Harris plays much better than we do and so we ought to be able to learn a great deal by playing with him. Dress parade was suspended also today. Completed letter to Lula after dinner and then sat in Steele's house a while. Called afterwards with Guard on Col. Heyl at Gen. Smith's, sitting in Capt. Vance's after the call until tattoo listening to Mrs. Guard play on the piano. Read and dozed in the chair after tattoo.

**Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1886**

Had battalion skirmish drill this morning. Mail had nothing for me contrary to my expectation for a letter from home is due. Tried to arrange with Vedder about sending for the barrel, but could get no satisfaction. Met on a Board of Survey in the office and completed proceedings afterwards in my room. Capt. Vance and Steele being the other members. Captain is trying to reorganize the French club of last Winter; hope he will succeed. Played tennis until lunch with Hammond, Harris and Kendall. After lunch brought Miss Jordan down to play with us. She does not play very well, and it was more of a bother than pleasure to play with her. But the exercise is excellent. Had an alarm of fire after dinner, nothing more than a chimney burning out. Attended an "At Home" affair at Cunningham's which passed along quite pleasantly. Quite a number of songs were given, one quartette by Miss Jordan, Miss Coleman, Hammond and self. Played cards. After most had gone a few of the younger ones waltzed a while. Escorted Miss Coleman home.

**Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1886**

Had regular battalion drill this morning. After breakfast got a detail of men and had them bring down to my quarters a desk that was in Dr. Town's. Want to use this for proceedings of boards and courts. Then explained to Gen. Smith about absence from tattoo last evening. He informed me that he did not expect officers to leave a formal entertainment like that to attend tattoo. After guard mounting he had the officers meet in his office and read them a letter from Gen. Stanley in regard

to a gift concert to aid a Confederate soldiers home at Austin. Purchased a ticket. Mail brought letters from home and Lula and an advertisement. Received a note from the agent at Spofford Junction about my barrel of crockery. Carried it down to show Vedder and saw a team start for the railroad. Then went to the Library to look over the papers. The wind blew a strong norther all day and the dust flew so that it was impossible to play tennis. Wrote on letter before and after lunch. While writing in the afternoon barrel arrived and was soon opened. Everything was in good condition except the large water pitcher which had a big hole in the side due to imperfect packing. This is very annoying as the pitcher of my present set is broken. Must send for another. After dinner Geary and the Chaplain called. Excused self long enough to complete and mail letter. Escorted Miss Jacobs to the promenade concert, which was somewhat longer than usual this evening. Had quite a pleasant time there. Dr. Town left tonight for duty in San Antonio. He will be greatly missed.

**Thursday, Nov. 25, 1886**

Thanksgiving Day brought the usual respite from drill. Mail had nothing for me this morning. Played tennis almost all morning and sat in Steele's house a while before lunch. After lunch went to Capt. Vance's a moment and then Hammond & I escorted Miss Coleman and Miss Jordan down to play tennis. Played all afternoon. After retreat Capt. Vance and I dined with Mrs. Guard and had an excellent meal and a very pleasant time. Enjoyed the evening there a great deal. Smoked a cigar after dinner and then made a short call on Dr. Eagan, the temporary successor to Dr. Town. Had a talk about Jenkins and Huse, as he recently served with the 4th Cavalry in Arizona. Spent the rest of the evening at Gen. Smith's, Steele being invited also, in playing games of cards and with music. Had a pleasant time.

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On Sunday, the 15th of Nov., the youth ministry of St. Mary Magdalene had their Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Fort Clark Springs Service Center. The dinner was a great success. We would like to thank everyone who helped make our dinner successful. A special thanks to Elizabeth Gibbs from the Fort Clark Arts Studios who donated a beautiful painting for our raffle. H.E.B. foods from Del Rio also helped us with what we needed to put this together. This was a combined effort from our youth and their parents and families who all helped. We would also like to thank the Brackettville community for their support. We had a great turnout and everyone enjoyed themselves very much. A special thanks to all those who brought canned goods and toys for our collection effort for the needy. We will continue to take donations through Dec. 15th. Thank you very much and God bless.

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Stephanie Terrazas (22) scored 13 points Tuesday as Brackett defeated Sabinal 46-35. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Tigerettes open season with win

Brackett held Sabinal from scoring a field goal in the fourth period Tuesday as the Tigerettes defeated the Lady Jackets 46-35 in the season opener for both teams.

