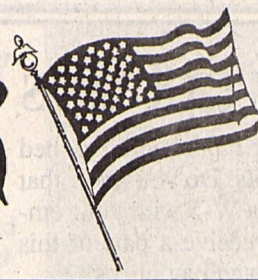


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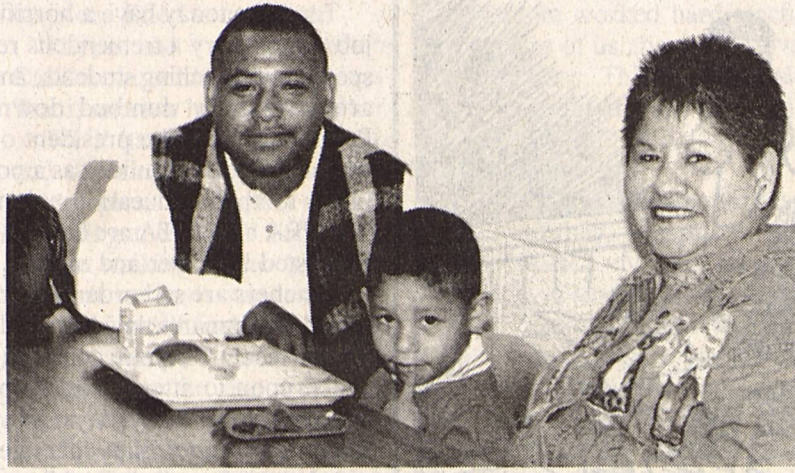


Happy Thanksgiving

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Trevor Clementz (center), a 5-year-old pre-kindergarten student at Jones Elementary School, enjoys a turkey dinner Friday with his father, Steve (left), and grandmother, Rachel. Brackett ISD invited family members to join students during lunch time for its annual Thanksgiving meal. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Fort Clark Springs agrees to lease Las Moras Restaurant

Fort Clark Springs has agreed to lease Las Moras Restaurant in an attempt to avoid additional expenses.

The association has agreed to an annual lease with option to renew with Juan Perez. The agreement took effect at the beginning of the month and the lease was finalized last week.

"We have felt through the years that the history of the restaurant and the cost of operations clearly indicated that another approach needed to be taken to relieve the cost of operations from the Fort Clark Springs Association budget," said Jim Heath, general manager.

"It seemed logical that if a landlord-tenant arrangement could be made with a suitable party, then our objectives could be reached by obtaining the restaurant's food services on the Fort and eliminating the expenditures which the Fort has historically carried.

"We were able to accomplish this by entering a lease agreement with Mr. Perez, who is a resident member of Fort Clark and has experience in food service," he added.

The lease agreement includes Las Moras Restaurant, the Snack Bar at the golf course, and the Duck Inn at the swim park.

"We have felt through the years that the history of the restaurant and the cost of operations clearly indicated that another approach needed to be taken to relieve the cost of operations from the (FCSA) budget."

Jim Heath

"It is important to mention that the success of keeping the restaurant open will depend mainly on the volume of support through customers frequenting the restaurant," Heath said.

"While everyone in general agrees that we should have the restaurant remain open, an increase in the number of customers will have to occur to ensure that Las Moras Restaurant will in fact remain open."

Ralph Fuentes will manage the restaurant and Snack Bar, in addition to Las Moras Inn, the Fort's bar which is housed in the same building as the restaurant.

"Due to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission regulations, the



A mariachi band performed Friday at the grand opening of the Las Moras Restaurant. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Las Moras Inn will remain under FCSA operations with Ralph Fuentes serving as its manager," Heath said.

Heath said it was important to reduce Fort Clark's expenses in providing food services.

"FCSA will not be responsible

for any expenses other than the normal costs that would occur had the restaurant closed. These include property taxes, building liability insurance and major maintenance associated with the FCSA property. No cash subsidy is being provided for the restaurant."

Fort's Historical Society awarded \$10,000 grant

The Fort Clark Historical Society has received a \$10,000, one-to-one matching grant from the Brown Foundation of Houston.

The grant money will be applied towards the first phase of the Historical Society's historic building renovation program, which includes replacing the deteriorated siding on the Service Club at Fort Clark.

It is anticipated that the matching funds will come from gifts from members and friends of the Historical Society, and from funds available to the Fort Clark Springs Association, according to Frank Cheaney, president of the Historical Society.

Cheaney said that funds will still be needed for the next phase of the restoration project, which is repairing and renovating the Post Theater.

Work on the Service Club will begin as soon as bids can be obtained and a contractor selected, he said.

"This grant award is highly significant to the preservation of historic Fort Clark in that it is the first grant ever known to be received," Cheaney said. "All previous restoration and renovation of Fort Clark's historic buildings has been done with private funds."



Construction crews finish pouring the slab for Brackett ISD's new academic wing. The workers began the project at 3 a.m. last Thursday. Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said it took an estimated 350 to 400 yards of cement to complete the slab. The framing for the building will be steel in a prefabricated frame that is expected to be put in this week. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Officials authorize more warning signs on border

AUSTIN - To help drivers heed Mexican law and avoid jail time, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will begin installing additional signs along the border warning travelers about carrying firearms into Mexico.

After Thursday's approval by the Texas Transportation Commission, TxDOT will proceed with plans to spend about \$600,000 to install more than 50 signs at border crossings from El Paso to Brownsville.

The new signs come on the heels of a recent increase in Americans who have been jailed in Mexico for breaking the country's law on bringing weapons or bullets into the country. The signs will remind Americans it is illegal to carry firearms or ammunition into Mexico.

"If Texans choose to travel in Mexico, they must comply with Mexican laws pertaining to firearms and ammunition, including any that may be used for hunting."

Alberto R. Gonzales

"If Texans choose to travel in Mexico, they must comply with Mexican laws pertaining to firearms and ammunition, including any that may be used for hunting," Secretary of State Alberto R. Gonzales said.

"On behalf of the governor, I commend the Texas Department of Transportation for approving funding for the new signs. These signs should greatly aid our effort to educate Texans about Mexican firearm laws," he added.

No date has been set to erect the signs, but TxDOT will hire a contractor to construct them as soon as possible.

TxDOT officials say the signs will be placed to give motorists an opportunity to turn around before they enter Mexico.

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PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Arts Council's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes set for Dec. 13

This year's Kinney County Arts Council's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes will feature four homes displaying their Christmas decor.

The Kinney County homes will be open on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Four homes are identified on Colony Row, Crockett Road and Bowie Street by eye-catching Christmas trees made of wood, which were designed and painted by Wylie Simmons of Fort Clark.

For a preview regarding the homes to be toured, The Brackett News is summarizing a capsule peek into the individual history and characteristics of each abode. This week features are the Wainwright House and the Shanahan home.

The Shanahan dwelling was one of eight designed and constructed in 1874 to accommodate officers' families.

The houses closely resemble

those on other government posts during the time period, reflecting an evolutionary adaptation of military edifices suited to local construction materials and the regional climate.

The house consists of eight rooms, two baths, two fireplaces, and a 55-foot front porch. The Shanahan's interest in history and older houses led to their acquisition of the property in 1996.

Michael Shanahan is a flight instructor and his wife, Catherine, is a medical doctor. Both are serving at Laughlin Air Base in Del Rio. Their children, Patrick, 3, and Emily, 1, will experience happy memories in a home with spacious rooms decorated in the traditional theme.

During the tour, Patrick will be making and baking cookies, while Emily will be around to take in the excitement of the season.

