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## Briefs ...

### Filing opens for primary elections

Filing began last week for local political candidates for March's primary elections. Candidates can file to run for election through Jan. 2.

Applications can be picked up at the county clerk's office at the Kinney County Courthouse and must be filed through the respective party chairman.

County positions that will be on the March 10 ballot include county judge, justice of the peace, Precincts 2 and 4 county commissioners, county and district clerk, and county treasurer.

Incumbents are County Judge Tommy Seargeant, Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall, Commissioners Joe Montalvo and Paul O'Rourke, County and District Clerk Dora Sandoval, and County Treasurer Janis Floyd.

### Chamber hosts mixer tomorrow night at 7

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Christmas Mixer tomorrow night from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Fort Clark Springs restaurant.

The Chamber of Commerce invites all prospective members to attend Friday night's mixer, which will include live music with Carolyn Kay, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

### KC Arts Council hosts Third Tour of Homes

The Kinney County Arts Council's Third Edition of Christmas Tour of Homes will be held on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 5 p.m. in Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs.

The cost of admission is \$5. Tickets are available at the Fort Clark Adult Center, the First State Bank, Jeans, or from any Arts Council member. There will be an open gate anyone wishing to take part in this event.

Six beautiful homes will be decorated for Christmas and will make up the Tour of Homes.

The homes that will be included this year are the homes of Drue and Sammie Duncan, Will and Carol Glaspy, Jack and Norma Schram, Ronnie and Candy Hobbs, Mike and Ida Holley, and B.E. and Charlotte Sweet.

### Community Unity set

The Fourth Annual Community Unity, a project sponsored by the city of Brackettville employees, has been scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 21, from 6 to 9 p.m.

# County in better financial shape

## Suspension lifted, Seargeant back in office



With his suspension lifted, County Judge Tommy Seargeant, left, presided over Monday's Commissioners Court meeting. He is pictured with Commissioner Freddie Frerich (from left), Chief Deputy Clerk Sylvia Gomez and Commissioner Joe Montalvo.

Kinney County's financial status has improved over a year, according to the audit presented to the commissioners on Monday.

The regular meeting was the first for County Judge Tommy Seargeant since being suspended on July 28 after being indicted by the grand jury on charges of theft and abuse of official capacity.

Seargeant was acquitted last week and his suspension was lifted on Dec. 3.

Wayne Beyer of Beyer and Company of Pleasanton reviewed the audit with the commissioners at Monday's regular meeting.

The county ended the fiscal year with a general fund balance of \$74,495.

"The general fund is in much better shape than last year," Beyer

said. The commissioners unanimously agreed to approve the annual audit.

**Rainfall Enhancement**  
The commissioners briefly discussed the county's participation in a rainfall enhancement program.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul O'Rourke said the program would cost the county between \$43,000 and \$45,000.

"We can consider all we want to, but we don't have the money," O'Rourke said.

**Water District**  
The court appointed Herb Senne to represent the county as liaison concerning activities associated with the formation of a regional water planning area and the

formation of a county-wide water district.

Senne was involved with the water issues while serving as interim county judge during the suspension of Judge Tommy Seargeant.

**Computer Bids**  
The commissioners approved a bid of \$205 from Tiger Tek Solutions to install a new tape drive in the computer system in the justice of the peace's office.

**Handicapped Work Station**  
The court approved a \$180 proposal from Natividad Martinez to construct a handicapped work station in the county clerk's office.

Seargeant said similar work had been done in the tax assessor's office.

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# School seeks architect for new academic wing

The Brackett School District Board of Trustees agreed to solicit an auditor Monday as they continued discussions of building a new academic wing to accommodate the growing number of students.

High School Principal Don Sims presented three different plans for the new wing at Monday night's regular meeting.

Sims headed a committee of high school teachers that studied the classroom needs that can be addressed with a new building.

The School District began advertising procedures for an architect this week.

"When selected, the architect will interview staff and write educational specifications," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

"Then the architect will estimate a cost for the project. That will be the time for determining the plan that the district will pursue."

"Having reviewed the numbers and the growth patterns in recent years, we realized that if the school continues to grow in the number of students we're going to be short of space," said Trustee Tim Ward,

who headed the district's Growth Committee.

"We're trying to make a long-range plan for utilizing the space we have presently, as well as adding space that can be utilized to its fullest potential."

Stephenson said the district has grown from 574 students in 1993 to 675 as of Monday.

# Library's adult section dedicated to Else Sauer

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

The adult section of the Kinney County Library has been dedicated to Else Sauer.

The dedication was approved by the Commissioners Court at its regular meeting on Monday.

Sauer passed away on Oct. 26 at the age of 98. She was a school teacher for 55 years, including 51 years in Brackettville.

"I think that's very well deserved," County Judge Tommy Seargeant said. "She was a wonderful lady. We lost a good friend."

Peter Pohl, representing the Kinney County Historical Commission at Monday's meeting, lauded the commissioners for their

decision to make the dedication in Sauer's memory.

"We're going to miss our biggest supporter and our biggest helper through the years, financially and every other way," Pohl said of Sauer. "She was an active member right up until 30 days before she died."

Sauer was honored this summer at the Historical Commission's Kinney County Heritage Days.

She was on hand to autograph copies of the Kinney County history book. She was chairman of the commission at the time the book was published.

"She was a very important part of the heritage of this county," Pohl said. "We're going to be really hurting without her."



Hector Jimenez, left, and the Brackett Tiger Band will present its annual Christmas concert tonight at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.  
Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

# Board accepts bid for tennis courts

The Brackett School Board of Trustees awarded a bid to Teni-Trak to construct four new tennis courts.

The courts will be built on the west end of the Rose property, adjacent to the new student parking lot.

Officials planned to put the courts on the northeast side of the campus, but opted to leave that space available for future academic needs.

After reviewing the bids, the trustees agreed to build the four courts without lights.

"Conduit will be placed under the courts so that lighting can be done in the future if finances permit," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

**Local Policy**  
The school board approved the second reading of Local Policy Update 57.

"This update was a change in purchasing procedures as a result of the last legislative session,"

Stephenson said.

**Evaluations**  
The trustees discussed the process they would use this year for the superintendent's evaluation.

Texas state law calls for the evaluation of school administrators at least every 15 months.

Last year, the evaluation included the establishing of school board goals.

**Livestock Show Sponsor**  
County Extension Agent Robert Elledge was approved as an additional Livestock Show sponsor.

**Voting Rights Act**  
The School Board discussed the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the "efforts being made to free Texas from the cumbersome federal bureaucratic law."

"The law has helped states, but now the most minor changes at a local level require Federal Justice Department approval before implementation," Stephenson said.

# City OKs holidays

The Brackettville City Council approved 17 holidays at its regular meeting Tuesday night.

The council discussed a proposal that included 18 holidays, but agreed to delete Dec. 30, the day before New Year's eve, from the list.

**EMS Assessment**  
Lee Sweeten of the Texas Department of Health presented an assessment of Kinney County's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system.

Sweeten suggested that the city and Fort Clark Springs join the county in funding the EMS program and form a separate board to oversee the system.

No action was taken on the item, but officials from the different entities are planning to meet to discuss the ideas on Dec. 19.



Former New York Giants football player Keith Davis, center, shows his strength as he lifts Connie Hall, left, and Michelle Gonsoulin above his head. Davis was in Brackettville Wednesday giving a motivation speech to local children.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Separating fact and fiction concerning Aging Services

The Kinney County Aging Services held a barbecue fundraiser this past Saturday, Dec. 6. As usual, the cooks and helpers did a great job of preparing a good meal.

I'm writing this letter to hopefully dispell some myths and gossip with facts.

Fact: Lunch is served every weekday at the center. A \$2 donation is suggested of anyone over the age of 60 or anyone with a disability. If any individual feels they can't afford this, they are welcome to eat there anyway, no questions asked!

It may not be known, but anyone under 60 may also eat there. A donation of \$4 (or more if desired) is requested.

Believe me, folks, I have eaten there many times and for the money it's always been worth it.

Fact: All special fundraised money — barbecue, bake and craft sales, etc. — go directly for the expenses of the center.

Fact: Revenues from state, county, federal and other donations equal \$82,273.92 per year. Expenses for insurance, utilities, salaries, fuel, etc., equal \$87,090. So, as you can see, \$4,816.08 is still needed to meet expenses.

Myth: The county does not take any of the fundraised money to pay its bills. All of these monies go toward the \$4,816.08 not supplied by state, county, federal or donations.

Fact: The center also delivers weekday meals to homebound elderly. They also transport the elderly to and from the Post Office, doctor, grocery and to lunch.

Fact: Mrs. McIntire and her co-workers do a fine job of feeding and looking out for our older citizens. They are always willing to help anyone with a problem.

If at any time you would like to see the complete revenue-expense sheet, feel free to go to the county auditor, county treasurer, Commissioners Court, or at the Aging Center you may talk to Mrs. McIntire at anytime.

I hope this letter has awakened some people to this much-needed service and its need for extra support.

Remember, if at any time you have a question concerning the center, please, please stop by and visit with Mrs. McIntire or Pat Gass.

Don't listen to myths or gossip that probably isn't too factual.

Joan Boutwell

## Don't let waste 'blow over'

An open letter to the supervisor of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs:

It is more than evident that there are no responsible adults in charge of your department.

