

GOBBLE, GOBBLE ... Thanksgiving Turkeys run a'plenty in Motley County. These beautiful birds were spotted near Flomot recently. The actual flock had about 75 turkeys. Hunters shouldn't have any problems getting a big turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. (photo by Carla Meador)

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### Matador residents meet with City Council to express concerns over Mayor's resignation

Several Matador residents met with City Council members at their regular meeting, Thursday, November 10, to express concerns regarding the resigna-tion of Mayor Paul Westbrook.

Council members, Mayor Pro-Tem Shane Jones, Bert Darsey, Chuck Ream, Pat Seigler, and Jim Watson heard citizens as they expressed their support of Mayor Westbrook and disappointment of the news

of his resignation. Speaking in open forum was Stan Hanesworth. He told council members that he wanted to speak for Matador. He made mention of the awards Mr. Westbrook had received since being in office as Matador Mayor, including an award from TxDOT for clean-up efforts in the city. He also mentioned the fact that Mr. Westbrook was instrumental in obtaining a grant for the City's water system, establishing an animal ordinance and working for additional clean-up in the City. Mr. Hanesworth said that Mr. Westbrook had worked tirelessly alongside volunteers, as well as used his own money for travel and lunches for the volunteers.

Also speaking in support of Mr. Westbrook was Kenneth Marshall. He expressed his appreciation to all the City Council members for the work they had done, and said he believes Mr. Westbrook has been a good mayor and has done a lot of work to help the City of Mata-

Larry Hoyle said that he thinks Mr. Westbrook has done a tremendous amount of work for the City and has had to take a lot of gripes. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Westbrook for his efforts.

Alan Bingham said, "We're probably all here to show our support for Paul." He said he hopes that all the good Mr. Westbrook has started will continue and the efforts to improve the city will continue.

Tom Edwards put a question to Council members and employees to ask themselves, "Am I a part of the problem or the a part of the solution?

Roy Hobbs agreed with Mr. Edwards and said that we shouldn't let petty things get un-der our skin. "Letting petty things get in the way is not right for our community," he said. Mr. Hobbs said he feels that Mr. Westbrook has done a tremen-

dous job for the City of Matador. Charley Johnson said, "I

have been on both sides of the table, on the board and off, I hope the Council will take to mind what's best for Matador."

Mayor Westbrook thanked everyone for their support and for attending the meeting. He also thanked Council members.

Mr. Westbrook submitted his resignation the second week of November, but Council members had not accepted it, for further discussion at this regular

After open forum, Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressing their concerns. She then asked City Secretary Debra Scott to read the minutes of the previous meeting. Council approved.

In other business, Mrs. Jones said the Matador Fire Department had requested the \$10,000 payment which the City usually pays annually. Fire Department member, Rodney Williams, had said that it is actually better if the amount is paid in two payments. Council voted to pay 1/2 now and 1/2 in March when the fiscal year ends.

Mrs. Jones also said she had a request from Mr. John Little to buy lots 24, 25, 26 and 32 in Block 126. After some discussion Council approved putting the lots up for bid to be published in the Motley County Tri-

The next item for discussion was an ordinance regarding stop signs. Some residents had requested additional stop signs being erected in certain parts of the City. Councilman Watson said he didn't think there was a problem in putting up the sign, but if it is illegal to run a stop sign if there is no city ordinance established to put up the sign. This was tabled for further dis-

Next on the agenda was raising the landfill rates a dollar per ton to help offset the increase in fuel costs. Caprock Waste stated they have hauling contracts with various cities that will expire in September and they could better stand the rate increase at that time. Turkey and Quitaque were to discuss the matter with their board members. Contracts with Turkey and Quitaque don't expire until 2007. If the city of Matador loses Caprock because of the rate increase the dump-ground may have to close. Prices are already set at the high end compared to neighboring landfill charges. Council voted to wait until closer to September to set

Caprock Waste rates and until the next Council meeting to

hear from Turkey and Quitaque before changing their rates. Council reviewed the financial report and read through the monthly bills. A bill was presented, payable to City Secretary, Debra Scott. Ms. Scott explained to council it was a per diem check for travel expenses to a school in Lubbock. Matador resident and President of Matador Branch, First National Bank, Roy Hobbs, asked Ms. Scott if it was the same per diem check she had tried to get him to sign that morning at the bank.

Ms. Scott explained that this check was to be paid out of Water Works for a SPAC meeting. ter Works for a SPAG meeting in Lubbock and the per diem check, he had not signed, was for travel expenses to a 4-B school in Levelland that she and Mr. Westbrook had attended.

The budget was reviewed. Councilman Watson stated that the City is running tight on cash because the Ad Valorem taxes have not been paid at this time. The City still has a Library expense of \$4800 and a Trapper expense of \$1000 to be paid, but the payment to the Deputy is no longer an expense.

Council approved the bills.

Casey Lawrence gave the Water Superintendent's report. He reported that part of the waterline to the Nursing Home site has been installed and one fire hydrant has been installed. Additional pipe had been re-

ceived to complete the line. Mr. Lawrence stated that he doesn't know when they can proceed because of the landscaping. A new window and insulation has been installed at the Roaring Springs well, as well as a new flex coupler. Some of the streets have been patched. Electricity is being installed to the new

At this point Mr. Hobbs asked Ms. Scott if the City should be proceeding with Nursing Home pipeline. Ms. Scott asked Council to discuss this matter in Closed Session. Council members Shane Jones and Bert Darsey asked Ms. Scott to respond. She stated that after her conversation with the Attorney General, she understood that certain steps had to be completed before checks could be written out of the 4-B account. If all the steps had been done, the way to correct the error was to cease work on the project and back up and do

the steps in the correct order. Mr. Westbrook asked how the Attorney General knew of this and who had contacted his office. Ms. Scott explained that the Attorney General held the class that she and Mr. Westbrook had attended previ-

Mr. Westbrook stated that all those rules were new, as of September 1, and since this was done in November they did not apply, and all protocol had been

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#### November Sales Tax Payments made State Comptroller announces plan to help Hurricane hit counties

Texas Comptroller Strayhorn announced Monday, November 14, her unprecedented plan to help hard-hit local governments whose sales tax revenue has declined since Hurricane Rita struck Southeast Texas September 24.

'Cities, counties and other local government entities don't need a sudden drop in sales tax revenue making it harder to recover from Hurricane Rita," Strayhorn said. "Local governments can, if they wish, receive an additional sales tax allocation in November and December to make up the difference between their November and December 2005 sales tax allocations and the amount they received last November and December.

"As a former Mayor, I know first-hand how much local governments rely on a predictable flow of sales tax revenue to pay for routine services like law enforcement, fire protection, healthcare, trash pickup and street maintenance," Strayhorn said. "I am offering local governments an option to help them with short-term fiscal problems until homeowners and businesses repair, replace and rebuild what they have lost, and economic activity returns to normal."

Strayhorn said local taxing entities in 22 Texas counties that were declared disaster areas can, upon request, receive additional sales tax money in November and December, if continued on page 7

insurance.

"We would rather that Texas drivers voluntarily comply with the law than have to write them tickets," Col. Davis said. "Be-

### Santa will visit with children in Roaring Springs Friday

Businesses will stay open late for Late Night Shopping event

Santa Clause has scheduled two visits to Motley County before his Christmas Eve stops. His first stop is planned for Roaring Springs, Friday, November 25, during the

Late Night Shopping event. He will arrive in 'Old West style' about 5:00 p.m. and visit with children at Graham's Supply.

Roaring Springs businesses will stay open late giving Motley County shoppers the chance to do some early Christmas shopping and keep their holiday dollars at home.

Most businesses will feature special sales, door prizes, and refreshments. Some will have vendors set up inside which refreshments. Some will have vendors set up inside which will also feature special items for purchase. The Hitchin' Post Restaurant will serve Stew or Chili with all the fixins' for a warm break from shopping.

Matador's annual Late Night Shopping event will take place Thursday, December 1. Santa will arrive about 5:30 p.m. by Motley County Firetruck. He will visit children at the Library Annex, where a Kiddie Store will also be set up for the little shoppers.