"It was a good win," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "The girls played good for their first outing, but we still have a long way to go."

Sabinal only scored seven points in the final stanza after hitting 7 of 10 free throws.

The Tigerettes had 19 turnovers while the Lady Jackets finished with 27, including 12 in the fourth quarter.

"We played bad in the fourth quarter," Sabinal coach Mike Hawkes said. "We had a lot of turnovers. We were getting tired and dragging. Brackett did a good job."

Brackett was trailing by one late in the third quarter before putting together a 10-point run. Tricia Robinson capped the spurt with a steal and a layup for a 37-28 lead with 5:07 remaining.

"Tricia did a good job running the offense," Nowlin said. "She did a good job of staying under control. She didn't make any bad passes."

Stephanie Terrazas led the Tigerettes with 13 points and LaToya Wright had 10.

"We were struggling for a while and Stephanie came in and hit back-to-back threes and kind of picked us up," Nowlin said. "She's capable of scoring. She just has to relax and wait until she gets an open shot."

"LaToya did a good job. She got in foul trouble in the fourth quarter and I had to pull her out. I put Samantha Payne in and she did a real good job. She played some key minutes."

Jennifer Ramirez, one of two starters from last year's 21-5 ball club, scored a game-high 15 points to pace the Lady Jackets.

"She did a real good job," Hawkes said.

The Tigerettes open play in the LaPryor tournament today at 1:10 p.m. against Lackland.

## Tigers open hoops season at home tomorrow at 7:30

The Brackett Tigers will open their basketball season tomorrow night at 7:30 as they host Comstock. Junior varsity action begins at 6 p.m.

"I have heard that the tradition is pretty good at Comstock," Tiger coach Jimmy Thomas said. "They've been preparing since school started to play basketball so we'll have our hands full."

The Tigers held their first workout on Tuesday, after finishing football on Friday.

"It was a pretty good first day of practice," Thomas said. "We did a lot of drills to figure out who was who, to sort things out and to determine who is going to be on varsity and who is on J.V."

Thomas said 30 kids came out for the basketball team.

"I think a lot of success from football has carried over to the basketball program. I'm extremely happy about that, as far as numbers and the kids' attitudes," he said.

Brackett's only returning starter is sophomore guard Schiller Hill.

"He looks pretty good," Thomas said. "He has a good shot and he handles the ball real well."

Thomas said he was also impressed with Steven Hagler, a junior post, and Matthew Smallwood, a senior point guard.

"Steven looks pretty good on the boards," he said. "He's a tall, strong kid."

"Matthew can handle the ball real well. He sees the floor pretty good and he can pass well."

# Panthers rally late for 22-19 win over Tigers

DEVINE - A controversial pass interference call led to a 2-yard touchdown by Navarro quarterback Michael Shane that lifted the Panthers to a 22-19 win over the Brackett Tigers Friday night in a Region IV-2A bidistrict contest at Warhorse Stadium.

The Panthers (10-1) advance to the area playoffs where they will meet Banquete (7-4) tomorrow night at Medina Valley Stadium in Castroville. The Tigers ended the season with an 8-3 record.

"Our kids played hard," Brackett coach David Yeager said. "We were in position to win the ball game, but some situations were out of our hands. I'm pleased with the season and I'm pleased with the effort. It hurt to lose the ball game."

Shane's winning touchdown run with 1:58 remaining in the contest capped a 60-yard drive. Tailback Javier Hernandez picked up 53 of his 60 yards rushing on the drive.

The Tigers put together a goal line stand that appeared to put the game away. But a pass interference call on fourth-and-goal from the 5-yard line gave the Panthers a first down, which led to Shane's second TD of the night.

"It was just a horrendous call," Yeager said. "I've slowed it down frame-by-frame on video and I have not seen any pass interference. When you take the game out of the kids hands, it's a tragic thing. To me, it was a very bad call. It cost our kids the ball game."

The Tigers went up 19-14 at the 9:47 mark in the third period as Wes Baker raced 51 yards for a touchdown on a fourth-and-one play.

"I felt like with our line and Wes Baker running the football we could get a first down," Yeager said. "It just so happens we got a touchdown. It was a great effort and an outstanding run."

Baker also scored on a 36-yard run at the 6:33 mark in the opening stanza. Brackett's other touchdown came on a 40-yard pass from Zach Davis to Matthew Smallwood with 3:57 left in the first half.

