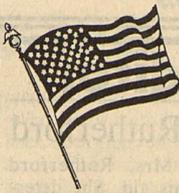


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Rio Grande Electric employees recognized

Twelve Rio Grande Electric Cooperative employees with a combined total of one hundred sixty years of service to the Co-op and the citizens of this region were honored with special luncheons. Monday, November 13, Brackettville based employees were recognized and Tuesday, November 14, Fort Stockton based service award recipients were honored.

Those receiving twenty-year service awards were Bill Herman, Area Supervisor, of Carrizo Springs; Danny Samaniego, Area

Operations Manager; David Campos, Second Class Lineman; and Ignacio Aguirre, First Class Lineman, all of Brackettville.

Honorees with fifteen years of service were Second Class Lineman Cesar Martos of Dell City, and First Class Lineman Jaime Ramirez and Joel Duarte of Fort Stockton, and Rolando Mata, of Brackettville.

Engineering Technician Gary Mitschke of Marfa and Apprentice Lineman Miguel Jimenez of Fort Stockton were recognized for five years of service.



Brackettville area employees receiving RGEC Service Awards were: Back row - Bill Herman, Joe Cruz, Danny Samaniego, Severo Martinez; Front row - Ronnie Mata, Nacho Aguirre, and David Campos.

Del Rioan receives coveted award from American Red Cross

The San Antonio area chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC) held their annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner in San Antonio on Thursday October 19, 2000. Over two hundred people from the 21

from January 1999 to June 2000. When he received the award Gomez thanked God, his family, and the volunteers that were members of his advisory board. Eight board members drove from Del

He has been a member of the American Red Cross - Del Rio branch since 1997.

He was named chairman of the advisory board in January 1999, four months after parts of Del Rio

National Red Cross volunteers that helped during that emergency. The city was without drinking water for over 20 days. Some of the funds raised by the Del Rio chapter were used to purchase a Disaster Initial Response Trailer and fully equip it with emergency supplies. Part of the funds raised in Del Rio also went towards a pickup truck to tow the trailer. This allowed the San Antonio area chapter to award a 1999 3/4 ton Chevrolet pickup truck to be used to serve the four county area that Del Rio services. The four counties are Edwards,

Kinney, Maverick, and Val Verde. After the awards presentation, Gomez thanked the board members who had driven the 150 miles to San Antonio for the presentation. He told them that without their help, and the cooperation of his family and employer, this recognition award would not have been possible.

For more information on donating or volunteering for the American Red Cross please call (210) 224-5151 in San Antonio or (830) 775-8626 in Del Rio.



Back row, left to right : Abe Ramirez, Bill White, Martha Mitchell, Harry Boykin, Richard Pratt, Jane Pratt, Branch Manager; Front row, left to right: Rita White, Henry Gomez, Honoree, Tiffany Upshaw. These Volunteers and Branch Manager attended with Henry Gomez.

county area attended the dinner.

The coveted Albert Steves, Jr. Memorial Award for Volunteer Leadership was presented to Del Rioan Henry G. Gomez, immediate past advisory board chairman of the American Red Cross - Del Rio branch. Gomez, who works as a Vice President for The Bank & Trust in Del Rio, served as chairman of the voluntary board

Rio to San Antonio to see Gomez accept the award. Also present was his wife, Mary Alice; his mother, Mary L. Gomez; and his brother Conrad and his wife Oralia.

Henry G. Gomez, the recipient of the award, is originally from San Antonio and is a class of 1955 graduate from San Antonio Vocational & Technical High School. Gomez moved to Del Rio in 1969.

were devastated by Tropical Storm Charley that dropped over 18 inches of rain overnight in the Del Rio area. The San Felipe creek crested at over 30 feet and destroyed scores of homes. Twelve persons lost their lives in the flood.

Branch Manager Jane Pratt, was commended for mobilizing the local American Red Cross chapter and coordinating with over 300

Tigerettes receive district honors



From left: Erica Meyer, Erika Garcia, and Susannah Davis received All-District Volleyball honors this week. See story page 5

Rotarians learn about historical photography

By Frances McMaster
Brackettville Rotary Club

On November 16, The Brackettville Rotary club met and discussed the coming dinner theater program that will be staged on December 17 by Michael Hall and will feature music by students of different levels and from all three Brackettville schools. One of Rotary's goals is to encourage young people and be supportive of the community. What better way than to give these youngsters an opportunity to perform and their parents and interested people in the community a chance to enjoy them?

Program chairman Dave Alexander chose Bill Haenn to present the program. As a historian, Mr. Haenn is matchless, and he gave Rotary members a chance to see a short version of a program, which is planned for the Historical Society on Saturday, November 18. He brought with him two long, narrow, framed photographs of Fort Clark in its infancy. These were produced by high angle panoramic photography. Such pictures give us understanding and information about the early days of the Fort, which would intrigue anyone interested in history. However, Haenn wasn't satisfied with just this fund of information, he became interested in how these extraordinary pictures were taken, what camera was used, and who the man was who took them.

Haenn noticed the name on film and found a photography shot ex-

isted in San Antonio by the same name. On visiting it, he discovered it was owned by the son of Eugene O. Goldbeck, the photographer.

Goldbeck found out at an early age that he could make money from photography, and made it his career. He got these extraordinary shots using a Folmer Graflex Cirkut Camera, which had a custom platform and motorized mechanism for high angle panoramic photography. He devised a motor, himself, which improved the movement of the camera as it circled around in order to encompass the view. He had a mobile laboratory and a photo tower he would erect over his car in order to get high off the ground. He frequently used other means for height. Pictures of Fort Clark were taken from the water tower, and a

portion of it can be seen in one of the pictures Haenn brought with him.

It's interesting to look at the backgrounds and see life going on as usual. In one, a group of soldiers are lined up, ready to move forward to be the next photographed.

Goldbeck specialized in what he called a "living insignia." People were grouped carefully in certain areas to appear like an insignia. A photo in a handout Haenn provided shows a picture of 21,765 soldiers taken at Lackland in 1947 from a 200-foot tower. Seven days were required to set up the shot and only forty-five minutes were required to shoot it.

Haenn said that in those days, each soldier was expected to buy one, and the price was \$3.00. For

that shot, he would have taken in \$65,295.00. Haenn said the soldiers probably weren't very interested in the pictures. They were very long, narrow films presented to them in a roll. Many of the photos in Fort Clark's Museum have been sent here by their families that would find the photos, years later, still rolled up in a trunk in the attic.

The pictures Goldbeck took are priceless in terms of history, but he was never very well known for his work. There is a book out now which shows a lot of his work, however.

Although pictures are seldom taken of such groups now, Goldbeck spent his career revisiting bases every two years when a new commander would come in and want to be photographed in

front of the men under his command.

One interesting sidelight emerged in comments by the members. Patsy Callnan was present and shared her memory of Goldbeck. He had taken pictures of the classes where she was in the first grade. When Haenn said, "Can you imagine what it took to get all those people and those horses, which were in many of them, to be still long enough to take the picture? And did you notice no one was smiling?"

Ms. Callnan said, "I can tell you why: Goldbeck was very stern, and he told you not to smile and not to move, and if you did, he would walk right to you and point you out as the one who ruined the shot. It was tough for me because I was a wiggleworm."

Val Verde Regional Medical Center's Heritage Program For Senior Adults

Val Verde Regional Medical Center proudly announces the opening of its newest department, The Heritage Program For Senior Adults.

The department is directed by Mr. Jaime Ortiz, a Licensed Master Social Worker-Advanced Clinical Practitioner. Also in the department is the program nurse, Ms. Susan D. Worby a Registered Nurse, Ms. Melissa Morris, a Licensed Master Social Worker-Advanced Clinical Practitioner, Ms. Mary Ann Caldwell, a Mental

Health Technician, and Mr. Armando Zendejas, a Mental Health Technician. Dr. Kirby Turner, a medical doctor and psychiatrist is the attending physician.

The Heritage Program For Senior Adults is a program for helping Senior Adults deal with depression, grief, loneliness, social isolation, anxiety, confusion, and memory loss. The program is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Lunch and complimentary transportation is provided.



Back row- Mary Ann Caldwell, Jaime Ortiz, Armando Zendejas Front row- Susan Worby, Melissa Morris

Briefs ...

Daughters Of The Republic Of Texas Meet

Toya Brown presented the program for the Caddell-Smith Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, at Uvalde's Holiday Inn on Thursday, November 16. She spoke in the first person about a survivor of the Alamo entitled "I, Susanna Dickinson."

Registrar Pat McKelvy reported that she had two more supplemental applications approved and Priscilla Montgomery had one approved. Elizabeth Hussey, granddaughter of Nadine Lasiter, had completed her transfer work from being a member of the Children of the Republic of Texas to becoming a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Hostesses for the luncheon meeting were Ruby Brigman, Nettie Oline, Nell Roosa and Wilma Russell, all of Uvalde.