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Don't miss out on these festive holiday events which usher in the Christmas season, and keep your shopping dollars at home!

### **DPS urges Thanksgiving** travelers to slow down, buckle up and drive sober

All available DPS troopers will be patrolling Texas road-ways during the Thanksgiving holiday. Troopers will be looking for drivers who are intoxicated, speeding or not properly se-cured — or who have passengers who are not properly se-

"Texas travelers should know that we will be on the lookout for unsafe driving," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS. "We want to make sure that everyone reaches their des-

tination safely." If last year's numbers are any indication, troopers will be very busy. During the 2004 Thanksgiving holiday period (Tuesday through Monday), DPS troopers arrested 653 people for driving while intoxicated. Troopers also wrote more than 18,800 tickets for speeding; more than 3,500 tickets for seatbelt violations; and cited more than 4,600 drivers for operating a motor vehicle without

sides, complying with these laws will make you - and your loved ones - safer when you

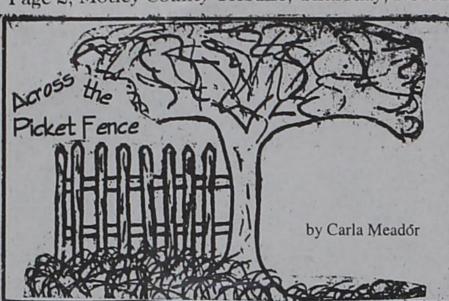
Since roads are more likely to be crowded, DPS reminds drivers to leave themselves plenty time to get where they're going. Avoid bad driving habits that lead to road rage, such as:

- Not using turn signals · Driving in the passing lane
- · Tailgating, flashing lights or honking
- · Using high beams in traf-
- Not allowing adequate

time for a given trip.

When confronted with aggressive drivers, the DPS recommends that you:

- \* Put your pride in the back
- seat and move aside. · Do not speed up, block
- lanes, slam or tap on
- brakes.
- · Report extreme cases of reckless driving to the
- appropriate authorities. · Do not retaliate, gesture
- or make eye contact.
- Make sure everyone is buckled up.



This is the time of year that we pause to say thanks. Or, we certainly should, anyway. Actually we should say thanks everyday! God is so good! He has given us everything that we have. Nothing is from our own hands. Without the love of God we would have nothing. There are so many things I am thankful for. I could go on and on for a long list.

I am very thankful for you, my readers. I truly appreciate you taking the time each week to read this newspaper. I appreciate all those who subscribe to the paper and all those who purchase a paper each week from the newsstand. Thank you to each one of you who let me know, either by telling me or writing me a note, how much you enjoy the paper. I just can't tell you how much that means to me. After the long hours I put in here to get the paper done, a pat

on the back give me a big boost. Thank you!

I am especially thankful for my son and his precious wife and children, my family and friends. I praise God everyday for blessing me so richly with such a wonderful, loving family. I'm sure all you grandparents agree, that God's great blessing of grandchildren is just beyond description. How can we adequately thank him for our children and grandchildren. What an honor that God trusted us enough to bless us with the earthly care of His children.

Praise God that we live in a country where we can (for the most part) worship him freely. Praise God that I can print those words "Praise God" and not have to worry about someone coming and punishing me for that.

Thank God for our bountiful supply of food, housing, etc., which sometimes we take for granted on a day to day basis. He has blessed us with the everyday gift of enough to eat and a warm bed to sleep in. Praise God.

I truly hope that each one of you will take the time to really ponder on the things you have to be thankful for and give God the glory. May you each be blessed with a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with the warmth and love of your family and friends.

#### Happy Thanksgiving! El Progresso Club members hear story of Thanksgiving at recent meeting

by Beverly Vinson

Meeting in the home of Mrs. Billie Koon for their November meeting, El Progresso Club met for their Thanksgiving program. The home was beautifully decorated with the holiday theme and previously to the meeting being called to order, hot spiced cider was served.

Jo Ann Dickson, club president, called the meeting to order and welcomed all who were there. Business was carried out as usual with nothing pertinent offered. She then introduced Lucretia Campbell, who presented the program on Thanksgiving, giving the history, fables and myths about the celebra-

The history of this popular celebration begins with two contemporary accounts of the 1621

Thanksgiving. Not many people realize the Pilgrims first Thanksgiving was not celebrated that first year but a "Forefather's Day" usually occurred on December 21 or 22. Abraham Lincoln finally made Thanksgiving a national holiday

Today our Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. Foods avail-

able to the Pilgrims for that 1621 feast was cod, bass, herring, shad, bluefish and lots of eel; venison, possibly salt perk or chicken, wheat flour, Indian

with them from England. The Pilgrims began as a religious group who felt that the only way to practice their religion was to separate from the church of England and called Separatists. To pay for their passage and supplies they contracted with a group of English

> merchants. The Netherlands served as a haven to the fleeing Separatists where they spent ten years. It took more than ten years to transfer most of the community to Plymouth England. Separatists bought the ship, Speedwell, in Holland and sailed to South Hampton, England to meet the Mayflower. The ship had to return as it leaked so badly so the

Mayflower set out by itself. Many interesting facts of the Pilgrims, their situation before leaving England, aboard the ship and passengers, tools needed, etc. The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock instead of Virginia where they were supposed to land. Many tales have been told of Plymouth Rock - it has been raised where it split with the separation of the rock being construed to be ominous of the division of the British Empire. Many questions were brought forth as to

what to do with the split rock, part enclosed in an iron fence; a canopy was built to cover the rock. The top visible 1/3 of Plymouth Rock weighs approxi-mately 6 tons. The bottom portion (under the sand) weighs about 6 tons. The Rock as it exists today is estimated to be only about 1/3 to 1/2 of the original

William Bradford was the longtime governor to Plymouth Colony, serving in that capacity almost continuously from 1621 until 1656. The other important leader in Plymouth Colony was Myles Standish, the colony's military captain. He supervised the colony's military muster. Every able-bodied man be-

tween 16 and 60 was required to serve in the military. They would meet several times each year where they would assemble, or muster, to practice

marching and shooting. The Mayflower passengers put themselves heavily into debt in order to come to America. They made their living by farming and trading. Their major crop was corn which could be traded to Native communities in Maine for furs. Fur, particularly beaver and otter, was in great demand for the pelts of beaver was matted together to make

What has come down in American traditions as the "First Thanksgiving" was actually a harvest festival. In the Spring of 1621, crops were planted with the corn crop proving to be very successful, then in October of that year they celebrated with the harvest festi-

By the end of the seventeenth century, people in Plymouth enjoyed more comfortable lives than the first colonists. Luxury became evident among the wealthier and more

MOTLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE **NEWS & VIEWS** 

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Life is what happens while you are making other plans.

-- Anonymous

It's that time of year again, when the time flies by so fast you don't know where it went, and all the things you were going to do somehow don't get done because suddenly the day is over again.

But Late Night Shopping night in Matador is coming up, so you may be able to catch up on some of the presents you were meaning to get, but haven't been able to manage

Matador Late Night Shopping will take place on Thursday, December 1, all over town. It starts off with a Senior Citizens Discount at most of the stores from 4 to 6 p.m.

Then, at about 5:30 p.m. Santa Clause is due to arrive. He will take up a place of honor at the Library Annex, so the children can come and talk with

The Library Annex also will house the Kiddie Store, where only children are allowed in to buy special presents that are within their price range for their

corn and corn meal and barley

(mainly for beermaking); rasp-

berries, strawberries, grapes,

plums, cherries, blueberries,

gooseberries; vegetables in

small quantities; walnuts, chest-

nuts, acorns, hickory nuts and

herbs and seasonings brought

The businesses in Matador will stay open until 9 p.m. and many will offer special discounts. You just have to go by and check them out.

If you spend \$10 or more at these businesses, you get a special "bell" coupon that awards you something special. Among these special bells will be a \$50 Motley County Bucks check donated by the Chamber of Commerce, that you can spend anywhere in the county at participating businesses. Other businesses are donating door prizes, as well, and you can sign up to win them.