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The Shanahan house is one of four homes to be featured in the Kinney County Arts Council's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes on Dec. 13. The house was one of eight designed and constructed in 1874 to accommodate officers' families. Photo Special to The Brackett News

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County employees very professional

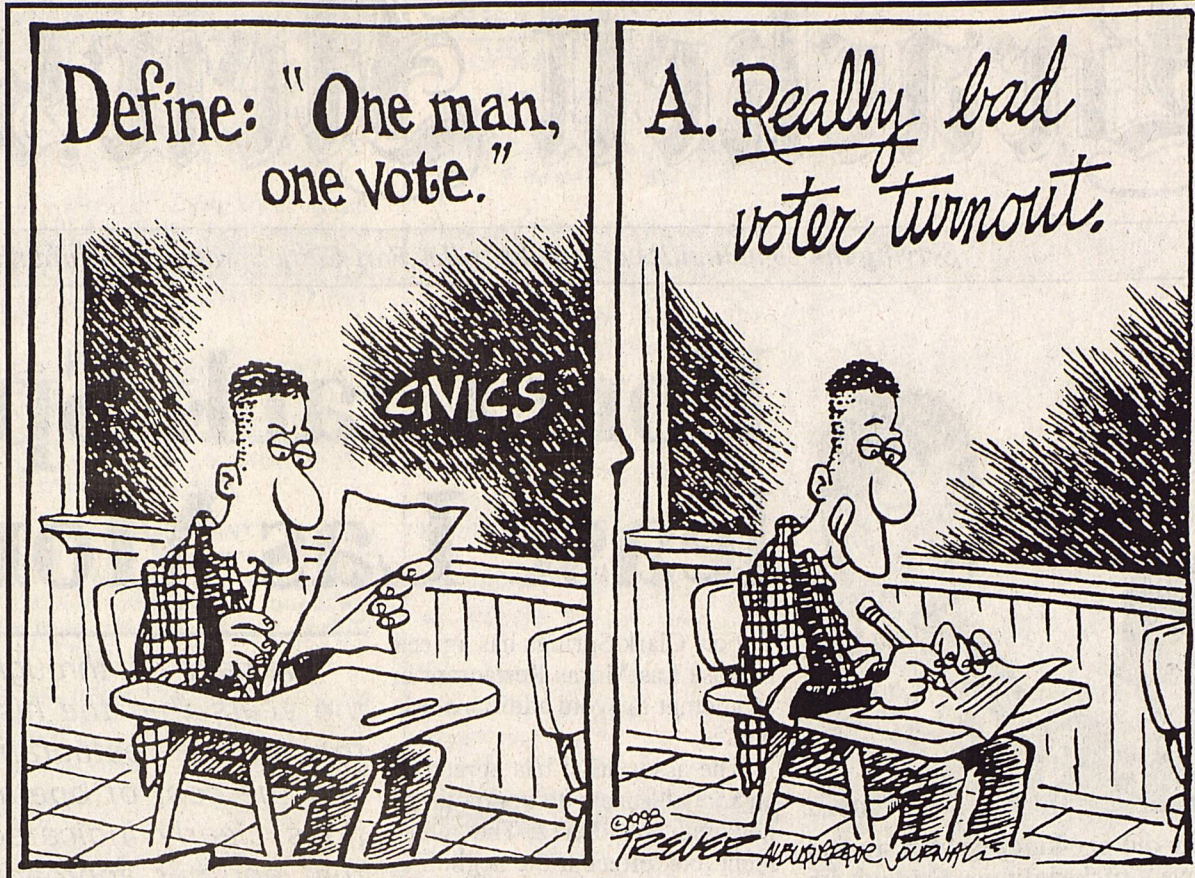
Just wanted to comment on the friendliness encountered during a recent visit to your town. My family and I were there doing some genealogical research on my great-grandparents and great-great-grandparents who resided in Brackettville in the late 1800s. Sylvia, (at the county clerk's office), Ms. Terrazas and Ms. Cervantes (at the public library) were very professional, helpful and courteous. These three ladies represented your community very well and I feel they deserve this recognition. Edward A. Garcia

Express your views with a letter to the editor

New tax tips

Last week I touched on earned income credits. Do you know that you can file a W-5 with your employer and receive a part of this credit with each pay check? That way, you won't have to wait until you get your W-2 to file and pay a big fat fee to get your refund fast. You can now withdraw from your IRA without being 59 1/2 and without paying the 10 percent penalty to make a down payment on a home if you haven't owned one for at least two years or to pay for college expenses. You still owe the income tax, but not the penalty. Also new are several new credits for higher education (college) expenses. You may now be able to deduct student loan interest as a direct deduction without actually itemizing Schedule A deductions. All kind of restrictions apply to qualify.

Roland Boysen



Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

A very important segment of our community is much under-appreciated. No sane person would want to do away with schools, but without teachers there would be no schools. Teachers today have a horrific job. They carry a tremendous responsibility teaching students, and are constantly dumbed down. Politicians from the president on up use the education idea as a political football. Education unions like NEA and TSTA are basically interested in power and money. Teachers are so burdened with logistic nightmares they have little time to teach. They are constantly called upon to attend workshops and thus lose many days away from teaching. They are demanded to focus on TAAS and other wasteful political games so they have little time to teach.

The teaching philosophy changes emphasis so often teachers hardly know which way to go.

At one time, emphasis was on the "new math" so we had a school generation that could not multiply 2 times 2. Now the emphasis is on reading. Great sums of money are thrown around to improve reading. Large sums of money are delegated as bonuses and perks for reading teachers.

Teachers are rewarded in many cases for good performance by students, while poor performance of students is blamed on the teacher. No recognition is given to the fact that there are many factors involved in evaluating the students.

We are constantly bombarded with the idea that teachers are responsible for a faulty education system. For decades, students finished high school able to read, write and "figure" because the teachers were allowed to teach and were not burdened with bureaucratic boondoggles.

When a teacher finishes his education and has a teaching certificate, he should have total respect and be allowed to teach without bureaucratic shackles and disparaging and debasing practices. Surely, every teacher is an Unsung Hero.

Starr provides solid case in impeachment hearings

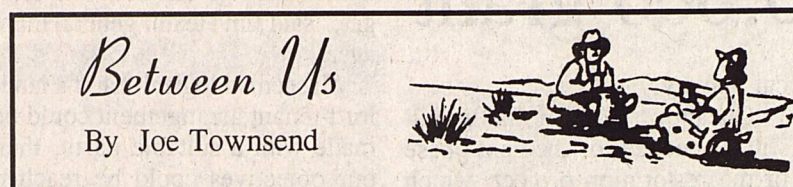
I watched the committee hearing on the impeachment proceedings with Ken Starr as witness.

It was exactly what I expected. Ken Starr made an open and shut case proving in detail that Clinton committed perjury, tried to get others to commit perjury and abused the office of the president.

Those who attacked him did not even touch on the facts and charges, but attacked him personally. Without exception, they were abusive and vitriolic. They abused the chairman and they abused the rules of procedure. They were rude and totally inconsiderate.

They made it clear they did not want to talk about the facts, they wanted to debate the special council. They were so base in their actions I was embarrassed to think they were a part of my government.

One of the worst was Clinton's attorney. Time after time he was proven a liar. He kept demanding more time. One of the problems was chairman Hyde was too le-



Between Us

By Joe Townsend

The contrast between the behavior of the Republicans and Democrats on the committee was startling.

It's too much to expect all U.S. representatives to act like ladies and gentlemen. but they should be. Yet, before a nationwide audience, some of these showed themselves to be utterly lacking in honesty and integrity.

I guess the old adage, "Birds of a feather flock together" proved true in this case. They proved themselves to be Clintonesque in the practice "If you don't like the message kill the messenger."

If Clinton remains in office, it won't be because he's not guilty, but because politicians are so lacking in character they condone the lack of character in others.

Winter Thoughts

By Dave Crowe

When I was a lad of maybe 10, I'd go into the woods with my dad and the other men. With axes and saws to cut the winter wood. I wasn't a lot of help, but I did what I could. We cut wood to burn and some to sell. The folks in town needed winter wood as well. Some we traded for winter hay and some we just plain gave away. Some to the church and some to the school, some to old folks, widows and fools. We didn't have a super market in my home town. We had a small general store, where most things could be found. We ate purty good just the same, God provided us with an abundance of game. Venison steaks and rabbit stew, we were poor as could be, but we always made do. A wild turkey come Thanksgiving time. A feast fit for a king, we were rich, we didn't have a dime. On our Christmas table was usually a goose and food stuffs galore. There was always a knock or two upon our door. Folks came to visit from miles around, some country folks and others from town. Just a few memories I wanted to share, while I'm still young enough to care.

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But I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall

Thanksgiving

We all need to be thankful every day. Thank God for all of the rich blessings that are ours to enjoy.

This week I want us to go out of our way to tell 10 people (each day) "thank you." Thank somebody for something. Thank anybody. Thank everybody.

Thank someone for fixing your meal. Say thank you to the mechanic for fixing your car. If you can't think of anyone else to thank, then thank me for reminding others to thank you for all of the nice things you've done! And if you get a "thank you," then you have to pass one more along as an extra.

Think about it. I know there are a lot of folks we need to thank. And certainly thank that special someone for the love that has been given and shown since last Thanksgiving (you did remember to say thanks last year didn't you?).

Always remember that love is the greatest gift of all. And probably the least thanked for. But I could be wrong.

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Thanksgiving is America's national day for giving thanks for the blessings we have received. It's a happy holiday that centers around families and our homes.

It's a day of the year when Americans travel the most! Air terminals and the nation's highways are filled to capacity.

Phyllis and I are in northern California with our daughter, Traci, and her husband, Nathan.

We'll have a day with turkey and dressing and pumpkin and cherry pies, interrupted only by football games. We'll also try our hand at walking off the extra calories that we have consumed.