Duplicate Bridge

By Dianna Daniels

Duplicate Bridge was played on November 14, 2000 in the Gorgas Room at Fort Clark Springs using the Howell movement. The winners were: 1st place-Dianna Daniels and Ruth Potter, 2nd place-Dena Scott and Mona Miller, 3rd place-Ella Chambers and Rusty Richhart. There were three tables. Duplicate is played every Tuesday evening in the Gorgas Room and interested parties are invited to join the group. It is not necessary to be a member of Fort Clark Springs to participate.

'Opening Gates in Teacher Education'

PORTALES- A virtual conference on teacher certification will be on-line at Eastern New Mexico University in February of 2001. The conference will feature papers and on-line discussions from around the world. This virtual on-line conference will originate in Israel at the Mofet Institute and a virtual tour of Israel via the Internet will be conducted.

Bill Gaedke, Education Foundations instructor, and Michael Shaughnessy, professor of Special Education, will present on the current teacher shortage and alternative routes to teacher certification.

The leaders at this conference will discuss "earned" certification via on-campus delivery systems and "alternative" or off-campus certifications that are currently in use. There is some concern about teachers on "waivers" and teachers teaching outside of their subject areas, according to Shaughnessy. Participants will review the research regarding certified teachers and how well those students and schools perform as opposed to uncertified teachers or teachers on waivers.

For more information, call Michael Shaughnessy at (505)-562-2791.

INSIDE

I could be wrong!

Three hundred and seventy nine years ago, the pilgrims started a tradition we now call thanksgiving. Today, if for nothing else, I'm thankful for that.

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Making A Difference

Thanksgiving, 2000, is a time to give thanks for our lives in Kinney County, Texas! Though we're mired in a post election fiasco, the USA is far superior to any country that has ever existed.

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Letter to the Editor

County fortunate to have Rutherford

Kinney County is fortunate to have Carolyn Rutherford in charge of your local Emergency Planning Committee. She attended a three day Planning Committee conference sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. My husband is with E.P.A. in Dallas and we met her in Mc Allen. She impressed us, especially when she unexpectedly used her E.M.S. training. One of the men from the five state region fell to

the floor. Mrs. Rutherford rushed to his aid. She determined he had a heart problem. She stayed on the floor beside him and helped him until an ambulance came to take him to the hospital. Word was received later that he got better. I'm sure he was grateful for her expertise. We decided Carolyn Rutherford represents Kinney County well wherever she goes.

Margaret Cooper

Letters to the Editor Policy

The Brackett News welcomes and encourages letters to the editor. Letters should not exceed 350 words. The editor reserves the right to refuse or edit all letters submitted for length, potentially libelous statements and accuracy of information. All letters must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification purposes. All writers must provide proof of identity. Letters published and viewpoints of columnists do not necessarily reflect the editorial beliefs of this newspaper.

Tax changes to strengthen small businesses

Capitol Comment
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Here are some numbers we can be proud of: Texas leads all states in net job creation this decade, and our growth is broad-based. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Texas' job growth ranks among the leading states in nearly all major economic sectors. While manufacturing jobs have declined nationally since January 1990, our state has experienced significant increase.

The expansion of international trade, as well as the overall improvement of the Texas and U.S. economies, is contributing

to growth in transportation, communications and utilities and wholesale and retail trade. The Lone Star State accounts for a disproportionately large share of U.S. growth.

It's no secret that small business is America's economic engine. Small businesses employ nearly 60 percent of the nation's workforce. They have created two-thirds of all new jobs since the early 1970s. They produce nearly half the private sector's output each year. And all while serving as the backbone of their individual communities!

Running a small business is challenging enough without the government making it more dif-

ficult. In October Congress passed a tax-relief bill that aims to lessen that government burden. Unfortunately, the President has threatened to veto it, but I'm hopeful a compromise can be worked out.

Included in that legislation are provisions that assure small businesses tax relief, among them:

- Provides immediate 100-percent deduction for healthcare for the self-employed.

- Extends the Work Opportunity Tax Credit through June 30, 2004.

- Clarifies cash accounting rules for small business: Small business taxpayers will be permitted to use the cash accounting method without limitation.

- Makes other improvements in expensing and meal deductibility.

But that only touches on part of what Congress has accomplished this year in terms of helping small business. Other constructive changes include:

- The Small business Investment Improvement Act, to make more investment capital available to small businesses that are seeking to grow and hire new employees.

- Creation of Small Business Interest-Bearing Checking Accounts to help small businesses grow by permitting banks and thrift institutions to pay interest on businesses checking accounts and repealing the prohibition of the payment of interest on de-

the many things that I have to be thankful for. I am thankful for the fact that God spared me and shielded me from danger. There were thousands of accidents and misfortunes that I never even encountered because of His grace.

I am grateful that I have had the fine parents that I have enjoyed for many years. I appreciate the young adults that my children have grown into. I am proud of each and every one of them. And Tillman, what can I say? He's an Oasis in the desert. He's a thrill to be around.

I appreciate the countless friends that are just a phone call away. My I never use them to the point of excess.

This space is far too small, and your time too valuable to list all that I am thankful for. I among men am most richly blessed. And I am definitely right.

The silent killer

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

There's a silent killer lurking in the shadows. A killer that claims the life of one American every three minutes. A killer that is especially dangerous because the people most at risk often don't even know it until it's too late. Sometimes even if they do know it, they ignore the warning signs. The killer is diabetes, and there is no known cure.

November is National Diabetes Awareness month. As we forge ahead into the holiday season, with pumpkin pies and candy canes, this is a fitting time to get a better understanding of diabetes, and raise awareness of the warning signs.

Diabetes impairs the body's ability to process food sugar into energy. Some of the warning signs include fatigue, unusual thirst or weight loss, blurred vision and cuts or bruises that are slow to heal. Since diabetes can be deadly, it is critical to pay attention to the warning signs and get yourself checked if you think you may have the disease.

When the warning signs go ignored or undetected, horrible complications can result - complications like blindness, stroke, heart disease, kidney failure and leg or foot amputations. Fortunately, modern medicine has shown that the afflictions of diabetes can be controlled with routine preventative care. Maintaining a good diet, exercising regularly and stabilizing blood sugar levels to as close to normal as possible, can dramatically reduce the chances of developing

the horrible complications associated with diabetes.

Diabetes is so widespread that most of us can name someone we know who has it. Hundreds of thousands of Texans have the disease, but only about half of them know it. That is why it is so important to continue to raise awareness and educate people about the disease.

Without proper attention and treatment, diabetes can take over and control a person's life. Without proper awareness about diabetes, it will continue to be a silent killer lurking in the shadows. Those of us in Congress who support diabetes research and prevention efforts have been successful in providing necessary funds to fight this killer.

Let's not forget that it is your tax dollars that help pay for medical research. Hopefully, we agree that these are national priorities that need to be addressed. Diabetes alone costs Texans almost \$3 billion each year in medical costs and lost productivity. More importantly, it is costing the lives of our fellow citizens.

By shining a spotlight on diabetes and educating ourselves and others, we can help prevent our friends and family from suffering from this heartbreaking disease. For more information regarding diabetes, please contact the Diabetes Information and Action Line (DIAL) at 1-800-DIABETES. The American Diabetes association can supply you with literature to answer your questions about diabetes or connect you with the resources available in your community.

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Big Mama Sez!



The older I grow the more I distrust the familiar doctrine that age brings wisdom.

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OUTDOORS

WorldCom to handle TPW automated license system

AUSTIN, Texas — A recent national study confirms what many Texans already know — hunting and fishing are big business in Texas, with 2.7 million participants contributing more than \$5.6 billion annually to the state's economy. Making sure outdoors enthusiasts can legally pursue those activities can hinge on the state's ability to issue licenses.

Last year, Texas Parks and Wildlife conducted nearly 3.3 million hunting and fishing license-related transactions through its automated statewide network of 3,000 license vendors. Revenue generated from license sales, \$66 million last year, supports TPW's management and protection of the state's natural resources for hunters and anglers.

"Our system plays a vital role," explained Jayna Burgdorf, director of strategic projects for TPW. "We want to ensure that the system we have is the most reliable and most efficient available."

WorldCom Inc., which recently signed a five-year contract with TPW, will provide the network architecture and customized database applications for the automated licensing system. Texas introduced its current automated licensing system

five years ago in a move that replaced traditional handwritten licenses with an electronically generated version. The state's current license vendor contract with Transactive Corp. expires Aug. 31, 2001, and the new WorldCom system is expected to be fully implemented by June 2001.