The temperature may be a bit brisk, so you can find something to warm you up at Anna's Mexican Restaurant or the Main Street Cafe. And the Main Street Cafe, in addition to the regular menu, will feature chili and cornbread. Both restaurants will be open until 9 p.m., too, so you have plenty of time to check out all the stores and then sit down and relax.

The town is always full of happy people for this cheerful event, so come on over to downtown Matador and join the fun. See you there.

established families. Portraits

and furniture show this afflu-

velopment of local industries

meant that people could buy more goods. Plymouth and Mas-

sachusetts Bay were colonies of

Great Britain and as colonies

they were expected to provide

with the celebration along with

fables and myths but it is all an

rational Thought for the Day.

The hostess had a delicious Ger-

man Chocolate Cake and Coffee

waiting for the guests when the

program was over, serving

Winifred Darsey, JoAnn Dickson, Grace Campbell,

Beverly Vinson, Dorothy Day,

Opal Pipkin, Lucretia Campbell

the home of Jo Ann Dickson for

the Christmas celebration with

each one bringing a covered

The next meeting will be held in Lubbock, December 8, at

and the hostess, Billie Koon.

There is so much history

Dorothy Day gave an Inspi-

a market for English goods.

interesting time of the year.

Trade networks and the de-

ence clearly.



The library will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 23, 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

You may have noticed some activity in the Library annex. A wall is going up and progress is being made. We thank Kenneth Abbott, Joel Spray and George Kline for their volunteer work in the new building. We also thank Marihelen Wason, Deanie Edwards, June Moss and Patricia Green for keeping the library open on Mondays and on the other days I had to be gone.

New books in the library include <u>Infernal</u>, a <u>Repairman</u> <u>Jack Novel</u> by F. Paul Wilson, <u>Comfort and Joy</u> by Kristin Hannah and Toxic Bachelors by Danielle Steel. Death by Thunder by Gretchen Sprague and

First Impressions by Jude Deveraux are also new to the library. For the younger readers we have Texas by David Murdoch and Simon Adams, When Washington Crossed the Delaware by Lynn Cheney, and the 2006 World Almanac for Kids.

The Friends of the Library will hold its annual book sale beginning December 1, during late night shopping. There will be a door prize for adults and one for kids. There will be senior discounts on books between 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. Please note that those who are members of the Friends of the Library will have first-chance shopping at the book sale on Wednesday, November 30, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The sale will be open to the general public after that.

#### Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

WHAT DOES YOUR STATE CONSTITUTION SAY?

We've established that the First Amendment was originally intended as only a lawmaking preclusion upon the federal Congress, with religion, speech, and press lawmaking reserved to the several States via the Tenth Amendment. This comports with the establishment plan of "dual sovereignty" between the Federal and State governments, and explains why many States had and maintained state-favored churches both before and AFTER the Constitution was adopted. There was no conflict, even though the States were required to adopt constitutions not in conflict with the Federal Constitution. The several States were in charge on matters of religion and, guess what, the Constitutions of all 50 states acknowledge God! Let's consider the Texas Constitution. Warning,

you may be surprised.
The Preamble of the Texas Constitution says: "Humbly in-Constitution says: "Humbly invoking the blessings of Almighty God, the people of the State of Texas do ordain and establish this Constitution." Note that it does not say "Vishnu," "Buddha," "Allah," "The Great Architect," or "Charles Darwin," but "Almighty God." that's pretty

plain, but look what fellows. In the Texas Bill of Rights,

Article I, Section 6, titled "Freedom of Worship," we find: "All men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences. No man shall be compelled to attend, erect or support any place of worship, or to maintain any ministry against his consent. No human authority ought, in any case whatever, to control or interfere with the rights of conscience in matters of religion, by law to any religious society or mode of worship. But it shall be the duty of the Legislature to pass such laws as may be necessary to protect equally every religious denomination in the peaceable enjoyment of its own mode of public worship."

Note again, the right to worship "Almighty God," nobody else. And how many of our legislators know of or fulfill their "duty" to pass laws to protect modes of PUBLIC worship, e.g., public prayer, prayer in schools and at football games, Christmas displays, etc. Clearly, our legislators have a duty to pass laws preventing anti-God and anti-Christian discrimination, even if by U.S. Supreme Court decree - and take the battle right to the top, again and again, if necessary. That Court has no power to decide State action on religion, and may eventually

# Arts & Crafts hosts successful Bazaar

November was a gratifying time for the Arts and Crafts Club. First, was the class of working with glass plates and secondly the Fall and Christmas

Vee Gordon taught the class to trim and decorate glass plates. It was unbelievable that a glass plate could be so lovely. These were outstanding and a pleasure to plan and decorate. There were many and beautiful designs to choose from. These became a topic of interest to those viewing them at the Ba-

The Bazaar was a victory for Arts and Crafts. Many patrons came, bought, visited and acclaimed the many items, new and old - displayed. There was no focal item, every article was

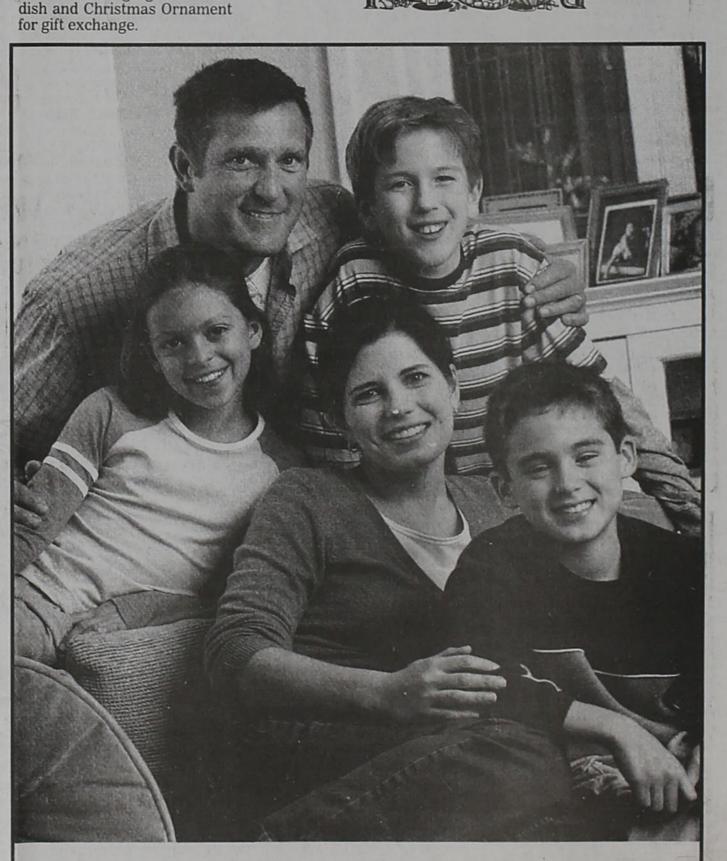
Little Miss Donna Marie

Solt won the door prize and chose a Teddy Bear, made by Linda Aumiller. Donna Marie is the granddaughter of Patsy Warren. She was visiting here, her home is in New Mexico.

The Bazaar was held at the Senior Citizens Center. The members met Friday, Nov. 11 to arrange for the Bazaar. They wish to thank each and everyone who came, bought and enjoyed the tea table.

The Arts and Crafts Club will meet at the home of Winifred Darsey for its annual Christmas Party. There will be a gift exchange and could be a few surprises. All members are invited to come.

Last, but not least, the club welcomed two new members, Mrs. Linda Rhul and daughter, Linda Aumiller.



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#### Thanks...Giving



In Matthew 25 Jesus tells a parable concerning three stew-ards. As stewards these men had been entrusted with something of value they did not own. They merely had the job of seeing that this merchandise was taken care of and used in the best way possible.

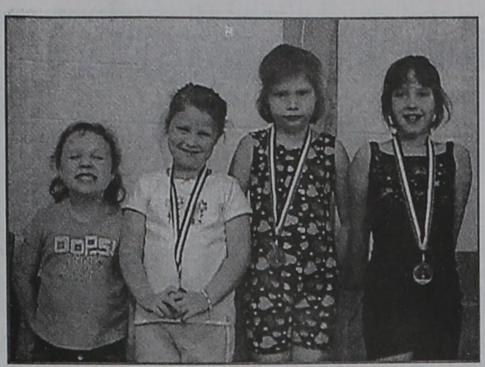
The message for us from the parable is that we are all stewards. Various things have been entrusted to our care by our Master. He has given us different degrees of ability, wealth, education, and influence. We are expected to use are blessings to honor God, because they are from God. When he returns we will answer to Him as stewards.