I think we'll find the Cowboys on the satellite, but we may have to settle for the San Francisco 49ers. We won't give up without an all out search.

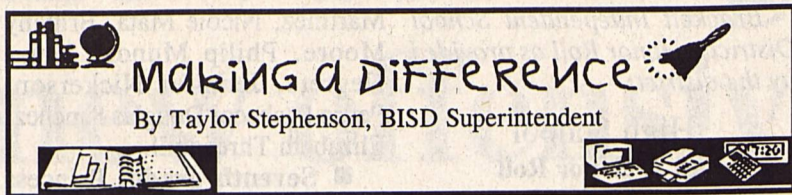
Most of all, our day will be to enjoy great food, to think about family and Thanksgivings past, and to enjoy each other.

May your holiday be filled with love and happiness. Give thanks to God for all that you have been given.

I want to recount two Thanksgivings memories for you in hopes that you'll think about some of your own memories.

In San Antonio, we were a poor family with five children who struggled to make ends meet on regular days, much less on holidays.

My dad worked hard, but the times were tough. I don't know what it took to feed a family of five kids. I do know it took most all that I made to feed, clothe and



educate a family of two.

My mom worked hard teaching the five of us about life, love and happiness. This kind lady always had raised baby turkeys. Most didn't make it, but my mom never quit trying.

I don't know why the turkeys had a hard time. We always had clabber, which my mom thought kept turkeys strong and healthy.

One Thanksgiving Day, when I was in junior high, there was no food of any kind in the house. Our last turkey meandered across Main Street in the heart of South San Antonio. The turkey didn't make it to the other side (at least this is my dad's story. My mom believed the story. So did all the kids!).

The Stephensons had a fine family turkey dinner that Thanksgiving because of the turkey that a passing automobile gently bumped (enough to convince my mom that the turkey was DOA).

To this day, I still wonder if the turkey's last moments were as my dad described them. He said, the turkey was run over ... no internal damage ... he grabbed the turkey from the street before other vehicles ran over it. What do you think?

The next memory is more poignant. My dad had been a stroke victim and had not talked for a

month. It was Thanksgiving Day 1995.

My wife and I decided to have an international Thanksgiving that year. It was a year when we celebrated Thanksgiving by eating at Ma Crosbys in Ciudad Acuna. Driving to Del Rio, I asked to stop at the hospital so I might see my dad.

Please remember that my dad had not been able to speak a word for the past 30 days because of the damage caused by the stroke.

When I walked into the hospital room, I expected to see my dad in the hospital bed. I expected to hear nothing.

"Hi Bubba!" he said.

"Dad, you can talk?"

He shook his head and smiled. I ran looking for my dad's nurse. She told me that he woke up and started to talk Thanksgiving morning.

What a thrill, to hear your dad's voice when you thought that you would never hear it again.

I don't know what miracle took me to Del Rio that morning, but my dad never said another word. The miracle of this Thanksgiving will always be my best memory.

My dad passed away a week later. I'll always remember those last words. As I shut my eyes, I can hear them now, "Hi Bubba!"

My family has had Thanksgiv-

ing memories. We have established family traditions.

This Thanksgiving, I'm proud to be an American who lives with his family and friends in this greatest of all nations. Our country has come a long way. I believe in our democracy and in our way of life. I believe in our representative form of government.

In 1998, I choose to thank God for a government that cares about its people. We're free to worship as we please because of those early pilgrim days and because of folks who have fought to keep democracy alive. God Bless America! Give God thanks for living in the USA.

At school, we fed about 750 kids and parents Friday. We had 169 guests. Parents and children hugged, smiled and were happy to be with each other.

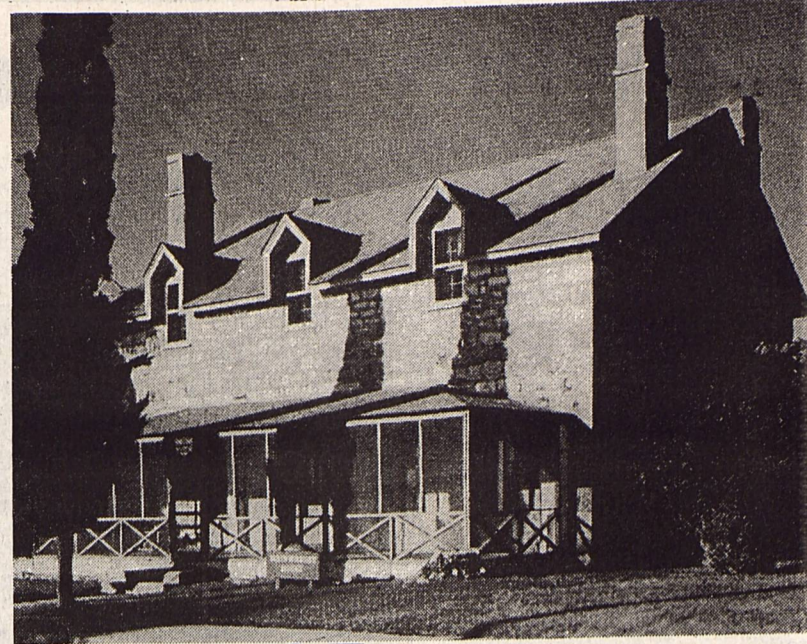
The dinner was a traditional one: turkey, dressing, pumpkin pie and all the trimmings.

Honey Bee Gomez and the cafeteria staff did a grand job with the meal. BISD's custodial staff set up the tables and chairs for the extra folks.

We had two volunteers who worked in the cafeteria so that others could be with their children - Amanda Mulvaine and Mary Campos.

David Yeager and I were reminiscing about the day. He said he and his wife, Leslie, said this great day could only happen in a small school that cared.

Happy Thanksgiving! Have a great week. Remember Christmas is four weeks away!



Wainwright House is one of four homes to be featured in the Kinney County Arts Council's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes on Dec. 13. Photo Special to The Brackett News

Tour to feature the Wainwright House

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The Wainwright House is included in the tour through the generosity of the present owners from Barber's Hill, Dr. and Mrs. James Moore. Peter Pohl maintains the house.

The commanding officer's house was built by U.S. Army engineers in 1873-74 and housed many famous commanders, including Col. Ranald McKenzie and Gen. Johnathan M. Wainwright.

The architectural features are a wood frame porch and central entry. Included in the rooms to the

left of the entryway are the living, dining, butler's pantry, and the kitchen. The rooms to the right are the John Wayne room, a bedroom and bath. Wayne lived in the Wainwright House during the filming of "The Alamo."

The downstairs rooms will be decorated in various Christmas themes provided by Nelda Archer, Melissa Davis, Marla Madrid, Mary Meek, Sondra Meil, Lynn McNew, Rozetta Pingent and Beth Ann Smith.

Helen Peck will supervise the "Butler's Pantry," where special bake goods will be on sale. Tickets for the tour are \$5.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, Nov. 16
4:55 p.m., Michael Woodard Clements, 41, of Brackettville was arrested by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess and charged with driving while intoxicated, second offense. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Clements was released the same day on a \$1,000 personal recognizance bond.

Tuesday, Nov. 17
8:01 a.m., A Texas Department of Transportation employee reported an accident involving a horse trailer. The accident occurred one mile from the Sycamore bridge. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was dispatched to the scene. No injuries were reported.

5:35 p.m., Gilbert Sosa, 21, of Fort Worth was arrested on outstanding DPS warrants by DPS Trooper L.D. Whitton. Sosa was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

Friday, Nov. 20
7:50 p.m., A Smith Security officer requested that a deputy sheriff meet with a woman who found a burned dog in Eagle Pass. After officials were unable to locate the city's animal control officer, Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene. The woman said she would take care of the animal.

11:45 p.m., A Border Patrol agent initiated a traffic stop on Highway 334. A computer check revealed that the driver of the vehicle, Fernando Rosas Jr., was

wanted on outstanding DPS warrants out of Lubbock County. Rosas was transported to the Kinney County Sheriff's Department. The 26-year-old Plainview man was arrested by Deputy Guidry and booked into the Kinney County Jail. Rosas was released the same day after paying a \$1,345 fine.

Saturday, Nov. 21
12:08 p.m., A motorist called 911 to report that he had car trouble. He requested that a wrecker be sent to the location. Officials contacted a wrecker service and notified them of the situation.

3:39 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that her daughter and two friends were followed by three men in a Champagne-colored truck while walking to Super S Foods. The girls went inside the store, but said the truck was following them everywhere. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the 600 block of N. Fort Street. He said the situation was under control.

7:18 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported loud music coming from behind the school campus. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene.

11:00 p.m., Kenneth Carl Roberts Jr., 37, of Hondo was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley and charged with public intoxication. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Roberts was released

the following day after paying a \$150 fine and credited time served.

