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Vho controls the water in West Texas?



Answering questions

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Brian Sledge (third from right), attorney for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District, answers questions during a recent board meeting as directors Darlene Shahan (clockwise from Sledge), Cecil Smith, Hadley Wardlaw, Bob Young, Zach Davis, Chuck Hall and Don Hood look on.

ficials to consider rules, fees

By J.J. GUIDRY Editor

schedule when it meets again

fee schedule to the directors at to those who use it." a public hearing last month. some of the proposed figures groundwater transport fee. were "extremely extravagent."

challenged district in the state, opportunity here," he said.

Board member Zach Davis said of income would be the district's not sitting here paying taxes."

perhaps," Sledge said. "You're "There are a lot of folks that are going to need to get some more going to make a lot of money Brian Sledge, attorney for the money in the door. You're go- on this water when it starts go-Kinney County Groundwater ing to run out of money and ing over to San Antonio or Eagle Conservation District, is urging that's not an option for you be- Pass. There's no question that the directors to adopt a fee cause everybody will sue you. the legislature, in contemplating "It takes money to run a gov- the groundwater transport fee next Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. ernmental body. Your \$70,000 provision, probably had some-"We've got permits that need budget is going to be gone in thing in mind on having some to be processed," Sledge said short order. You've only got of the monetary benefits stay recently. "We need to establish two options for fixing it - you with the community from which application fees and permit fees can charge fees or you can raise the water came, rather than so that we can get those things taxes. The beauty of fees is it have the local taxpayers picking shifts the burden of financing up the burden for all of that wa-Sledge presented a proposed the district from the taxpayers ter that might go off to some faraway land, being beneficially Sledge said one good source used by somebody else who's

Davis stressed that the fees "If you want to get to some need to be "fair and reason-

Battle over 'clear gold' bubbles to the surface

By ROBERT ELDER JR. Austin American-Statesman

Jim McDaniel and Zachry Davis, farmers and friends in this West Texas county, plan to sell their water rights to supple-

stagnant rural economy.

take much to beat the profits in volvement of big-name inves- water district, which largely farming," says Davis, a solidly tors from other parts of the state controls the use of local ground built, 49-year-old Brackettville feeds suspicions that the water water, has effectively shut down native. His lined face is youth- dealers are profiteers. ful despite decades of ranch and farm work, a veterinary prac- says Don Hood, the disdain clear implications for the state betice and six children.

green places in West Texas be- lars." fore you hit the vast Chihuahuan brush land, part irrigated farm- trict board. land - could help parched

of supply and demand. The in- the last century. tent was to create a master plan, source.

is far different.

cal politics and two conflicting County, it's hard to convince ■ See BATTLE/Page 8

back dollars. They'd pump us dry."

the county. For them, it's all about hard green-

"These water marketers don't give a damn about

Water Board member Don Hood

landowners who want to cash in amount. "I can assure you, it won't on water resources. The in-

"These water marketers," in his voice, "don't give a damn cause there are lot of places like Brackettville, the Kinney about the county. For them, it's Kinney County — sparsely County seat, is one of the last all about hard greenback dol- populated regions that have wa-

"They'd pump us dry," says Desert. The abundant water that Hood, a retired oilman who "doesn't work here, I'm not sure runs underneath Davis' and serves on the Kinney County it will work anywhere in the McDaniel's property - part Groundwater Conservation Dis- state of Texas," says Dan

Texas cities meet future de- be made selling water. The po- sents some county landowners Willing sellers, potential buy- big-time investors and big po- we're smart enough that we ers: It's what lawmakers envi- litical names looking to exploit don't scare off private capital" sioned when they rewrote Texas their legislative knowledge for for the water business, he said. water law in the 1990s to ad- profit. The boom mentality is dress the geographic imbalance like that in the oil patch early in

Water isn't like oil, however, velopment deals. Three and a viable market, for the and experts say it will never be droughts in the past six years state's most valuable natural re- as valuable. Water is expensive have sent Texas cities scram-What has actually happened have to be built for most major San Antonio is one possible cus-The grand vision of a state- ket for water, because the price as are Eagle Pass and Del Rio. wide water marketplace didn't depends on how far away cusreckon with the realities of lo- tomers are. And, as in Kinney growing city of Kyle faces stiff

ment sagging crop prices and interests: farmers who want to people that their supply won't be wring some growth out of a protect water for their crops and affected by losing even a small

> In fact, the county's groundplans for exporting water.

> The dispute has enormous ter to spare from aquifers.

If water development Pearson, a lobbyist at HillCo But there are megabucks to Partners in Austin who repretential for profit has attracted and investors. "I just hope

> A sense of urgency Despite the current gridlock, there's an urgency to water-de-

to ship because pipelines will bling to secure additional water. projects. There's no stable mar- tomer for Kinney County water,

In Central Texas, the fast-

"This is the most financially marketers, you've got a good able." BHS has 24 students named to Who's Who

Brackett High School has 24 students included in the 36th edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2001-2002.

Local students selected include: Celina Cano, Stacey Castilla, Stephanie Coronado, Dietrich Davis, Lee Davis, Susannah Davis, Levi Duncan, Hector Febres, Ryan Frerich, Allison LaMascus, Nicole Mata, Sarah Meyer, Emily Petrosky, Arnold Pinales, Rodolfo Ramirez, Cody Robinette, Sarah Rose, Amanda Smith, Ashley Smith, Tammy Smith, Star Smith, Ana Talamantes, Jeff Tipps and Amanda Ward.

WHO'S WHO

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99 percent of Who's Who students have a grade point average of B or better and 97 percent are college bound.

The 36th edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 850,000 students, or just 6 percent of the nation's 15 million high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in Students are nominated by the publication's annual survey high school principals and guid- of high achievers, an annual Who's Who, published by ance counselors, national youth opinion poll of teen attitudes. Educational Communications groups, churches and educa- The book is distributed on a com-Inc. of Austin, is the largest rec- tional organizations based upon plimentary basis to up to 15,000 ognition program and publica- students' academic achievement high schools, colleges, univertion in the nation honoring high and involvement in extracur- sities and public libraries achieving high school students. ricular activities. Traditionally, throughout the country.



Ruth Spencer (from left), Emily Petrosky, Kathy Wilson, Mary Petrosky, Tina Meek and Joanne Warner were among the local actors performing in the Old Quarry Society's production of "Divine Stella Devine" last weekend at Fort Clark Springs.



delaying home basketball games during the opening weeks of the season.

New avm floor

Photo by J.J. Guidry Brackett ISD had to remove the damaged floor from the gymnasium and replace it,

BISD forced to spend \$69,500 to replace gymnasium floor Brackett ISD's basketball and a 3 1/2-inch rain in Octo-

Old Quarry Society play performance

the last month.

damaged by rain and the teams windows." had to juggle schedules to share practice time in the old gym.

letic Director David Yeager the water damage. said. "But all of the coaches ule to practice."

The installation of the new the cause." floor is expected to be completed by this weekend.

new roof did not leak. However, floor needed to be replaced. the roofing contractor had not front and back of the gym.

"We had a 5 1/2-inch rain See RAIN/Page 5

teams have had to deal with the ber before the downspouts were lack of a gymnasium floor for installed. The water came off the roof so fast into the gutter that it The floor in the new gym was splashed into the gym through

Stephenson said the district has received written statements "It's been tough on all of our from an architect and a buildbasketball teams," Brackett Ath- ing contractor as to the cause of

"We also have had an insurhave been patient, and worked ance adjuster visit the site," he together to find a feasible sched- said. "A roofing contractor will also give us a written report on

The old oak gym floor had water under the sub-floor. The "The floor was damaged with water caused the floor to begin rain water that into the building to "cup" or swell up on the and ran under the gym sub- ends. Stephenson said two floor floor," BISD Superintendent contractors inspected the floor Taylor Stephenson said. "The and determined that the entire

"The old flooring was wet yet installed downspouts on the and had to be removed with a Bobcat," he said. "The concrete

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Simple question deserves answer

pies are being heard again on many people to run our fort? Fort Clark Springs.