"Considering where we were five years ago, with an antiquated system that had gone practically unchanged in over a half-century despite obvious flaws in processes and accountability, we've come a long way," said John Wilson, TPW's license system project manager. "With current technology and what WorldCom brings to the table, we see a lot of opportunities for improvement."

WorldCom will manage the development and implementation of the new licensing system. WorldCom will design and develop the licensing database and software application, house and operate the back-end system, operate the technical Help Desk, fulfill point-of-sale supply and license orders by mail and provide support to a customer call center, an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) sales capability and up to five Internet sales outlets. "The successful addition of web-enabled services at Texas

Parks and Wildlife exemplifies how government agencies can securely, reliably and easily move toward automated systems," said Jerry Edgerton, Senior Vice President for WorldCom Government Markets. "WorldCom is focused on transforming the way our customers do business for the digital generation. With this new system, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission is redefining its services for the 21st century."

WorldCom will provide the next-generation automated wildlife data system for Texas by using its award-winning UUNET network architecture as its system backbone. WorldCom's customized web-enabled applications will allow license information to be transmitted electronically via the Internet 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This new system will quickly update the central database with the latest information on Texas hunters and anglers, including all point-of-sale, Internet and telephone license sales.

"Things like that will make our business better," noted Burgdorf. "If a person has been certified through hunter education, that information will be recorded in our database and included on the hunting license; eliminating the requirement to

carry a hunter ed card."

"This new system will afford our customers the option of buying their licenses via the internet," Burgdorf said. "Because WorldCom has experience in governmental projects and people with expertise in game and fish agency issues, they know some of the problems we have faced and can offer solutions. Because we've gone through this for the last five years, we know what to ask for from them, too."

In addition to the increase in efficiency, license buyers will also notice a change in the look of their licenses. Rather than the sales receipt printout license hunters and anglers have suffered with in recent years, new printing technology and equipment will enable TPW to provide better graphics and a user-friendlier product, said Burgdorf. The new version will resemble the old-style Texas license with detachable game tags connected around the perimeter of the license.

WorldCom is currently implementing automated licensing solutions for the states of Washington, and Montana.

WorldCom is a leader and premier provider of next-generation e-solutions for state governments.

Conservation ethics for small acreage landowners

By Robert Elledge
Kinney County Agent

In 1870, three fourths of all Americans were either farmers, ranchers, or residents of a small rural community who maintained a close relationship with the land. Over the last 100 years however, the country has changed from a rural to urban society. Now, more than half of the Texas population is located in six urban centers (El Paso, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Ft. Worth and Dallas).

Although most Texans live in the city, many yearn to return to a more rural lifestyle. Almost every city and town in Texas is surrounded by a multitude of small tracts of land (5 to 100 acres) owned by individuals who work in the city but use the land as their principal or weekend residence. Collectively, these small acreage landowners impact hundreds of thousands of acres of forest and rangeland in Texas.

Unfortunately, small acreage tracts are some of the most abused lands in Texas. While a sense of ownership may contribute to the abuse of land, ignorance of the proper ways to manage basic natural resources is probably the major factor.

Ethical Land Management
The most prevalent kind of land abuse on small acreage is the destruction of desirable, perennial vegetation through overgrazing by livestock. Native, perennial plants will not survive and reproduce if continuously grazed to ground level. Small acreage landowners often overestimate the forage production potential of their land and underestimate the forage requirements of their livestock.

Why should a small acreage landowner be concerned with overgrazing? First, overgrazing destroys vegetation that protects the soils surface. Without this protection, soil will be rapidly lost to wind and water erosion. One inch of top soil can be lost in a single rain, and hundreds of years are required to replace that lost inch. Rainfall runoff from unprotected soil surfaces transports undesirable silt into local rivers and lakes.

Overgrazing also produces low yielding and widely fluctuating forage supplies. Plant species that survive or increase under heavy grazing pressure are usually shallow-rooted annuals. These plants are generally poor forage for livestock and may be toxic.

Conversely, proper grazing results in a more stable and diverse

forage supply with drought resistant plants that provide nutritious, palatable forage for livestock and wildlife. This kind of vegetation, which protects the long-term productivity and stability of the land reduces erosion. Properly grazed small acreage's are also more aesthetically pleasing, which translates to a higher real estate value.

Ethical Wildlife Management
The aesthetic and recreational values (e.g., hunting) are often important motives for purchasing rural property. The opportunity to enjoy wildlife in their natural surroundings is not only a means of relieving stress, but also of teaching children the importance of being a good steward.

However, just as the size of parcel of land can limit its potential for livestock production, the same can be true for wildlife. For example, a 5-acre tract of land may be suitable for attracting songbirds, but it is inadequate for effectively managing quail and deer. It is difficult to improve a deer herd unless the management plan can encompass several thousand acres! Thus, when establishing goals for managing wildlife on small acreage, one must consider the limitations. Unlike livestock, native wildlife species are not bound by private ownership. In Texas, wildlife are held in a public trust and managed by the state. Nor does wildlife respect property lines. For example, a deer's home range is generally 1 to 2 square miles, while a covey of quail will range over about 50 acres. Home range size varies with the species involved and the quality of the habitat.

In order for the land to be attractive to wildlife, certain habitat requirements must be fulfilled, namely food, water, cover and the proper arrangement of these items. A small parcel of land can be managed to provide any or all of these. Some ways to make land attractive to wildlife are to plant food plots, limit livestock grazing and encourage a variety of plant species. In general, monocultures like

Bermuda grass pasture of pine plantations are of limited value to most species of wildlife.

Generally, the greater the diversity of plant species, the greater the diversity of wildlife that will inhabit the area. To get this diversity, leave some areas brushy and/or exclude or limit livestock grazing in certain areas. Allowing weeds to grow in specific areas can also be beneficial for wildlife. If there is no woody plant cover, plant shrubs such as plum, Russian olive or various sumacs. Bare-root seeding can be purchased from your local Soil and Water Conservation District or from the Texas Forest Service. Many people like to use artificial feeder to attract animals for viewing and/or hunting. Hardly anyone objects when feeders are used to attract nongame birds such as hummingbirds or songbirds. But when feeders are used to bait game animals such as deer from one person's property to another, hard feelings between neighbors may arise. Also be aware that hunting migratory game birds such as doves over baited areas is a state and federal offense. If you have questions about what does or does not constitute baiting, contact your local game warden.

The necessity of managing wildlife as a "shared" resource makes that management more difficult. Real estate advertisements commonly read "40 acres bordering large ranch, lots of deer and quail." Sometimes the owners of such small acreage put out corn to attract deer from the neighboring property. In extreme situations, there may be more deer taken from this 40 acres than from an adjoining 4000 acres. Such excessive hunting is surely not a good neighbor policy, and does not embody a good conservation ethic. Another questionable practice is erecting hunting blinds adjacent to property lines or fences.

Most people who live in the country want to be a respected part of the community, so good neighbor relations are important. Make

an effort to become acquainted with your adjoining land owners and discuss your game management unit.

Sometimes several landowners can work cooperatively towards game management goals that would be impossible to achieve acting individually. These groups, sometimes referred to as "wildlife management associations" or "co-ops," rely upon the voluntary com-

pliance of their members with a given set of management guidelines. Such group efforts have been successful in improving deer management in areas such as the Texas Hill Country. For more information on the structure of such programs, ask your county Extension agent to show you the video tape "Form and Function of Deer Management Associations." Another problem regarding wildlife on

small acreage is the large number of domestic dogs and cats that are allowed to roam in such areas. House cats can be one of the most serious predators of songbirds and quail. Free ranging dogs sometimes cause problems with nearby livestock operations, especially sheep and goats. Even though you are in the country, it's still best to keep your pets confined to the yard at all times.

How to keep yourself snakebite free

If you're planning to camp, hike or hunt, you're likely to see a snake while out in the wilds of Texas forests, fields, deserts, lakes and plains. Every year in the United States thousands of people are bitten by snakes, and approximately 10 people die as a result. Most people bitten by venomous snakes receive their bites from rattlesnakes. Other venomous snakes in Texas are copperheads, cottonmouth water moccasins and coral snakes.

"If you are bitten by a venomous snake, get medical care as quickly as possible. Antivenin treatment is best started within a few hours," said Guy Moore, a wildlife biologist at the Zoonosis Control Division of the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

•If you may have been bitten by a venomous snake:

•Keep calm. Take deep breaths to relax yourself. Frantic activity will cause the venom to spread faster. Reduce movement of a bitten limb.

•Do not try to capture or kill the snake; it will probably bite you again.

•If possible, keep the area of the bite lower than your heart.

•Remove jewelry, such as rings and watches, and tight fitting clothes before the onset of swelling.

•Do not try to remove the venom yourself.

•Do not apply heat or cold to the bitten area.

•Do not apply home remedies to the bite.

•Do not use a tourniquet or constricting band around the bite.