The various offices of Community Councils are preparing to spend thousands upon thousands of dollars to conduct meetings in Hawaii.

I learned from an article in the Uvalde Leader News which included a statement by the local executive director, Jorge Botello, that the last convention was staged in San Francisco.

Has it not dawned on anyone that you are using taxpayers' dollar? And that while these meetings may be of great use to the staff and their clients, these very same tax dollars should be spent in Texas, if they are going to be spent at all?

You are running a social program here on taxpayers' dollars

and spending thousands in other states? Why?

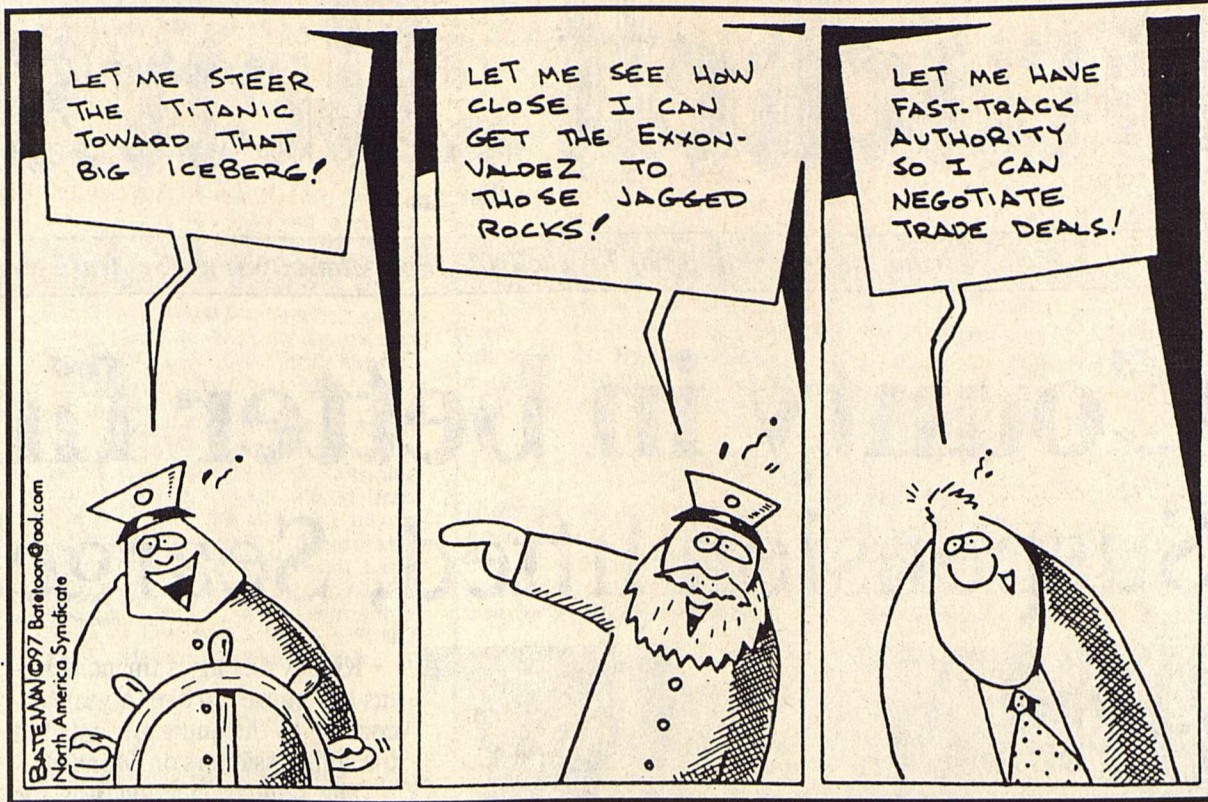
Are these staffs unable to learn in the state of Texas? Are these people not on salary and given vacation time at the added expense of taxpayers?

Mr. Botello also stated in the newspaper that the cost of sending his group to Hawaii would be more than \$10,000 and while people may be upset, it would all blow over in a couple of weeks.

Perhaps if Mr. Botello were relieved of his duties and the people in your office who decided to spend all this money out of state were relieved of their duties, that would blow over in less than two weeks also.

For all the readers who would like to voice their disapproval of this waste of money, you can fax the above named department at 1-512-475-3539 or call them at 1-512-475-3800.

Ella L. Colvin  
Uvalde, Texas



## Ambulance ride proved to be positive experience

I suppose any person should have the experience of being the patient in a trip in an ambulance. After 82 years, my time came this past week.

I was out in my pasture when suddenly I began to feel weak. I went in to the house of Rita Sims, who lives at my pasture.

After a few minutes, I tried to get up to go home, but it was an exercise in futility; I simply could not get out of the chair.

Rita hit the panic button. She called my wife, Oleta, my daughter, Judy, and my friend, Bill Riley.

They rushed over and, after a few minutes, I tried to get up, but no go.

About that time, someone called the ambulance and in unbelievably short order, here was the ambulance. It was manned by Ricky Alvarado and Steve and Nicole Flores.

After considerable argument and resistance, I bowed to the pressure and consented to take a ride to the hospital so "the doctor can check you."

Words are inadequate to describe how great Ricky and Steve were. There was no playing doc-

tor or dillydallying with paper work or checking vital signs. They were interested simply in getting me to the hospital.

Nicole was the driver and did a superb job. She didn't treat the siren as a toy. As we neared heavy traffic, she turned it on briefly until we were through the jam. She drove at a healthy clip, but was careful to the uttermost.

As a volunteer, I drove an ambulance many years and these attendants displayed the ultimate expertise, common sense and actions.

I've seen the time when it took ambulance drivers as long as 20 minutes after arriving before departing with the patient. There were as many as four and they stumbled over each other, piddling and playing doctor.

This crew was interested in only one thing, getting me to the hospital. My deepest appreciation goes to this team.

After a thorough check, the



doctor said I was "a little dehydrated. Go home and take it easy tomorrow."

The total experience was good because for the first time in 10 years I had a checkup, EKG and all, and nothing wrong was found. I hope if I ever have to be taken by ambulance to the hospital again, I'll be lucky enough to have this same team.

**"Justice was served"**  
This week, we have been treated to a new definition of justice.

I heard "justice was served" until I wanted to regurgitate.

If justice was served, she was fed a plate of slop. A worse serving of justice would be to try Joe Montalvo.

Is there any doubt this affair could have happened without the consent of the judge?

If "justice was served" this week, Joe Montalvo should be crowned with a halo.

## Getting the facts straight on global warming

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

The United Nations could soon hand Texans a big surprise — a steep hike in the price of a gallon of gasoline.

A global antipollution treaty being negotiated this week in Japan could shoot the cost of driving your car and heating or cooling your house sky high. This treaty could have far-reaching consequences for America's economy, energy use and national security.

This week in Kyoto, Japan, leaders of more than 150 nations are wrestling with the question of what to do about "global warming."

Global warming is the term scientists use to describe when carbon dioxide and other so-called "greenhouse" gases trap heat, raising the Earth's air and ocean temperatures.

What's the real story about global warming? Well, nobody knows for sure, that's the problem.

The folks meeting in Kyoto believe that pollution caused by burning oil, gas and coal is the main culprit causing global warming. They are ready to force countries to limit gases produced by burning oil, gas and coal.

The problem is that scientists disagree whether these man-made emissions are to blame for the Earth's climate change.

Scientists do know that the Earth undergoes normal cycles of warming and cooling. Whether the current warming trend is due to nature or something else is not clear yet.

The current proposal virtually singles out the United States to reduce pollution. That's right. While we would get hit with the toughest restrictions, Third World nations including China, Mexico and India would be exempt.

American companies could be forced to choose between making unnecessary and costly expenses or moving their operations — and American jobs — to unrestricted countries.

Until we know the facts about global warming, we should not be risking our economy just to make the U.N. happy.

You may be wondering what a treaty in Japan means to you in Texas. Well, it could mean a 50-cent hike in the price of a gallon of gas. Everyone from a farmer or rancher to a member of our armed services is hurt by higher energy costs.

With our wide-open spaces, we Texans depend on our cars to get us where we need to go. Farmers and ranchers could see their livelihoods dwindle away because of higher gas, electricity, fertilizer and chemical expenses. Hikes in energy costs limit our military's training and support operations. This could translate into poorly trained personnel and increased risks to our national security.

You get the picture. A global warming treaty is not about who is for or against a clean environment. It is about making sure we have our facts straight before going forward with a plan that could devastate our economy.

We must have a goal based on fact, not speculation, if we're truly going to protect our environment.

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## New way offered to invest in education

Americans take it for granted that the best place to invest money is in the education of their children.

Now, Congress has before it legislation that will give a big boost to more than 14 million American families who want to make that kind of investment.

The Parent and Student Savings Account Plus Act will allow families to deposit up to \$2,500 a year per child in savings accounts known as "A+ Accounts."

The tax-free interest earned by these accounts could be used for any education-related expense: from books, uniforms and transportation to private school tuition. Or, contributions could be saved over time to cover college expenses. The choice of how to spend the money is left up to the parents.

About 14.3 million Americans would be expected to sign up for A+ Accounts by the year 2002, and 75 percent of these families will have children in public schools.

That's 10.8 million parents with public school students and 3.5 million parents of private school students who stand to benefit — without reducing public school funding by so much as a dime.