Here is another tidbit that don't you crabby old men just ones with the worst opinions. sell out and leave."

of her employers? Why didn't by the nose. she just explain, calmly, why? It's not that hard, is it?

calmness of FCS? Voting out we are now. this kind of element at the next election is the only way we are for your words of encouragegoing to put a stop to this kind ment for me to keep writing. of madness. So please don't for- Please think of doing the same

tors, why do we need a seven- to where it should be. member board? Are we such a

The chattering of the Mag- huge entity that we need this

I think not! Yes, we do need an uneven was related to me about a mem- number so that a tie won't hapber who was looking for an an- pen. But why seven? Why not swer. It seems he had a simple three or five? That just sounds question about where he would like way too many ill thoughtlike his car sticker to be placed out opinions to think about. And and the reply he got from the in the case of FCS, the lesser general manager was: "Why opinionated seem to follow the

It looks to me like a smaller What kind of answer is that? board of listening, thinking and What has happened to the more-caring people, and not the employees who treated their em- so-easily-led, less-caring people ployers with just a little respect? being led around by the ring-Isn't the G.M. an employee master. This smaller number hired by this association? What would make it harder for a ringbecame of her respect for one master to herd the sheep around

This is just something to think about for the future of the See how having our hands fort. But maybe not the present tied and them not listening to a because many of the non-thinklarge portion of the membership ing flock would be left and we is further disrupting the usual would be in bigger trouble than

I wish to thank those of you get to vote when the time comes. yourselves. It is going to take so While on the subject of direc- much more to get our fort back

Richard Card

Fort members can see the truth

Newsletter, the general manager actually performing the duties of stated, "The golf courses are a real general manger, you deslooking wonderful. I do not be- perately try to get the memberlieve I have ever seen these ship to believe bold-faced lies. courses with this much lush

than her story-telling skills.

area that was recently cut, but I have over-run the green areas. criminals and whatever Chris-

looked worse since I moved twice. here seven years ago. Also, the swimming pool has not stunk lously slow, just ask anyone you like a septic tank and been so know that has thrown out brush. here seven years ago.

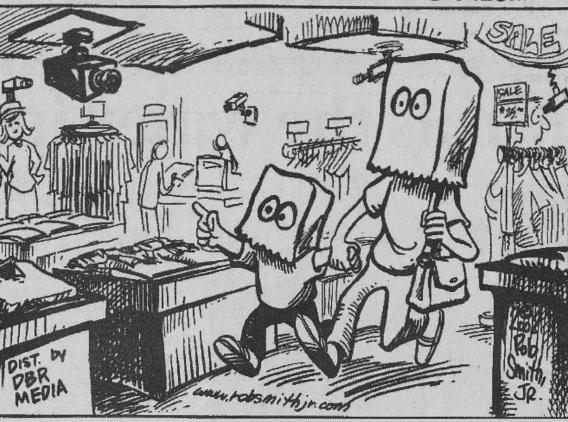
This is some more of the this at the next election. swinging watch nonsense. I

In the Fort Clark November guess if you are incapable of

It's bad enough we lost our grass since moving here 2 1/2 good maintenance department, years ago. Of course, the green now we're lied to about the conarea and pastures are beautiful dition of the fort. And the liar fought other men. Apparently, graphic clips of people doing in- toward a more civil, genteel, also assumes that members are the skills required for each were credibly dangerous and stupid Apparently the general so dumb they will believe the so different that they were things and getting badly injured ing daily into a world of demanager's memory is no better lies. I wonder if it ever occurred never pitted against each other. in the process, are so popular? to the general manager that all I went out and checked on the we have to do is drive around tions were presented. The gladigreen areas and the 9-hole golf the fort and look at the knee- ators, soldiers and even private over and over again a kid breakcourse — they looked terrible! high — and in some cases hip- citizens were allowed to hack There might have been a green high — weeds and brush that and slice to death the convicted

This statement by the Fort ter came out, some of the brush too was a very popular spec- the bone breaking and folding the entertainment of the scream-Clark G.M. is, in my opinion, a was cut, but some areas have not tacle, involving copious quanti- back as the kid hit the concrete. ing spectators. lie. The truth is that the green been cut since we lost our main-ties of blood and gore. areas, 9-hole course, pastures, tenance crew, and most others airstrip and trails have not have been cut only once or was the main event. This was lieve, "The Faces of Death," huge number of witless, idiots

NEWS NOTES: MORE PEOPLE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR PRIVACY & SURVEILLANCE IN STORES ...



Society hasn't progressed morally

In ancient Rome, the gladiatorial games were all the rage. They were vicious, bloody, inhumane spectacles involving the savage death of men, women and wild animals.

In the mornings, the wild beasts were killed. This involved titanic, life-and-death struggles between men and wild animals, or between different kinds of bears and bulls. The gladiators entertainment" programs. who fought the wild animals were separate from those who like "Real TV," which shows is that instead of progressing

At noon, the simple execu-Two weeks after the newslet- tians had been captured. This

Also, brush pick up is ridicu- face in the arena to hack each various unique and gruesome risk their lives for a thrill, it filthy and slimy that the bottom It'll sit in front of your house crowd. At various times, the derstand that they are hugely interesting matinee. But it will was not visible since I moved until it turns to mulch before it emperor(s) would even pick popular. And they are real, not still be blood sport. gets picked up. Let's remember someone from the audience and fake. These are real people be-Dave Reinhold to be slaughtered by the gladia- think it is entertaining! tors, and a good time was had and types of wild animals killed, sonal. but saw no reason to track the number of humans.

> Sounds revolting doesn't it? Or does it?

we are heading in the same di-

at professional football, profes- sex! sional wrestling, professional

The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

ing his leg trying to skid a skate-

There is even a series of vid-

The buzzword for TV news being targeted for vilification. coverage, as well as for newspapers, has for years been, "If path to life is always the most

last 100 years than all of humanity did in the rest of history. In some ways that may be true, we have advanced mechanically and technologically far beyond our ancestors. But our mentalities are still stuck in the past. We are deluding ourselves when we boast that we are more civilized than the ancient Romans.

The truth is that we are still animals, like lions and tigers or great number of other "sports no more than bloodthirsty savages, thinly covered with a ve-Why do you think programs neer of civility. And the sad fact godly society, we are regressbauchery, immorality and vio-I caught a piece of one the lence. We are rushing headlong other day where they replayed into a future filled with the evil iniquities of the past.

I am willing to bet that in 100 board down a stair handrail. The years the coliseum in Rome, or close-up was particularly revolt- someplace similar, will again see ing as it showed in slow motion the spilling of human blood for

Oh, the participants will The afternoon performance eos on the market called, I be- probably be volunteers. With the when the gladiators met face to where people being killed in around today who are willing to other to pieces. The gorier the ways is presented on film for would be fairly easy to round up event the greater the glee of the your viewing enjoyment. I un- enough of them to have a pretty

The truth is that we haven't have them thrown into the arena ing killed, and some sick people progressed morally one micron in the last 2,000 years. We are Our television news coverage still barbarians. We are still by all. By the way, the Romans is another example of our desire ruthless, soulless and often kept close count of the numbers to see mayhem up close and per- mindless minions of evil. And just like then, the Christians are

Isn't it amazing how the only



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A good life lesson

You know, it is very surprising how every day you learn something new. Life lessons, they always seem to jump up and nip you in the bum. Lately, I have also been thinking about the past, especially about a certain story that came to my mind. It is a story I have told many times because it has a good life lesson.