•Do not use aspirin or related medications because they increase bleeding.

•Do not eat or drink, especially alcoholic beverages.

•Get medical attention as soon as possible. Call 9-1-1, your local emergency number or the Texas Poison Center Network at 1-800-POISON-1 (1-800-764-7661). The Poison Control Center can tell you which medical centers carry the appropriate antivenin. If possible, provide emergency medical personnel with a description of the snake. If no emergency medical care is available, get to the nearest medical treatment facility. But keep calm, walk rather than run, drive safely rather than race.

Don't be fooled by the fact that there may not be any symptoms. "The bite of a coral snake in particular can be deceptive. Without exception, all snake bites should be seen by a doctor immediately," said Bradley Hicks, a TDH wildlife biologist. Coral snakes are brightly colored with bands of black, yellow and red. Some non-venomous snakes mimic the coloration to a degree, but the coral snake is the only one with red bands next to yellow bands. Just remember the old saying, "Red and yellow, kill a fellow; red and black, venom lack."

There is no real reason to be

scared of snakes; in fact, snakes help control insect, mice and rat populations. Most snakes are eager to avoid confrontations with anything larger than themselves and will quietly leave if given the opportunity. So, exercise some precautions when out hiking, camping or hunting, and chances are you will be safe.

You can help prevent snake bites by:

•Being aware if the area you are in is *inhabited* by venomous snakes.

•Wearing high leather boots and long pants when in areas where there are snakes.

•Not reaching into areas where snakes may be resting if you cannot see it is safe. Snakes like to hang around logs and under leaves, waiting for mice, lizards and other small prey.

•Watching where you walk so that you don't accidentally step on a snake. Do not step over logs or rocks if you cannot see the other side.

•Avoiding walking at night in area where there are snakes.

•Not handling or harassing snakes. Most people are bitten while handling or trying to kill a venomous snake.

(For more information, contact Bradley Hicks, wildlife biologist, TDH Zoonosis Control Division, at 512-458-7255, or Shari Perrotta, TSH Communications Office, at 512-458-7400).

Tips for top water fishing

"My favorite fishing is top water," says Dustin Wilks, a Mercury Outboards tour pro on the BASS Circuit. "It's exciting to see the fish explode on the lure."

Wilks ranks a buzz bait and floating worm as his two favorite top water baits in helping him win the BASS Eastern Invitational series title in his rookie year and a spot in this summer's 31st BASS

Masters Classic.

"Wait until you feel the fish," he advises. "Many anglers get too excited and react too quickly. Give the fish time to lock into the bait before setting the hook. Take out the slack and wait until he turns one way or the other. This gives you the visual notice you need to set the hook for the fight back to the boat."

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, Nov. 14
7:46 a.m., A local woman reported a minor accident on Fort Clark Springs in Unit 1. Sheriff Burgess was dispatched to the scene.

11:20 a.m., A Texas Department of Transportation employee reported an 18 wheeler had just knocked down wires crossing loop 166 on the east side of town. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley was dispatched.

6:51 p.m., Officials from Laughlin Air Force Base requested the sheriff's office send a deputy to the auxiliary airfield to check on the welfare of a plane. Deputy Karl Chism was dispatched and reported the plane was under repair by three mechanics. Laughlin was notified everything was OK.

Wednesday, Nov. 15
4:05 p.m., Fort Clark Springs Security reported a small black sports car had almost hit a school bus. Sheriff Burgess was dispatched to the scene.

Thursday, Nov. 16
5:35 p.m., A local man reported a black car with yellow racing stripes was traveling north on FM 334 at a high rate of speed. Chief of Police Ron Ring was dispatched to talk to the subject.

6:00 p.m., Sheriff Burgess reported there were some loose cattle on FM 2804 approximately 1 mile from Highway 90. The Sheriff's office contacted the owner's wife, who said she would tell her husband.

6:25 p.m., A local man reported he had hit a steer on FM 2804. He said there were no injuries except to the steer. DPS

Trooper Richard Slubar was dispatched to the location.

6:35 p.m., A local woman reported an unwanted visitor at her residence. Chief Ring was dispatched to the residence.

8:00 p.m., A man from San Antonio reported that his ex-wife, of Brackettville, had been denying his visitation rights. This was the third report the man had made to Deputy Manuel Pena, Jr.

Friday, Nov. 17
11:30 a.m., Juan Antonio Figuero, 31 years old, from El Salvador, was arrested for an outstanding warrant for Parole Violation from Collin County, by Border Patrol Agent Michael Banda. Figuero is being held for pickup by Collin County.

7:45 p.m., A woman reported she had locked the keys in her truck in front of the High School. Reserve Deputy Robinson was dispatched.

Saturday, Nov. 18
1:00 a.m., U.S. Border Patrol reported being in pursuit of a smuggling vehicle, east bound on Highway 90, and requested assistance. Deputy Pena and Reserve Deputy Manuel Pena, Sr. were west bound on Hwy 90, approximately 7 miles east of Brackettville. The deputies were passed by the subject vehicle after they turned and began heading east bound on Hwy 90. They pursued the green '95 Chevy Pickup at speeds up to 100 mph until it stopped at the intersection of Hwy 90 and FM 1572. The driver and 4 male subjects bailed out of the truck and ran. A total of ten undocumented aliens were appre-

hended and turned over to the Border Patrol.

11:30 a.m., A Fort Clark woman wanted to file a property damage report. She requested the Sheriff's office take pictures of the roof of her mobile home which had collapsed.

1:17 p.m., A local man reported he had lost his wallet at the Laundromat. It contained his drivers license, social security card, credit card, phone card and \$110.

7:57 p.m., A local man reported a man was walking on Hwy 90 west who appeared to be intoxicated or sick. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the area but could not find anyone.

Sunday, Nov. 19
2:33 a.m., A Fort Clark resident reported his brother was intoxicated and driving around at excessive speeds. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

3:05 a.m., Wesley Herman Baker, 21 years old, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Karl Chism for public intoxication. Baker is still being held.

8:00 a.m., A woman reported her car had been hit by a golf ball. She had been parked at a friend's house, near the 12th hole, the day before when the incident occurred.

9:30 a.m., A Fort Clark resident reported a possible accident near Scales road and the entrance of FM 131. The man had found 2 mirrors and a windshield on the ground but no vehicle. A nearby resident reported seeing a young man the night before kicking and damaging his own vehicle at that location. The resident said the vehicle was a small black sports car.

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May we be grateful to God and may He be gracious us *Be a believer to be an achiever*

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

Thanksgiving is a day that our nation has set aside for us to give thanks to God who has created us and blessed us beyond measure. The holiday celebrates the survival of Pilgrim fathers through a first season of planting and harvest. It follows a great tradition among Christians and Jews from ages past who were careful to give thanks to God for prosperity as well as suffering.

We give thanks as a nation. More importantly, we gather on this day with our families and friends to renew the bonds that

bring us together and to share the joy of our prosperity with others. The St. Henry deOsso Family Project offers a reading and a prayer that you might use in your gatherings with your family and friends.

"Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth; sing of his glorious name; give him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How awesome your deeds! All on earth fall in worship before you; they sing of you, sing of your name!'" (Psalm 66:1-4)

"The earth has yielded its harvest; God, our God blesses us. May God bless us still; that the ends of the earth may re-

vere our God." (Psalm 67:7,8)

Almighty and everlasting God, our creator, and our redeemer. We give you thanks on this day for the unending love and gracious mercy you have showered upon us. Like the rains from the skies, your goodness flows as drink for our thirsty souls. God of our fathers, remember our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world. Bring peace to Jerusalem, bring harmony to Washington, and give us leaders with moral courage. Bless us as we gather with our families and friends. May Jesus Christ reign among us now and forever. "May God be gracious to us and bless us; may God's face shine upon us (Psalm 67:7)" and may love bind us together as one in Christ. Amen.

By Harvey Mackay
Contributing Writer

(ARA) - The professor stood before his class of 30 senior molecular biology students, about to pass out the final exam. "I have been privileged to be your instructor this semester, and I know how hard you have all worked to prepare for this test. I also know most of you are off to medical school or grad school next fall," he said to them.

"I am well aware of how much pressure you are under to keep your GPAs up, and because I know you are all capable of understanding this material, I am prepared to offer an automatic "B" to anyone who would prefer not to take the final."

The relief was audible as a number of students jumped up to thank the professor and departed from class. The professor looked at the

handful of students who remained, and offered again, "Any other takers? This is your last opportunity." One more student decided to go.

Seven students remained. The professor closed the door and took attendance. Then he handed out the final exam.

There were two sentences typed on the paper: "Congratulations, you have just received an "A" in this class. Keep believing in yourself."