During this season where thankfulness is stressed, let us thank those special people by whom our lives have been blessed. But most importantly, let us thank the One ultimately responsible for every blessing we enjoy. Everything we have belongs to Do and we honor Him when we use His blessings to glorify Him rather than ourselves. This Thanksgiving and always, let us remember to thank the actual owner of everything that we call our own. Let us remember

#### Roaring Springs Church of Christ Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.



GYMNASTICS WINNERS — These little angels participated in a Gymnastics Meet at Idalou, Saturday, November 11. They are part of Sherry's Flying Angels. Pictured left to right are Carley Turner, daughter of Craig and Cathey Turner, who won a gold medal; Mikenna Ford, daughter of Gary and Denise Ford, a gold medal; Cassidy Turner, daughter of Craig and Cathey Turner, bronze medal; and Meagan Ford, daughter of Gary and Denise Ford, a gold medal. (photo by Walter Taylor)

### Granny's Tea Party set for Dec. 4

Granny's Tea Party, a very special holiday tradition in Motley County, has been set for December 4. The social event will be held in the home of Mrs. Joyce Campbell in Matador, from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. Girls, 4 years old and up, are invited to attend. A small fee of \$7.50 per girl will be charged with all proceeds going to the Children's section of the Motley County Li-

brary.
This special tea party offers their "granny's" dresses, hats, jewelry, etc. and enjoy the afternoon in style.

Please RSVP by December 2 by calling Mrs. Campbell at 347-2793 or Mrs. Janie Campbell at 347-2657.



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### School Menu

**MONDAY, NOV. 28** 

NO SCHOOL!

TUESDAY, NOV. 29

Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Hush Puppy, Oreo Fluff, Milk.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Hot Dog/Chili, Salad, Fruit, Cake, Milk.

#### THURSDAY, DEC. 1

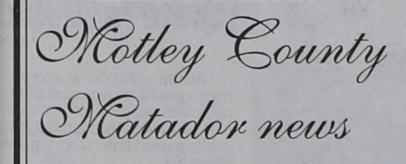
Breakfast: Egg/Cheese Omelet, Toast, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Fajita, Beans, Chips, Sherbet, Milk.

#### FRIDAY, DEC. 2

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Salad, Milk.

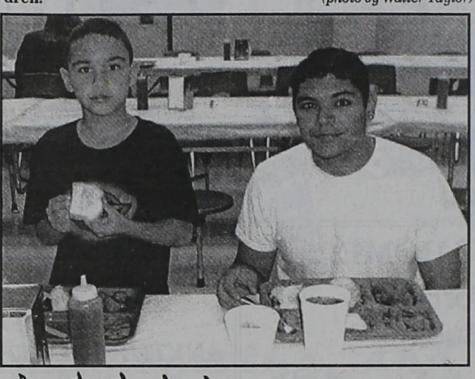








THANKSGIVING LUNCH — Pictured above are Catherine and Tim Ward, and Marcus and dad Frankie Ortiz, below, enjoying lunch together at the MC School Cafeteria's special Thanksgiving meal. Several parents enjoyed eating lunch with their chil-(photo by Walter Taylor)



### Santa Letters

Santa Clause has given his 'okay' to the Motley County Tribune to receive and print his letters again this year. Children are encouraged to send their letters to Santa to the Motley County Tribune so that they may be printed in the Christmas paper. The Tribune will then forward the letters on to Santa at the North Pole.

To be included in the Christmas paper, which will be the December 22 issue, all letters to Santa must be received no later than December 14.

Letters may be mailed to: Santa Clause c/o Motley County Tribune P.O. Box 490 Matador, TX 79244





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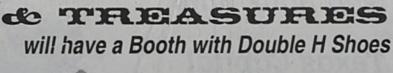


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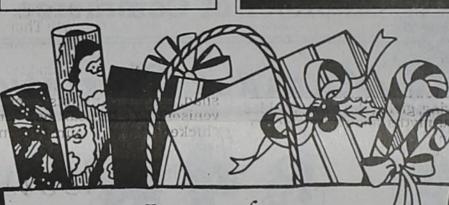
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#### LATE INKGHER SHOPPING

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\* FRIDAY, NOV. 25

Roaring Springs, rich with Western Heritage, again welcomes you to LATE NIGHT SHOPPING, a treat you'll not want to miss!

Santa will arrive straight from the Old West, at 5:00 p.m.

Kids can visit with Santa and get pictures made at Graham's Supply

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Hitchin' Post . . . . . . . . . . Two Meals Traveler's Inn . . . . . . . . Homemade Pecan Pie Alexander's Fuel . . . . . . . \$25 Gift Certificate for Gas **Motley County Hunting** 

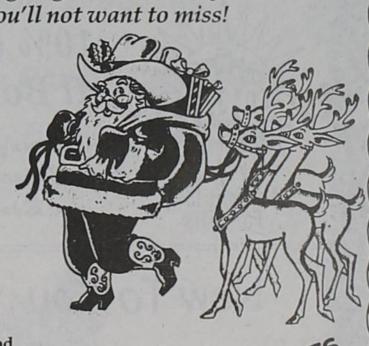
Thacker Jewelry . . . . . Diamond Pendant w/Chain Graham Supply . . . . . . . . 2 Gift Baskets (1 Ladies, 1 Man's)

HP Feed & Seed : . . . . . . Steak Knife Set & 4 Bags of Dog Food Your Beef Connection . . . . \$30 Meat (Register at HP Feed)

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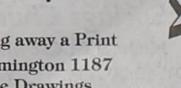
Poly Pipe, Inc. . . . . . . . . Western Magazine Rack & Candle 4R Trinkets & Treasures. . . . Sequined Purse (Register at HP Feed) City of Roaring Springs . . . . Texas Capital Ornament

Ken Young will have his photography in front of his Studio and will be giving away a Print RS Community Volunteers are selling only 200 chances @ \$10 each on a Remington 1187 Semi-Automatic 12 Gauge Shotgun. Drawing will be held with the Door Prize Drawings











JUST MOOOOOVIN' ALONG ... Kevin Osgood of Amarillo was in Motley County last weekend for a hunting trip. He drove his 'cow truck' to town for food and camp supplies. Mr. Osgood said he purchased the truck in Amarillo as is. He did, however, give the bull some new horns, a new tail and a new set of unmention-

(photo by Shirlene Cooper)

#### State issues call for transportation enhancement projects

Austin - TxDOT is accepting proposals for transportation enhancement projects that can now be funded through the recently passed federal transportation bill.

The federal program provides funding for transportation related activities that promote the quality of our environment.

the quality of our environment through aesthetic enhance-ments associated with transpor-

The funding is provided in the new federal transportation bill, SAFETEA-LU. The project call ends April 28. Projects will be selected on a competitive

Approved projects will receive funding on a cost reim-bursement basis. The funding

does not constitute a grant. Enhancement projects are eligible for reimbursement for up to 80 percent of allowable costs. The entity nominating a project is responsible for the remaining cost share, including all cost overruns.

Eligible projects must dem-onstrate a relationship to the surface transportation system through either function or impact. They must go beyond standard transportation activities, incorporating one of the follow-

ing 12 categories:

\* pedestrians and bicycles facilities

safety and education activities for pedestrians and bicy-

\* acquisition of scenic easements and scenic and historic

 scenic or historic highway programs (including providing tourist and welcome center fa-

\* landscaping and other sce-nic beautification

\* historic preservation \* rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facili-ties (including historic railroad facilities and canals)

preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including conversion and use for pedestrian and bicycle facilities)
\* control and removal of out-

door advertising
\* archaeological planning

environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat con-

\* establishment of transportation museums.