A few years ago when I was about in the fourth grade, I was into acting and things in that area. I was constantly auditioning for parts, thinking I was the perfect person to fill any role.

One day my sister, Timmeka, and I were auditioning for a modeling job up in the mountains. It was a real treat because we lived in the city and my family got to travel all the way up to mountain country.

When we arrived to a large, beautiful hotel, I got excited. We walked into a room with many other little girls and boys. A lady asked us to sign in and gave us a paper to fill out. I filled out my application and I felt on top of the world, though I was slightly nervous. Then, all the children were filed into a long line, we got our picture taken with a Polaroid camera, and it was then stapled to our paperwork. After that, we went home.

Finally, the day came when we got the call back. I remember it, I was so excited and couldn't wait when I realized who my step-father was talking to on the phone.

After saying thank you and hanging up the phone, he looked at my sister and I with a soft smile and some excitement. He said, "Timmeka, they said you made it and we will go for your fitting in a couple of days." He then turned to me a bit slower and said, "Shanae ... um ... I am sorry, but you didn't

My heart was broken. I was a very jealous child already, but when my sister made it and I didn't, I went mad. It hurt so much. I didn't know what to do, so after a large temper tantrum, I stomped off to my room crying. My sister tried to comfort me, but I was mad at her for making it over me, and I wanted her to leave me alone.

The day finally came when she left again, up into the mountains, for a fitting. I refused to go. I know I should have, this was my sister, and I should have at least been by her side during it all, but I wasn't. I was a green monster, who was too blind with

I remember that evening when they came back, I barely even looked at my sister.

"Shanae," my step-father said with a grin on his face after walking in the door.

"What?" I asked angrily.

He then told me the story of their little trip. Apparently, after getting to the fitting and walking in with my sister, they asked where Timmeka was. My stepfather then went on by telling them that this was Timmeka standing next to him. They then argued and said, that's not Timmeka, this is Timmeka, showing him a picture - a picture of me. Apparently, our papers got mixed up and they thought that I was Timmeka, but because she was already there and I wasn't, they decided that they would take her. Because of my own jealousy, I lost a great modeling job that paid \$50 an hour. Plus, my sister got to model with some hunky snowboard guys on a mountain.

When I think about it, I kick myself, but I wouldn't have learned such a great lesson if I hadn't gone through the whole ordeal. Oh yeah, in the end, I sucked it up and went to watch my sister's shoot, and let me tell you, she wasn't half bad. Hey, you win some and you lose







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Public hearing on personnel variance set for Monday

Once again, we are holding son in the patient care comparta public hearing about our EMS ment and one non-EMS-certipersonnel variance request.

9 a.m. at the Kinney County know that this variance allows Courthouse before the regular us to function, but is in fact out Commissioners Court meeting. of compliance with the strict

this variance from the Texas De- rary measure until we have partment of Health to allow a enough personnel available for second or third unit to respond second and third EMS runs. and transport patients with "less than TDH rules allow."

The notice of the public hearing reads: "Kinney County EMS has requested a variance from the Texas Department of Health to operate said EMS while not being in compliance with the law. The variance, if approved, would allow Kinney County EMS to operate emergency vehicles while responding to and transporting emergency patients. The public is encouraged to attend.'

The variance means that the primary or first EMS unit must have a minimum of two EMScertified personnel on board. If we receive a call requiring a to have one EMS-certified per- EMS calls. Whenever we use duced by \$200 to \$300 per call, 401 S. Ellen St.

Wednesday, Nov. 27

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fied person, a volunteer, to The meeting is on Monday at drive. I am required to let you Kinney County EMS requests TDH rules. It is only a tempo-

This variance is termed "temporary, emergency" to allow us to function until our active training program reaches its goal of seven new EMS personnel, preferably volunteers, to augment our current roles. We have gained a total of five new volunteers during the three years of constant work.

At this time, we have very few people from the local area and call upon part-time assistance from EMTs from other areas to fill in our scheduling gaps. There are two to three EMS courses taught each year, but few people from the area attend or complete the course.

One of the drawbacks to us-

EMS

Update

COMMUNITY

Carolyn Rutherford

less than TDH-required personnel, EMS cannot legally charge insurance carriers, Medicare, or Medicaid, or even the patient the "going rate."

Example: The first unit is on the way to the hospital with its crew and patient; the second unit is called in. On board the second unit is a non-EMS driver and an advanced EMT (intermediate or paramedic). Because of the advanced type of supplies these EMTs use (Intravenous fluids, medications, heart monitor) on these patients, the costs of the run is more. EMS is not allowed to charge for those supplies,

a total of \$2,400 to \$3,600.

One point to make very clear is that we maintain the highest level of staffing we can provide. In all cases, there will be at least one EMS-certified attendant with our patient. That EMT will give our patient the highest quality care possible.

Mutual aid is available in any direction we travel (Uvalde, Eagle Pass and Del Rio) to augment our system in the event of disaster. Crews may call for "intercepts" from our mutual aid EMS brothers and sisters for added help when a higher level of care is required.

If this variance request is approved, it will be the fifth year it has been used. Our average number of times the variance is used has gone from 20 to 12 this last year. It is, however, hard to say this is a trend, because the number of runs varies throughout the year.

Please show up for the pubwhich has an effect on our over- lic hearing on Monday. If you all revenue. It means that if we have any questions about EMS, have 12 second calls (as we did please call 563-9090 or come by second or a third ambulance to ing a variance is that it reduces this year) using the variance, our office, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. respond, the variance allows us the revenue we can earn from our revenue for those calls is re- on Monday through Friday, at

8:27 p.m., A woman called

OBITUARIES

Zulema S. Wilson

Zulema S. Wilson, 70, passed away Nov. 26, 2002, in San Antonio. She was born Aug. 17, 1932, in Brackettville.

She is proceeded in death by her husband, Willard Maurice Wilson, and her parents, Faustino and Maria Sandoval.

Wilson is survived by her sons: David Ricardo Wilson of Dallas and Steven Guillermo Wilson and wife Stephanie of San Antonio: grandchildren: Dylan Guillermo and Gabriella Maria Wilson; brothers: Julian O. Sandoval of San Antonio and Lingo d Sandoval of Brackettville; sisters: Maria Elena Ortega of Brackettville and Bonnie Beloz of Del Rio.

Visitation was held Friday at the Brackettville Funeral Home Chapel. A rosary was recited at the chapel. A Mass was held on \$ Saturday at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Burial followed 3 on Tuesday at Kinney County Cemetery. Pallbearers were Charlie DeLaRosa, Marcus Tidwell, Henry Fuentes, Alfredo Castro, Eddie Joe Sandoval and Cmdr. Ronald Sandoval. Honorary Pallbearers were Adolph Reyes Jr., Cruz M. Beloz and Lt. Tom Sandoval.

Robert Francis Canty Sr.

Robert Francis Canty Sr., 75, of Brackettville, died Nov. 30, 2002, at Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio. He was born May 12, 1927, in Chicago.

Canty had worked with Edison Commonwealth Electrical for 35 years. He was also a member of the VFW.