I never had a professor who gave a test like that. It may seem like the easy way out of grading a bunch of exams, but it's a test that any teacher in any discipline could and should give. Students who don't have confidence in what they've learned are "B" students at best.

The same is true for students of real life. The "A" students are those who believe in what they're doing because they've learned from both successes and failures. They've absorbed life's lessons, whether from formal education or the school of hard knocks, and become better people. Those are the people who you look for when you're hiring or promoting, and the ones you keep if you're downsizing. Your organization needs their brand of thinking.

Psychologists say that by the age of two, 50 percent of what we ever believe about ourselves has been formed; by age six, 60 percent, and at eight years, 80 percent. Wouldn't you love to have the energy and optimism of a little kid? There is nothing you couldn't do or learn or be.

But you're a big kid now, and you realize you have some limits. Don't let the biggest limit be yourself. Take your cue from Sir Edmund Hillary, the first person to reach the summit of Mount Everest: "It's not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves."

Believing in yourself comes from knowing what you are really capable of doing. When it's your turn to step up to the plate, realize

that you won't hit a homerun every time. Baseball superstar Mickey Mantle struck out more than 1,700 times, but it didn't stop him from excelling at baseball. He believed in himself, and he knew his fans believed in him.

Surround yourself with positive people — they know the importance of confidence and will help you keep focused on what you can do instead of what you can't. Who you surround yourself with is whom you become.

Never stop learning! I would work this advice into every column if I could; it's that important. Don't limit yourself only to work-related classes, either. Learn everything about every subject that you can. When you know what you're talking about, it shows.

Be very careful not to confuse confidence with a big ego. If you want people to believe in you, you also have to believe in them. Understand well that those around you also have much to contribute, and they deserve your support. Without faith in yourself and others, success is impossible.

At the end of a particularly frustrating practice one day, a football coach dismissed his players by yelling, "Now all you idiots, go take a shower!" All but one player headed toward the locker room. The coach glared at him and asked why he was still there. "You told all the idiots to go, sir," the player replied, "and there sure seems to be a lot of them. But I am not an idiot." Confident? You bet. And smart enough to coach that team some day.

Mackay's Moral: Believe in yourself, even when no one else does.

Harvey Mackay is author of four New York Times best-sellers, including his most recent in 1999, "Pushing the Envelope."

Frerich presents program in Kerrville

Seth Frerich, a member of the Elijah Holcombe Society, Children of the American Revolution, and chairman of the Conservation and Natural Resources Committee, presented the program on Sunday afternoon, November 12, 2000 in Kerrville.

His program was entitled "Swimming Holes-A Natural Wonder." He had two posters with photos of many of the popular water spots in Texas, as well as local spots including Chalk Bluff, the Nueces River at Garner State Park and ConCan, and of course, Fort Clark. Seth said the dictionary dully defines these aquatic spots as places "where the water is deep enough to use for swimming hole was a stock tank or a spring fed grotto, you felt that we really do have something special.

He said that rope swings hanging from huge trees invite kids to "come on in." Just take a deep breath, do a Tarzan call, and jump. That's all there is to it.

Some people prefer goose-bumping pools like Fort Clark or Balmorhea, while others have fun in the soothing whoosh of waterfalls, or lazing away on granite slabs on the Llano River. Still others prefer to let the water do the work, such as a float trip on the Rio Grande or tubing on the Guadalupe.

Members were encouraged to help conserve America's natural wonders for future generations.

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Daughters of the American Revolution hold essay contest

The subject title for the Daughters of the American Revolution's annual essay contest is "If the United States Capitol Walls Could Talk." It is open to any student in the 5th through the 8th grade. Contact person in the Brackettville area is Pat McKelvy phone 563-9287.

Presenting the program on Saturday, November 18, to the Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter, DAR, was Nancy Seitz. She has served as a past regent, as well as past and present treasurer for her chapter in Gonzales. She is currently the state chairman for the Warm Springs Rehabilitation System. Nancy stated that although rehabilitation will continue to be the focus of the system, it is expanding its services to include programs for patients with complex medical problems and to fill a gap that exists in the current healthcare continuum. The treatment team for a patient could possibly include ten

professionals: physician, case manager, nurse, physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech therapist, respiratory therapist, dietitian, neuropsychologist, and chaplain.

Nancy concentrated on lymphedema, fibromyalgia, and pulmonary rehabilitation. She stated that the purpose of the Warm Springs System for these medical problems is to improve the overall quality of life for the patients. The goals are to reduce edema, restore range of motion, reduce pain and increase coping skills, and to enhance the person's self-esteem.

Brackettville is fortunate to have one of the twelve outpatient facilities in the state. There are four inpatient hospitals located at Gonzales, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, and Victoria.

Local members attending the meeting were Louise Stone and Pat McKelvy.

Turkey, stuffing, pumpkin pie and beer

Alexandria, VA - When Americans sit down to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner this year, many might want to include a favorite beer with the traditional holiday fare of turkey, cranberry sauce, vegetables and pumpkin pie. A tasty complement to a turkey and oyster stuffing dinner is a golden-colored lighter beer, such as a pilsner or lager. Heartier tastes like plum pudding and pumpkin pie are delicious with stronger, dark beers with a touch of bittersweet flavor, such as a stout.

Our modern Thanksgiving menu is based on the offerings of the first celebration in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in the fall of 1621, and it might surprise some to know that beer was an important part of the meal and diet then, just as it is today.

With foul water supplies the rule of the day, beer was the beverage of choice, as it required brewers to boil water, thus killing microbes that imperiled health. Colonists of the period who left Europe for the New World had a long distrust of tainted water supplies. The 102 Pilgrims and their crew on the Mayflower brought plenty of beer with them when they set sail on September 6, 1620. Beer was precious cargo on the small ship, a healthy nourishment and reminder of home.

The Pilgrims' journey lasted 65 days, ending on November 11,

1620 when they anchored at a favorable harbor, later called Plymouth. They had hoped to be further south, but, due to a shortage on the Mayflower of the beer supply, decided to land and settle in Massachusetts. Pilgrim leader William Bradford wrote in a diary dated December 19, 1620, "We could not now take much time for further search... our victuals being much spent, especially, our beer."

After a harsh and cold winter during which over half of their number succumbed to disease, on March 16, 1621, an Indian brave named Samoset walked into the Plymouth settlement, speaking the English word "welcome." Samoset learned some English from the captains of fishing boats that had sailed off of the coast. He and his Wampanoag tribe, which inhabited Southeastern Massachusetts and coastal islands like Martha's Vineyard, thrived in a culture of agriculture and fishing.

Indians soon taught the settlers these skills, including how to tap maple trees for syrup and how to identify which plants were poisonous and which had medicinal powers.

The concept of fertilizer was also introduced to the settlers, who were taught to grow corn by burying decaying fish in the ground. This corn and barley were used to make beer.

The settlers considered beer essential to the social, cultural and physical health of their fledgling communities, and a brew house was among the first structures built in the New World during the winter of 1620 - 1621. Later colonists arriving from Europe brought additional supplies with them, including the Puritans who arrived in 1630, carrying three times as much beer as water.

The fall harvest of 1621 was successful and the Pilgrims had enough food to put away for the winter. They packed fruits, vegetables and fish in salt and cured meats over smokey fires. With much to celebrate in beating the odds of survival, Bradford declared a day of Thanksgiving to include their Native American friends. During the first Thanksgiving celebration, colonists and Indians together tapped a keg of beer, cementing the bond between the groups.

American beer in the 1600s was dark and cloudy, and flavored with hops, a plant used to impart a pleasantly bitter flavor to beers and ales. With the exception of the addition of hops, it was very much like the beer that had been brewed in the Old World for hundreds of years. Colonists knew that beer was good for them and made it a major part of the American diet in the country's early years.

It's time to schedule propane heating system checks for your home

(Austin) - As colder temperatures begin to settle in across the state, Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews and Commissioner Tony Garza encourage homeowners to have their propane tanks and heating appliances thoroughly inspected by a licensed technician.

"The colder weather means winter will soon be here," said Williams. "Licensed propane technicians in your area are ready to inspect your home heating system to ensure it's prepared for the months ahead."

"Millions of Texans rely on propane not only for home and water

heating, but also for cooking," noted Matthews. "Propane fuel systems need regular service checks to ensure maximum reliability and safety."

"Many systems may not have been used for some time," Garza added. "A thorough inspection of your home's heating system is a good way to know you'll be able to stay warm safely throughout the winter."

According to Williams, Matthews and Garza, other important safety tips to remember include:

- If your home has a propane furnace, water heater, range or other conveniences, schedule a check of the whole propane system - including appliances.
- Your local propane service technician should check your tank, piping, regulators, gauges, connectors, valves, vents, thermostats, pilots, burners and appliance controls to make sure they are all in good working condition.
- Homes with propane gas logs or fireplace systems should be checked each fall.
- Naturally odorless propane gas has a rotten egg smell added to it to help identify any leaks. If you ever smell gas, leave the home immediately without using any electrical switches or appliances. Close the service valve under the protective dome of your tank by

turning it to the right as far as it can go. Call your propane supplier or local fire department from a neighbor's phone.