So if a child in public or private school needs a tutor, parents can tap their education savings account.

If a child in public school needs a uniform, or would like a computer on which to learn, families can use their education accounts to make the purchase.

This legislation also holds out a hand to the more than 5 million American students under the age of 21 with special needs.

How would a family benefit from such a savings account?

If a family opened an A+ Account with a one-time deposit of \$2,000 when a child was born, at 7 percent interest, the account would earn an average of \$805 in interest after only five years — by the time that child is ready for kindergarten. They would save \$4,522 by the time the child enters high school.

A+ Accounts offer families a strong incentive to invest in education. By enacting this legislation, we could create additional opportunities to excel in their K-12 education.

A+ Accounts are one of the best things to happen to education in a long time. They're good for public schools. They're good for private schools. They're good for parochial schools. And they're good for home-schoolers. More access to good education is good for America's future.

## Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

The man who has recently served as county judge has been an outstanding part of Kinney County all his life.

His family has had widespread activities and far-reaching input to the community for many years. He has served admirably in his chosen profession until his recent retirement.

The Commissioners Court displayed rare wisdom in appointing him.

For the first time in recent history, Kinney County had a judge of total integrity interested totally in what was good for the county. He was amenable and open to listening to anyone wanting to input for the county.

He is squeaky clean and has the highest ethical principles. There was never a hint of political chicanery nor self-serving political actions.

Surely, Herb Senne is an Unsung Hero.

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# Sheriff's Report

**Monday, December 1**  
1:30 p.m., Luis Jose Flores, 28, of Brackettville was arrested by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter on charges of probation revocation. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Flores was released to the Val Verde County Sheriff's Department on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

4:12 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman reported an elderly lady standing on the side of the road about 12 to 13 miles west of Brackettville on U.S. Highway 90. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene. He drove out to the county line but could not locate the subject.

**Wednesday, December 3**  
4:43 p.m., Smith Security officials reported a missing three-wheel golf cart from Fort Clark Springs. The golf cart was found abandoned at Fort Clark Springs on Thursday, Dec. 4.

**Thursday, December 4**  
1:30 a.m., Pascual Garcia Jr., 29, of Del Rio was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism and charged with revoke deferred adjudication criminal trespass. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Garcia was released on Friday, Dec. 5 after posting a \$5,000 surety bond.

7:11 a.m., A Kinney County woman asked if a game warden was on duty. She said she saw what might have been a road hunter. The woman was informed that there was not a game warden on duty.

**Friday, December 5**  
4:27 p.m., Mario David Jaso, 42, of Brackettville was arrested by Chief Deputy Fritter on public intoxication charges. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Jaso was released on Sunday, Dec. 7 after serving two days.

11:57 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported hearing gun shots being fired at the oak tree on Highway 674. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene but found no one at the oak tree.

**Saturday, December 6**  
5:15 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that someone had hit a deer at the y-intersection on U.S. Highway 90 East in Brackettville. She said the suspect left the deer on the road.

**Sunday, December 7**  
2:19 p.m., Glen Phillip Harrison, 47, of West Columbia, Texas, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley for driving while intoxicated, first offense. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Harrison was released on Tuesday, Dec. 9 after posting a \$750 bail bond.

6:27 p.m., A Brackettville man reported a dead deer on Highway 693 about one mile south of the railroad tracks. The man said that the deer had its head removed and the rest of the remains were left on the side of the road. Kinney County Game Warden Henry Lutz was notified.

**Monday, December 8**  
7:42 a.m., A county employee reported graffiti on the west side of the county barn.

12:45 a.m., A Kinney County man reported a burglary at his residence. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He found the man intoxicated and said he could not give the brand or type of equipment that was taken. Chism reported that the front door of the residence was broken. The missing equipment was valued at \$350.

4:50 p.m., A Department of Public Safety official from Del Rio reported an intoxicated driver on U.S. Highway 90, west of Brackettville. Chief Deputy Fritter was notified of the situation.

5:23 p.m., Chief Deputy Fritter requested an ambulance and a wrecker one mile past Pinto Creek in reference to a wreck.

6:31 p.m., A woman reported that someone had knocked down the signs behind the Post Office on West Spring Street. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene but could not find anything.

# Holiday season should bring out the positive

This week, a Fort Clark Springs resident who prefers to remain unidentified said, "I grew up poor and would like to do something to help the poor children of Brackettville."

I encouraged him to come and meet with me in my office.

Monday morning, the gentleman appeared and said, "who do I make my check to?"

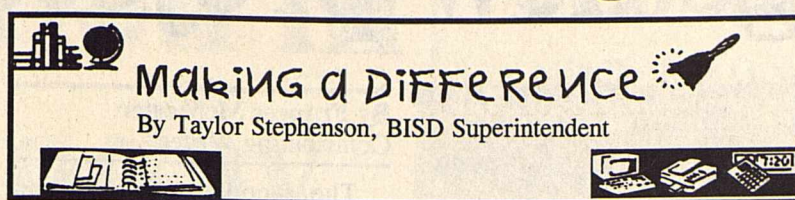
I told him BISSD, and he specified that he would like to see the money used to help the poor with clothing or other needs.

The check was a sizable amount. I thanked him profusely for the donation.

When he left, he said, "Taylor, challenge others to help with the children."

I told him I would do that:

If you want to help for student scholarships, Christmas toys, clothing or a donation to a build-



ing fund or landscape fund, I do challenge you to give me a call!

It's such a wonderful time of the year. As I write, I hear Kenny G playing "Silent Night" on my CD player.

I think of folks like those mentioned above and become teary-eyed. May the season help us all to find our positive side.

**Spanish Class**  
The Spanish Class will definitely make. We have had 30 or 40 folks sign up.

After the holidays, we'll begin to make plans for a night a week. We might have to split into two classes.

### Night Lights

It is heartening to see our schools used at night. We open our library for student use two nights a week.

This week, we're open every night to help with studying for final exams.

Schools come alive when folks learn and when the focus is on education.

### Campus Additions

The School Board authorized proceeding with the academic addition to Brackett High School. We are in the process of selecting an architect.

High School teachers have been involved in helping the School Board determine what should be in the building addition.

Don Sims chaired a committee and did a nice job presenting alternatives to the board. This is an exciting project.

The board also approved the bid for four tennis courts that will be a grand addition in Brackettville.

### Holiday Events

Don't forget the special events this Sunday in Brackettville.

The Christmas Tour of Homes will be outstanding. Check it out from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Voices' concert on Sunday night will be at 7:30 in the Post Theater. The music will be traditional. It will be a great program. Come hear it!

Have a great week.



Border Patrol agents and Juan the Robot from the Del Rio Sector, shown with Bo Hagler's kindergarten class, were guest speakers at Jones Elementary last week. The agents and Juan spoke to the students about personal safety and saying no to drugs. Photo Special to The Brackett News

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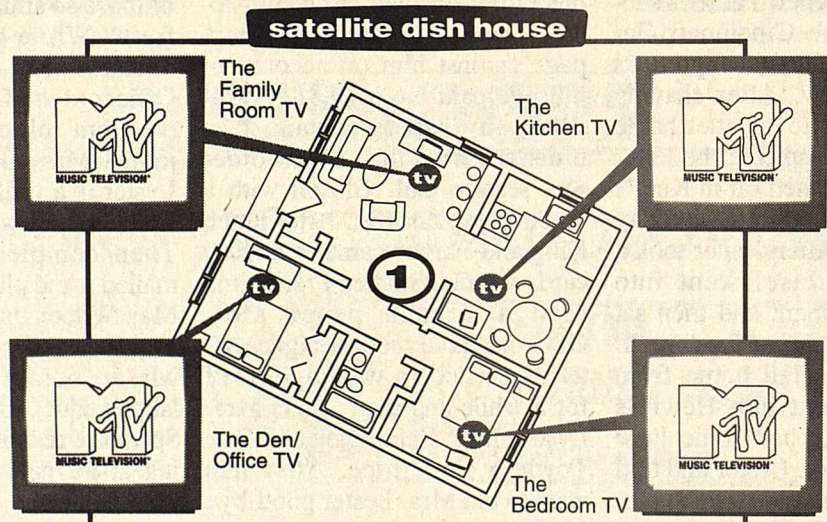
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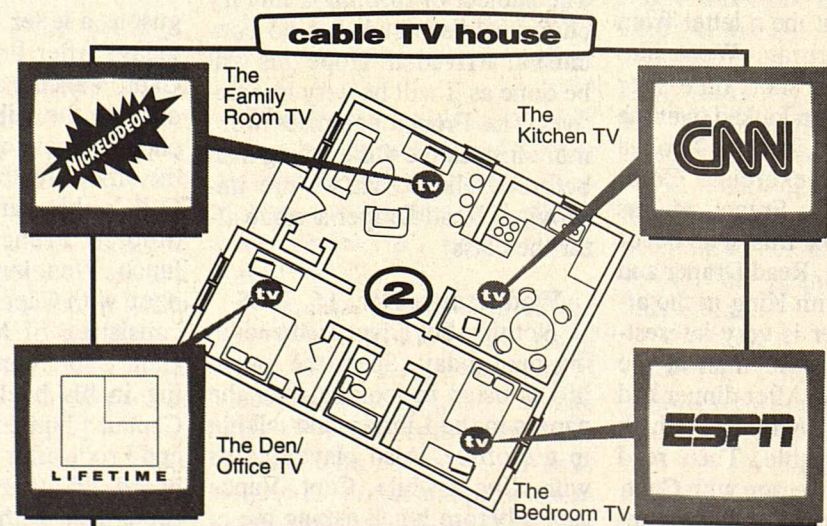
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# Fort Inge new project for Uvalde historians



Ann Vaughn, left, introduced Jane Knatik at last week's Rotary meeting. Both are from Uvalde. Photo by Eric McMaster

**By Frances McMaster**  
Contributing Writer

The reconstruction of Fort Inge, a post Civil War frontier fort, is the current project for the Uvalde Historical Commission.