He is survived by his wife: Sylvia Canty of Brackettville; stepson: Gilbert Meyer Jr. and wife Angie of Lueders; stepdaughters: Cynthia Pena and husband Oscar of Chula Vista, Calif.; Melissa Starkweather and husband Brett of Paint Creek; and Melinda Sawver and husband Lloyd of Chesapeake, Va.; sons: Robert Canty Jr. and Don Canty of Sabula, Iowa; John Canty and wife Jan of Addison, Ill.; and Lee Canty and wife Nina of Brackettville; brothers: Steve Canty of Chicago and Keith Canty of Grandberry; sisters: Carol Grandsard, June Garrison and Sandy Lynch, all of 3 Chicago; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Monday at the Brackettville Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Tuesday at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor William Adams officiating. Burial followed at the Kinney County Cemetery. Funeral arrangements 12 are under the direction of the Brackettville Funeral Home.

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go's Bar on W. Spring Street. 20, and Jessica Talamantez, 18, the situation. 6:15 a.m., Fred Gaudalupe Deputy Bobby Guidry was dis-Cazarez, 53, of Quemado and patched to the scene.

Thursday, Nov. 28

11:34 a.m., A woman reert M. Chartier, 25, all of ported that a man was causing Florida, were all arrested by problems at her residence on N. DPS Trooper Tully Welch for Beaumont Street. Chief Deputy possession of marijuana under Johnny Fritter was notified.

12:15 p.m., A man said he Cazarez were released the same was having problems with his day on a \$1,500 bail bond. uncle, coming to his residence Robin Cazarez was transported on E. El Paso Street late at night, to the Wackenhut Correctional waking up everyone. Deputy Facility and released two days Guidry spoke to the individuals.

Franklin Cazares was booked Sheriff's Office employee reinto the Kinney County Jail and ported a stolen F-150 pick-up released two days later on a truck. Local deputies were notified to be on the lookout for 11:35 p.m., Two women the vehicle.

were reportedly fighting at Ami-

both of San Antonio, were arrested by Trooper Welch for to report a fight in front of Stop possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces, and booked into Deputy Karl Chism and DPS the Kinney County Jail. Tala- Trooper Tony Ashley were dismantez was released the same day on a personal recognizance bond. Balderas was released the next day on a \$1,500 bail bond.

Saturday, Nov. 30 quested at Amigo's Bar on W. Spring Street. Deputy Guidry Ashley. Galvan was wanted on was dispatched to the scene. The fugitive warrants out of Illinois. 8:30 p.m., A Rocksprings owner reported that his business Garcia and Rodriguez were arhad been burglarized. Alcohol, rested for possession of maricigarettes and lights were taken. juana, less than 2 ounces. All

kids driving reckless on motor- ney County Jail, where they cycles without lights. Deputy were still being held as of press-4:45 p.m., Robert Balderas, Larry Robinson was notified of time.

patched to the scene. Sunday, Dec. 1

-N- Shop on Highway 90

9:10 a.m., Joe Galvan, 27, of Chicago, and Joseph Eric Garcia, 18, and Luis Ivan Rod-4:07 p.m., An officer was re-riguez, 18, both of Uvalde, were arrested by Trooper 6:25 p.m., A man reported three were booked into the Kin-

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Bottomless Cheese Crock

Ingredients: 4 cups (1 pound) of shredded sharp cheddar cheese, 1 small package (5 tablespoons each of dry mustard types. and garlic salt, and 2 tablespoons of brandy.

temperature for one hour. cheese remnants into it - such ing.

Goodies From G.G.

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while cheese is soft and in tainer, cover and refrigerate for or kirsch, keeping the total no soy sauce on top. one week before using first time. more than original brandy. Let This makes about 3 cups. Be- mixture age a few days before block of cheese, covering genfore serving, let soften at room serving.

Once this cheese crock is always saving part of the origi- spoon about half of taco sauce started, you keep blending nal mixture to keep crock go- over it, adding more as needed.

Cream Cheese Trio

Ingredients: 3 small packages (3 ounces) of cream cheese; 1 tablespoon of sesame seed, toasted; 1 tablespoon of soy sauce; 2 tablespoons of chopped fresh chives, 2 to 3 tablespoons of taco sauce.

Leave cream cheese blocks whole and bring to room temperature. Toast sesame seeds by ounces) of cream cheese, 1 1/2 as swiss, jack or any cheddar spreading on baking sheet and bake about five minutes at 350 Always shred and beat in degrees until golden brown.

Coat one cheese block with Bring the cheeses to room crock, adding a small amount of toasted seeds and place on detemperature (soft). Combine all olive oil or cream cheese for sired serving dish (all three may the ingredients and beat until good consistency. Also ad be served on single tray if dewell blended. Pack into a con- brandy, dry sherry, port, beer sired). For added zest, drizzle

Press chives into second erously over all sides. Place Use this every week or two, third cheese block on tray and There are 12 total servings.

Red Hatters host monthly meeting at Barbara's Table

The Red Hatters of Kinney try Red Hatters will meet on Sating at Barbara's Table with 16 Club at noon. members attending. Plans were made for the next meeting.

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The Kinney County Red Hat-County held its monthly meet- urday at the Uvalde Country ters will be hosting the South Texas Red Hatters on April 5.

> Plans are being made for the Spring Fling. It will be discussed at the December meeting.



J.J. Hidalgo was born to Saul and Karen Hidalgo on Oct .24th, 2002; 12:37 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital. 4 lbs 14 oz., 18 in. Paternal Grandparents are Jesus and Santa Hidalgo. Maternal Grandparents are Lyle and Dorothea Jesse.

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Brackett ISD hosts Christmas concerts

Brackett ISD is inviting the community to its Christmas concerts. On Thursday, Dec. 12, the fifth, sixth and Brackett Tiger Bands will perform. On Monday, Dec. 16, the Pre-K through fourth grades will perform various Christmas songs. These performances are both in the school auditorium at 7 each night. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria following both concerts.

The Tiger Band is selling raffle tickets. First prize is an Emerson DVD/VCR (partially funded by Wal-Mart) and second prize is an Apex VCR donated by HEB. The winning tickets will be drawn between band performances on Thursday.

Christmas poster contest is planned

The Theme for this year's Community Unity Poster Contest is "Jesus, the gift of love." First Prize for the contest is \$25, second prize is \$15 and third prize is \$10. Prizes will be awarded for three divisions elementary, junior high and high school.

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All submissions must be turned in by noon on Dec. 13 to the BISD Main Office. All posters become the property of the Church Alliance of Brackettville. The contest is open to all ages of school children. Participants must reside in Kinney County. Prizes will be given out on Dec. 15 at the Community Unity Christmas Program, which will be held at the Civic Center from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Attendance is required.

There will be a silent auction for the posters during the program. Winning posters will be displayed at Kinney County Public Library the following

For more information, call Charolette Corey at 563-2121

Showcase to be held Sunday afternoon

Next Sunday, from 2 to 5 p.m., get ready for a great Sunday outing! Instead of the Christmas Homes Tour, the Kinney County Arts Council is showcasing the Wainwright House with all rooms groomed for Christmas.

For \$1, a tour of this historical home is available and a chance to participate in a silent auction, pantry sale (bake goods), retail items, and a raffle of a beautiful hand made afghan. So plan to kick-off the Christmas season with a unique opportunity to visit the home of famous generals and where John Wayne lived during the filming of "The Alamo."

Calvary Brigade returns to duty

Troopers are dribbling in from their summer campaign from the north and the east. Arriving at the fort and getting refreshed, it will be time to shine and spruce up FCS' grounds, creek and the exterior and interior of historical buildings.

The Calvary Brigade will be mustering at Shafter Hall at 9 a.m. on Sunday and a "chow" award that is guaranteed to please the most finicky trooper will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30

There will be jobs for all, including troopers with recovering injuries, as well as dealing with old wounds.