Sunday, Nov. 22
2:19 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a bunch of guys were going to start fighting near her residence on E. Edwards Street. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene where he found approximately 25 to 30 men, women and children standing around. He spoke to a woman who said somebody had pushed her, but she did not know who it was. Deputy Chism shut down the party and sent everyone home.

2:58 a.m., Andres Martinez Jr., 17, of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Ashley and charged with public intoxication and minor in possession of alcohol. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Martinez was released the following day after being sentenced to 56 hours of community service.

3:00 a.m., Evalio Salazar, 19, of Eagle Pass was arrested by Trooper Ashley and charged with public intoxication and minor in possession of alcohol. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Salazar was released the following day after being sentenced to 56 hours of community service.

1:01 p.m., Trooper Wylie requested a wrecker on Highway 90 East, between the city limits and Fritter Park, to transport a pickup truck that was broke down.

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Cowboy poet performs at Rotary Club meeting

By Patsy Callnan
Contributing Writer

Alamo Village cowboy poet Dave Crowe entertained the Brackettville Rotary Club Thursday at the group's weekly luncheon.

Crowe's first recitation was a poem about an old, tattered American flag flying over the courthouse in a small West Texas town.

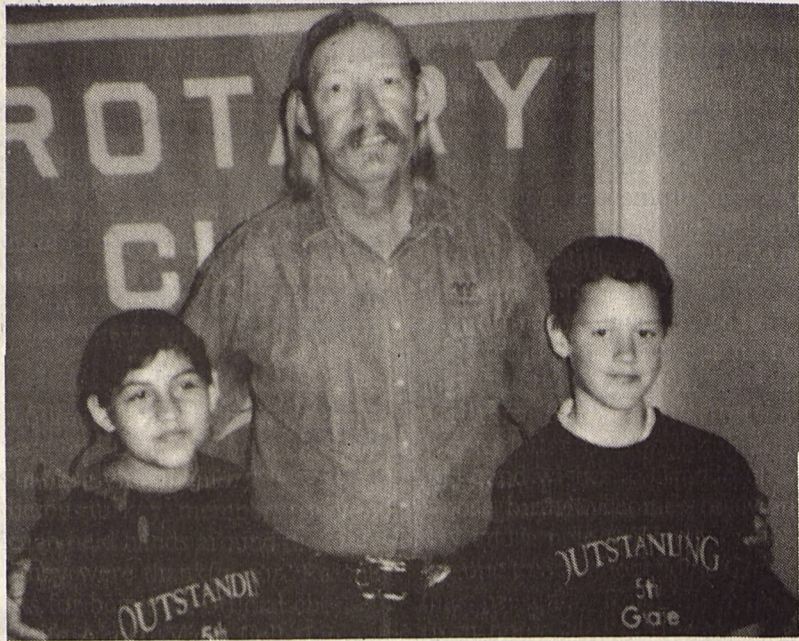
It seems that a stranger stopped in front of the courthouse and asked an old man who was sitting on a bench, "Why on earth does your town have that old, dirty, tattered flag flying from the courthouse? Don't you have any pride in your community?"

The old man thought for a while and then he answered, "That ragged old flag has been many places in our country's history.

"It was with Washington when he crossed the Potomac, it flew over a fort during a battle and Francis Scott Key observed and wrote a poem about it. It survived the war between the states, it has flown over our troops in WW I and WW II. It has been all the way to Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf.

"Thousands have shed their blood for that flag. There have been times it has been burned, stomped and spit upon. The reason why we fly that 'old, dirty, tattered flag is because we are proud of it and it is the way we show our respect for it."

Crowe also recited a poem that reminded him of Happy Shahan. There was a poem about "Purt Near Perkins" who rescued his



Guests at last week's Rotary Club meeting included cowboy poet Dave Crowe (center) and outstanding fifth grade students Lillian Hernandez (left) and Steven Jackson. Photo by Eric McMaster

boss, old Tom, when he "purt near got hung."

There was an amusing little story about what a ranch hand would do if he won the lottery.

First, he would buy two pickup trucks - one old beatup blue pickup for the boss and a brand new red pickup for himself. He would supervise the boss digging holes for fence posts and he would take the boss out for supper. The boss would get a hamburger and he would get a great big steak.

The last poem was about an old rancher who had never been to the big city. He had a small ranch, a wife and 10 kids, and just never had time to go to town.

One day, his oldest son came to the ranch and took his father

into the city. The old rancher was very impressed by the traffic jams, the big stores and tall buildings. The most outstanding sight was the lobby of the hotel where he and his son were to spend the night.

While his son was checking in, the rancher watched as two doors of an elevator opened up in one wall. A middle aged, overweight woman stepped in and the doors closed.

He watched as a large arrow above the doors went slowly over and back to the starting point. The door opened again and out stepped a lovely slender young lady.

At that moment, his son came up and asked him how he liked the hotel.

"It's really something," the old man said. "Next time, I'm bringing your Ma and we're going to run her through that thing."

Also during last week's meeting, the Rotary Club honored Jones Elementary School students Lillian Hernandez and Steven Jackson, who were named the outstanding fifth grade students of the month.

Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 12th from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882, the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

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

Friday, Nov. 26, 1886
Drilled as usual this morning. Mail had letter and papers from home for me. Played several games of tennis this morning after spending a short time up at Capt. Vance's. In the afternoon cleaned blouse, read papers from home and wrote a letter to Mr. Terrell of San Antonio to thank him for his action in regard to the taxes on our land. Had usual dress parade. In the evening escorted Mrs. Williams to Capt. Vance's where a meeting was held to reorganize the Cercle Francais of last year. Made all arrangements which if fully carried out {ought} to give us quite a successful club. Hope we can learn to speak the language. After tattoo Maj. Wilcox came into my quarters and we played several games of cribbage, he beating me a little. Am for guard tomorrow.

Saturday, Nov. 27, 1886
Marched on guard this morning. Mail brought a letter from the Military Service Institution. Wrote letter of congratulations and good wishes to Grandmother whose birthday comes on Monday and a note to Henry enclosing one to Sue about some Christmas presents. Read the papers from home also during the day. After dinner dozed for a while and then read "Elsie Venner" until nearly two o'clock. Officer of the Day inspected soon after midnight.

Brackett Independent School District's Honor Roll as provided by the district:

High School

All A Honor Roll

■ **Seniors:** Lindsey Brotherton, Colby Crosby, Amanda Petrosky, Aaron Taylor.

■ **Juniors:** Jamie Bader, Laura Lee Ballew, James Burks, Zachry Davis, Jacob Hughes, Jerritt Meeks.

■ **Sophomores:** Schiller Hill.

■ **Freshmen:** Michelle Bizzell, Lloyd Lee Davis, Susannah Davis, Erica Gloria, Stephanie Gomez, Duquesa Hunt, Amanda Ward.

A-B Honor Roll

■ **Seniors:** Jennifer Ashabranner, Sonya Correa, David Honstein, Jessica Jaso, Patricia Lopez, Amanda Orozco, Brent Smith.

■ **Juniors:** Alexandra Arreola, Tara Eckenrod, Tiffany Eckenrod, Daniel Hernandez, Cindy Jennings, Sunni Jones, Michelle Melancon, Seth Moore, Joshua Mulvaine, Donald Page, Latoya Wright.

■ **Sophomores:** Michelle Clements, April Crumley, Kayla Cruz, Carissa De los Santos, Sophia Martinez, Leslie Meyer, Brittany Shewbart, John Wylie.

■ **Freshmen:** Levi Duncan, Sarah Gammill, Charles Gomez, Migdalia Gonzales, Candice Ingram, Michelle Kiser, Erica Meyer, Rodolfo Ramirez, Isela Ramon, Juan Rivas, Ira Sandoval, Ana Talamantez, Brandi Wilson.

Middle School

All A Honor Roll

■ **Eighth grade:** Valerie Gunter, Maria Martinez, Megan McWilliams, Coshena Meyer.

■ **Seventh grade:** Elizabeth Ballew, Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Matthew Jackson, Sarah Meyer, Sabrina Silver, Ashley Smith.

■ **Sixth grade:** Juliann Ashabranner.

A-B Honor Roll

■ **Eighth grade:** Ashley Antoine, Celina Cano, William Clements, Amanda Cruz, Pedro Del Carmen, Jared Hobbs, April

Martinez, Nicole Mata, Brittany Moore, Philip Munoz, Laura Negrete, Jennifer Nickerson, Pedro Pacheco, Douglas Sanchez, Elizabeth Threadgill.

■ **Seventh grade:** Princess Benites, Stephanie Coronado, Nancy Hill, Allison LaMascus, Emily Petrosky, Ashley Thourot.