Applications should be sub-mitted to local TxDOT district

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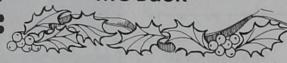
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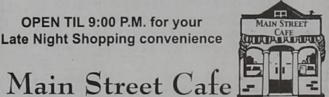
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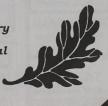
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### **EDITOR**

Dear Editor,

How many of us are truly thankful this Thanksgiving? Do we see that everything good has been given to us as a free gift from God? Too many times our pride keeps us from being thankful. Our thoughts are, "I've worked hard for this, I saved for this," or, "the Lord has blessed me because I have been faithful." In all cases we are attributing our blessings to ourselves and taking glory from God. Let us give it all to Him, "for who maketh thee to differ from another or what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?" I Cor. 4:7

The word of God shows us how the Lord views pride. 2 Tim. 3:2 says, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovthemselves of ...proud...unthankful...." Here again pride is linked to unthankfulness. Mark 7:20-23 places pride in a list of sins such as murder and adultery, and says that "all these evil things defile the man." This is obviously not a list of virtues, but that is how our society views

pride today. Psa. 10:4 says, "the wicked, through the pride of his counterance, will not seek after God." Contrast this with Isa. 66:2: "But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit." See Luke 18: 10-14 for an illustration of pride and humility.

The only perfect, sinless man was also the most humble. God laid aside his glory, "and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." His gift is our only means of salvation. Don't let your pride get in the way. Don't trust in yourself or your goodness. The Bible says "there is none good." Don't say, "I have done the best I can," because it is not good enough.

What did Jesus strive to teach? Those that trust in themselves and their own righteousness, such as the Pharisees, are lost. Don't ever trust in your membership in a particular church, isn't this what the Pharisees did when they said, "We have Abraham as our father?"

Salvation is all of the Lord. If it were of us it would rob God of His glory. He would owe it to us. And then we would have no cause to be thankful. Just as the prideful man who says, "I worked hard for this," the one who thinks they are saved because they have "done their best," is not thankful.

Remember that everything comes from Him. Yes, you've worked hard, but many people have worked hard all their lives and have nothing. If you are truly thankful to Him, then you will be fulfilling the great commandment, to "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Matt. 22:37.

Thank you, John Bird

Dear Editor,

Here we go again on a magic carpet ride of teacher help. Or is it "pie in the sky" with Gov. Rick Perry? His merit pay idea is the most recent pellet-in-theshotgun approach to help public education. Merit pay in the form of a fairly substantial career ladder stipend was tried in the mid-1980s and the '90s with significant failure in Texas public schools. In those years, I worked with excellent teachers of a highly effective system, the Round Rock Independent School District. That career ladder meant a permanent annual increase in pay in varying amounts of as much as \$1,500.

At that time, I was a teacherevaluator for about 500 teachers. Morale was down in even the best of schools because teachers were put into competitive, rather than collaborative, situations. I was working with master teachers to develop an alternative evaluation system intended to boost teacher efficacy, retention and rewards.

My survey of more than 400 teachers and administrators about the career-ladder profoundly revealed that money in the form of merit pay was not in the top motivators for staying or getting better at their jobs. That research and experience with those professional, highly effec-tive teachers showed that teachers wanted respect and recognition for their good work - but more importantly, they wanted to be compensated adequately in the first place.

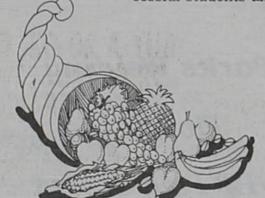
They wanted decision-making authority in their own classrooms; they wanted adequate resources for the students in their classrooms - and they wanted to be able to advance

without leaving the classroom. Professional educators still want those things They are not going to the classrooms to make money - they are still going to teach students. They are leaving for reasons other than money, although they deserve decent compensation for their years of preparation and suc-

Numerous reports and studies over the years substantiated my research in Texas and across the nation. Merit pay was abandoned then because it did more harm than good to the profession and its stakeholders:

students, society, business, etc.
Schools that serve students of poverty or have linguistic or readiness needs are generally the same schools with the leastprepared teachers and administrators. Those schools are often resource-bound (budget poor) and yet held to the same rigid test schedules and demands that other schools find attainable within the prescribed timeline. Hazardous-duty pay might be appropriate for the teachers and administrators there, but it will not fix the problem

A paltry dollar enticement to teachers where poverty and test pressure are major factors in school success and student achievement will not accom-plish the goal of preparing suc-cessful students and retaining



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effective teachers. It will certainly not stop the increasing numbers of high school dropouts or pushouts who are finding speedy inroads to our prisons and welfare lines. (See www.idra.org for a startling re-

port on the real dropout story).

Perry (along with most of the current politicians) doesn't seem to have a clue that the entire public school system is in severe need of redesign. The profession in Texas is very near complete collapse. It is in desperate need of proper support that it has lacked for decades.

Several reform designs could work - but few policy makers or legislators want real answers. Schools are not businesses and cannot be run like factories - the last 50 years of schools have shown us that. In the people-development business, the product is learning - a highly complex issue - not making simple gadgets with identical parts.

A bonus for unit (individual student) improvement is almost impossible to measure because there are almost no students in the public schools who have only one teacher. Many teachers impact a child's progress each year, not just the ones who teach reading and math. Sorting and selecting the few who "get the carrot" will add a new dimension to the problem.

There are some good and relatively simple answers. First, the state needs to assume its full responsibility for carrying the load of educational expense. The state cannot succeed by contributing 30 percent to 35 percent of the cost of education.

Second, the most effective

means of accomplishing the aim of public education is to fund all students adequately, pay educators respectably and allow local schools - read campuses - to make the decisions of how to accomplish the goals.

The state curriculum is good, and the test measures and standards are good, but the regulations of the "when" and the "how" need to be flexible so that professional educators can use the time and resources to help each and every student attain the standards in his or her own time and way. That demands flexibility and application of resources where and when they are needed. Finally, but primary in need, a career path for teachers where master, senior and other levels of teachers can be compensated for their efforts and responsibilities needs to be supported, rather than creating competition and unbalanced, haphazard rewards that are impossible to equate from classroom Perry's Band-Aid won't work on this hemorrhage.

Thank you, Gayla H. Lawson, Ph.D

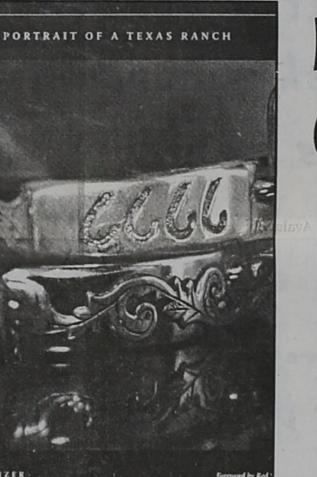
(Note: Ms. Lawson is recently retired from the University of Houston-Victoria after a 35year career in all levels of education as a teacher, administrator and professor in public and private schools and organizations. She is the executive director of EPIC, a nonprofit reform movement strengthen teaching and improve education in Texas. Go to www.epicgroup.org or e-mail lawsong@epicgropu.org.)

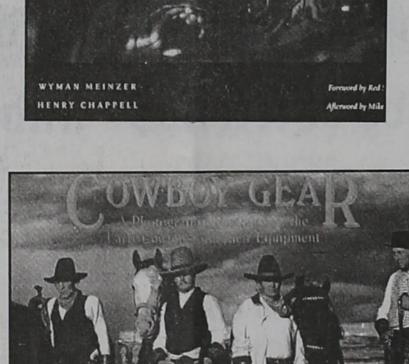
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COLOR GUARDS — Ashley Fonseca, Chance Bingham, Colton Russell and Savannah Rose, (pictured left to right, above), Motley County High School students, participating in the Veterans' Day Program at School. Pictured below are some of the Motley County Veterans who attended the program.