Jane Knatik of Uvalde discussed Fort Inge at the Brackettville Rotary Club meeting last Thursday.

Ann Vaughn, a Uvalde Rotarian, introduced Knatik. Both were invited by Don Ralston, who asked Vaughn to substitute for him as program chairman since he was unable to attend the meeting.

Knatik is a retired teacher who had also served in an administrative capacity in the Uvalde School District. Since her retirement, she has published several books and is a local historian.

Knatik has been deeply involved in the reconstruction of Fort Inge. Little exists of the fort except the foundations. Fortunately, some books have been written about it.

The site is a hill which rises 140 feet over the Leona River valley, two miles southeast of Uvalde.

In a folder published by the Uvalde Historic Commission, the hill is described as "a steep volcanic plug which consists of phonolite, an igneous rock much like basalt."

The hill was formed by a submarine volcanic eruption about 80

million years ago.

Its height made it an advantageous site. With the Leona River nearby, it attracted human occupation at least 8,000 years ago.

Earliest artifacts of the site include Paleo Uvalde Golondrina points, as well as projectiles.

Several names had been given to the hill during the 400 or so years before the establishment of the fort.

It was once called Stonenose after a similar plug near Mexico City.

Early Spanish explorers called it Patron's Hill after a Canary Islander who reached the site in 1751.

Capt. George Hughes named the hill Pilot's Knob when he searched for a military route to Mexico.

The unusual name of Inge came from Lt. Zebulon Inge of the 2nd Dragoons who was killed in the Battle of Resca de la Palma in the Mexican War.

Gen. Adrain Woll, sent by Gen. Santa Anna, brought 1,000 men, cannons, wagons, and cattle about to mount a surprise attack on San Antonio. This group supposedly passed about four miles south of the hill.

This became the basis for Woll's Road which linked San Antonio and El Paso as a passage west during the days of the California Gold Rush.

Gen. William Worth estab-

lished a post on the hill in 1849 to protect travelers and guard against Indian raids, like Fort Clark.

The soldiers cooperated with men from Fort Clark when the latter was established.

Knatik, who is interested in promoting tourism, hopes that these two historical forts will be able to share some kind of interesting events when the Fort Inge project is completed.

Fort Inge was closed in 1869.

The fort was built around a quadrangle. One stone building, a hospital, is the only permanent structure left. Plans are underway to restore it.

Fort Inge had been occupied by the Confederacy, but when the Civil War ended, it was returned to the Union. The Texas Rangers used it after that.

The area has been a county park for 30 years. It was given to the Uvalde Historic Commission, which had been responsible for restoring the Old Opera House.

The first task was to remove trash because the area had become a hangout for individuals engaged in unsavory activities. Picnic tables had been shoved into the river and the granite marker had been vandalized.

After the site was given to the Historical Commission, one of the first acts of the volunteers was to build a brush arbor. It has now weathered several rain and wind storms.

Youngsters from Vision Quest helped in building the arbor and in other ways.

A rock wall is now being constructed out of the volcanic rock. This artful job is supervised by a specialist, Manuel Perez.

Knatik is interested in stories about people and would be pleased to hear from anyone who has any information about the days of Fort Inge.

Lucile Meyers, from Carrizo Springs, has been able to relate tales about her family. Several generations of her family lived near Fort Inge.

Knatik said that evidently certain times of the year the Indians were likely to raid the settlers. During those times, the family would load up the wagon and travel to Fort Inge for safety.

The Uvalde Historical Commission invites visitors to Fort Inge Park to enjoy fishing, birdwatching, wildlife, native plants, the unique geology of Fort Inge, picnics, hiking, and military history.

It is open to the public from daylight to 4 p.m. It is operated by the Vision Quest Buffalo Soldier reenactors.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. Tours can be arranged.

Fort Inge Park is located on Farm Road 140, southeast of Uvalde.

## Beta Epsilon Omicron meeting hosted by Ivey

The Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter met in the home of Hazel Ivey last Monday.

The minutes were read by Judy Hooker and a motion was made by Ivey to approve them. Barbara Miller seconded the motion.

Invitations to the Brackett High School Christmas Concert and the Tour of Homes were read.

The treasurer's report by Marla Madrid indicated that the bake sale and the raffie were successful.

There were discussions concerning another bake sale and a

garage sale. It was decided to wait until a later date.

Ivey presented a cultural program. She presented her autobiography, which included many interesting pictures of the past and present.

The sisters then exchanged Christmas gifts with their secret sisters. A cookie exchange will be held at the next meeting.

Members present were Ivey, Hooker, Miller, Madrid, Dee Curry, Betty Mathison, Pam Melancon, Helen Peck and Flo Stafford.

### BISD Cafeteria Menu

Parents welcome to join their children at breakfast or lunch. There are 15 Days in the month of November.

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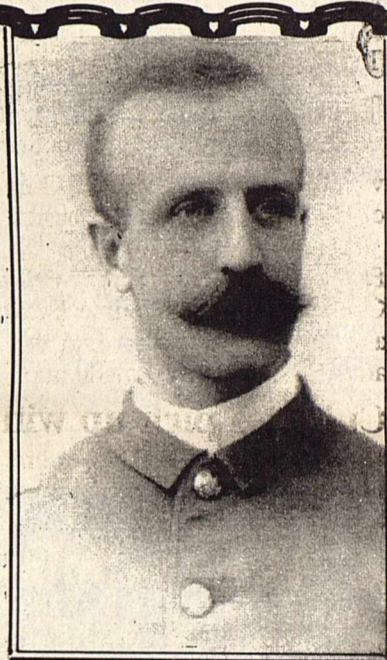
Milk served with all meals.

<b>Breakfast Menu</b>	<b>Lunch Menu</b>
<b>Friday, Dec. 12</b>	<b>Friday, Dec. 12</b>
Pizza Bagel Fruit or Fruit Juice	Taco Salad, Cheese Cup Lettuce and Tomato Salad Refried Beans, Fruit
<b>Monday, Dec. 15</b>	<b>Monday, Dec. 15</b>
Waffles Syrup Fruit or Fruit Juice	Macaroni and Cheese w/ Ham Steamed Broccoli Fruit, Fresh Baked Roll
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 16</b>	<b>Tuesday, Dec. 16</b>
French Toast Syrup Fruit or Fruit Juice	Salisbury Steak Whipped Potatoes, Brown Gravy Fruit, Fresh Baked Roll
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 17</b>	<b>Wednesday, Dec. 17</b>
Breakfast Pizza Fruit or Fruit Juice	Beef Tacos, Spanish Rice Lettuce and Tomato Salad Beans, Fruit
<b>Thursday, Dec. 18</b>	<b>Thursday, Dec. 18</b>
Biscuits Sausage Cream Gravy Fruit or Fruit Juice	Hamburger, Burger Salad Over Fries, Fruit, Cheese optional

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games have been very pleasant. Had cake and wine for refreshment. Read a little in Draper afterwards.

**Sunday, Dec. 13, 1885**

Clear cold day; beautiful weather. Overslept myself and had to hurry to get breakfast before inspection. After this ceremony went into Capt. Vance's a while. Mail brought receipt for money sent to renew Father's subscription to the Cincinnati Gazette. Have my Christmas presents all selected now. After shaving and bathing wrote on letter home until lunch. Completed the letter afterwards and then sat in King's talking, he having returned today from a scout. After dinner took a walk for exercise, went into Hewitt's a moment and then sat in Kendall's until time for church. Escorted Mrs. Hall home from church and went into Hewitt's until tattoo. He had some little trouble with Mrs. Lyster and told me about it. Said good-bye to him after tattoo as he leaves tonight for Leavenworth with convicts. Shall be glad to see him back. Read in the Bible, dozed and had a call from King before retiring.

**Monday, Dec. 14, 1885**

Mail brought me a letter from home this morning. Went into Capt. Vance's a short time after breakfast and then looked over the papers in the Library. Took a short walk for exercise. Commenced to study French idioms today and think this will be of great assistance. Read Draper and played cards with King in the afternoon. Draper is very interesting, much more so than at the commencement. After dinner had a long walk with Mrs. Hall which was very enjoyable. Then read over the French lesson with Capt. Vance. Called on Col. Towle until tattoo and found him very entertaining, entirely different from what he is outside or at the mess. We sit side by side at meals and he hardly ever says anything except once in a while something to make Maj. Smith uncomfortable. But in his house tonight he talked about his war experiences and talked in a very entertaining manner. After tattoo called on Mrs. Gillmore. Lester was there at first and was rather tedious but soon left; after this enjoyed a chat with the lady. What an addition she is to our society. The only objection

is that she does not belong to the 19th. Played cards with King after the call.

**Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1885**

Only an O.B. for me this morning. Went to the Library after guard mounting to look over the papers and after spending a short time in the office returned to quarters to write a letter to Col. Gibson, paymaster in answer to the O.B. received from him today. The Auditor has made a stoppage against him on account of mileage paid me in 1881. Fortunately my papers contained an order covering this, which order was sent to Col. Gibson with a letter of explanation. After lunch King and Farber came in to play cards a while. Studied French and read a French paper Mrs. Gillmore gave me last night. After dinner took a walk by myself for a while and then joined Mrs. Lyster, Mrs. Remington and Col. Towle a short time. After this went to bid Mrs. Lester good-bye as she is to go North tonight but she was not at home. Then went with Capt. Vance to the Cercle Francais. Dr Town joined tonight, but he has a very poor pronunciation and is a slow reader. The subject of forming a literary club was discussed, but no conclusion arrived at. Hope this will be done as it will be very instructive. The French exercises were more instructive this evening than before. Believe that we are improving. Read Draper a while after the class.

**Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1885**

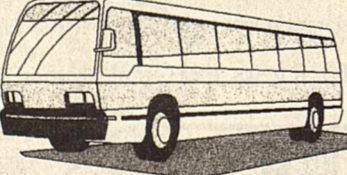
Nothing but advertisements in my mail today. Spent the morning as usual in looking over the papers in the Library and talking in the office. Also played cards with King a while. Capt. Vance called before lunch asking me to go down to the Seminole Camp to investigate a shooting affair in which a man of "E" had been concerned. So after lunch Farber gave me a horse from "E" Troop and took his own to accompany. Found the shooting was a small affair. Saw old Dumbo Factor down there, (See diary for May 15, 1883) and one other man who was enlisted during my command of the scouts but is not a member now. After investigation took a ride with Farber. He is just enjoying the honeymoon of this life as an officer. Unlike the majority

of those so situated he is not at all fresh. Wrote usual letter home after the ride. Capt. Vance was Officer of the Day which relieved me from roll calls. After dinner joined Mrs. Gillmore and Mrs. Lyster in a walk up and down the row and enjoyed it very much. Then completed letter home, mailed it and played cribbage with Maj. Wilcox until tattoo. Poor old man, he misses his wife and child who are now in New York for the latter's education, and gets lonely. Spent the rest of the evening calling at Payne's and read Draper until bedtime.

**Thursday, Dec. 17, 1885**

Today is Mattie's twentieth birthday. May she have many more and with each increased prosperity and happiness. Only O.B. mail for me much to my disgust as a letter from home is due today. After breakfast went into Capt. Vance's a minute and then over to the Library to read the papers. Spent a few moments in the office and then attended to the O.B.'s that came this morning. Studied French lesson before lunch. Went hunting in the afternoon with Capt. Vance, the party consisting of Mrs. Hall, Capt. Hall, Capt. Vance & self and going in his buckboard. The two Captains hunted while Mrs. Hall and I rode after them in the buckboard. Enjoyed the afternoon and came back with a good appetite. Twelve quails were shot. Missed retreat, but Capt. Hall promised to speak to the General about the matter in the morning for me; so will have no excuse to make. Ate dinner with Capt. Vance, a pleasant change from the mess. Afterwards went to call at Vernou's but met Dr. Town going in to play whist, so postponed call. Col. Towle called on me, and just as he was seated Hammond came in. As they are not friendly, would have preferred to have them come singly. After tattoo tried to read Draper but was too sleepy.

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# Brackett opens action in SWTJC tourney today

UVALDE — Brackett's basketball teams will compete in the 38th annual Southwest Texas Junior College Invitational basketball tournament this week at Lo Forge Hall.

This year's tournament features eight area high schools, including Brackett, Asherton, D'Hanis, La Pryor, Leakey, Knippa, Nueces Canyon and Rocksprings.

The Rocksprings Lady Angoras won the girls' title last year, defeating the Knippa Lady Crushers in the championship game.

The Lady Angoras are led by seniors Jamie Davis and Anna Cerda, who were both named to the all-tournament team last year.

The Brackett Tigerettes (3-4) will open action in the tournament at 11:30 this morning against Rocksprings.

The Lady Angoras defeated the Tigerettes 59-15 in non-district action on Tuesday night in Rocksprings.

Davis and Trisha Fry scored 19 points to lead Rocksprings while Cerda had 15.

Lindsey Brotherton was Brackett's high scorer with six points, Tricia Robinson had three, Hilda Aguirre and La Toya Wright each scored two, and Jennifer Ashabraner and Patty Lopez added one apiece.

The Tigerettes will face either Asherton or Nueces Canyon in the second round. If they win, they will play at 6:30 today. If they lose, they will play at 3:30 this afternoon.

Knippa won the boys' championship last year after defeating the Nueces Canyon Panthers in the finale.

Boys' all-tournament selections returning for this year's tourney are seniors Seth Spurgers and Jay Rivera from Knippa and Nueces Canyon junior Winston Wright.

The Brackett Tigers (2-6) will open the tournament against the Rocksprings Angoras at 1 p.m. today. The Angoras are coming off of a 52-49 win over the Tigers on Tuesday.

The two teams were tied at 16-all after the first period, but Rocksprings outscored

Brackett 12-4 in the second quarter to go up 28-20 at intermission.

Matthew Smallwood led the Tigers with 15 points against the Angoras and Brent Woelke scored 11.

Luis Guajardo finished the contest with six points, Demitreus Williams scored five, Caleb Crumley had four, and Schiller Hill, Phillip Juarez, Rene Luna and Xavier Toms all added two.

The Tigers will also face either Asherton or Nueces Canyon in the second round. If they win, they will play at 8:00 tonight. If they lose, they will play at 5 p.m.

Admission for each game will be \$1 for students 12 and under, and \$2 for adults. Tournament passes can be purchased for \$3 for students 12 and under and \$5 for adults.

"A game pass will allow spectators to attend each game throughout the three-day tournament," said Allison Tomas, SWTJC tournament official.

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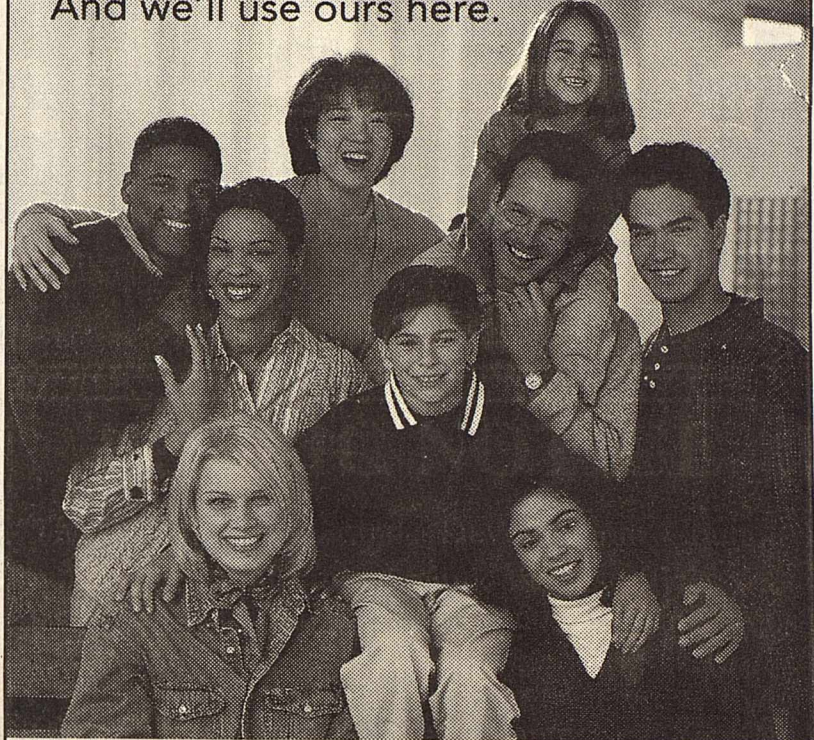
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## Briefs ... Tigerettes claim third place honors

### J.V. falls to Angoras

ROCKSPRINGS — The Brackett Tigers junior varsity fell to the Rocksprings Angoras, 51-24, in basketball action Tuesday.

Jacob Hughes paced the Tigers' offense attack. He finished with 10 points.

Jacob Mann scored eight points for Brackett and Steven Hagler, Daniel Hernandez and Damian Toms all had two.

### Tigerettes fall short

ROCKSPRINGS — The junior varsity Tigerettes lost a 38-15 decision to Rocksprings on Tuesday.

### Cubettes pick up win

COMSTOCK — The seventh grade Cubettes picked up a 38-23 win over Comstock on Monday.

April Martinez scored a game-high 14 points to pace Brackett's offense.

Mayra Aguirre finished with eight points, Vanessa Castillo and Heather Jalamo both had six, and Ashley Antoine scored four.

BARKSDALE — The Brackett Tigerettes picked up a 45-25 victory over Utopia Saturday in the third place final of the Nueces Canyon Invitational basketball tournament.

Lindsey Brotherton paced the Tigerettes with a 13-point performance. La Toya Wright also scored in double digits. She had 10 points.

Stephanie Terrazas scored eight points for Brackett, Patty Lopez had seven, Jennifer Ashabraner finished with five, and Hilda Aguirre had two.