■ **Sixth grade:** Clarissa Aguirre, Stephanie Bonnor, Tillman Davis, Jaclynn Duncan, Courtney Frerich, Monica Gonzalez, Daniel Gunter, Whitney Hobbs, Robert Looney, Sean Looney, Krisitin Meyer, Divina Pena, Cody Robinette, Oscar Sierra III, Drew Wiersema, Vanessa Williams, Kody Yeager.

Jones Elementary

All A Honor Roll

■ **Fifth grade:** Dana Bonner, Tanya Molinar, Sarah Nickerson, Yasmin Pena, Isabel Rivas.

■ **Fourth grade:** Adan Aguirre, Dolores Cano, Clint Conrad, Robert Davis, Laura Meyer, Israel Muniz, Austin Shewbart, Micheal Stephenson, Kara Yeager.

■ **Third grade:** Bailee Allen, Jesus Balderas, Colter Barajas, Steven Boden, Kevin Bonner, Travis Bonner, Julie Castillo, Meghann Davis, Israel DeHoyos, Marco Duran, Dollie Fernandez, Albert Flores, Marlene Gloria, Alex Gonzalez, Cathy Herman, Daphne Hunt, Mari Juarez, Lane Nowlin, Eduardo Pena, Gustavo Resendez, Manny Rosas, Maria Sanchez, Jesse Scheide, Stephanie Schuster, Ashley Stephenson, Bianca Stewart, Kara Thomas, Anolda Watkins, Rolando Zamora.

■ **Second grade:** Laura Adams, Natalie Aguirre, Ray Aguilar, Summer Allen, Katie

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Bridge Club attracts five and a half tables

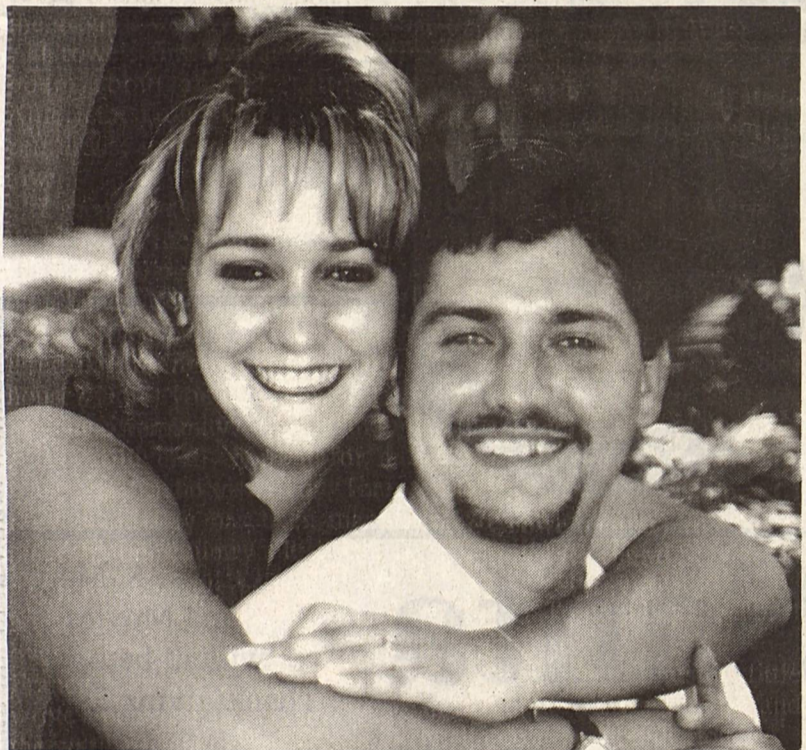
The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday with five and a half tables playing the Mitchell movement at the Adult Center.

Mac and Marie McCandless won first place in the north-south division, while James and Flo

Stafford were second and Vern and Betty Ebert finished third.

In the east-west division, Mylo Unru and Diane Daniels took first place, Bob Barnett and Joyce Bell were second, and Gertie Trautwein and Joan Strothers were third.

Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel G. Everitt and Mr. William D. Hatley of Irving, Texas announce the engagement of their daughter, Brannan Tene to Bryon Denny, the son of Mrs. Sheila D. Denny and the late Mr. Paul D. Denny Sr. of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The nuptials will take place Saturday, the 19th of December, 1998, Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville, Texas.

Sorority News

Beta Epsilon Omicron celebrates holiday

The Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi celebrated Thanksgiving with a delicious potluck supper hosted by President Betty Mathison in the Gorgas Room.

Members shared a scrumptious assortment including jumbo pasta shells filled with cheese and tomato sauce, a meat and cheese tray, vegetable tray, tuna salad sandwiches, oriental coleslaw, with desserts of English trifle cake, coconut cake, and Mathison's famous pumpkin cake. The program, "being thankful," gave members opportunities to share all the many blessings they have received and wonderful experiences they have had this past year.

Congratulations to Hazel Ivey for being published in Beta Sigma Phi's latest cookbook titled "Women of Good Taste."

Members present were Ivey, Mathison, Dee Curry, Elizabeth Goebel, Opal Groce, Marla Madrid, Pam Melancon, Barbara Miller, Jan Peck and Evelyn Whitely, and guest Tanya McClure.

Sorority hosts annual Thanksgiving dinner

The Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Monday evening at Slater Hall for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The social committee decorated the hall with the Thanksgiving theme.

While Gil Raymer cooked the delicious turkey, members prepared the rest of the meal. Before eating, each held hands around the tables and gave a brief statement of what they were thankful for. Raymer was awarded a chef's apron and mitts for being the official chef.

Attending were Raymer and his wife Alicia, Vicki Bell, Jan and Karl Chism, Nancy and Tony Frerich, Marge Geeze, Luella and Dwise Gilliland, Doraline and Ken Kellar, Jean and Phil Land, Clara and Allen McCord, Lynn and Tom McNew, Molly Schroeder, Mylo and Dale Unruh, and Bobbie and Pack Waddill, with guests Arlis and Jack Simpson and Jean and Stan Somers.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his descendants

Sunday, Nov. 28, 1886

Cunningham relieved me this morning. Mail had nothing for me. Wrote a portion of home letter before lunch and after this meal went up to Capt. Vance's a while. Completed letter home and commenced one to Lula before retreat. Attended service as usual in the evening singing in the choir. We did not have any voluntary prepared. Escorted Miss Coleman home and joined some others in practicing songs there.

Monday, Nov. 29, 1886

Attended drill with "B" Co. this morning to command the second platoon when the company went for the colors. Mail had nothing but a paper as an advertisement for me. Read the papers in the Library a while this morning and then went to the guard house to meet on a court but Maj. Morris was absent. The court met after lunch and disposed of several cases. Dr. Harris came in for a while after the meeting of the court. Then completed letter to Lula and made out pay accounts and prepared them to be sent to San Antonio tonight. Had usual dress parade. After dinner called on Mrs. Guard, on Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Eckerson. Miss Coleman was not at home at Gen. Smith's. Mrs. Eckerson has a new piano and played some for me. Got a book of music and went up to Mrs. Cunningham's to practice a piece. Tried it once or twice with Miss Coleman who was there. Miss Jordan came in with her parents to call and I soon had to leave. Changed clothes and then went with Dr. Harris to sit up with Mr. Kinney who is quite sick. Up to midnight he was quiet and took two or three naps.

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1886

About two o'clock Mr. Kinney became restless and insisted upon getting up. The doctor could not control him and sent me for Steele. Before my return the ladies had come in and soon he went back to bed and seemed more rational. Mail had a letter from home for me. After breakfast went up to Capt. Hall's to see Hewitt who looks stouter and better than ever before. Had only a short chat with him. He has had a splendid trip. Usual monthly inspection took place in full dress. Attended like yesterday with "B" Co. to escort the colors. It was quite warm today and the perspiration came out freely during the review. Wrote a short letter to Henry Freeman after lunch. This morning carried some books to different members of the Cercle Francais and told them the name of the piece to be read Friday evening. Went to Capt. Vance's a while after lunch. At four o'clock, the quartette met at Mrs. Cunningham's and had a short practice. In the evening she had the second of her informal receptions which was as well attended and as enjoyable as last week. The quartette sang but we did not do well for lack of practice. Some of the younger folks remained to dance but I felt sleepy and withdrew. Ordered a sword knot from Shannon Miller & Crane today.

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1886

The last month of the year. Had usual drill this morning contrary to our expectations as we thought drills would stop today. Mail brought a letter from Lula and one from Beckie Rhoads acknowledging my photograph. Looked over



the papers in the Library a while this morning and then commenced letter home. Completed letter after lunch and took a bath before retreat. Had usual promenade concert to which escorted Miss Coleman. After it was over a few of us met at Miss Jordan's for a little supper which was followed by some music. Would have enjoyed it more if we had not stayed so long but could not get away sooner on account of Miss Coleman whom escorted home.