Genealogical group meets on Saturday

The Southwest Genealogical Society will meet on Saturday at Neal's Lodge Cafe in Concan at 10 a.m. The speaker will be James Menke. The registration fee is \$2 and lunch is \$8. The public is invited.

Piano recital set for 2:30 on Sunday

Lynn McNew and Marilyn Baker will present their piano students in a recital at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Methodist

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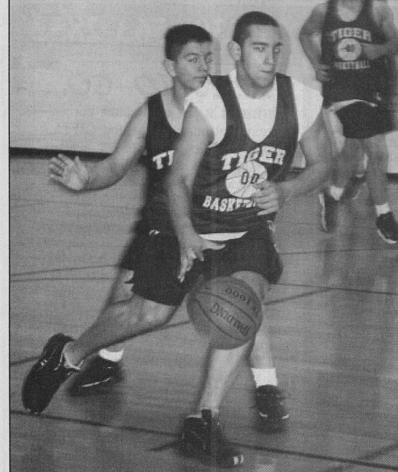
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Brackett senior Philip Munoz drives to the basket past teammate Martin Flores during practice this week.

Hoop teams open play in N.C. tourney today

Brackett opens play in the Nueces Canyon basketball tour- with wins over Knippa (39-34) nament today in Barksdale.

The Tigerettes (1-2) face opening contest.

game," Brackett coach Ricky find our shooting touch. Creel said. "We are starting to play as a team.

three games," he added.

In today's other first-round matchup, LaPryor plays Nueces Canyon at 9 a.m. The losers of the two games meet at 3 p.m., while the winners play at 6 p.m.

On Friday, D'Hanis plays play at 5:30 p.m. Rocksprings at 9 a.m., and

Brackett opened its seasons and Leakey (51-39).

"Our defense has been much Sabinal today at noon in their better than I anticipated," Tigers coach Charlie Marquardt said. "We are progressing each "It is going to carry us until we

"We're starting to do a better job of limiting our turnovers. "We have showed a lot of im- I'm sure we will take better care provement through the first of the ball as the season progresses," he added.

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Thank You

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner was a great success. The dinner was held Friday, November 22,2002, at the Kinney County Civic Center. We appreciate everyone who attended and enjoyed the excellent food and entertainment.

Local talent Patty Lopez opened the ceremony with the singing of the National Anthem. Father Scanlan gave grace. Plates with turkey and all the trimmings were prepared by Julie Molano and Candy Gonzalez and were served by 4-H students and E.M.S. staff. The Jones Elementary Kindergarden, 1st and 2nd grade classes sang and read poems. Patty Lopez closed the ceremony with a couple of her songs. All decorations were made by the students of Jones Elementary and placed by Julie Nowlin. Robert Garza, Leonel Juarez, and Mayor Carmen Berlanga thanked everyone for the performances.

We want to offer special thanks to Val Verde Home Nurses, Inc. for donating the food, to the Kinney County Commissioners Court for allowing the use of the Civic Center at no cost, and to Julie Molano and the Aging Center Staff for the preparation and delivery of the excellent food. We would also like to thank and recognize the following individuals and organizations for their contributions and volunteering their time. We apologize if we did not recognize anyone, but your time and efforts were very well appre-

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BRIEFS

Tigerettes claim big win over Leakey

The Brackett Tigerettes won their first game on Nov. 22 with a 34-7 road win over Leakey in junior varsity basketball action.

The Tigerettes (1-1) were leading 7-5 at intermission, but broke the game open after outscoring the Lady Eagles 14-0 in the third quarter and 27-2 in the second half.

"After only one week of practice, our first game was pretty rough, but we started coming together and working as a team in the second game," BHS coach Tiffiny Blore said. "We are planning on working hard through December, then coming back in the new year ready to play."

Timmeka Simmons paced Brackett with a game-high 12

points against Leakey. Jessi Crane and Divina Pena both scored four points, Alanna Conoly pitched in three points, Clarissa Aguirre, Cassie Mata, Tanya Molinar and Brandy Smith all had two points and

Shaddine Gum added one point. The Tigerettes opened their season on Nov. 16 with a 23-12

loss to Knippa. Simmons finished with five points in the contest, Crane scored four, Pena had two and Stephanie DeLeon chipped in one point.

Cubettes fall short against Comstock

COMSTOCK — The Brackett Cubettes seventh-grade team came up short Monday, falling to Comstock 27-9.

Comstock jumped out to an 11-5 halftime lead and then outscored Brackett 16-4 in the second half to secure the win.

Haley Harris led the Cubettes in scoring with three points, Julie Castillo and Bianca Stewart each had two points, and Bailey Allen and Daphne Hunt both added one point.

Brackett resumes action today with a 5 p.m. road game against Sacred Heart in Del Rio.

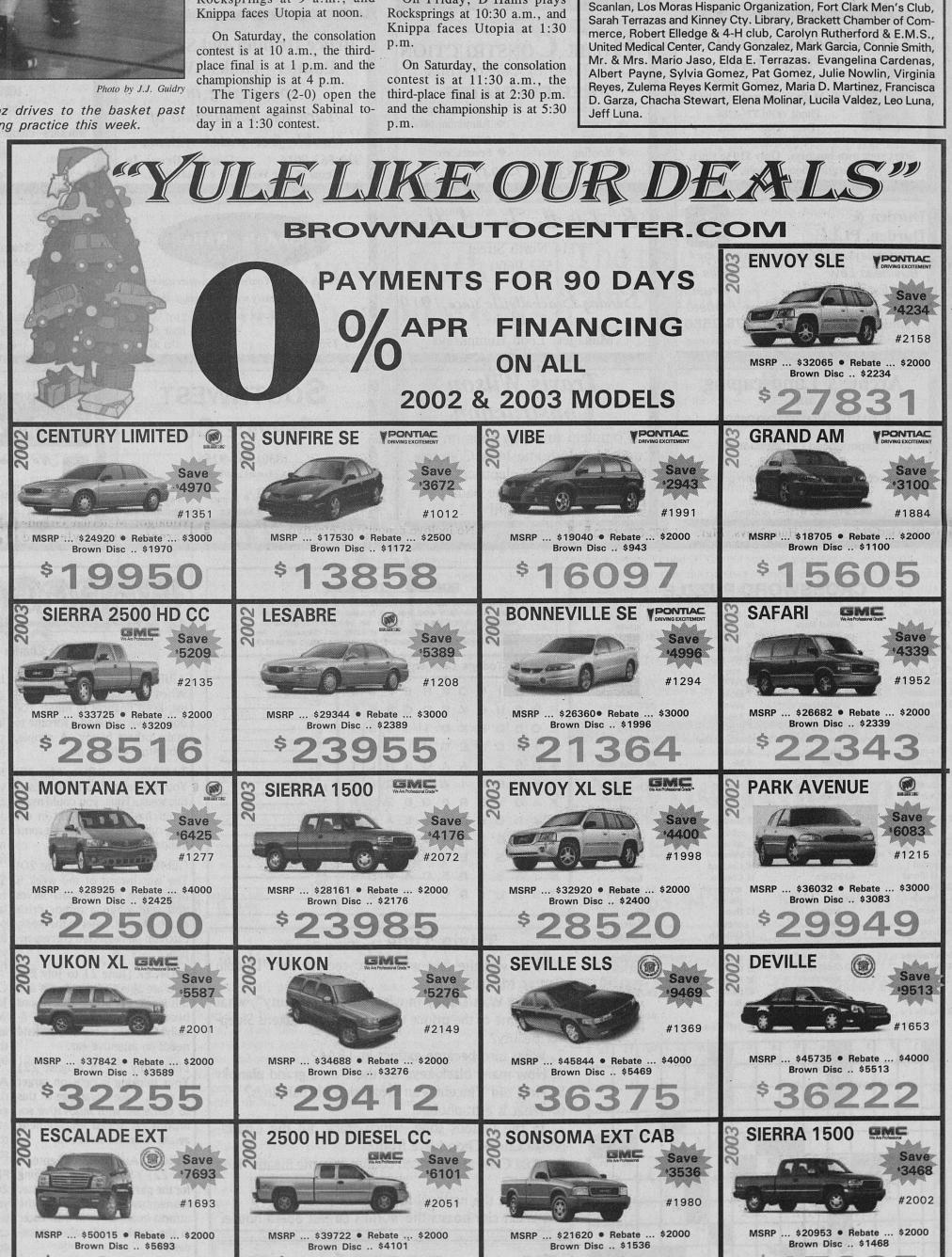
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slab under the floor had to completely dry for five days. New maple flooring was shipped from Wisconsin. Our contactor worked tirelessly to get the floor replaced."