To help consumers properly use propane-fueled appliances, the Railroad Commission of Texas offers a free safety brochure entitled Home Safe Home. Copies can be obtained by calling 1-800-64-CLEAR.

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There are many reasons to be thankful *Tigers out of playoffs*

Making A Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

Thanksgiving, 2000, is a time to give thanks for our lives in Kinney County, Texas! Though we're mired in a post election fiasco, the USA is far superior to any country that has ever existed. We live in the best part of the country, Kinney County, Texas. Our climate is the best and the outdoor landscape is unmatched. We're fortunate to have excellent schools and sound local government. Fort Clark Springs continues to be a grand place to be. During this holiday season, take the time to think about the good that goes on here. Life is slower, and we complain and fuss more about imperfection. When you drive around our beautiful city and county, look around

and count your many blessings. Life is good here. Enjoy it! Give thanks for it!

At school, the transition to basketball has begun. Our girls team has already won its opener. Boys basketball will begin when the football team ends its season. As I write this article, we're headed to play Nixon-Smiley in the football playoffs. I hope that we'll be playing Refugio next weekend. Coach David Yeager's teams have 23 wins and 7 losses in three years of regular season play. That's a 77% winning percentage. We're very proud.

Congratulations to Jamie Ballew, Susan Harrison and Kim Wilkins for their nomination to the teacher's Who's Who. These are fine educators. We're proud that students nominated them for this

honor. Susan has moved to Wimberly. Kim & Jamie continue to teach math at Brackett High School. Jamie Ballew was incorrectly identified as being an alternative school teacher in the press release sent to our local newspaper. Her teaching experience has always been at BHS.

The turkey day dinner was outstanding. Many parents, grandparents and friends along with younger siblings joined us for this feast. At our dinner this past Friday, we had an overflow crowd. The cafeteria staff headed by Honeybee Gomez did an outstanding job preparing and serving the traditional holiday meal.

Brackett ISD students and staff have extensive travel schedules (partly because of our distance from other district schools). Each

day, there are cars and buses going out. Richard Terrazas assisted by Manuel Madrid and Armando Sanchez get our vehicles in immaculate condition before they leave. They are safe and clean. Thanks for a job well done!

You would be amazed at the emphasis on reading at Brackett ISD. Each day, entire classes spend time enjoying reading. Schools in the past moved away from encouraging students to read. You would be pleased to see the time that students spend reading. We have a great school and county library. These libraries are well stocked and have overflow crowds checking out books. Keep up the good work.

That's about it for this week. It has been a good one. Have a great week!

By Vanessa Terrazas
Contributing Writer

The Tigers 2000 Football Season was put to a halt Friday night by the Nixon-Smiley Mustangs with a score of 33-6. The two teams met on neutral ground at the Jourdanton football stadium.

The Tigers rushed for a total of 162 yards; 116 were made by Jesse Hidalgo, 39 were made by J.J. Rivas, 5 by Jared Hobbs, and John Wylie and Manuel Madrid both rushed for one yard each.

"We're sorry because we feel we have disappointed the fans for not coming out victorious Friday night. For the seniors it was their last game, and the last game that I will ever play with them" stated fullback J.J. Rivas.

The Mustangs rushed for a total of 287 yards and at the end of

the first half led the Tigers 14-0. The Tigers had a total of 13 first downs and two fumbles, whereas the Mustangs had 19 first downs and 3 fumbles. The only touchdown made for the Tigers was by Manuel Madrid in the 3rd quarter. The final score was 33-6 in favor of the Mustangs.

The Tigers ended their season 8-3 and 3rd in district. "Although this season is over, the foundation for a new era of Tiger football has begun" stated offensive lineman, senior David Lopez.

This was a great season for the Tigers, there are eight very talented seniors leaving this year, but there are also many talented young men that will remain to play for the Tigers next year. Next year the Tigers are expected to get as far, if not further than this year.

Second Six Weeks Honor Roll....

Honor Roll as provided by BISD:

Jones Elementary
All A Honor Roll
■ **Sixth grade:** Justin Calk, Austin Shewbart.

■ **Fifth grade:** Meghann Davis, Doolie Fernandez, Josh Kluzek.

■ **Fourth grade:** Brookie Bowlin, Katie Braesicke, Shelby Buckner, Emily Calk, Serenity Gammill, Joshua Garrett, Ryan Jones, Rebecca Mann, Laura Swinson.

■ **Third grade:** Jose Aguilar, Crystal Bartlett, Chris Blake, Alexis Buecher, Brayen Chacon, Cody Clark, Janiell Cortez, Brianna Escamilla, Amanda Flores, Salina Flores, Emily Fuentes, Ivy Garcia, Gino Gonzalez, Ramon Gutierrez, Ana Martinez, Aracely Martinez, Nancy Martinez, Daniel Molinar, Elena Molinar, Elidia Molinar, Paul Novel, Jesus R. Pena, Jay Proulx, Krystal Rangel, Adolfo Reyes, Raul Rivas, Claudia Rocha, Dulce Rodriguez, Lawrence Salazar, Nydia Talamantes, Lilianna Valdez, Marci Villarreal, Katie Yeager, Alex Zamora.

■ **Second grade:** Zazu Abraham, Marisol Aguirre, Katie Bowlin, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Sarah Davis, Mark Garcia, Vincent Garcia, Jody Garrett, Jesse Garza, Valeria Garza, Stella Guajardo, Aylard Letsinger, Tyler McDonald, Abran Muniz, Brenda Pacheco, Kaylyn Queen, Janine Rex, Jaime Rodriguez, Victor Roman, Icela Rueda, Becky Salazar, Jamie Sandoval, Suzanna Seargeant, Josh Smith, Sam Stewart, Robert Torres.

A-B Honor Roll

■ **Sixth grade:** Adan Aguirre, Dolores Cano, Robert Davis, Allison Del Bosque, Seth Frerich, Diana Hernandez, Rachel Lethco, Lorena Mendoza, Laura Meyer, Josh O'Neill, Ivan Pinales, Michael Stephenson, Nadine Terrazas, Emily Valenzuela, Kara Yeager.

■ **Fifth grade:** Bailee Allen, Jesus Balderas, Steve Boden, Kevin Bonner, Travis Bonner, Chris Calloway, Israel DeHoyos, Marco Duran, Marlene Gloria, Amador Gonzalez, Daphne Hunt, Jamie Jimenez, Mandy King,

Denia Martinez, Michael Martinez, Dyle Moore, Anabel Perez, Gustavo Resendez, Manny Rosas, Chris Seargeant, Ashley Stephenson, Bianca Stewart, Kara Thomas, Hector Villarreal, Jr., Anolda Watkins.

■ **Fourth grade:** Felisha Abrego, Laura Adams, Summer Allen, Sam Childress, Jessica Garza, Cristi Gomez, Esna Herrera, Diana Honstein, Thomas Justice, Miranda Letsinger, Bianca Martinez, Daniel Nickerson, Jonathan Rios, Maribel Rivas, Graciela Rocha, April Samora, Veronica Talamantes, Bianca Terrazas, Scott Thourot.

■ **Third grade:** Cynthia Bland, Amanda DelBosque, Marc Gonzalez, Jesse Martinez, Maria Martinez, Gerardo Pacheco, Adam Pinales, Rolando Rivas, Miranda Salmon, Maria Samora, Alejandra Talamantes, Isaac Talamantes.

■ **Second grade:** Richard Antu, Celina Calvillo, Gianca Cruz, Francisca Flores, Mike Flores, Clarissa Garcia, Bernie Garza, Wyatt Guidry, Izel Jimenez, Adrian Juarez, Ward Kerr, Paige Nowlin, Avian Pacheco, Robert Payne, Mary Lou Pena, Victor Robledo, Steven Rodriguez, Aracely Salazar, Cheyenne Smith, Erica Villanueva, Danika Villarreal.

■ **First grade:** Richard Antu, Celina Calvillo, Gianca Cruz, Francisca Flores, Mike Flores, Clarissa Garcia, Bernie Garza, Wyatt Guidry, Izel Jimenez, Adrian Juarez, Ward Kerr, Paige Nowlin, Avian Pacheco, Robert Payne, Mary Lou Pena, Victor Robledo, Steven Rodriguez, Aracely Salazar, Cheyenne Smith, Erica Villanueva, Danika Villarreal.

Middle School
All A Honor Roll

■ **Eighth Grade:** Tillman Davis, Cody Robinette, Shanae Simmons.