Thursday, Dec. 2, 1886

No drill on account of rain. Mail brought pay for November, a letter from the Lancaster tailor acknowledging the receipt of my order for an overcoat and a letter from Lula advising me about Christmas presents. Met on a garrison court this morning which occupied a long time. After it was over, helped mark out the tennis court. After lunch paid Commissary and Quartermaster bills and deposited some money at the store. Then worked on tennis court and later played a few games with Guard, Hammond & Harris. In the evening called on the Lesters who was {sic} not at home, on Mrs. Witherell and then sat with Hewitt until tattoo. Read a short time in Henry's book "Abdallah" before retiring.



Just Chatting
J.J. Guidry

Friday the 13th, too hard to forget

It's been almost two weeks since the Brackett Tigers lost their bi-district football game to the Navarro Panthers in Devine.

But the contest - which just happened to be on Friday the 13th - will be etched into the memories of Tiger fans for a long time to come.

It will be the gridiron contest known as the one that got away. A game that had a couple of penalty flags that shouldn't have been thrown, and one that was thrown the wrong way.

The Tigers, who finished with an 8-3 record, did not give up a fourth quarter touchdown throughout the regular season. They gave up one against Navarro that never should have happened.

Brackett was in the process of putting together a beautiful goal-line stand when a pass interference call gave the Panthers a first down at the Tigers' 2-yard line.

On fourth-and-goal from the 5, Navarro quarterback Michael Shehane rolled right for a pass. After avoiding a sack by Tigers defensive back Matthew Smallwood, he lofted the ball to Barry Jaroszewski who was surrounded by black jerseys.

Jaroszewski and the defenders all went up for the pigskin, but the ball fell to the ground. And so did a yellow flag.

The pass interference call set up Shehane's winning 2-yard touchdown and closed the door on the Tigers season.

But after reviewing the game film several times, there is no evidence of pass interference. Brackett coach David Yeager said the call made him want to "throw up."

"When you take the game out of the kids hands, it's a tragic thing," he said. "To me, it was a very bad call. It cost our kids the ball game."

But that call should not have even been a factor in the contest.

Late in the third quarter, Brackett tailback Brent Smith broke loose for a 55-yard run to the Panthers' 19-yard line. But the play was nullified because of a block-in-the-back penalty on the line of scrimmage.

What?

Apparently, the referee who made the call does not know that it is legal to block in the back on the line of scrimmage.

Because of the flag, the Tigers eventually had to punt from deep in their own territory. Had Smith's run counted, Brackett probably would have scored and went up by at least 11 points. After all, the Tigers' offense averaged over 7 yards a play against the Panthers.

But the flag would not have mattered if it hadn't been for a blown call in the second quarter (are you getting the picture yet?). Navarro took a 14-13 lead just before halftime when Shehane threw a 69-yard TD pass to Allan Pringle.

But Pringle was able to catch the ball only after pushing off Smallwood.

The crowd went crazy when the back judge tossed his yellow hankie as Pringle raced to the end zone. But the referee called Smallwood for pass interference and the touchdown counted.

"To me it was a clear indication that they gained the definite advantage by pushing off," Yeager said. "The official said he saw us push off, but I didn't see that."

Neither did I. I cannot ever remember blaming a loss on officiating - in any sport. That is, until Friday the 13th when the 1998 Tigers were eliminated from the playoffs.

Yes, it is hard to forget that night. And it didn't get any easier last weekend when Navarro was only one point shy of making the regional playoffs.

Low scoring spurs new offensive plan

Tigerettes implement triple-post scheme

After averaging only 35.3 points a game in the LaPryor basketball tournament, Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin is stressing offense during workouts over the holiday weekend.

Nowlin is implementing a triple-post offense by moving Jennifer Ashabranner from a wing to a high post.

"We're going to slow our game down a little bit," Nowlin said. "We're going to try to take it inside and use our size."

"Jennifer is 5-foot-10 and her shot is a little off right now, so we're going to bring her inside," he said. "We're going to try to get her higher percentage shots."

Brackett's front court - made up of Ashabranner, Lindsey Brotherton and LaToya Wright - shot 70 percent from the floor Saturday but only scored 16 points as the Tigerettes fell to the LaPryor Lady Bulldogs 55-29 in the third place final at the tournament.

"With LaToya, Jennifer and Lindsey down inside, I think it will be tough for teams to match up with us," Nowlin said.

Brackett hosted LaPryor on Tuesday, but results were not available at press-time.

The Tigerettes will face the Comstock Lady Panthers on the road Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Brackett's junior varsity de-

feated Comstock in the consolation championship Saturday at the LaPryor tourney.

Nowlin said senior Patty Lopez was expected to suit up Tuesday, adding depth to the Tigerettes' backcourt.

Lopez, who averaged nine points and six rebounds last season, did not come out at the beginning of the season because of her singing career. She has made up the practices that she has missed through extra running.

"Patty wants to see if she can divide her time between singing and basketball," Nowlin said. "I told her we can be flexible and work with her. We're tickled to death to have her back."



Brackett guard Stephanie Terrazas (22) goes around LaPryor's Angie Muniz (10) for a layup as Lindsey Brotherton (40) looks on. The Tigerettes scored only 29 points against the Lady Bulldogs on Saturday. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Tigers look to rebound from opening season loss

The Comstock Panthers put together a nine-point run in the second quarter and held on for a 62-46 win over the Brackett Tigers Friday night in the season opener for both basketball teams.

"I was real happy," Brackett coach Jimmy Thomas said. "With only two days of practice, we came out and played pretty well."

The Tigers will get another shot at the Panthers Tuesday as they travel to Comstock for an 8:00 contest.

The Panthers were up 21-15 Friday before scoring nine-straight to take a 15-point advantage. Ponchi Jimenez capped the spurt as he scored on a layup with 4:02 left in the first half to put Comstock up 30-15.

"I thought we pressed pretty well," Panthers coach Jim Anderson said. "We put a lot of pressure on them and I don't think they were expecting it."

Jimenez finished the contest with 33 points on 13-of-21 shooting. He also had nine rebounds.

"We didn't play very well in the second quarter and they shot real well," Thomas said. "We got a little frustrated on offense."

The Tigers went on a 9-2 run in the second half. Matthew Smallwood grabbed a steal and scored on a layup with 7:27 remaining in the game as Brackett pulled within eight at 47-39.

Smallwood finished with 13 points, four assists and four steals to pace the Tigers.

"His shot was a little rusty, but he played pretty well," Thomas said. "He didn't try to force it. He took some good shots."

Brackett out-rebounded Comstock 44-34. Coty Williams pulled down a game-high 11 boards for the Tigers and Steven Hagler had 10.

"We did a real good job on the boards," Thomas said. "We have a long way to go as far as putting bodies on people. We gave them too many easy baskets underneath."

Anderson said Brackett's height advantage may be the difference on Tuesday.

"When we play Brackett again, they're going to know what we're going to be doing so it will be a tougher game," he said.

"Underneath, Brackett's height and size might make the difference next time. We're going to have to definitely block out and pack it in on our zone."

OUTDOORS

Motorists should keep eyes open for animals

Last week, I talked about watching out for deer when traveling the area roads.

Deer are not the only thing to watch out for when traveling. You may come across hogs, cattle or exotics, and all of them can do major damage to you and your vehicle.

This week, I want to pass on an Associated Press story that ran in the San Antonio Express-News a couple of years ago relating one person's problems with hitting a deer - well, actually two of them and they were moose:

ISLAND POINT, Vt. - Michael O'Keefe had what could

A Little On The Wildlife Side

By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden

be called a bad moose day.

The 44-year-old machine operator felt lucky to escape with only a few scratches after two moose-related traffic accidents in one day.

It began when he was driven to work by an uncle and his car slammed into a 700-pound moose on a foggy road in northeast Vermont.

The accident shattered the windshield and flattened the roof, but neither man was seriously hurt.

O'Keefe was treated for cuts and then went out again to go apple picking. Five hours later, O'Keefe drove home alone in his pickup when an 800-pound moose came barreling toward him.

"This giant moose came screaming out of the woods at a full gallop. I hit my brakes and blew my horn and cut the wheel," he said.

The moose crashed into the front of the truck on the passenger side.

"The antlers caught the top of the truck and his nose hit the windshield," O'Keefe said. "As he was coming down, I yanked my truck from under him so he'd land on the highway."

Game Warden Paul Fink, who had just given the first moose to a slaughterhouse, was called in to kill the badly injured second animal.