It cost the district \$69,500 to replace the floor, but Stephenson said the school plans on recouping the expense.

"We have informed the roofing contractor and continue to gather information to help with the cause of the damage," he said. "The board's attorney is helping to direct these efforts. It is our goal that either the insurance company or the roofing company pay the entire cost of the replacment of the floor. If they don't do it willingly, I'm sure that the board will litigate the incident."

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. Who was the first woman to receive the "Lincoln Center Medallion"?

2. In the Walt Disney movie, "Sleeping Beauty", what is the name of the prince who kisses and awakens Sleeping Beauty?

3. What bird became extinct in 1844?

4. How many black keys are there on a grand piano?

5. How did Vincent Van Gogh sign his paintings?

6. What is astraphobia?

7. In the famous song, which track did the Chattanooga Choo-Choo leave from?

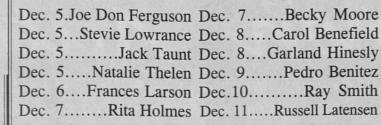
8. What Central American country's name means "land of trees"?

9. What is the national language of Pakistan?

10. What city boasts the world's largest opera house?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HARACEADEC

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) LIBRA (September 23 to Octothoughtful gift will do.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) SCORPIO (October 23 to Nothis week. Thus, you could make go over contracts and legal a purchase you'll regret in the agreements. Your mind is sharp, long run. This weekend, do some and you won't miss a detail. This holiday decorating.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The watchword of the week is SAGITTARIUS (November 22 practicality. This approach serves to December 21) Caught up in you well when a minor crisis last week's festivities, some imerupts at work. Later in the week, portant work fell by the wayside. catch up on neglected correspon- Be sure to clear this up. Later, CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

nally! Over the weekend, a friend in to frustration. You can break needs an attentive ear. LEO (July 23 to August 22)

Your thinking is right on target AQUARIUS (January 20 to Febawaits over the weekend. VIRGO (August 23 to Septem- stoppable.

ber 22) You do some searching PISCES (February 19 to March

When making your holiday gift ber 22) You're given a work aslist, keep finances in mind. You signment which isn't to your likdon't have to spend a fortune to ing. However, your skills are best make others happy. A simple, suited for this. Grin and bear it; it's soon put to rest.

You're tempted to be impulsive vember 21) It's a good time to weekend, make yourself available for family projects.

you're entertained by a child's fanciful tales.

You are able to learn a new skill CAPRICORN (December 22 to this week. For some, that means January 19) It's stop-and-go for becoming computer literate - fi- your work week. Try not to give this cycle with the help of a cooperative co-worker.

at work. Take advantage of this ruary 18) Your restlessness is to come up with innovative so- getting the attention of bigwigs lutions. A social engagement at work. Do your best to curb this. Once you do, you're un-

for the perfect gift for your mate. 20) Avoid a tendency to drive Remember, money isn't of the yourself too hard, particularly at utmost importance in this. Later work. All that overtime soon in the week, work takes prece- catches up to you. Use the weekend to catch up on much-needed

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Choose purity and walk with God

The Pilgrims and the Puritans came to America through a church relocation project. They were fervent in their desire to worship God in a manner that was unpopular in many churches in England.

One of the issues they had was having the right to worship their Heavenly Father without being under a legalisconfine how they expressed have caused them to fail. their love for the Father and it in church on Sunday.

not keep God in every area of presence of God. their lives, their local govern-

way that would please their same Godly principles. Heavenly Father. Without Him, the tribulations and tri- to tear this nation apart, it is a in hope, walk in love.



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tic, heavy hand that would als of the early settlers would

The hardships of daily living towards mankind. They de- demanded that they keep them- ye love one another with a sired the freedom to express selves bound to the word of God this love and dedication to for wisdom, insight and godly God in every area of their revelation. Their desire for liv- us to "Be thou an example of community, and not just leave ing a pure life also brought forth the believers, in word, in conspiritual anointing in their lives versation, in love, in spirit, in They knew that if they did and experiencing the divine faith, in purity." (I Tim. 4:12)

Without this walk of purity, us to "flee youthful lusts." ing would fail. They knew that our forefathers would have ut- This is an appropriate comif they did not make sure to terly failed. Each one of them mand for all of us, urging us make the principles of God a succeeded to the degree that they to grow up spiritually and not part of everything in their followed the principals of the remain a child in our walk daily lives, God would not Living Word of God. Today, if with God. bless them and prosper them. we wish to give an inheritance Being a stranger in a of success to our children and fathers, he is calling each of strange land demanded that grandchildren, we must reach us this day to choose purity each of them walk in such a out and bind to ourselves those and walk in the diving pres-

Right when the devil wishes tion of God. Stand in faith, rest

time for great grace to fall upon us. It is a time of restoration and redemption for our nation as we re-embrace the principles of God's word and rebuild the "temple of God." Each one of us who believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior is a "temple of the Holy Spirit." It is time to heal the breaches and mend the walls. It is a time for each of us to walk in purity.

God's word says, "See that pure heart." (I Peter 1:22)

Jesus commissions each of In II Tim. 2:19-22, it tells

Just as God called our foreence, anointing, and revela-

You can do anything through faith

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible.

God is still in the business of granting miracles. With God, all things are possible, if you will only believe.

Jesus said, "Everything is possible for him who believes.' (Mark 9:23)

Jesus has a lot to say about faith and the lack thereof: "You their lack of faith. (Matthew of little faith, why are you so 13:58) afraid?" (Matthew 8:26)

thew, two blind men asked Jesus stressed in Matthew's Gospel to restore their sight. Jesus 8:10,13 9:2,22,28-29. asked the men point blank, "Do

"Yes, Lord," they replied. Then Jesus touched their eyes faith will it be done to you."

And their sight was restored. Did Jesus say, "Oh sure I'll Peter got out of the boat and do it for you?" No! He said, started walking towards Jesus. "According to your faith ..."

If either or both men had possessed any lack of faith, he or they would have remained

by the people of his own homemany miracles there because of cumstances, I like to think that I tremendous power!

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The close relationship be-In the ninth chapter of Mat- tween faith and miracles is

I love the scripture where have Jesus' word on it. you believe that I am able to do Jesus is walking on the water and

courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Peter replied, "Lord if it's and said, "According to your you, tell me to come to you on but also you say to this mounthe water."

Jesus said, "Come."

As he started to doubt, he started to sink. Then, he panicked and screamed out, "Lord, save me!"

Jesus immediately pulled him up and said, "You of little faith! Because Jesus was rejected Why did you doubt?"