In the semifinals, the Tigerettes lost a 43-40 de-

cision to the Sabinal Yellowjackets.

Brotherton led the way with 18 points, Ashabraner scored six, Wright had five, Lopez, Terrazas and Tricia Robinson all scored three, and Aguirre added two.

Brotherton and Wright both scored 15 points as Brackett opened the tournament with a 56-33 victory over the D'Hanis Lady Cowgirls.

Lopez scored eight points against D'Hanis, Ashabraner finished with six, Terrazas had five, Robinson, Tiffany Eckenrod and Samantha Payne all scored two, and Aguirre made a free throw.

## Tigers finish fourth at N.C. tournament

BARKSDALE — The Brackett Tigers took fourth place honors at the Nueces Canyon Invitational Saturday after falling to the Utopia Buffaloes, 80-60, in the third place final.

The two teams were tied at 41-all at halftime, but Utopia outscored Brackett 39-19 in the second half.

Brent Woelke poured in 20 points to lead the Tigers' scoring efforts.

Luis Guajardo and Matthew Smallwood also scored in double figures for Brackett. They finished with 14 and 10 points, respectively.

Coty Williams scored six points, Schiller Hill had five, Caleb Crumley and Demitreus Williams both had two, and Phillip Juarez made a free throw.

In the semifinals, the Tigers lost a 74-62 decision to the Sabinal Yellowjackets.

Woelke had 12 points in the contest, Hill scored 11, and Guajardo and Demitreus Williams both finished with 10.

Coty Williams scored seven points, Smallwood had six, Crumley pitched in four, and Juarez had two.

Brackett opened the tournament with a 59-37 victory over the

D'Hanis Cowboys.

Smallwood led the way against D'Hanis with 13 points and Hill had 11.

Coty Williams contributed nine points, Guajardo scored eight, Woelke and Juarez each had six, Crumley scored four, and Demitreus Williams added two.

## OUTDOORS

### State eyes license improvements

AUSTIN — Licenses may be mandatory in order to hunt and fish, but, as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is finding out, the look, feel and even function of these required documents isn't.

Ever since the state agency switched to an electronic licensing system last year, more than a smattering of complaints have been voiced about the shortcomings of the current computer print-out license.

The solution, which could be available as early as next spring, appears to be a compromise license form which would still feed through a computer printer, but uses a Tyvek water-resistant coated paper.

In addition to a new look and feel, a related proposal presented at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission's Nov. 5 Regulations Committee meeting could mean the end of the detachable carcass tag.

TPWD agrees the bulky, plastic sheathed license isn't perfect, but notes at least one other state admires it enough to want to model its next license after Texas'.

"They actually saw it as an improvement over what they currently have," grinned Lynne Lange, who directs license sales for TPWD. "That's pretty scary."

"This process has taught us to be more sensible with the design and function of our licenses and we're being responsive to the concerns of our users within the parameters of our current licensing system."

TPWD abandoned Texas long-standing Tyvek coated paper ver-

**A Little On The Wildlife Side**  
By Henry Lutz  
Kinney County Game Warden

sion license last year in order to accommodate a new electronic processing system which, among other things, allows the agency to maintain accurate and current license sales accountability.

The new licenses are printed out on a continuous feed form paper resembling a cash register receipt.

The problem with the new licenses was durability and TPWD attempted to solve the issue by enclosing the license in a plastic cover similar to a photo album sheet.

"We hope to be able to test the new Tyvek license in the spring and hopefully have everything in place by next August," Lange said. "It'll take six to eight weeks to retool the computer software needed to format and print the license, and we still have to wait and see what happens with the tags."

Currently, Texas hunting licenses contain 11 different carcass tags — five for whitetail deer, two for mule deer and four for turkey.

As a hunter legally harvests a game animal, a corresponding carcass tag must be detached from the license, filled out with harvest information and attached to the animal.

A flaw wildlife officials say has surfaced with the current license tagging system involved potential lost deer hunting opportunity for

individuals who hunt in one buck-only counties, or counties offering a "swing tag option."

"Once a hunter harvests a buck in a one buck county, he cannot take another buck without traveling to the other side of the state because there's only one tag reserved for one buck-only counties," said Jerry Cooke, big game and upland ecology program director with TPWD.

"It wasn't our intent in adopting one buck-only bag limits to prohibit someone from taking a second deer in another one buck-only county."

Additionally, TPWD law enforcement officials say carcass tagging may not be necessary, as long as certain harvest information can be documented on the hunting license.

"If our game wardens can verify the date and location where the animal was harvested from information logged on the license, a carcass tag wouldn't be required, as long as the animal was in possession of the hunter," said Jim Robertson, TPWD law enforcement director.

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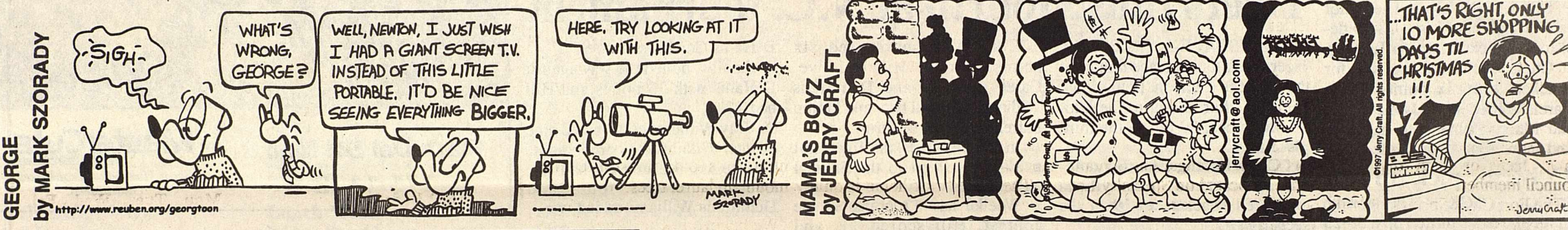
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**GEORGE** by MARK SZORADY

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WELL, NEWTON, I JUST WISH I HAD A GIANT SCREEN T.V. INSTEAD OF THIS LITTLE PORTABLE. IT'D BE NICE SEEING EVERYTHING BIGGER.  
HERE, TRY LOOKING AT IT WITH THIS.

**MAMA'S BOYZ** by JERRY CRAFT

...THAT'S RIGHT, ONLY 10 MORE SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS!!!



Super Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Raindrop sound  
5 Hebrew text  
10 Enlarges a hole  
15 Swimmer Biondi  
19 Mrs. Charlie Chaplin  
20 Musical of 1919  
21 Merman or Mertz  
22 Racer Luyendyk  
23 Nana  
24 Lost cause  
25 Macbeth for one  
26 Devoesque or Lovesque  
27 Salve  
29 Part of EEC  
31 Toronto team  
33 Long lunch?  
34 Holdup man?  
36 "Beetle" Bailey  
37 Brazier bits  
40 Denver team  
42 "Spanish" instrument (61 song)  
46 Peter of "Casablanca"  
47 Montemezzi's "L'Amore del Re"  
48 Make

amends  
50 Frankie or Cleo  
51 Spring bloomer  
52 TV's "Growing—" hole  
54 Word with 96 Chanteuse bath or shovel  
56 Playwright Hart  
57 Buddhist movement  
58 Unpredictable  
60 Come out of one's shell  
62 Greek consonants  
63 Oran native  
65 Sniffed  
67 Looney—  
69 St. Louis team  
70 Chicago team  
71 Another Chicago team  
72 Partial payback  
75 Immobile class  
76 Expressions of praise  
80 Suffix with "nod"  
81 Biggs' instrument  
83 Graduates-to-be  
85 Torrid  
86 Farrow and Sara  
88 Dieter's dish

90 Juan—de Leon  
91—Alto, Calif.  
92 Hannibal's family name  
94 Craze  
96 Chanteuse Lempers  
97 Dahomey, today  
98 Classify  
100 Atlanta team  
102 Carol Burnett character  
103 Newspaper magnate  
105 Big rigs  
106 Actress  
11 Helgenberger  
12 Jezebel's husband  
111 Half of us  
112 Envy  
116 Melville novel  
117 Supply more weapons  
119 Dramatist Capek  
121 Provokes  
122 "Elephant" Boy's star  
123 "The Flying Dutchman" heroine  
124 Rub out  
125 Like Felix Unger  
126 Formerly, formerly  
127 Kilmer classic  
128 Melchior and

Bohr  
129 Asta's father  
DOWN  
1 Kelly's possum  
2 Singer of "Footloose"  
3—even keel  
4 Carolina team  
5 Detroit team  
6 Maine town  
7 Flat rate  
8 Nice ninny  
9 "From—Eternity" ('53 film)  
10 Takes back  
11 Numerical suffix  
12 Jazzy  
13—Park, NJ  
14 72 Olivier/Caine movie  
15 Fragrant herb  
16 Balthasar  
17 Little than  
18 Duo from Butte?  
28 Insignificant  
30 Forearm bone  
32 List ender  
34 Ain't right?  
35 Comforts  
37 Mrs. Andrew Johnson  
38 Wild mushroom  
39 Escort