■ **Seventh Grade:** Blair Lambert, Kristen Linton, Rachel Swinson.

A - B Honor Roll

■ **Eighth Grade:** Juliann Ashabanner, Stephanie Bonner, Jaclynn Duncan, Courtney Frerich, Monica Gonzalez, Whitney Hobbs, Megan King, Brandon Kluzek, Robert Looney, Whitney Massingill, Kristin Meyer, Ryan Moore, Oscar Sierra, Celina Terrazas, Kody Yeager.

■ **Seventh Grade:** Dana Bonner, John Braesicke, Ashley Castillo, Jessica Crane, Kimberly Glass, Tanya Molinar, Sarah Nickerson, Yasmin Pena, Adon Santellano, Billy Steelman, Soraida Talamantes, Brand Wylie.

High School
All A Honor Roll

■ **Seniors:** Carissa De Los Santos, Enriqueta Garza, Schiller Hill, Sam Hunt, Leslie Meyer, Brittany Shewbart.

■ **Juniors:** Michelle Bizzell, Lloyd Davis, Susannah Davis, Levi Duncan, Duquesa Hunt, Erica Meyer.

■ **Sophomores:** Jael Johnson, Maria Martinez, Megan McWilliams, Tammy Smith, Elizabeth Threadgill.

■ **Freshmen:** Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Sarah Meyer, Emily Petrosky, Ashley Smith.

A - B Honor Roll

■ **Seniors:** Caleb Baker, Thomas Crow, April Crumley, Miguel De Leon, Isaac Gutierrez, Julie Juarez, David Lopez, Heather

Martin, Manuel Morin, Mariana Rivas, Stephanie Samaniego.

■ **Juniors:** David Campos, Mireya Fuentes, Sarah Gammill, Erica Gloria, Charles Gomez, Migdalia Gonzales, Candice Ingram, Chase Neuman, Isela Ramon, Rodolfo Ramirez, Juan Rivas, TD Smith, Julie Solis, Amanda Ward, Brandi Wilson.

■ **Sophomores:** Amanda Cruz, Diamantina Flores, RC Franklin, Lindsay Hall, Jared Hobbs, Megan McWilliams, Laura Negrette, Jose Pineda, Eliot Stone, Jose Vela, Victoria Ward.

■ **Freshmen:** Hector Febres, Stacey Castilla, Stephanie Coronado, Chestin Hatley-Clark, Nancy Hill, Allison Lamascus, Arnold Pinales, Star Smith, Blanca Talamantes, Ashley Thourot, Beau Watkins.

Volleyball All-District Honors 2000

By Heather Martin
Contributing Writer

Volleyball All-District Teams for 29 AA were voted on and released this week. Brackett High School Tigerettes received several honors and compliments for the great season that they had. Senior, Erika Garcia, Defensive Specialist, who led the team in scoring and aces was named to the 1st Team All-District for the third year. Junior, Erica Meyer, outside hitter, was named 'Newcomer of the Year'. Meyer lead the Tigerettes in kills, blocks, and serving percentages. This is Meyers' first year on the All-District team. Also, receiving All-District honors for the first time was Junior Susannah Davis. Davis was the setter for the Tigerettes and was the team leader

in assists. Davis was named to the 2nd Team All-District.

Overall, the Tigerettes had a good season and look forward to next year. Even though they will be losing several seniors, many juniors are already preparing to take the lead for next year.

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Activity Calendar

Thursday, November 23
Thanksgiving - School Holiday

Friday, November 24
Thanksgiving - School Holiday

Tuesday, November 28
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Tips for Thanksgiving travelers

The Department of Public Safety urges drivers to anticipate travel tribulations before heading toward the highway this Thanksgiving. "The best way to avoid problems is to stop them before they start," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of DPS. "If motorists take a few minutes to prepare their vehicles and themselves, they may save hours of travel time and trouble this Thanksgiving." DPS will increase the number of troopers monitoring Texas highways to ensure the safety of travelers.

Last year, 56 people died in traffic crashes over the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Nine of the 46 fatal wrecks were alcohol-related, accounting for 11 (20 percent) of the fatalities. In cases where seat belt usage was applicable, 41 percent of those killed were not restrained.

(Please remember that DPS has discontinued Operation Motorcade and will not issue death estimates

or fatality totals.)

DPS suggests the following Thanksgiving Day Travel Tips:

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- Obey the speed limit, wear safety belts and drive sober.

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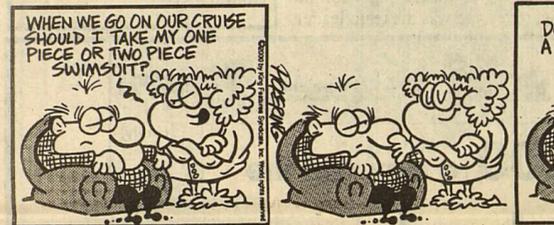
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 - ATM access code
 - Like Brinks' buggies
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 - Grassland section
 - Providence
 - Pocket gopher's home
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 - Volunteer
 - Like Clark Kent's manner
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 - Start a new hand
 - '20s seductress
 - OT priest
 - Slight color
 - In desperate need of Jenny Craig
 - Water park features
 - Turkey's neighbor to the east
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- Aries March 21-April 20**
Take a step back and think this week. You may be called to work on a project that doesn't initially appeal to you. However, it could turn out to be a lot of fun. Share your enthusiasm.
- Taurus April 21-May 21**
Although at times you may not feel like it, you are important in the vast scheme of things. Don't shortchange yourself. People in authority could have big plans for you in the coming year.
- Gemini May 22-June 21**
If you've been put in charge of building a team, start with the right people. You may need to be diplomatic with an old friend when it comes to financial issues. Don't offer too much advice.
- Cancer June 22-July 22**
You may have to experiment at work to get the right chemistry going in order to achieve greatness. At home, be flexible in accommodating a loved one's special needs.
- Leo July 23-August 23**
It may be your turn to give up a position of leadership. While stepping down may seem like giving up, it's not. Better to leave while you are still on top. Sort through legal documents.
- Virgo August 24-Sept. 22**
Learn to delegate more. You may suddenly find yourself doing more important stuff. You could find yourself making a very courageous decision before year's end. Accept the challenge.
- Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23**
Don't blame others for your mistakes. You may need to learn how to be more responsible when it comes to routine duties. You are capable. It's just a matter of doing the work.
- Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22**
Develop your expertise in one area. You may then be able to change a relative's long-standing opinion. Cut yourself some slack when it comes to major expenditures.
- Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21**
A younger person may find you too lenient and try to manipulate you. You could be operating at too fast a pace for others to keep up. Schedule some "quiet time."
- Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20**
You may be caught off guard by a remark made by an older person. Feeling good about yourself could take some effort. Allow yourself to revel in holiday festivities.
- Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18**
You may need to start looking for ways to get additional job training. Instead of waiting for a long-distance telephone call, take the initiative. Planning a small party lifts flagging spirits.
- Pisces Feb. 19-March 20**
Your dreams are attainable if you are willing to step out in faith. Learn to trust your instincts. Do not be afraid of hard work. Your strong communication skills and stubborn nature may lead to success.

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Don't take your blessing for granted Is the end really near for us?

St. Mary Magdalene
By Lynn McNew

For what are you most thankful today? Your faith, your family, your home and job, your church, your friends, your freedom are all no doubt high on the list. I know they certainly are on mine. But the people most thankful this day are those who have recently recovered something precious that was lost—say their health, a job, their faith, someone's love. I can make this statement with a good deal of certainty because I, for one, have a tendency to take my blessings for granted. Only when the well runs dry do we learn the real worth of water.

Last year, at this time, I was suffering a great deal of pain and inconvenience—the result of an unfortunate accident with an Austin sidewalk. I spent many days and weeks depending on others and reflecting on how lucky I really am. Now, after a

year, healing is complete and my life has resumed its full and busy schedule, and I find myself often taking things like mobility for granted once again. I need this season to help me remember what is important in my life.

This beloved national holiday is a gift to us from early settlers. With inspiration from the Scriptures, the settlers modeled the observance on the Jewish festival of Sukkot as well as on their memories of European harvest celebrations.

Saint Paul offers a suggestion for grace before and after this celebratory meal or for any time you gather together this long and eventful weekend to share in one another's lives: "Sing gratefully to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns, and inspired songs."

If you have suffered some loss this year and then had it restored, you have special reason for celebrating this Thanksgiving. Others who have not found

resolution to long-standing hurts and difficulties need to be remembered with supporting prayers.

Whatever our circumstances, one thing for which all Christians can be thankful today is the gift of God's truth as revealed through His Son. We can sing with composer Philip Bliss, *Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee;*

Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me,

Once I was blind, but now I can see;

The Light of the world is Jesus.