Brent Smith led the Tigers' offense with 157 yards rushing on 17 carries. Baker finished with 134 yards on 18 attempts.

Brackett averaged 7.9 yards per carry in the contest. The Tigers had 320 yards of offense and limited the Panthers to 246.

## Briefs ...

**Three finish tied in Pigskin Picks contest**

Three football forecasters finished tied for first place as the Pigskin Picks contest ended last week.

Tony Frerich of Kinney County Wool and Mohair, J.J. Guidry of The Brackett News and Wes Robinson of Leona Ranch all finished with a 79-31 record.

Freddie Frerich of Stop N Shop was one game out of first. He finished with a 78-32 record.

Jim Heath of Fort Clark Springs posted a 74-36 record, while the ladies at The Bank and trust were 66-44.

The Bank and Trust ladies had the best record last week at 8-2. Heath, Robinson and Freddie Frerich were all 7-3, while Guidry and Tony Frerich were 6-4.

## J.V. Tigerettes top Lady Jackets, 23-6

The Tigerettes outscored the Sabinal Lady Jackets 5-0 in the second period en route to a 23-6 victory Tuesday in the season opener for both junior varsity teams.

Queta Garza and Duquesa Hunt each scored six points to pace the Tigerettes.

Sherry Villarreal finished with five points, April Crumley had four, and Michelle Bizzell added two.

Brackett's junior varsity will open action in the LaPryor tournament today at 11:30 a.m. against Kippa.

## Junior high teams sweep Comstock

Brackett's eighth grade basketball teams swept a double-header with Comstock Monday as the junior high basketball season got underway.

Jesse Davis poured in 14 points and Phillip Munoz scored 10 to lead the Cubs to a 49-25 victory.

Boyd Brotherton had nine points, Jared Hobbs scored eight, Ryan Benton finished with six and Douglas Sanchez had two.

Valerie Gunter scored 10 points as the Cubettes posted a 24-10 victory.

Mayra Aguirre, Vanessa Castillo and April Martinez all had four points, and Celina Cano and Shontae Ward each scored two.

# Correa claims 15th place at regional cross country meet

SAN ANTONIO - Sonya Correa finished in 15th place Saturday, helping the Tigerettes to a 13th place finish overall at the region IV-2A cross country meet at UTSA.

"It was real muddy," Brackett coach Julie Bruce said. "It drizzled the whole meet, so by the time we ran the course was in real bad condition."

"It was our first experience running in mud. It had a big impact on our kids," she added.

Correa was five places short of advancing to the state competition. She ran the two-mile race in 13:29.

"Sonya had a great year," Bruce said. "We were pretty disappointed at regionals. The psychological part of running in the mud really affected her performance."

Duquesa Hunt was Brackett's second finisher. She was 44th with a time of 14:17.

Melinda Villarreal was 103rd with a time of 15:28, Gracie Terrazas was 108th with a 15:39, and Jamie Bader was 109th with a 15:42.

Queta Garza finished 115th after being clocked at 15:58, and Laura Lee Ballew ran a 16:16 to finish 120th.

James Burks paced the Tigers. He took 29th after running the three-mile race in 17:36. Isaac Gutierrez was 83rd with a time of 19:36.

Carlos Gomez ran a 19:58 to take 102nd place, Tony Rubio finished 109th with a time of 20:19, Joey Escamilla was 110th with a 20:21, and Tony Molinar was 125th after being clocked at 21:15.



JAMES BURKS



Members of the Tigerettes cross country team are, standing from left: Gracie Terrazas, Sonya Correa, Laura Lee Ballew, Queta Garza and Duquesa Hunt. Kneeling: Jamie Bader and Melinda Villarreal. Brackett News Photos by J.J. Guidry

## OUTDOORS

# Motorists should keep eyes open for deer

Motor vehicle collisions with deer will increase in the next few months as deer movement across roads increases.

Motorists should be alert for deer on both rural roads and in urban areas near undeveloped land, as collisions with deer can cause extensive vehicle damage and driver injury.

During late summer and early fall, deer change their feeding activity and begin to forage more widely as acorns begin to fall and browse plants become more important to their diet. Fawns switch their diets from mother's milk to vegetation and also increase their movements.