40 Wilson or Jones  
41 "Slammin' Sam"  
43 Detroit team  
44 Happen next  
45 Like Oscar Madison  
47 Mr. Bulba  
49 Put away a pizza  
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53 Hole in your head?  
55 "Eve of Destruction" singer  
58 Ovid's Muse  
59 Indianapolis team  
61 New Mexico city  
64 Geologic division  
66 Insomnia cure?  
68 Columbus coll.  
70 Nuts  
71 "Time in a Bottle" singer  
72 Latin rhythm  
73 Inventor  
74 Chicago team  
75 "Turandot" tenor  
76 Turns blue?  
77 "More—Can Say" ('80 song) Parseghian

78 Greek dialect  
79 "Silver" star  
82 Actress Rita  
84 They may be common  
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91 Pittsburgh team  
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102 Philadelphia team  
104 Look like Hook?  
106 Reagan Attorney General  
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115 Punta del—  
118 Hwy.  
120 Coach  
121 Parseghian

MAGIC MAZE

**JAPANESE BASEBALL**

G T R O L J G E B Y W S U R P  
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Blue Wave  
Buffaloes  
Carp

Fighters  
Giants  
Hawks  
Japan Series

Lions  
Marines  
Nippon  
Orix

Seibu  
Swallows  
Tigers

Your Horoscope by Natasha

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You go on a shopping binge early in the week without paying any attention to your budget. Fortunately, your purchases are practical and affordable in the long run. Some bring work home over the weekend.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Work of a creative nature is inspired. A nagging relationship problem reaches a happy conclusion. Avoid being domineering with family members during the weekend.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You and a loved one disagree on a decorating matter. Although pleasure interests are accentuated for the weekend, you must be careful with money. Love relationships bring much joy.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Some friction at work with a co-worker is irritating, but a positive outcome is assured. Agreements are reached later in the week. This weekend, do something different socially.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your thinking is inspired as well as down-to-earth. Don't just spout off ideas; act on them. A domestic matter is of some concern over the weekend.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Financial news is good. However, you still feel it wise to be frugal, which is the correct course. You and a loved one are in sync over the weekend.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) One thing after another falls into place in business this week. However, dealings with family or co-workers could be somewhat touchy. News that comes this weekend makes you very happy.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You begin the week upbeat, charming and positively

**glowing.** A major breakthrough befalls you on a particular work project. A close friend is in no mood for joking this weekend.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected financial windfall comes in handy. At work, avoid forcing the issue and ease up on that co-worker. Later in the week, avoid an urge to pick an argument just for the sake of it.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You are blessed with a sudden inspiration on a project that has been baffling you. Although you're popular on the social scene, take some time for yourself over the weekend.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Something that has been on the back burner picks up steam. Expect a happy upturn in your financial picture. A friend decides to back out of a planned weekend social outing.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You're basking in your business success, but someone is looking at you with jealousy. A friend is very thoughtful and considerate. Making plans for weekend travel is favored.

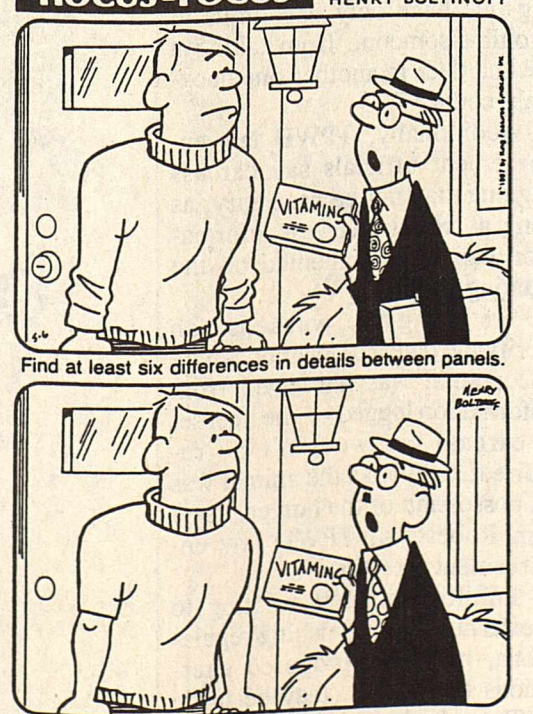
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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Light is moved. 2. Case is missing. 3. Sleeves are shorter. 4. Tie is different. 5. Look is missing. 6. Mustache is added.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Dec. 11	Virginia Cruz	Dec. 16	Jodi Ann Cowan
Dec. 11	Russell Latensen	Dec. 16	Allen Kreiger Jr.
Dec. 14	John Flores	Dec. 16	Greg Sandoval
Dec. 14	Felix Gonzales	Dec. 16	Laura Tovar
Dec. 14	Jackie Williams	Dec. 17	Josie Aguirre
Dec. 15	Teodoro Avila	Dec. 17	Amber Carrow
Dec. 15	Rickie Espinosa	Dec. 17	Josefina Estrada
Dec. 15	Ethel Hawkins	Dec. 17	Jack Frerich
Dec. 15	Mary Sandoval	Dec. 17	Gracie Mata
Dec. 15	Plunker Sheedy	Dec. 17	Lorraine Osborne
Dec. 16	Mary Allen	Dec. 17	Diane Wilson

# Kinney County Chamber welcomes new businesses

By Kathryn Letsinger  
Contributing Writer

Two new business members were welcomed to the Chamber this past week. They are the Old Arbor Saloon and Lockhart Real Estate.

Both businesses are occupying historic buildings in downtown Brackettville.

A great deal of hard work was done to restore these buildings. They are beautiful inside and out and definitely worth a visit!

From a Chamber of Commerce standpoint, every recovery of our precious historic past increases the attractiveness of Brackettville and boosts our economy.

Efforts by the several downtown businesses that have had the foresight to make these buildings usable again are commendable. It will enable more restoration to occur!

Old Arbor Saloon is family owned and operated by Ben Fuentes Jr. The restaurant is located at 112 North Street, across from the Sheriff's Office.

They are open for breakfast, lunch, and supper from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Sunday, closing only on Tuesday. They are available for private parties and offer catering as well. Call if you need reservations or have questions at (830) 563-3460.

You'll want to try their fresh baked bread, tortillas, donuts, homemade cakes and pies. Homemade menudo and barbacoa are served on Saturday and Sunday.

A variety of menu items are offered, from Mexican food to steaks, with a daily lunch buffet. The food, the service, and the at-

mosphere all work together to make Old Arbor Saloon a special dining experience.

Debbie Trant has relocated her business, Lockhart Real Estate, to 104-A East Spring Street.

This quaint building has a colorful past. In the late 1800s it was the Hunt Blacksmith Shop and Livery.

At that time, Clay Hunt was also the sheriff. He was the grandfather of Eloise Davis, Mary Helen Kreiger, and Clay Hunt Jr.

This building has been many things since then, from a pool hall to a barber shop.

Stop in and see some of the old pictures Mrs. Trant has on display. She also displays pictures and a description of some of the properties she has for sale.

Lockhart Real Estate deals in residential home sales and ranch land acreage.

She is available for inquiries or placements at (830) 563-2997 or (830) 563-2007.

Be sure to visit these excellent local businesses and give our Chamber members a chance to serve you first. In my experience, home town service can't be beat!



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**ALAS MORAS MASONIC LODGE**  
meets the 2nd Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.  
School of Instruction meets the 1st, and 3rd Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.  
Visiting Brothers are Welcome

**Invitation**  
St. Mary Magdalene Parish  
Fr Alex Steinmiller  
Will preach an Advent Mission  
December 14th thru December 18th  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
What Does Jesus Expect from me?

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"Quality Home Health Care"  
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**Mobile Mexican Consulate in Brackettville**  
The Mexican Consulate out of Eagle Pass will be here this Saturday, December 13th to offer the following services to our community:  
\* Mexican Passports  
\* Tourism Information  
\* Donation of Education material  
\* Information on abroad studies  
\* And much, much, more  
Kinney County Public Library Fritter Room  
9:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:00

## Arts Council hosts Christmas Tour of Homes

By Taylor Stephenson  
Contributing Writer

The Third Edition of Christmas Tour of Homes is scheduled for Sunday, from 2 to 5 p.m., in Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs.

The cost of admission is \$5. Tickets are available at the Fort Clark Adult Center, the First State Bank, Jeans or from any Arts Council member.

The Fort Clark Springs' Board of Directors has allowed an open gate for anyone wishing to take part in this event.

Six beautiful homes will be decorated for Christmas and will make up the Kinney County Arts Council's Christmas Tour of homes.

The homes that will be included this year are: Drue and Sammie Duncan, Will and Carol Glaspy, Jack and Norma Schram, Ronnie and Candy Hobbs, Mike and Ida Holley, and B.E. and Charlotte Sweet.

This week's featured homes are:

**Jack and Norma Schram, Fort Clark Springs:** The Schram house is located on Specialty Lot No. 29. This is the side of the old Veterinarian Hospital.

There still remains evidence of the veterinarian hospital in the 28-by-40-foot outdoor patio, now covered and tiled.

The watering tank for horses still remains, but now is converted into a serving table.

The Schrams have chosen to decorate in "Traditional Christmas" fashion, complete with sugar cookies and hot apple cider.

**Ronnie and Candy Hobbs, Brackettville:** This home was built in 1982 by the late Ronnie Montgomery of Del Rio. The Hobbs have lived in the home with their children, Jared and Whitney, since June of 1992.

The beige brick home is quite spacious with two rock floor-to-ceiling fireplaces.