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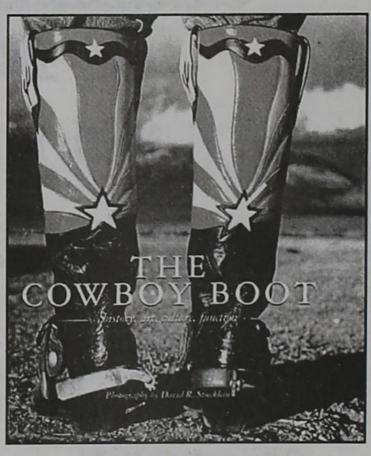
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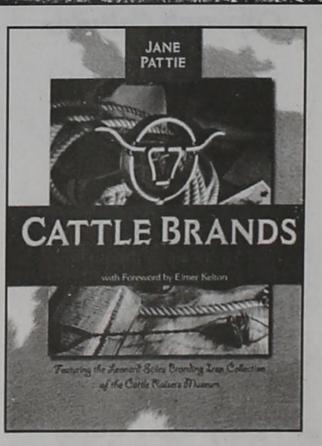
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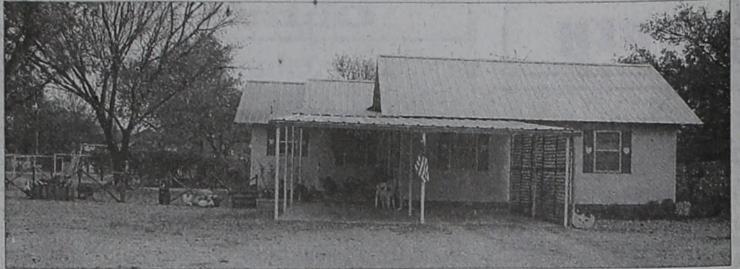
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YARD OF THE MONTH — Elaine's Hart yard, pictured above, was one of the yards named as 'Yard of the Month' in Matador for September. Below is the festively fall yard of Linda and the late Lester Mullins in Roaring Springs, which received recognition as October Yard of the Month in Roaring Springs.



#### **City Council**

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followed. Ms. Scott stated the rules which apply to this subject have not changed and she felt like all the steps had been done, but she had not found all the necessary documentation needed to confirm this.

Mr. Lawrence said someone had inquired about grazing on the land around the Roaring Springs well and about removing curbing and concrete. This will be included on the next agenda.

Council went into Closed Session at 7:30 p.m. with the City Attorney, Tom Hamilton, con-cerning the Yellowhouse dozer.

At 8:55 p.m., Mr. Hamilton left and Council came out of Closed Session. Council voted to check into the trade in value, and prices on a new dozer.

At 9:00 p.m., Council went back into closed session to conduct an interview with Casey Lawrence for the job of Water Superintendent.

At 9:17 p.m., Council voted to go into Closed Session concerning the Mayor's resignation. Debra Scott and Casey

Lawrence were dismissed at this time.

At 10:05 p.m., Council reconvened from Closed Session. The Council asked Mayor Westbrook to reconsider his resignation.

Council voted to table the 4B appointment, Municipal Judge salary, Drug Policy, and the Retirement Package until the next regular meeting.

Council voted to pay Steve Barton his accumulated Comp time and Vacation Pay in one lump sum.

Ms. Scott was asked to check on the ad in the Lubbock. Avalanche Journal.

### **November Sales Tax payments**

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their local sales tax revenue has declined compared to November and December of 2004. Comptroller Strayhorn is offering to make local governments whole by ensuring that they receive the same amount of sales tax revenue in November and December of 2005 as they received last November and December. These additional local allocations will be made from the small retained balance in the Local Sales Tax Trust Fund. Local governments that choose to accept the offer will make re-

payment during 2006. Though sales tax revenue is up statewide, November sales tax allocations to 73 Southeast Texas cities, counties, special purpose districts and a transit system impacted by the hurricane are down \$2.3 million, or 4 percent, compared to November 2004. For 24 of the affected local entities, sales tax revenue is off by 20 percent to 73 percent.

The 22 disaster counties where local governments may be eligible for additional sales tax allocations in November and December are Angelina, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Mont-gomery, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Au-gustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler and Walker.

Our Texas economy is

strong and our overall sales tax

revenue is healthy," Strayhorn said. "Money is available to assist our Texas communities that took a hit from Hurricane Rita."

Strayhorn reported that state sales tax collections rose to \$1.36 billion in October, up 5.9 percent, compared to October 2004. The Comptroller sent \$451.4 million in November sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 8 percent compared to last November.

Texas cities received \$310.9 million in sales tax allocations, up 8.6 percent compared to November 2004. Texas counties received November sales tax allocations of \$25.1 million, up 5.6 percent compared to one year ago. Ninety-nine special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$12.4 million in sales tax, up 9.4 percent compared to last November. Ten local transit systems received \$102.9 million in November sales tax payments, up 6.7 percent compared to a year ago.

October state sales tax collections and November sales tax allocations to local governments represent September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by monthly tax filers and July, August and September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by quarterly tax filers.

Matador, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment of \$5,786.38, compared to \$6,377.37 at this time last year, a -9.27% change. A total of \$52,213.67 has been received for 2005, compared to \$48,872.92 at this time last year, a 6.83% change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a payment of \$2,350.16, compared to \$2,583.50 last year, a -9.03% change. A total of \$30,795.49 has been paid to date for 2005, compared to \$29,387.86 at this time last year, a 4.78% change.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Dec. 9.

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blessings ... and we are overwhelmed with gratitude to God for plac-

ing us in Motley County the past few years. Of course our lives have

been deeply impacted by the people of First Baptist Church in Mata-

dor and Roaring Springs. You are loving, encourating, and so precoius to us. May God bless you!

in the other denominations. You are fortunate and truly blessed to

Shannon and Mike Crowley. They are certainly compassionate pro-

Teachers and all the personnel are investing so much of themselves

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newsy, informative, and positive. Carla's articles are saturated with

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We also appreciate the fine work our school is doing. The

Another thing we enjoy is the Motley County Tribune. It is

May God bless each and every one of you - as you have

good report.

Stephanie Spanzo, granddaughter of Alex and Jo Crowder, played the character of "Marta" in "The Sound of Music" at the Simsburry Theater Guild in Connecticut the last two weekends. The Crowders spent a week visiting with their daughter Suzie and her family in order to see the production.

Mrs. Dorothea Clements of Childress visited with Mrs. B.L. Peacock Monday afternoon on her way to Lubbock. She is in the process of moving to Granbury from Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Peacock drove to Lubbock Tuesday for Mrs. Peacock to have tests at the Brogan Heart Clinic. They also visited with their son, Patrick.

Mrs. Donalda Letkeman drove Lula Swim to Plainview on Friday where Lula kept an appointment with her doctor.

Blair Thacker visited her family here last weekend.

Mrs. Dorothy Meador and son,

Mrs. Frances Dixon accompa-

have such godly Pastoral leadership.

are grateful for you, Carla.

blessed our lives.

Stanley Martin of Andrews visited

in her home from Monday until Sun-

day checking and doing things in her home. She returned home with

nied Wilda and Spencer Dixon to

Lubbock, Wednesday for Wilda a

medical check up following her re-

Stanley to visit.

fessionals.

Thanks!

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock of Lubbock and his daughter LeAnn Peacock and Diego Salaino of South Carolina visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Peacock over the week-/

METHODIST GUILD MEETS

Mrs. Pearl Patten was in charge of the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Guild when it met at the fellowship hall last Wednesday afternoon.

The president was unable to attend. Mrs. Patten also gave the opening prayer.

Mrs. Callie Giesecke gave the devotional and read the minutes from the previous meeting.

Mrs. Chelsea Read continued the study on Methodism. Mrs. Billie Stuckey closed the meeting with prayer.

In addition to those already mentioned, refreshments were served to Jane King and Lula Swim.

cent knee surgery. She received a

Jameson were in Sagerton, Monday

to attend the funeral services of her

cousin, Frances Clark, 89, held at 10

a.m. at the United Methodist

Church. Graveside services were

With much love, not book and Bro. Jack & Jo Boggs

held at the Cemetery in Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet"

#### Flomot News By Earlyne Jameson

bock.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and

daughter, Mrs. Tina Carson of Tur-

key were in Plainview, Monday, Nov.