Although many roads have

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By Henry Lutz  
Kinney County Game Warden

posted signs indicating the locations of major deer crossing areas, motorists should not assume that deer will cross only at these sights, as collisions with deer may occur anywhere in Texas.

Deer often move and feed in groups. So if motorists see one deer, they should be alert for others nearby that have not yet appeared. It's a good idea to look in the direction the deer came from and not focus on the deer that's already crossed the road.

Deer blinded by headlights at night do not react as they normally would during the day. It is not uncommon for deer to reverse their direction or stop abruptly when approached by a fast moving vehicle.

Deer often feed along roadway ditches where water drainage allows the growth of preferred forbs and weeds not found in more arid, adjacent pastures.

During the breeding season, bucks chasing does are distracted and can become victims of collisions because their natural defense mechanisms that might alert them to danger don't kick in.

It is unlawful to pick up or possess the carcass of a deer or other game animal that was hit by a vehicle on a public road. Neither the State of Texas nor TPWD is liable for damages caused by these types of accidents.

For all of these reasons, motorists should be especially careful during the next few months, and parents should caution their young drivers who may be less aware of the potential for dangerous collisions with deer.

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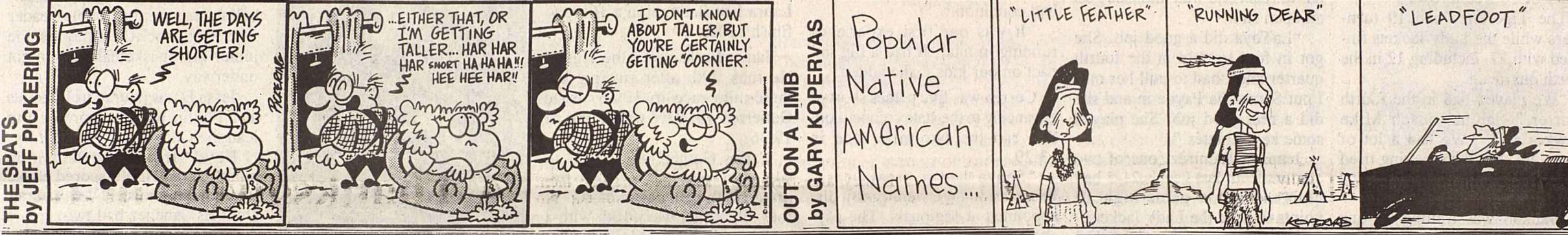
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<b>ACROSS</b>	scissors	89 Desire strongly	<b>DOWN</b>	"Roseanne"	Indian Ocean
1 Corn-meal mush	47 Perceived by one's ears, eyes, etc.	90 Assert without proof	1 Conlused	39 Carson predecessor	76 Reddish-brown horses
6 Smartly dressed	49 Fishermen's baskets	92 Plant of the mint family	3 Speak pompously	40 Friend	77 Spanish bull supply
10 Engrossed	53 Rice dish	94 Scheduled	4 Zoom, for one	43 Entertain at a least	78 Obnoxious child
14 Knitting stitch	54 Witticisms	95 Gay, light song	5 Meadow mom	44 Lovers' quarrel	79 Rage or roar
19 Cast	55 Realtor's sign	97 Dutch cheeses	6 Car or man lead-in	45 Hawaiian city	80 Retired
20 Luzon	57 Metal tag	98 FDR's fireside talk	7 Spartan serf	46 Verve	84 Mild oath
Negrito	58 Apple-growing	99 "Chiners" settling	8 Ledger entry	47 Section of London	86 Shield
21 "Ain't She Sweet?"	59 California/Nevada	102 Portico	9 Body of water	48 Charles Lamb	89 Hatchet or hammer
songwriter	60 Port and Canal	104 Wee, in Dundee	10 — Dashan (Ethiopian peak)	50 Last Jewish month	91 Singer John
22 Mexican farewell	62 Graph or mat lead-in	105 Coastal ship of the Indian Ocean	11 Author/critic James	51 Mother of Apollo	93 It's before plan or point
23 Stinging jellyfishes	63 Weight unit	106 It's past due?	12 Positive thinker	52 Pack away	94 Singer Dinah
25 Chain off the Georgia coast	64 Blunt-ended cigar	109 Assam silkworm	13 Of a clan or family	54 Xylophone's cousin	96 Browns the surface
27 Newts	65 Shorebird	111 Hop kiln	14 White House nickname	56 Predator-mine	98 Gliding dance step
28 Jazz dances	66 Fork's prong	112 Mink's cousin	15 Month after Shevat	59 Pith helmet	99 Make silly
30 German river	67 Flowerlike underwater creature	122 French head	16 Twofold	61 Steak or cheese	100 Mountain crest
31 O'Hara's "A — to Live"	75 Painter or sculptor	123 House wings	17 Resort hotel	64 — amore (tenderly)	101 Lariat
32 Raided the ice box	78 Bikini top	124 Gate device	18 Dangerous curves	66 Social insect	103 Ghastly pale
33 Box or bush lead-in	81 Merit	125 Poke fun	24 Russian despots	67 English composer, born in Germany	105 Apportioned
34 Part or mart follower	82 Moslem Satan	126 TV reception problem	26 Silkens	70 Actor James — Jones	106 River in England
36 Dumbo's "wings"	83 Highest points	127 Der (Adenauer)	29 — doute (certainly)	71 Inland sea	107 Cowboy's bailiwick
38 Bandleader Brown	84 Dull and dreary	128 Wild West film	33 Boat or board lead-in	72 Hodgepodge	108 Computer key
39 Unadulterated	85 Commerce		35 Legal documents	73 Saltpeter: var.	110 Singer Ed
40 Narrow country roads	87 River islands		37 Actress Gilbert, of	74 Ancient chariots	112 Josip Broz
42 "...and often quite picturesque — (Twin)	88 Historic Virginia			75 Part of the	114 Farmer's milieu
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**Your Horoscope by Natasha**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) It's a good time to take inventory. Take time this week to polish off unfinished chores and projects at home. Later, plan a weekend outing with friends.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You and a family member aren't seeing eye to eye. Try to make your case logically instead of willy-nilly. Emotions are running too high to solve anything.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Don't underestimate a good friendship. You never know when you'll need a shoulder to lean on. Business and pleasure mix well this weekend if you use proper judgment.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A "chance of a lifetime" is waiting in the wings for you. Don't even think about letting it pass you by. The weekend favors socializing.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Be wary of someone who arrives from a distance. An intriguing project sparks your interest. Be confident and take the task in hand.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Travel indications are favorable, and you need some rest and relaxation. Enjoy some wonderful times with close friends and family. A child needs you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A co-worker has romantic feelings about you. Singles can scope out the situation carefully, but married people should avoid this possibly explosive situation.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) It's a good time to surprise someone with a loving gift.