Lord, thank you for the many blessings you have given to me—to all of us. Impress upon me, Lord, that more than a holiday set apart, Thanksgiving's the mark of a grateful heart—mine.

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

I believe it was the children's story called "Chicken Little" in which we heard the main character running around spreading panic by screaming, "The sky is falling! The sky is falling!" And it was that wonderful old tale, "Peter and the Wolf" where we learned that causing fright by warning of impending danger which wasn't real could be dangerous. Now, when we see a modern day prophet in white robe with long, unkempt hair and beard carrying a placard that warns, "THE END IS NEAR! HAVE YOU REPENTED?" we sigh and accept that person as a weirdo. We are not frightened. We often don't even pay attention. Our end is not near! But, when the guys in the white coats get here, this weirdo's end is near, for sure.

In Revelation, John offers for everyone's edification, the vision he has had. And he writes, "Blessed is he who reads (about

his vision) and those who hear the words of the prophecy and heed the things that are written in it; for the time is near." John was certain, Jesus would soon return for the faithful. Yet, here we are some two thousand years later and there ain't no sign of Jesus on the horizon! Ho-hum! That John is just another weirdo. That Revelation story is just another false prophecy. It is always interesting to me that we are able to thumb our nose at "end times" issues. If there is anyone reading this who is going to live forever in their human condition, I want you to give me a call. We gotta talk.

We fight it! We ignore it! We want the topic to go away! But... the fact is, there is an end to life, as we know it. And none of us are exempt from its claim on our mortal bodies. Death is always just around the corner for each of us. Sure, we want to prolong life as long as possible, but death is inevitable.

So...when your death comes,

will you be finished with your life? Will you be satisfied with the years you've had? Or will there be something left undone? Unsaid?

Now my preference is to believe that John is right. The "end" is near. The "end" to life as we are used to it. The end to suffering, tears, wars, arguments, politics and ugly words for each other. The "end" of which John speaks is actually the "beginning" of something far better than what we know now. Jesus, our friend and Savior, our Lord and King will take us to be with him in a kingdom where peace and love reign with him, because that is who he is.

Doesn't it make more sense to pay attention to the stories of "the end" than to ridicule the concept? Join us at First United Methodist Church on Sunday at 10:45 am as we talk about preparing for "The End which is to Come."

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Gateway Ministries

By Pastor Charolette Corey

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they

are and were created." (Rev. 4:11) Thank you for your goodness. We praise your name for taking great pleasure in creating all things, so that in you we live, and move, and have our being. (Acts 17:28) Thank you for your mercy and grace, for your kindness is from everlasting to everlasting. You are gracious and full of compassion. (Psalms 111:1-5). Your works are honorable and glorious. Your righteousness endures forever.

Thank you Father God for teaching us that you alone are Sovereign, and to reverence your strength and your power, to humble ourselves in your sight. Thank you for taking pleasure in those that fear you. You have beautified the meek with salvation. Your throne is established of old (Psalms 93:2).

You have been our dwelling place in all generations; before the mountains were brought forth, and before the earth and the world was formed, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God. (Psalms 90:1-2) I

will praise the Lord with my whole heart. (Psalms 111:1).

Thank you God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for blessing us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Thank you for choosing us in you before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before you in love. We praise and glorify you for taking pleasure in predestining us to be adopted as your children by Jesus Christ to yourself, wherein you have made us accepted in the beloved.

Thank you for the riches of your grace in that you have given us redemption, the forgiveness of sins, through the blood of Jesus, wherein you have abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having

made known toward us what is the mystery of your will, according to your good pleasure which you have purposed in yourself; that in the dispensation of the fullness of times you might gather together in one all things

in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth. Thank you for greatness of our inheritance. (Eph. 1:3-11)

We love you because you first loved us. You are unconditional, eternal Love. You are so beautiful and worthy to be praised for there is none like you. You are our fortress, our tower of strength. When we are weak you are strong. You are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We bless you, Oh Lord, now and forever. Praise be to God in the highest. Let your name be shouted from the rooftops and in the streets. Blessed be the name of the Lord! Ever knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.... As we...stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving

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us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

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Psalms 100

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Health

Management makes living with asthma easier

The diagnosis is asthma. Check which symptoms you have to live with daily:

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- Shortness of breath
- Feeling a tightness in your chest

Being absent from work or school often

Sitting on the sidelines of sports or games

None of the above, according to State Epidemiologist Dennis Perrotta at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "People don't have to live with asthma symptoms as a daily part of their lives." The key, he says, is an individualized management plan worked out between patient and health care providers and sometimes including other family members.

Asthma, which affects about 17 million Americans, including nearly 5 million children, is a serious, chronic lung disease. Often beginning in childhood, asthma affects the way people breathe. Airways to the lungs become inflamed and swollen, produce mucus, often are blocked and are especially sensitive to irritants.

Although the specific cause of asthma is not known, genetics and exposure to a variety of conditions in the environment play a role. Asthma symptoms can be triggered by such things as:

- Allergens - dander, dust mites, cockroaches, pollen, foods
- Environmental conditions - cold temperatures, indoor/outdoor air pollution such as smoke, fumes or odors
- Emotions, stress
- Upper respiratory infections including flu and the com-

mon cold

- Exercise

Other improperly treated medical conditions such as sinusitis or acid reflux.

"We don't know what causes asthma and we can't cure it," Perrotta said. "But we do know it can be managed successfully so people with asthma can live long, healthy, symptom-free lives."

Asthma is the most common chronic disease among children and the leading cause of school absences among youngsters under age 16. Children with asthma miss twice as many school days as children without the illness.

If not well controlled, asthma takes an increasing toll on the health of people of all ages. Those with asthma may visit emergency rooms, may need to be hospitalized or may die. Since 1980 in Texas, the death rate from asthma has nearly doubled, with 343 deaths recorded in 1998. The highest death rates are for people over age 60.

People who guess about symptoms, try different ways of self-medication and use the emergency room for quick treatment often do not get consistent care for asthma. Good control, according to Perrotta, comes with a carefully crafted, long-term asthma management plan. And it becomes a continuous part of a person's life.

A health care provider can diagnose asthma by taking a medical history, giving a physical exam and testing how the lungs function. Treatment varies with the severity of the disease and persistence of the symptoms. Long-term medications are used

to maintain control of chronic asthma and to prevent airway inflammation that contributes to asthma attacks. Quick relief medications are used to treat acute symptoms and to prevent asthma brought on by exercise.

A typical asthma plan, set up by a physician together with the patient, is based on the colors of a traffic light. It helps people anticipate problems and get help when needed. The plan identifies for the individual things that start an asthma episode, when and how to check breathing, daily medications needed and when they should be used.

In such a plan, green means go, use preventive medicine. In the green zone, a person has good breathing, no coughing or wheezing, sleeps through the night and can work and play. Yellow means caution. add quick-relief medicine. In the yellow zone, a person has the first signs of a cold, has been exposed to a known trigger, has a mild wheeze, a tight chest, coughs at night and can do some but not all usual activities. Red is danger, get help from a doctor. In the red zone, asthma is getting worse fast. Medicine is not helping, breathing is hard and fast, the nose opens wide, ribs show and a person cannot talk well.

Living with asthma includes following the management plan and knowing what activities and resources are available in your community.

People have access to such things as summer camps for children with asthma, community asthma screenings, support groups for those with asthma and their families, asthma fairs and educational activities for

both health care providers and for asthmatics and their families. Many of these activities are sponsored by local coalitions and advocacy groups within the community.

"Because asthma is a growing problem, TDH is working to develop a statewide asthma coalition," Perrotta said. One goal is to create an asthma plan for Texas that will provide a framework for the activities of asthma groups and community organizations across the state.



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Texas Department of Transportation Avisco Publico

El Departamento de Transportes del Estado de Texas (TxDot), estara aceptando solicitudes para fondos bajos el programa llamado Section 5310 ano fiscal 2001. Este programa proporcionara fondos federales para ayudar economicamente a organizaciones no lucrativas para proveer transportacion publica a personas mayores de edad o incapacitada donde el servicio del transporte publico no esta disponible, es insuficiente o inadecuado. Candidatos interesado en los condados de Val Verde, Dimmit, Maverick, Kinney, Zavala, La Salle, Duval y Webb deben de llamar al (956) 712-7438 con el Sr. Omar Cantu, Coordinador de Transporte Publico, para mayor informacion o por E-Mail al ocantu1@dot.state.tx.us, o en escrito al: Departamento de Transporte de Texas, Transporte Publico, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78034, Attn: Sr. Omar Cantu. Se puede obtener la aplicacion en la oficina del Departamento del Transportes mas cercana a usted. Las solicitudes seran aceptada empezando el dia 3 de Noviembre del ano 2000 hasta el dia 1 de Diciembre del ano 2000.

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