As unnatural as walking on

could have done better, but as Chuck Hall likes to say, "I could be wrong!'

When Jesus' disciples failed to drive out a demon in a small boy, they asked why and Jesus replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, move from here to there and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you!" (Matthew 17: 14-23)

You can receive the power to do anything you need to do through prayer and faith, you

Jesus says, "I tell you the says to his disciples, "Take truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, tain, 'Go throw yourself into the sea, and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." (Matthew 21:21-22)

> Jesus says, "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it shall be yours." (Mark 11:24)

Prayer and faith and belief town (Nazareth), He did not do water is, under this set of cir- equals miracles. You can have

What do your children learn from your marriage?

"Josh, the kids are in bed. We need to talk. Can you pry yourself away from the TV?" "Look, Kerri, I want to see

this game. Can't it wait?" Kerri, growing impatient, retorted: "You don't care about

about is your sports." Turning away, she left the

the kids and me. All you care

talking some other time," Josh dren what a good provider you

taken up with TV and ball And there are other things, too. games," Kerri shouted back.

it would be best to talk: "OK, children every day. I'm hoping tion. Let's start this all over and me," she said. I promise to listen. What's on your mind?"

table, they continued the con- love, rather than in anger. You versation in a more civil tone.

need to acknowledge each their own." other's contributions to the fam-

more critical than constructive." generous gift (Sirach 26:1-3). "What do you suggest?" Josh

replied, "but I've decided that I good parenting.



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"Well, why can't we do our need to acknowledge to the chilare. You work hard and bring "The only time you have is the money home for the family.

"I'm going to try to say some-Josh, feeling guilty, decided thing kind to you in front of the Kerri, I'm sorry for my reac- that you can do the same for

"You're right," Josh said. "I need to do the same. Our chil-Sitting down at the kitchen dren need to see more of us in really are a wonderful wife, Kerri spoke first. "I was read-" Kerri. I hope that our boys will ing something today about fami- use you as a pattern when they lies. It said that married couples grow up and look for wives of

A very wise man once said ily in the presence of the chil- that God is delighted with the dren. I realized that you and I mutual love of husband and wife have gotten into a rut of being (Sirach 25:1). A good wife is a

What do your children learn from your marriage? A good "I can't speak for you," Kerri marriage is the foundation of

Serve your faith through good works

We have faith, but do we have works?

We are rapidly moving into the time of year when much attention is focused on giving to those less fortunate than we

I wonder why this is? Why do we concentrate on giving to others only during the Christmas season?

to the less fortunate a year- warm coat. round project?

someone says he has faith but be able to afford to drive a does not have works? Can that faith save him?

nothing to wear and has no our faith community through food for the day, and one of the archbishop's appeal. It is you says to them, "Go in our chance to do something peace, keep warm and eat for all our church family - an well," but you do not give opportunity to help all the them the necessities of the many organizations that are body, what good is it? So also there for those in need. faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

James tells us that the follower of Christ is the one who performs works of charity and justice. How can we apply this to our every day lives?

cooler — maybe you can help Church. God bless you.



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Lynn McNew

Why can't we make giving a child who doesn't have a

Gasoline is very costly -St. James asks us (James maybe you can offer a ride to 2:14-18) what good is it if a senior citizen that may not

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> Lord, I thank you for the faith you have given me. I ask for reminders in my daily life of the good works that I can

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The true Christmas spirit can be found in scripture

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Shopping malls are the modern counterparts of the bazaars and marketplaces of other times and places. They are also social centers, especially for children to each other. (Luke 7:32)



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> Nathan Lafrenz

Nothing we buy — not power and teens. So it was also in tools, clothes, toys, jewelry -Jesus's day. He said His genera- can offer us what we truly need tion was like children sitting in in life. We do not live by things the marketplace and calling out we can purchase. To be truly alive we need Jesus Christ, the Because of the marketing living Bread. He has purchased techniques and advertising, us from eternal death by his shopping centers seems to shout death and resurrection. He only out "Buy!" That is what our can nourish us with his body and cultural Christmas spirit calls us blood so that we may live abunto do. But if we listen to scrip- dantly now and forever more.

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(TDH), have hidden hazards. added.

"Parents should not buy toys choke a child. with small parts for children under 3," Dillard said.

"For example, recent prodwalker or swing for your new- uct recalls have included plastic tronics and water don't mix, but months can make a huge differ-It is the time of year for stuffed toys with parts or seams dangers of electrical shock. thinking about giving and re- that can be detached during norceiving presents. But some of mal use, exposing parts that are tain glue that require knowing these gifts, according to the small enough to become lodged about proper use and adequate Texas Department of Health in a child's windpipe," she ventilation. Parents also should Nov. 22 is "Toy Sweep 2002,"

A few simple precautions can To find out if a small part on toys away from younger sib- looking for recalled toys and dren make the best decisions, ac- ents can use a simple test. Take use them. cording to Annabelle Dillard of the cardboard tube from a roll TDH's Products Safety Divi- of toilet paper. If the part can tention to labels. pass through the tube, it could

children from obvious hazards

issues, Dillard said.

help people buying gifts for chil- a toy is a choking hazard, par- lings who may not know how to other children's items on retail When selecting toys, pay at-

In addition to safeguarding shopping for," Dillard said.

Thinking about getting a por- "In addition, some toys can such as small parts and sharp tions on the label such as 'not table basketball hoop for the ath- break, exposing young children edges, parents need to train their recommended for children unlete in your family? Does your to the hazards of choking on children to be aware of safety der 3' to guide you in finding a safe age-appropriate toy. And Most adults know that elec- keep in mind also that a few toys that can easily break and children may not recognize the ence in the skill level of a small child, so it's best not to give an Many model and art kits con- 18-month-old child a toy designed for a 2-year-old."

> This year, Nov. 18 through train older children to keep their when TDH inspectors go out store shelves.

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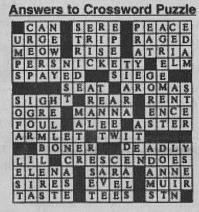
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Public Notice

EMS Public Hearing To Be Held Regarding Kinney County EMS Personnel Temporary Shortage

There will be a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. Monday, December 9, 2002, at the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas. The purpose of this hearing is to heighten public awareness of the ramifications of having an EMS which is in noncompliance with the law.

Notice is hereby given that Kinney County Emergency Service has requested a variance from the Texas Department of Health to operate, said EMS, while not being in compliance with the law. The variance, if approved, would allow Kinney County EMS to operate emergency vehicles while responding to and transporting emergency patients. The public is encouraged to attend.

For additional information, please contact Carolyn Rutherford, EMS Director at the office 830-563-9090 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., or visit at

401 S. Ellen St.

Battle over water rights in Kinney County bubbles to the surface

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for water to pay for a pipeline called water marketers." carrying Colorado River water to the city.

vise him on rights to the water Antonio officials. beneath his land, which sits atop the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer.

materialize, but Davis' lawyers county for his knowledge of wa- down water marketing. They responsibilities that wouldn't put him in touch with a group ter issues and their importance limit pumping to 2.5 acre-feet, of investors that includes Aus- to rural communities. tin real estate developers Richnomics work," Davis says.