However, make sure that you keep all your personal financial records to yourself. Connections prove helpful professionally.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) If you have the urge to tackle a do-it-yourself project, by all means, go for it. You will be satisfied with the results. The project can be achieved at home or on the job.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) If you are looking for a promotion, raise or new career, you're in luck. While your partner is somewhat nervous about your job situation, you must persevere.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) While shopping, you'll acquire the deals you have been seeking. A friend could be somewhat evasive, but don't take it personally. Work matters are looking up.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Partners plan a social event. Don't commit yourself to any financial transactions without the proper advice. Seek out a banker or investment adviser.

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**HUNTIN' HUMOR**



HEY STAN, HOW 'BOUT BEARCLAWS FOR BREAKFAST?

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# The biggest freedom comes through faith in Jesus Christ

By Rev. Joe Townsend  
Frontier Baptist Church

The greatest differential character of the USA is freedom. The greatest tragedy facing the nation today is rapid eroding of that freedom.

Politicians and bureaucrats are presuming to know more about what people need than do the people.

You cannot drive an automobile without wearing a seat belt - one freedom lost. You cannot use your land as you would like - another freedom lost. In many places, you cannot build a home on land you own - another freedom lost. In many places you cannot talk about your Christian faith - another freedom lost.

When we carefully assess life today in this great USA, we must doff our hats to the veterans who have fought and died to preserve our freedom. At the same time, we must pause and wonder why when we see the loss of freedoms.

The Pilgrim fathers came across the sea to have freedom to worship God as they chose.

Roger Williams and others went to prison and bitterly fought for every person to worship God as he desired. A rag tag army fought through the bitter winter of Valley Forge and won freedom from the tyranny of the British crown.

The troops of the young nation bravely fought the British up the river from Ft. McHenry and freedom was guaranteed and there was born The Star Spangled Banner.