The house is surrounded by a large yard that connects to a beautiful sage-covered pasture to the north.

The backyard is home to a large, kidney-shaped, in-ground swimming pool.

**Mike and Ida Holley, Fort Clark Springs:** The Holley House was designed by architect Enrique Barrera of Eagle Pass.

This modern home has all tile floors. The numerous windows and glass doors create a brightness, which leaves you with a feeling of being outdoors.

The home is nestled among numerous oak, mesquite and mountain laurel trees.

The Holley Christmas theme is "We believe in Christmas." The large angel, wreath and decorations were all done by the Holleys.

**Editor's note:** In previous stories about the Christmas Tour of Homes, Ed Brantley's home was incorrectly included and the Schram's home was omitted. We regret this mistake.

## County OKs handicapped work station

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"We have had some complaints," Chief Deputy Clerk Sylvia Gomez told the commissioners Monday.

"The other day we had two people in wheel chairs that wanted some help from us and we had to go outside to see what they needed," she said.

**Policy Changes**  
The commissioners discussed changing county policy for the carry-over of annual leave and sick leave.

No action was taken. The policies will be discussed at a special meeting on Dec. 29.

**Appraisal District Board**  
The court also delayed action on appointing representatives to the Appraisal District Board of Directors.

The appointments will be discussed at the Dec. 29 meeting.

Sergeant and Mike Holley currently represent the county on the Appraisal District Board of Directors.

**Solid Waste**  
The commissioners discussed two proposals by the Kinney County Democratic Party concerning solid waste disposal in the county, but no action was taken.

**County Holidays**

The court approved 18 and one-half holidays for county employees for 1998.

After meeting in executive ses-

sion to discuss personnel and pending litigation, the commissioners approved the minutes of the Nov. 10 meeting, all accounts, bills, and department reports.

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**OLD FASHIONED COUNTRY CHRISTMAS**  
Church of The Ascension, Episcopal, Montell, Texas  
5:00 pm Sunday, December 21, 1997  
The parishioners of the Church of The Ascension, Episcopal, Cordially invite the public to join with us in celebrating an "Old Fashion Country Christmas", the evening of Dec. 21, 1997, at 5:00 pm.  
The fabulous, one-of-a-kind, 100 year old Tiffany Stained Glass Window will be on view to those attending the annual event. A priceless heritage, a gift from the John Jacob Astor family, is humbly and gratefully the property of this famous old country church.  
\*\*\* Program \*\*\*  
Regular Evening Church Service  
Christmas Pageant and Music  
Refreshments in Parish Hall  
following Services.  
We will be delighted to Welcome You.  
Church of the Ascension, Episcopal,  
Dr. William Triplett

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**Thank You**  
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Charles & Ann Descheemaker

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**NEED CAREER GUIDANCE?**  
**NEVER WORKED BEFORE?**  
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**CREDITORS NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Henry Merlan Robertson, deceased, were issued on November 14, 1997, in Docket No. 923 pending in the County Court of Kinney County, Texas. The residence of the Independent Executor is in Kinney County, Texas. The post office address is P.O. Box 1265, Brackettville, Texas 78832. All persons having claim against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 5th day of December 1997. /s/Aaron Bruce Clements, executor

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 If you live within a 75 mile radius of Eagle Pass, TX, and are a graduate of an accredited tractor trailer driving school or have over 6 months verifiable OTR tractor trailer experience, good work history and driving record, then you need to get your application started now!!!!

**HERE'S HOW!!**  
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**GARAGE SALE**

Saturday; Ann Street, next to the Courthouse. Christmas tree, recliners and miscellaneous.

**KEEP UP WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING IN AND AROUND BRACKETTVILLE. SUBSCRIBE TO THE BRACKETT NEWS!!**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**THE CITY OF Brackettville** will receive bids for certain water system improvements until 2:00 p.m. on January 8, 1998, at Brackettville City Hall at 119 W. Spring Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows: One (1) Hydro-Pneumatic Booster Station; placement of new valves in the existing distribution system; and approximately 350 linear feet of 8" water main, including all necessary appurtenances. Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at Brackettville City Hall and can be obtained from Hunter Associates Texas, LTD., 1106 Clayton Lane, Suite #410E, Austin, Texas 78723, (512) 454-8716, upon payment of \$30.00. Payment is NON-REFUNDABLE. Please make checks or money order payable to HUNTER ASSOCIATES, INC. A bid bond in the amount of 5% percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Brackettville or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. Attention is

called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of

their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Attention is called to General Condition 141 "Restrictions on Public Buildings and Public Works Projects." The bidder certifies by the submission of its bid that it: 1. Is not a Contractor of a foreign country included on the USTR list. 2. Has not and will not enter into any subcontract with a subcontractor of a foreign country included on the USTR list. 3. Will not provide any product of a foreign country included on the USTR list. The City of Brackettville reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Brackettville for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award. David Luna, City Manager City of Brackettville

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**BRACKETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** is soliciting proposals for architectural services for an academic building at Brackett High School. Interested parties may request proposal forms from: Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent, P.O. Box 586, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832. (830) 563-2491, ext. 100.

**TRAVEL**

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**RELIGION**

*Frontier Baptist Church*  
**Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor**

Always God's people were taught in the Bible to respect one another and thus treat all mankind. A casual scan of the Lentical law shows how compassionate God taught his people to be toward each other.

With the first Christmas began a revision of God's original position. The coming of Jesus into the world changed the application of love from the negative (don't do this or that) to a positive outlook of do this and do that. He changed the entire concept of life from a system of legalistic do's and don'ts to a concept of life that favors the initiative of doing for Christ and his people.

The scripture says that Jesus was rich. Indeed He is. In final analysis the cattle on a thousand hills are His. They never move beyond His control. All the gold of the world is His. Men and nations may claim ownership but someday they will be gone and the gold will remain in the hands of God, the true owner.

Jesus became poor. Born not in a cradle of gold but a wooden manger. He was not wrapped in royal clothes but in the commonest of swaddling clothes. He was welcomed not by royal attendants of kings but by a band of angels and lowly shepherds. In His life he had only a robe. He had no place to be buried but a borrowed tomb.

He became poor for us so that we might become rich in Him. How much richer can one be than to have a God who promises to always be with, to guarantee He will always meet our needs? How much richer can one be than to know there awaits him a home for eternity, a mansion prepared especially for each of us by Jesus Christ himself? This wealth is ours because Jesus came to be born of a virgin and laid in a manger. How very fateful that first Christmas.

There will be a message from the Bible, "The Cost of Christmas" at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a.m. Come and see.

*First United Methodist Church*  
**Rev. Sheree Harris**

The Lord God commanded us to make a joyful noise, and the angels sang at Jesus' birth. We will obey that command in style this coming Sunday, December 14, during our regular 11:00 a.m. worship service when the "angels" in our choir present our Christmas cantata, "Rejoice in His Coming" by Susan Calloway. This promises to be a special treat for Christ and for us. If you don't already have a church home, please join us.

Voice and musical talent are gifts given to us by our Creator. Our choir, under Betty Inman's direction and accompanied by Cathie Conrey, share their gifts with us each Sunday. I, however, do not share my musical talent - and that is a gift, believe you me! I am one of those people who received somewhere between slight and no musical talent (therefore,

my silence is a blessing unto you and the Lord God). Most of us, however, have received the gift of voice and we too can make a joyful noise.

We can share the glad tidings of God's love in Christ's coming. We can offer a word of hope or compassion. We can share valuable knowledge and lend encouragement.

Through various media, from pen and paper, to compact disks to cyber-space, our world today is cluttered with "white noise," trash, and verbal and literary violence. Our world needs more angel voices - yours and mine.

During this season of Advent as we prepare for Christ's coming, my prayer is that you will hear a joyful noise and that you will make a joyful noise. A great place to start or continue is First Methodist Church this Sunday.

*Gateway Ministries*  
**Pastor Charolette Corey**

The Tour of Lights is a yearly opportunity for people to see how homes have been decorated for the Christmas season.

We love to "ooh" and "aah" at all the beautiful lights. There are even prizes given those who have produced the most outstanding decorations.

The beauty of the shining lights touches something deep within our souls. Our souls crave to be filled with the light of God's love.

We seek the light of God's face (God is light and in Him there is no darkness. 1 John 1:5).

We desire to walk as children of light (Eph. 5:8), that we may have fellowship and be cleansed from all sin through the blood of Jesus.

He, who is the light, shows us the way to live a Godly life, to live in His light and not in the darkness of the world (John 12:46).

We also look forward to seeing the new "Jerusalem descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God: and her was like unto a stone most precious, even

like a jasper stone, clear as crystal (Rev 21:10-11).

As much as we love seeing lights, we are to be lights. In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus tells His disciples "Ye are the light of the world."

You should have the love, truth, and glory of God shining out of you so strongly that you are part of those living stones, a city that "is set upon a hill, which cannot be hid."

When you let your light shine, you are like the bright, crystal city of Jerusalem.

We are to share the things of God even as Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

There it is, to be seen of men so that they glorify the heavenly Father!!

You already have received the "grand prize" -- Jesus! Through Him you are a winner!

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

*Frontier Baptist Church*  
**Pastor William P. Adams Sr.**

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that

fear him, and delivereth them.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Oh, fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Psalms 34: 1-10, 15, 17 Praise the Lord!

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