Remember that it is against the law to pick up or possess a deer that has been hit by a vehicle. Hopefully, we don't have to worry too much about moose around here, but you still need to be careful.

Hope you have a safe Thanksgiving holiday.



Randy Castilla shows off the 10-point buck that he shot at the Kinney County Ranch Estates. Photo Special to The Brackett News.

J.V. Tigerettes find success against varsities at tourney

LA PRYOR - When Lytle dropped out of the LaPryor girls' basketball tournament last week, Brackett's junior varsity accepted an invitation to participate.

Tigerettes coach Julie Bruce thought playing against varsity teams would give her young players some valuable experience.

Not only did the girls gain experience, but they probably gained a lot of confidence after beating two varsity teams.

Duquesa Hunt earned all-tournament honors Saturday as the Tigerettes' junior varsity won the consolation championship.

"It was great," Bruce said. "We're hoping to build on the success we had at the tournament. The girls really did an outstanding job."

Hunt, a freshman post, scored a game-high 26 points in the consolation final as Brackett defeated Comstock 50-41.

The Tigerettes were trailing 13-8 after the opening stanza, but Hunt scored 10 in the second quarter as Brackett outscored Comstock 14-5 for a 22-18 lead at halftime.

Brackett guard Queta Garza finished with nine points in the contest, April Crumley scored eight, Marty Payne had five and B'Ann Gomez added two.

In the second round, Gomez tallied a game-high 12 points as the Tigerettes edged San Antonio Stacey 33-27.

Brackett's only loss of the tournament was a 31-25 decision against Knippa.

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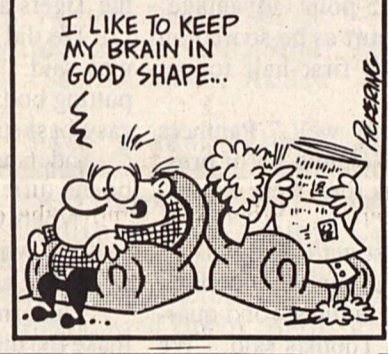
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| 1 Word with | 54 Gridiron gain | 103 Conductor | 4 accompani- | 43 instrument | song, e.g. |
| mask or meter | 57 Deranged | 104 Boulanger | ment | 44 "The Magic | 95 Marshal Dillon |
| 4 Bacchante | 60 Easy stride | 105 Shuttleboard | 4 — jongg | 44 "Flute" hero | 96 Wedding |
| 10 Little devil | 61 Swung | 106 Did people | 5 Chemical | 45 Age | words |
| 13 Hecuba's | 63 Soccer | 107 Like Whinney? | 6 Tomorrow's | 46 Photo tint | 97 Mozart's "— |
| hobby | 64 Bridge | 112 O'Hara | suffix | 47 Spruce | kieme |
| 18 Clark's | 65 Support | 113 Thames town | 8 Meter leader | 53 Beatles | "Nachtmusik" |
| "Mogambo" | 66 Security org. | 114 Vacation | 9 Highfalutin' | 100 Rug type | 102 Torpor |
| co-star | 67 Gets cracking | 115 Heifer or hen | headgear | 104 — glance | 107 Sturdy carts |
| 19 Actress Pier | 70 Castle | 116 Gelatinous | 10 Robert of | 108 Othello's | 108 Othello's |
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| 21 Marmalade | 74 How predict- | 124 Oklahoma city | 14 — Grande | 62 Don one's | 110 — "Apple" |
| fruit | 75 Have a bad | 127 Did Nobel | 15 Facts, for | duds | (71 hit) |
| 22 "— don't | 78 Gush | 132 Tokyo, once | short | 65 — in | 111 Sugary suffix |
| say!" | 81 Bank deposit? | 134 Dumas | 16 Biting | (enticed) | 115 Make-believe |
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| kite? | 83 Singer Percy | 137 — up | 21 Pursuit | 69 Dieter's food | 117 Writer Hunter |
| 26 Lambs' dams | 84 Make budget | 138 Massenet | 24 Champions of | 71 Window | 119 Way over |
| 28 Nasty | 87 Ahab's mark | 139 Brit. fliers | the Force | 121 She, to | yonder |
| 29 Docile | 88 — Visitor of | 140 Juan Ponce | 25 King of Israel | 75 Beach | 122 Farmer's |
| 30 Horatian | 89 — "Deep Space | 141 Japanese | 27 Dion's | 76 Lodger | place |
| creation | 90 Stockwell and | honoric | 28 King of | 77 German river | 78 Man |
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| request: abbr. | 98 Litter's littlest | DO'WN | abbr. | grace | 128 Funnymen |
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| bargain | 103 | 150 Marvyn of | 42 David's | cherries | 132 Put it in |
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Boots	Hiking	Pack	Tent
Camera	Knife	Poncho	Water
Coffee	Map	Repellent	Wool socks
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Some mistakes could occur in the handling of money now. Why not let that sum of money get another day's interest? Conserve assets.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Just remember that not everyone is as straightforward as you are at this time. Speak your own mind, but take what others say with a grain of salt.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
There's nothing like a small gift or consideration to show someone at home that you really do care. You can do a lot to pick someone's sprits up now.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
You're tempted to seek the unusual in entertainment now and thereby get yourself in some sort of trouble. Opt for conventional fun outlets.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Much that occurs on the job is confusing at this time. Sort things out at home on your own time when you'll be better able to put the pieces together.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
It does seem like somebody at home could use a night out as a break from routine. Partners won't quibble if out somewhere enjoying themselves this weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Don't just take somebody's word about an investment. Stay away from areas about which you know little. Accent work as the vehicle to financial success.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Somebody who flatters may not be the person to ask for advice. Partners are your best allies at



present. Be a good listener. Pay attention.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
There are some loose ends to tie up before you really know how a business venture is going to turn out. Guard against distractions now.

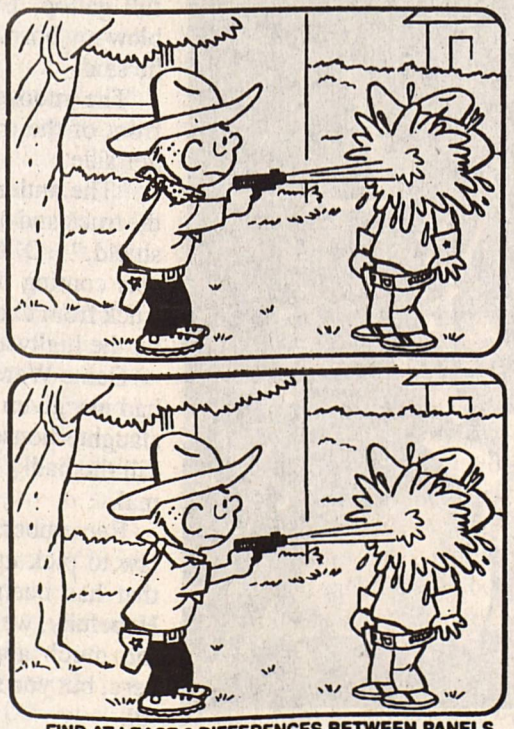
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Friends at a distance seem more reliable than some nearby acquaintances. Don't be so quick to confide in people you don't know well.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
So you're not ready to go out and conquer the world now, but you can bone up on some facts that you'll need later. Take one step at a time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Unless you've done your homework, don't become involved in what looks like an unfeasible proposition. It's in the friendship area where you'll shine now.

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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
An added 4. Shovel is shorter. 5. Sneakers are different. 6. Hedge is taller.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 26Anthony Flores	Nov. 30Emma Swain
Nov. 26Mateo Montalvo	Dec. 1Maxine Bonner
Nov. 27Bianca Martinez	Dec. 1Chonita Garza
Nov. 27Felipe Martinez	Dec. 1Carl LanCelle
Nov. 27Lynn McNew	Dec. 1Rebecca Perez
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Nov. 29Jean Sawchuk	Dec. 2James Crumley
Nov. 29Joseph Trevino	Dec. 2Jerry Malone
Nov. 30Jim McDaniel	Dec. 2Ronnie Mata
Nov. 30Marcus Saenz	Dec. 2Wes Robinson
Dec. 2James Taugner	

Readings from the Chronicles

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

"Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.

"And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise.

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel forever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praise the Lord," 1 Chronicles 16:34-36.

Happy Thanksgiving to all! St. John's Missionary Church will host a Thanksgiving Day service from 10 to 11 a.m. All are welcome.

Thanksgiving is a time for salvation of the soul

By Rev. Joe Townsend Frontier Baptist Church

Thanksgiving should be a time of prayer more than a time of parades. It should be a time of highlighting the bread of life even more than turkey and dressing. It should be a time of thanksgiving for salvation of the soul.