Buster Brown, the author of a ting to the customer." 1997 overhaul of state water law. Lynn Sherman, a former ity executive, is president.

question of conflict before the out. legislative session in January.

nents of water deals, who por- above a 16-foot standpipe near tray them as big-city deal-mak- his crops of cotton and milo. ers out to plunder Kinney That rankles Davis.

soon pay up to 35 percent more never been approached by so-

border, about 150 years ago. He leased water rights on a 9,900says he never thought much acre ranch in the county and just jealousy." about selling water until the City would like to ship water to San about buying water from the deal, which prompted angry approved the creation of the dis-

By contrast, Sherman, whose tax. WaterTexas is handling Davis' A deal with Eagle Pass didn't land, is well-regarded in the adopted rules designed to shut interim general manager — dual Sherman helped organize.

ard Hill and Dick Anderson. WaterTexas investors from the agreements to one year, which of-interest provisions to ground- to ground water under 72,000 bors could sell off water before "We just wanted options in the start that returns from any one kills any chance of marketers water districts. Shahan's hus- acres to Amarillo. The city paid they ever get a chance to use it. event we have the opportunity project could take three to five selling a long-term, steady sup- band, Tully Shahan, is the \$22 million for the rights and There's also uncertainty about to market our water if the eco- years - primarily because of ply to cities. the uncertainty in water deals, A number of partnerships including transport costs. "Get- quences have been severe for of the ground-water district. eventually merged into the Na- ting water to the markets is local farmers. Justin Burk grows tive Valley Alliance, which is where all the risk is," Sherman alfalfa on 423 acres in Kinney trict carved out an exception to managed by WaterTexas, an says. "In oil, 90 percent of the County, mostly to feed cattle on the pumping limits for wells the first to secure ground-water study of water here and let that Austin water-development com- risk is in finding the resource. his 50,000-acre ranch in neigh- drilled between Jan. 1 and Aug. pany. The company's chairman In water, 10 percent of the risk boring Val Verde County. He 6, when the rules were adopted. is former Republican state Sen. is in finding and the rest in get- says his crop requires 6 to 8 As it happens, the Shahans, who

Haves vs. have-nots

Davis' land literally brims Lower Colorado River Author- with pure ground water forced cutting of alfalfa for the year. say the well is for irrigating their investors who want to oust him logical Survey to do the job. Investors include state Rep. drostatic pressure — what's next month to renew his loan. for selling water, although some gust to state charges of swin- "We're not going to do anything Tom Craddick, the Midland Re- called an artesian flow. The wells But he's worried about the out- county residents suspect that dling two former employers out to get into bed with water marpublican who is in line to be- on his land don't need a pump; come if he doesn't get assurance could happen. come speaker of the Texas Davis just depresses a valve on about how much water he can House. Craddick says he's try- the wellhead and thousands of use. The district rules, he says, is couch these rules to favor us," ing to sell his stake to avoid any gallons of water a minute rush "leave me in a holding pattern."

County's natural resources. nodding toward McDaniel as Austin. they walk toward the irrigated

among just a handful of land- his Evans U-Bar Ranch. Some of the bad feelings stem owners in the county who have from different approaches by water to sell. That is the root of is spending much of its \$70,000 Zach Davis' family settled in marketers. A Kingsbury real- the opposition, McDaniel says: annual budget on lawyers. Kinney County, on the Mexican estate developer, Ray Smith, has "There are not a lot of folks who

> The Groundwater Conservatrict is financed by a property an answer - vote us out."

of farmland.

Alfalfa is a perennial that can Jim McDaniel has a similarly last four years; without water,

"It's his land," adds Davis, Burk's lawyer, Paul Terrill of state's rapid urban growth.

Not surprisingly, the district transfer of rights.

Beyond the legal wrangling, will benefit. I think a lot of it is there are other issues on the district board.

Zach Davis is a director, alof Eagle Pass, 56 miles to the Antonio. But the San Antonio tion District has been swimming though he says he abstains from water deal. If residents don't like under their land. county in the mid-1990s. Davis public exchanges between trict and elected the seven-mem- how he handles his responsibili-

In creating the rules, the dis- to 50 years. acre-feet of water for each acre own 16,000 acres, own one of only a handful of wells that were rights in and around Williamson the ground-water district choose Burk has just finished the last drilled during that time. They to the surface by powerful hy- He will visit his bank in Del Rio vast property and isn't a prelude because he pleaded guilty in Au-

Tully Shahan says.

'Clear gold'

Texas water law had not far. Out-of-town investors have powerful well on his farm that it will die, and he'll have to re- changed in a half-century until been an easy target for oppo- shoots water up through and plant an expensive new crop. the mid-1990s, when a string of gas boom were chaotic, even a favorite line about the topic: "He's truly caught in the droughts convinced legislators bloody. But in the 1930s, the Like beauty, ground-water crossfire of this district," says to reshape the law to fit the state started developing a system availability is in the eye of the

"The idea that water market-fields on McDaniel's 500-acre district. On Nov. 1, John ter plans, encouraged the estab-wealth among landowners and fines for exceeding its pumping ers have descended on Kinney farm. "Whether he wants to use Boerschig sued the agency in lishment of local ground-water gave investors a certain and limits from the Edwards Aqui- County — that's bull," he says. the water for irrigation or sell it state district court after months districts, and strengthened the steady supply of oil. fer. Pflugerville residents will "We initiated this. We have to Del Rio, that's his business." of unsuccessfully trying to ob- Texas Water Development The water rule of capture McDaniel and Davis are tain permission to drill a well on Board's "water bank," a clear- does just the opposite, says Jace inghouse for water sales and Houston, general counsel for the

> to transfer surface water be- vation agency. tween regions. That provision

hired an Austin law firm to ad- Smith's partnership and San ber board in January. The dis- ties, he says bluntly, "There's entrepreneurs began to see wa- supply for customers. ter as "clear gold" — as it hap-Another director is Darlene pens, the name of a 1999 wa- to Texas - doesn't protect a

> pass the smell test in most gov- landowner Salem Abraham, have water rights. or 650,000 gallons, for each ernmental bodies. The state, president of the Moody Land Sherman says he tells acre of land and limit exporting however, didn't apply conflict- and Cattle Co., sold the rights sult, some fear that their neighcounty attorney, and his will spend \$70 million more, in the recharge into the Edwards-The unintended conse- brother-in-law is also a director today's dollars, to build a pipe- Trinity Aquifer and the effects line when it uses the water in 25 of water exports.

> > rights, but most have been un- determine things." able to nail down deals. Oilman "The last thing we would do rate raider and energy tycoon

that defined each landowner's beholder. A 1997 law mandated the cre-rights to the oil or gas beneath One ranch owner has sued the ation of state and regional wa- his land. This helped spread the example of that," he says.

Harris-Galveston Coastal Sub-The law also made it difficult sidence District, a water conser-

"The rule creates tremendous made ground water ideal for uncertainty because it does not marketing because it's relatively create any defined property incheap. And under the Texas rule terest in the water while it is in of capture, landowners can do place," Houston says. Water south, informally inquired Water System has rejected any in trouble since county voters votes that directly affect his own what they want with the water marketers can't be sure how many landowners they'll need to It wasn't long before some contract with to ensure a steady

The rule of capture - unique In August, the district Shahan, who also is the district's ter-law conference in Austin that landowner from having water beneath his land pumped out by In 1999, Roberts County adjacent landowners who also

In Kinney County, as as re-

"I say, let science decide," Veteran oilmen were among Davis says. "Let's get a good

WaterTexas offered to pay Scott Carlson is general partner most of the cost of a hydrologiof a company securing water cal study for the region and let County. But he is tangling with an entity such as the U.S. Geo-

The district wasn't interested. of \$1.9 million. Retired corpo- keters," says Darlene Shahan.

State water officials aren't Boone Pickens has acquired surprised by the intrigue. Robsubstantial water rights in the ert Mace, an assistant division Panhandle, but no customers so director for ground-water availability modeling at the Texas The early days of the oil and Water Development Board, has

"Kinney County is a classic