When Kaiser Bill thought to subjugate the world, the Yanks filled the trenches in Europe and preserved freedom. When Hitler and Hirohito decided to conquer the world, America came together as never before and carried the flag to victory.

Cemeteries dot the world and the USA with multitudes of white crosses marking where lie the bodies of brave men who gave their lives to preserve freedom for our great nation.

We have set aside a day in America to honor veterans who have served our nation well. To those who gave their lives, we salute with hearts and tears. To those who fought the wars, we salute with thanks and respect. To the many who have served out their time until retire-

ment in active duty, we also salute and honor for their devotion to our country and what they have meant to her.

With all the freedoms we enjoy, there is one that overshadows all. That is the freedom that comes through faith in Jesus Christ.

One who has never trusted Jesus Christ as his Savior does not realize what freedom really is. To be free from the penalty of sin brings a peace of heart and mind to be found no where else.

As we honor our veterans in the military, certainly we must honor him who left his home in heaven to come and live among men to serve. As we honor those who died in battle, we must remember Jesus Christ who died on the cross - that man could be able to rise above the cross marking death and burial to live eternally in heaven where Jesus Christ has prepared a place for each of us committed to Christ as Savior.

Sunday will be a celebration of Thanksgiving at Frontier Baptist Church. Following worship at 11 a.m., the church will have the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Come and join with others in saying thanks to our God.

## Offer your thanksgiving to God by obeying traffic laws

By Rev. Ken F. Sellers Jr.  
First United Methodist Church

What kind of message are we supposed to receive from the announcement that Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles up Children will be active during the week of Thanksgiving?

My first reaction was to ask why our law enforcement agencies are not already doing all they can to save the lives of children?

However, I suspect I know the answer I would receive from law enforcement agencies - there just aren't enough officers or money to properly enforce all of the law.

This results in prioritizing which laws are more closely investigated - murder is a higher priority than speeding, rape is a higher priority than domestic violence. There is little our law enforcement agencies can do to keep up with the rate at which we, the public, commits crimes.

Law enforcement problems such as these cause us to fall into a trap with which we are all tempted. The logic resounds in our heads something like this example:

If there is little or no law enforcement of the speeding laws, and if other drivers are going to drive the "allowable" 10 miles per hour over the speed limit anyway, and if the "specialists" say the highway surfaces are safe for speeds exceeding 70 miles per hour, then why shouldn't I go along with the crowd and stretch the speed limit by keeping pace with those other drivers?

Eventually, this type of logic reaches out and claims one of those 2,000 children who die each year in traffic accidents.

I regret to say that all of the

mobilizations our law enforcement agencies can muster will never be enough. Whether the culprit is a parent who fails to properly buckle-up a child or the driver who is trying to shave a few minutes off of a long trip by speeding "just a little," even one child losing their life to those who disregard the laws set up for the safety of our children and ourselves is one too many!

Since we will not, and perhaps can not, pay the taxes necessary to properly enforce laws, we must rely on self-discipline.

When Peter suggested to Jesus that he be more human and do as others would do under the circumstances, Jesus suggested that Peter was acting like Satan and offering temptations... and then Jesus offered up his life so that we and others like us might have life and have it more abundantly.

Most assuredly, I recommend that our laws be more vigorously enforced where possible in order to save lives, children and adult.

On the other hand, if during Thanksgiving week we began to offer our thanksgiving to God by obeying traffic laws that week and every other day of the year, the number of lives saved would be enormous!

Please, stop doing as others do just because you can get away with it. God has written the law on our hearts. Look inward when choosing right from wrong.

Join the Brackettville community of churches as we celebrate Thanksgiving with a community service at 7 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church. May God bless your journeys with safety and good sense.

Go! And be the Safety Conscious Church! Now!

### Readings from the book of Hebrews

By Rev. William Adams Sr.  
St. John's Missionary Church

Praise The Lord!  
"Seeing, then, that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

"For we have not an high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

"Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need," Hebrews 4:14-16.

There will be Thanksgiving services at St. John's on Thanksgiving Day at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited. Praise the Lord!

## Do not judge other's spirituality

By Pastor Charolette Corey  
Gateway Ministries

Holiness versus witchcraft, what are you walking in?

A holy life comes about when you personally choose to walk in God's will, seeking him first, humbling yourself before his throne, willing to put your own will under the will of God, wanting to reach out and touch (or commune with) your Sovereign Lord and Savior, yet being able to crawl up in his lap and call him "Daddy, Daddy."