The pilgrim fathers debated about a fall festival. Some wanted a memorial, but they were outnumbered by those who wanted a festival of thanks to God for the harvest.

It's difficult to be thankful for God's discipline but all people should be. As a good parent should discipline his child, so it is necessary for God to discipline his children.

As Steven La Mascus so succinctly pointed out, God's discipline is inevitable but is always for the good of the miscreant.

If a hard heart can benefit from discipline, a ten-

der heart can put it to miraculous use. When hearts respond to God's discipline how rewarding life becomes.

It is simple but refreshing to thank the Lord for his provisions. Thankful for discipline makes us humble. Thankful for trials makes us strong. Thankful for God's provision increases our faith in God.

Thanksgiving should be a time of prayer, a time for communion with God, a time for fellowship with him.

The best things in life are free - salvation and God's blessings. True Thanksgiving spirit is the celebration of God's care, concern, and contributions to life.

Sunday will be a day of Thanksgiving at Frontier Baptist Church. Worship at 11 a.m. will be followed by the annual Thanksgiving dinner. A cordial invitation is offered to all to be blessed by worshipping and enjoying the festivities of the day. Come and see.

Happy 'thanks' giving

By Pastor Charolette Corey Gateway Ministries

T - "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name," Psalms 100:4.

H - "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost," Romans 15:13.

A - "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work," 2 Corinthians 9:8.

N - "... my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus," Philippians 4:19.

K - "... be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you," Ephesians 4:32.

S - "... if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with an-

other, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanse us from all sin," 1 John 1:7.

G - "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God," Ephesians 2:8.

I - "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer," Romans 12:12.

V - "... thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Corinthians 15:57.

I - "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him amen, unto the glory of God by us," 2 Corinthians 1:20.

N - "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him," Colossians 3:17.

G - "Giving thanks always for all things God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ," Ephesians 5:20.

Happy "thanks" giving! Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Trust in God to guide your understanding of the scripture

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

Not long ago, I was asked which translation of the Bible I used.

Those of my generation and earlier grew up thinking The King James translation was, literally, the only translation. Today, it is not unusual for different churches to choose different translations to be the pew Bible of choice.

In sermon preparation, I read the scripture from each of the following translations: The New King James, the Revised Standard Version, the New Revised Standard Version, the New International Version and the New American Standard Bible.

In places where these translations disagree, I turn to the ancient Hebrew for the Old Testament and to the classical Greek for the New Testament.

Without counting, I am confident that the Hebrew and Greek scholars who make up the committees which prepared these English translations must number in the thousands. Where these scholars agree, how could I be so presumptuous as to disagree?

When I encounter differences in the translations, I turn to literal word-for-word translations where the original language is side-by-side with the English.

Using my limited training and materials in the original languages, I try to pick a translation I think best fits the original Hebrew or Greek words. Caution: Don't try this at home!

My suggestion to those who cannot turn to the original languages is to read at least two, if not more, of the translations I have mentioned.

Be careful to understand the difference between a translation and a paraphrase the para-

phrase tries to make the reading easier but is not as interested in maintaining the wording from the original language.

Having read multiple translations, turn to God for inspiration in understanding the original author's intent and then how God might use this scripture in your life today.

Where thousands of scholars can not agree with each other, don't be surprised if you don't agree with one or the other translation, or even don't understand any of the translations at that time.

Trust in God and the Holy Spirit to guide your understanding over many readings of the same scripture.

Don't give in to the temptation to let others provide your understanding of the Bible. God's word is as much for us individually as it is for us communally.

Go! And be the Church of the Bible! Now!

Gods riches are abundant

Submitted by St. Mary Magdalene Church

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us," Ephesians 3:20.

A few months ago, I bought some new makeup. The salesgirl told me that if I dropped a little BB in the bottle and shook it before each use, the makeup wouldn't get thick and goopy.

Not having BBs on hand at home, I called my son because I thought possibly my grandson might have a BB gun and supplies.

Well, there weren't any at their house either, but he wanted to know what I was going to do with BBs. Rather than go into a long explanation since I had a call waiting, I just said, "never mind" and figured I could look elsewhere.

About a month later when he came down for a visit, he greeted me smiling broadly and looking like he had something wonderful to show me. What he had was a huge plastic carton. Inside were 10,000 BBs.

"BBs only come in tens of thousands," he told me proudly. I smiled appreciatively and took

one.

Recently, I saw that plastic carton full of 9,999 BBs lying on a shelf in our garage. I got to thinking how much it's like the riches of God in Christ Jesus.

We have more than enough. Much, much more than we'll ever be able to use: forgiveness, grace, mercy, love. We have abundant resources just waiting for us to use!

God's riches are beyond anything we could ask or even imagine! If my life gets goopy and stale, I have no excuse.

It takes just one BB or a "joy bead" to shake things up: the decision to be joyful. Life can't get thick and unmanageable if you drop joy beads in your jar of life. It puts worries in their place - you see how senseless it is to use today to clutter up tomorrow's opportunities with problems left over from yesterday.

God has given us the capacity to be divinely happy wherever we are, in whatever circumstance. He has given us good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. But most of the time, we need only one BB.

You are invited to join us to worship at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

HEALTH

Plan holiday feasts to be tasty and safe

Turkey and dressing. Eggnog and cider. Cookies and meringue pies. And leftovers - day after day after day.

The holiday feasting season is launched. And along with the excitement, the travels, all the parties and the family gatherings come the increased possibilities of foodborne illness from bacteria and other organisms.

"Around the holidays, people often prepare new recipes or food they don't fix frequently such as turkey," said Lone Wenzel of the Retail Foods Division of Texas Department of Health (TDH).

"People also serve large meals, plan buffets where food is left out for long periods of time, take dishes to parties and pack their refrigerators with leftovers."

All of which, according to Wenzel, are possibilities for contamination.

Temperature and sanitation are critical. Hot foods need to be kept at 140 degrees or higher and cold foods should stay at 41 degrees or below. Wash hands with soap and water before handling food.

"Be sure all work surfaces, cutting boards and utensils are clean when preparing food," Wenzel said. "And don't use the same

cutting boards, platters and utensils for raw meat as for fresh or cooked foods."

The following are questions and answers from TDH about preparing and serving food safely during the holiday season:

How do I safely thaw a frozen turkey?

■ Preferably, thaw a turkey in the refrigerator approximately 24 hours for each 5 pounds of whole bird. Turkey should never be thawed out on the counter. A defrosted turkey may remain in the refrigerator up to two days.

■ Thaw in the microwave according to manufacturer's instructions for the size bird that will fit into your oven, the minutes per pound and the power level to use. Cook the turkey immediately after thawing in a microwave; do not return to the refrigerator.

What is the safest way to stuff a turkey?

The most critical factor, according to Wenzel, is to be sure the dressing is thoroughly cooked. The safest way to cook dressing is on the stove or in the oven in a separate dish so that it has even heating. If the dressing is cooked inside the fowl, loosely stuff the turkey just before cooking.

When you remove the dressing from the bird, use a meat thermometer to be sure the center of the dressing has reached 165 degrees. If not, cook the dressing in a separate dish until it does reach the proper temperature.

What is the safest way to cook a turkey?

■ Set oven temperature no lower than 325 degrees.

■ Place the turkey breast-side up on a rack in a shallow roasting pan.

■ For safety and doneness, use a meat thermometer to check for an internal temperature of at least 180 degrees in the thigh of the turkey before removing from the oven. Don't touch the bone with the thermometer. Check any "pop-up" temperature indicator device in the bird to see if it has reached the final temperature. However, also check the turkey in several places with a conventional meat thermometer for doneness.

■ Juices should run clear.

■ Let stand 20 minutes before removing stuffing and carving.

What about leftovers?

Debone the turkey and refrigerate all leftovers in shallow con-

tainers no deeper than 4 inches within 2 hours of cooking. Use leftover turkey and stuffing within 4 days, gravy within 2 days or freeze.

Do not place tight covers on foods during the cooling period or overload your refrigerator with hot foods that need to chill. Allow for adequate air circulation in your refrigerator. Reheat leftovers rapidly and thoroughly to a temperature of 165 degrees or until hot and steaming.

The party is buffet-style. What's safe for the foods?

Once again, keeping cold things cold and hot things hot are the key, Wenzel said.

On the buffet table keep hot foods hot with chafing dishes, crock pots and warming trays. Place cold foods over ice.

Use several small, shallow serving bowls; and when they are empty, replace them with clean ones. After four hours, throw out the food that remains. In planning the party, look for foods to serve that do not require heating or chilling.

For more information, contact TDH's Retail Foods Division at (512) 719-0232.

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