7 with daughter and husband, Julie and Neal Edwards of Flomot for the

arrival of their baby daughter,

Laney Kay. She has two brothers,

Caden and Jaxon. Neal's mother,

Mrs. Pat Rice of Lubbock, was also

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were his brother and wife, Bobby and Kay

Danielle attended the Valley vs

Whitharral football game in Peters-

burg Friday night. They returned

home happy as son, Fannin and Val-

ley teammates defeated Whitharral

38-29. They will compete against Grandfalls School this week in

Mrs. Roger Lee this week were her

daughter and husband, Jessica and

Jordan Schubach of Willmington,

of Canyon visited Saturday night

and Sunday with their parents, Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bengie Hughes and daughter, Kaitlynn of Royce City

are visiting this week in the home

of his parents, Janice and Butch

sons, Jere and Jacob attended the

funeral services of her grand-

mother, Mrs. Ottlie Gray, 76, held at

2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 14, at the First

Baptist Church in Clyde. Burial was in Clyde Cemetery. Also attending were Travis and Linda Kendall.

son, Michael of Fritch visited the

weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey. L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited them, Wednesday.

Tech in Lubbock and Jacob Smith

of Granbury visited Mr. and Mrs.

last Sunday night and Monday in

Lubbock with daughter and hus-

band, Elisa and Stan Wigley. Tom

had early Monday morning medical

Wilburn Martin, Saturday.

appointments and tests.

Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and

Taylor Merritt, student at Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross visited

Tim and Melissa Kendall and

and Mrs. Darrell Cruse.

Guests in the home of Mr. and

Leah Cruse and Derrick Cruse

Clay of Whitesboro.

Visiting during the week with

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and

SHEILA GILBERT INCOMING PRESIDENT OF BIRMINGHAM ROTARY CLUB IN ALABAMA

Mrs. Jerry (Sheila) Gilbert of Jacksonville, Alabama, daughter of Mrs. Leona Degan and the late Joe Degan of Flomot, recently traveled to Chicago, Illinois to receive training for local incoming Rotary presidents as well as spending time at the Headquarters of Rotary International. Ms. Gilbert was a part of a larger group from Birmingham, Al. District 6860. Each year the Birmingham District sends incoming presidents for training and informational sessions before they begin their term of office. Sheila belongs to the Anniston, Alabama Noon Rotary which consists of 125 members. Her term of office will begin July 2006 after having spent prior week in Denmark at the International

Convention. Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 167 countries.

#### **OVERHEARD**

Thanksgiving is a good time to count our blessings for good food on the table and good health. Love should be high on everyone's thankfulness list. We should be thankful for living in a great nation and those who protect our freedoms and keep us safe. We thank God for His continued blessings. Have a happy Thanksgiving!

HAD SURGERY

Butch Hughes had surgery, Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. With him during surgery and hospitaliza-tion was his wife, Janice and sons, Roger Hughes of Floydada and Billy Don Hughes of Lubbock.

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Cally and Will Sperry and children met Ken Pool, Kip Pool and Joy Pool of Lubbock in Petersburg Friday night and enjoyed the football game Valley vs. Whitharral with Valley team the winners.

Weekend visitors of Mrs. Beverly Vinson were son and grandsons, Roger Vinson, Shannon Vinson and Dana Vinson of Lub-

#### Turkey Jamboree December 3

The Turkey Jamboree will be held in the Turkey Bob Wills Center on December 3, at 7:00 p.m. Music will be by Henry Baker Bank of Waurika, Oklahoma. Shirley Carr of Lubbock, Michael Grace of Turkey, Turkey Gems house band and a talent showcase will also be a part

A meal will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m.

of the entertaining evening.

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#### **Obituaries**

#### Rev. Johnnie Williams

Rev. Johnnie "Bro. Johnnie" Williams, 89, departed this life Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005, at his home in

He was born in the Denton Valley Community, 10 miles South of Clyde, Aug. 27, 1916, to A.D. and Lillie Mae (Judd) Williams.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church with Dr. Will Cotton, the Rev. Matt Wolfington and the Rev. Elton Wyatt officiating. Private interment was at Resthaven Memorial Park under direction of Adams Funeral Home of Ralls.

Bro. Johnnie moved with his family from the Clyde area to Roaring Springs in 1919. He graduated from Roaring Springs High School in 1934. He and his high school sweetheart, Juana Turner, were married Dec. 30, 1934, in Roaring Springs. They farmed in the Roaring Springs area until 1941. Bro. Johnnie began welding in an Oakland, Calif. shipyard Nov. 1 before Pearl Harbor. Then they moved to Houston in 1942, where he also worked in the shipyard. They returned to Lubbock Aug. 1, 1944, where he welded for Lubbock Machine. On Jan. 1, 1945, they moved to the Sterley Community near Lockney, where he again took up

Texas Hwy. 70 Association will sponsor Christmas Lighting Contest

The Texas Highway 70 Association will once again spon-sor a Christmas Lighting Con-test. Plaques will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in each town along highway 70 including Spur, Dickens, Afton, Roaring Springs, Matador, Flomot and Turkey. One plaque will be awarded to the 'Best of the Best' overall.

Every house with Christmas lights on, within the city limits of each town, will be judged. Homes visible from Highway 70, but possibly outside city limits, will also be

For more information contact Alex Crowder, 348-7336.

After graduating from West Texas State University, he attended Perkins School of Theology in Dallas. Bro. Johnnie served 25 years as a pastor in the Lubbock area. Due to health problems, he took early retirement and purchased a home in Lubbock, where he resided until

He is preceded in death by a son, Artie Earl; and a grandson, Kregg Wellman.

He is survived by his lovely wife, Juana; two daughters, Glenda Briggs and husband, Jim of San Antonio, and Marlene Wellman and husband Harvey of Lubbock; three grandchildren, John Briggs and wife Bobbi of Puerto Rico, Jana Stowe of Austin, and Karen Wynn of Guthrie; and five great-grandchildren, David Briggs of San Antonio, Maggie Stowe of Little Rock, Ark., Donni Stowe of Austin, and Callie and Colton Wynn of Guthrie; a brother, A.D. "Artie" Williams of Lubbock; and three sisters, Wilma Newton of Abernathy, Ola Joyce Hamilton of Salina, Kan., and Minnie Newton of Buena Vista,

Memorials can be of your choice or to the building fund of St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

### Special service at Roaring **Springs FBC**

Everyone is invited to attend a special service at the First Baptist Church, Roaring Springs, November 27, 9:30 -11:30 a.m. James Earp will be sharing "Stories from the

Mr. Earp is one of seven Baylor patients, now alive, with an LVAD (artificial heart).

Pastor, Rev. Jack Boggs, said, "Many of you have prayed for James, and he is grateful."

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

PERMIT NO. WQ0010111001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Matador, Matador Wastewater Treatment Facility, P.O. Box 367, Matador, Texas 79244-0367, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Permit No. 10111-001, which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 60,000 gallons per day via evaporation. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into waters in the State. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on August 8, 2005.

The facility and disposal site are located approximately 1.8 miles northwest of the intersection of U.S. Highways 62 and 70 and Farm-to-Market Road 1380 and approximately 1.8 miles southwest of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Roads 1380 and 94 in Motley County, Texas. The facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of Ballard Creek, a tributary of the Middle Fork Pease River in Segment No. 0221 of the Red River Basin.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, technical summary and executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Matador City Hall, 706 Dundee, Matador, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. The TCEQ may act on this application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Matador at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Steve Barton at (806) 347-2255.

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COTTON FIELDS — This beautiful, white cotton field, near Flomot, is only of many good looking cotton crops in Motley County this year.

(photo by Carla Meador)

### Texas' Agricultural Roots Must **Be Preserved and Cultivated**

by Jeff Wentworth, State Senator, District 25

From both a cultural and an economic perspective, nothing could be more important than preserving Texas' great tradi-tion of being a leading agricultural producer.

Agriculture provides employment to one of every five working Texans, yet less than two percent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming and ranching. It attests to the courage and determination of farmers and ranchers that they keep on producing their crops in spite of droughts, floods and narrowing profit margins.

As we gather around Thanksgiving tables, many of us will be eating food grown and produced by our fellow Texans; however, the very lands where Texas vegetables are grown and livestock is being raised are in danger of disappearing.