It is allowing him to change you from one degree of glory to the next as he strips away the lies, the idols, the bad habits, the hardness of your own heart, and fills your heart with truth, commitment, righteousness and love.

The zeal for which one seeks after the things of God floats up, out of the heart, and is manifested in leading a "holy" life, one that is well-pleasing and set apart unto the Lord, spending time with him daily.

This is all great and good. It is to be sought after, but "when does it become witchcraft," you ask?

It becomes witchcraft the moment when, in your joy of experiencing the holiness of God, you begin to try to force others to accept the same degree and

level of spirituality that you are walking.

Yes, go on with God in your Christian walk, but don't judge people who are not quite as "holy" as you feel that you are.

Be the example of compassion, not their judge and jury, and let the Holy Spirit do the same job in their lives as he is doing in yours.

Plant the "good seed" of God's living word that does not return to him void, but do it without trying to manipulate or demand that others be exactly where you are in your spiritual walk.

The moment you try to manipulate people, you begin to practice witchcraft which we all know God will not tolerate. It will only bring spiritual death, and in some extreme cases, actual physical death.

Find a prayer group to encourage you and direct God's vision in your life, be a part of a Bible study group to help you continue to spiritually grow, but do not shun those who are (as you might feel) spiritually "beneath you." They are the very ones who need your prayers and encouragement.

If they are spiritually sick, then provide them with spiritual healing. Don't kick the wounded. Put a watch over your lips to keep yourself from becoming haughty.

Choose true holiness and not witchcraft. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

## HEALTH

### Early detection is the best protection from breast cancer

This year, 11,300 sisters, daughters, mothers and wives in Texas will be diagnosed with breast cancer. A total of 2,800 women will not live to see the new year because of this disease.

Breast cancer is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers among American women and the second leading cause of cancer deaths.

But the detection through early screening is the key to more treatment options and a dramatic increase in survival rates. If cancer is found before it spreads to other parts of the body, a person has a greater chance of successful treatment and getting well.

A new campaign called Tell-A-Friend Friday was kicked off to encourage Texans to set aside a few minutes each Friday of this month to encourage a friend or relative to get a breast examination and mammogram - something

all women should discuss with their doctors.

African American women should pay particular attention to this message. African American women have the highest death rates, and many experts believe this is due to cancer being found at a later stage of development among them than among other women.

"I think African American women historically have felt the health care system might not be as open or as friendly to them as other women," Texas Commissioner of Health Dr. William R. Archer III said. "We need to lower those barriers so that women know we are concerned about them."

"Our goal is to open the doors to African American women and all women, and make sure early detection is part of their lifestyle," he added.

Older woman of all ethnic backgrounds should also pay special attention to the preventative message. Most breast cancer occurs in women age 50 and older.

Marlyn Hopper is one of those women. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1996, underwent chemotherapy and is currently cancer-free.

"We are survivors," she said of the hundreds of women who have fought breast cancer.

"You think of breast cancer and you think of one woman. But breast cancer affects a whole family when the mother of a house has this disease. All the family members from the children to the grandpas, everybody she works with, everybody around that woman becomes a part of the cancer. It's not just her disease, it's a community disease," Hopper said.

Archer agreed: "We know that women who have support groups

have better cure rates. We know that women who are in community do better than women who live alone. And we know that women who have breast-fed have lower breast cancer rates."

Breast cancer starts as a tiny, unusual growth inside the body. In time, and if not treated early, this odd growth spreads. It may grow as a lump inside the breast and it can spread to other parts of the body. Finding cancer late means there is less chance of successful treatment.

The best protection is early detection. Early detection provides the best opportunity to treat breast cancer successfully, and a diagnosis often does not mean removal of the breast.

Women can increase their chances of detecting and surviving breast cancer. Officials recommend regular mammograms beginning at age 40.

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Submitted by  
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A Thanksgiving prayer, written in 1761:

God most provident  
We join all creation in raising to you a hymn of thanksgiving Through Jesus Christ, your Son.

For generation upon generation peoples of this land have sung of your bounty.

We offer you praise for the rich harvest we have received by our

hands.  
Bless us and this food which we share with grateful hearts.

Continue to make our land fruitful and let our love for you be seen in our pursuit of peace and justice and our generous response to those in need.

Praise and glory to you, Lord God, now and forever. Amen.

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