Texas is losing its rural lands at a faster rate than any other state in the country. Small and medium-sized farms and ranches, such as those between 500 and 2,000 acres, are being lost at a rate that is nearly 30 percent higher than in the previous 10 years.

This loss threatens Texas' dominate position as a food producer, its sources of drinking water, and the habitat which is essential to a \$10.9 billion wild-

life-recreation industry. I believe that preserving a way of life that annually adds \$80 billion to the state's economy while helping feed,

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clothe and employ Texans is imperative.

During this year's regular session of the Legislature, we passed a bill that creates the Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program under the Texas General Land Office. This program provides land-owners with financial incentives to conserve Texas' agricultural and natural resources through the voluntary sale of either perpetual or term conservation easements, which may exist in perpetuity or for 30 years.

An agricultural easement is designed to conserve water quality and quantity, protect wildlife habitat, and/or preserve tracts of land threatened with urban sprawl. The bill also establishes the Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Fund and the Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Council, which will select the fund recipients.

We also passed bills that will allow the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to continue its successful GO TEXAN and Texas Yes! programs. GO TEXAN encourages Texans to choose Texas products first. Texas Yes! promotes rural Texas by providing grants for events that help attract tourists to rural areas.

Two new programs were created to help TDA in its continuing efforts to improve and foster rural economic development. The Texas Certified Retirement Community Program will assist communities in their efforts to attract retirees to rural areas, while the Texas Entrepreneurship Network is designed to improve the success rate of rural entrepreneurs.

These new programs, combined with long established ones, will go a long way toward ensuring that Texas' deep agricultural roots continue to grow and prosper.

"There has been a serious effort to bypass Congress and the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution through lawsuits against manufacturers and businesses. This practice is an abuse of our legal system and an abuse of the right to keep and bear arms," said Thornberry.

S.397 prevents gun and ammunition manufacturers, distributors, dealers and importers from being sued over acts that involve the criminal or unlawful use of a firearm. The bill would also require that civil liability actions currently pending in state or federal courts be dismissed.

Under S.397, lawsuits would still be permitted in certain cases such as when a person transfers a firearm or ammunition knowing that it will be used to commit a crime of violence or a drug trafficking crime. Lawsuits will also be allowed when there is negligence on the part of the seller and when there is a defect in design or manufacture of firearms or ammunition.

Thornberry said he hopes the bill is another step in help-ing "restore respect for per-sonal accountability."

"If somebody uses a gun to hold up a convenience store, the person who should be held accountable is the robber, not the manufacturer of a legal product that happened to be the robber's weapon of choice," said Thornberry.

Laws similar to S.397 have already been adopted in 33 states. The U.S. Senate had previously approved the measure, and with House passage, S.397 now heads to President Bush who signature will make it federal law.



TREES ON CRP Producers with trees on

CRP are eligible for cost share to have them removed if it is determined that the trees are damaging the grass cover.

Until December 30, 2005, producers can sign up for cost share of up to 50% of the cost to remove trees from CRP, not to exceed \$50.00 per acre.

Producers that are in their last year of the contract, or have previously received brush removal cost shares are not eligible. Also, CRP contracts from sign-up 26 and later are not eli-

All work must be completed prior to March 1, 2005. From March 1 to July 1 is the primary nesting season, and all activities are prohibited on CRP during that time.

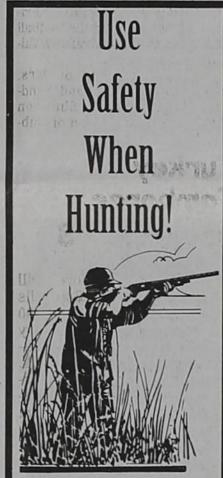
The purpose of this is to help producers get into compliance before sign-up for re-enrollments and extensions. Completing this work may help, but in no way guarantees that your land will be eligible for an exten-

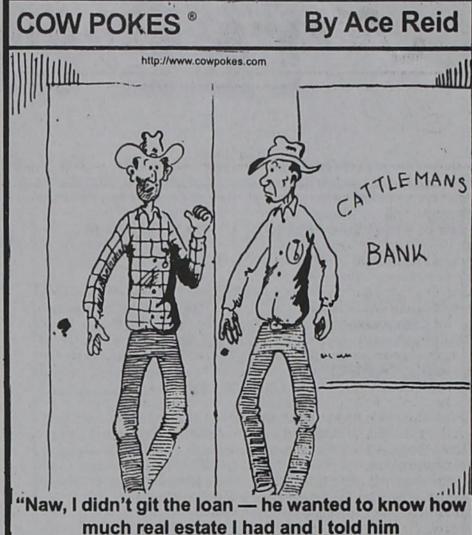
If you think you might be eligible, an FSA and NRCS representative must determine that the trees are damaging the grass, and then the FSA District Director must concur.

Remember the deadline is December 30th and there will be no provisions for those that wait until the 31st.

CRP AND BASE ACRES

When land goes out of CRP will you get your bases back? We don't know. When the state conservation division has been asked this question their reply is that we don't even know if there will be bases in the next farm bill. We'll just have to wait





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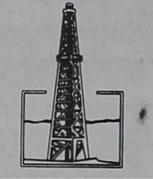
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# Oil & Gas

By Tom Musser



FLOYD COUNTY: Apollo Energy Operating Company LP is awaiting the availability of Equipment to Frac the W.D. Miller Lease Well #1. As of Monyet been scheduled for this

FLOYD COUNTY: Apollo Energy Operating Company LP, Ceretha Watson Lease Well #1 as of Monday, November 21 were at a depth of 9,000 feet and

were fishing for lost drill collars. FLOYD COUNTY: Apollo Energy Operating Company LP has received a drilling permit for the W.D. Miller Lease Well #2, horizontal completion. The surface location of this well will be 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 24, Block 1, AB&M Survey. The penetration point location of this well bore will be 973 feet from the South line and 983 feet from the West line of Section 24. The terminus location of this well bore will be 2,750 feet from the South Line and 2820 feet from the West line of Section 24.

FLOYD COUNTY: Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. has staked their first location to be drilled in the Palo Duro Basin, the Glen Misener Lease Well #1. This day, November 21, a date has not well will be located in the Southeast Corner of Section 18, Block 1, AB&M Survey, 6 miles Northeast of Floydada.

> FLOYD COUNTY: Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. has staked their second location to be drilled in the Palo Duro Basin, the Larry Jones Lease Well #1. This well will be located in the South half of Section 134, Block 1, AB&M Survey, 3 miles Southwest of Dougherty.

Grey Wolf Drilling Rig #861: As of current available information, negotiations were ongoing between Apollo Energy Operating Company LP and Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. as to which well, the Apollo Operating Miller #2, or the Bankers Petroleum Misener #1 will be drilled first by the Grey Wolf Drilling Rig #861 when the rig is finished on the Ceretha Watson Lease Well

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### Thursday

Mostly Sunny High: 68 Low: 37

Friday Partly Cloudy High: 65 Low: 38

Saturday Partly Cloudy

High: 64 Low: 39 Sunday

Partly Cloudy High: 61 Low: 35

Monday Mostly Sunny High: 62 Low: 35

Tuesday Mostly Sunny High: 64 Low: 38

Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 65 Low: 36

#### **In-Depth Forecast**

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 68°, humidity of 30% and an overnight low of 37°. The record high temperature for today is 87° set in 1966. The record low is 12° set in 1959. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 65°.

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#### Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	65	47	63/39	0.00"	Normal precipitation0.22
Monday	79	31	63/38	0.00"	Departure from normal0.22
Tuesday	63	33	63/38	0.00"	
Wednesday	52	22	62/38	0.00"	Average temperature
Thursday	62	26	62/37	0.00"	Average normal temperature49.9
Friday	61	26	61/37	0.00"	Departure from normal2.7
Saturday	58	36	61/36	0.00"	Data as reported from Childress Texas

#### Weather History

Nov. 24, 1863 - The Civil War's "battle above the clouds" was fought on Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga. Pre-frontal clouds obscured the upper battlefield. These weather conditions contributed to a victory for Union forces.

#### Sun & Moon Times

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and thou shalt not

know what hour I

will come upon

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