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## Officials discuss management plan today Citizens concerned about how agricultural community will be affected

J.J. GUDRY  
Editor

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District is expected to adopt its draft management plan today when the board resumes a hearing at 4 p.m. at the Courthouse.

The management plan has raised concerns among the members of the county's agricultural community.

Kinney County is one of 65 Texas counties classified as economically farming-dependent by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, but the management plan does not include the word "agriculture."

"I would appreciate some kind of statement in the management plan to stop trying to harm existing agriculture in this county," local farmer Jim McDaniel told officials. "This is

an agriculture county and I would like to have agriculture addressed in there."

McDaniel's daughter, Wendy Foster of Austin, expressed her concern to the directors about the effects the management plan would have on agricultural producers in the county.

"I take offense to the fact that (County Agent) Robert Elledge has not been consulted by any of you all about any local data," she said. "There's not one sentence in your management plan about ..."

Cecil Smith, board president, interrupted her: "You just stop. We got information from Robert Elledge's office. What you're stating is not true."

"It is not in your plan — and that is true," Foster responded.

Smith agreed: "We did not put it in the plan."

"Why did you go to him if

it's not being used," Foster asked. "That's the problem with the ag protection. To say that you talked to him and did not include it is an insult. And the fact that the Farm Bureau has not been contacted is an insult to me."

"The fact that you've got people saying Fort Clark Springs is going to go dry if water leaves this county — when back in the 1930s and '40s there were 12,000 troops stationed at Fort Clark Springs and it never went dry — I take offense to that, too."

The management plan says that there is 15,836 acre-feet of water being used within the district on an annual basis, but a report from the Texas Water Development Board says that 14,112 acre-feet of groundwater was used on farms in Kinney County in 2000. The manage-

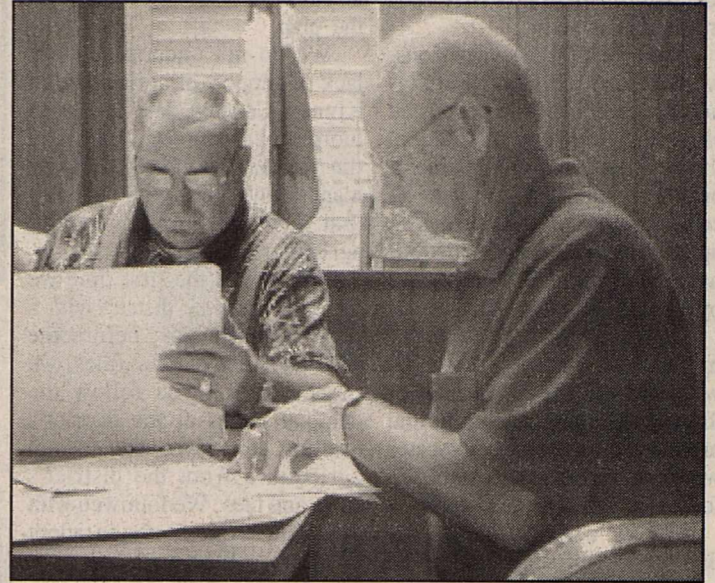
ment plan estimates the total usable amount of groundwater in the district as 69,800 acre-feet, the same as the annual amount of recharge within the district.

The plan says it is a "policy decision by the Board of Directors ... for the purposes of protecting the long-term viability of the groundwater resources in Kinney County."

The amount of recharge was derived from the research of Roberto Anaya and Robert Mace, published in an August report by the Texas Water Development Board.

Grant Snyder, a senior hydrogeologist with the URS Corporation, said the recharge estimate is "simply not accurate."

"It does not take into account significant sources of groundwater from the Austin group (of aquifers) or 'underflow from outside the county,'" he said.



**Making a plan**  
Directors Bob Young (left), Don Hood and the other water board members will consider adopting the district's draft management plan this afternoon.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

## City leaders approve tax exemptions

By J.J. GUDRY  
Editor

Some Brackettville citizens will get much-needed tax relief during the next fiscal year.

The Brackettville City Council approved a resolution adopting tax exemptions, including \$5,000 for residence homestead exemptions, \$10,000 for disabled persons exemptions and \$10,000 for an over 65 exemption.

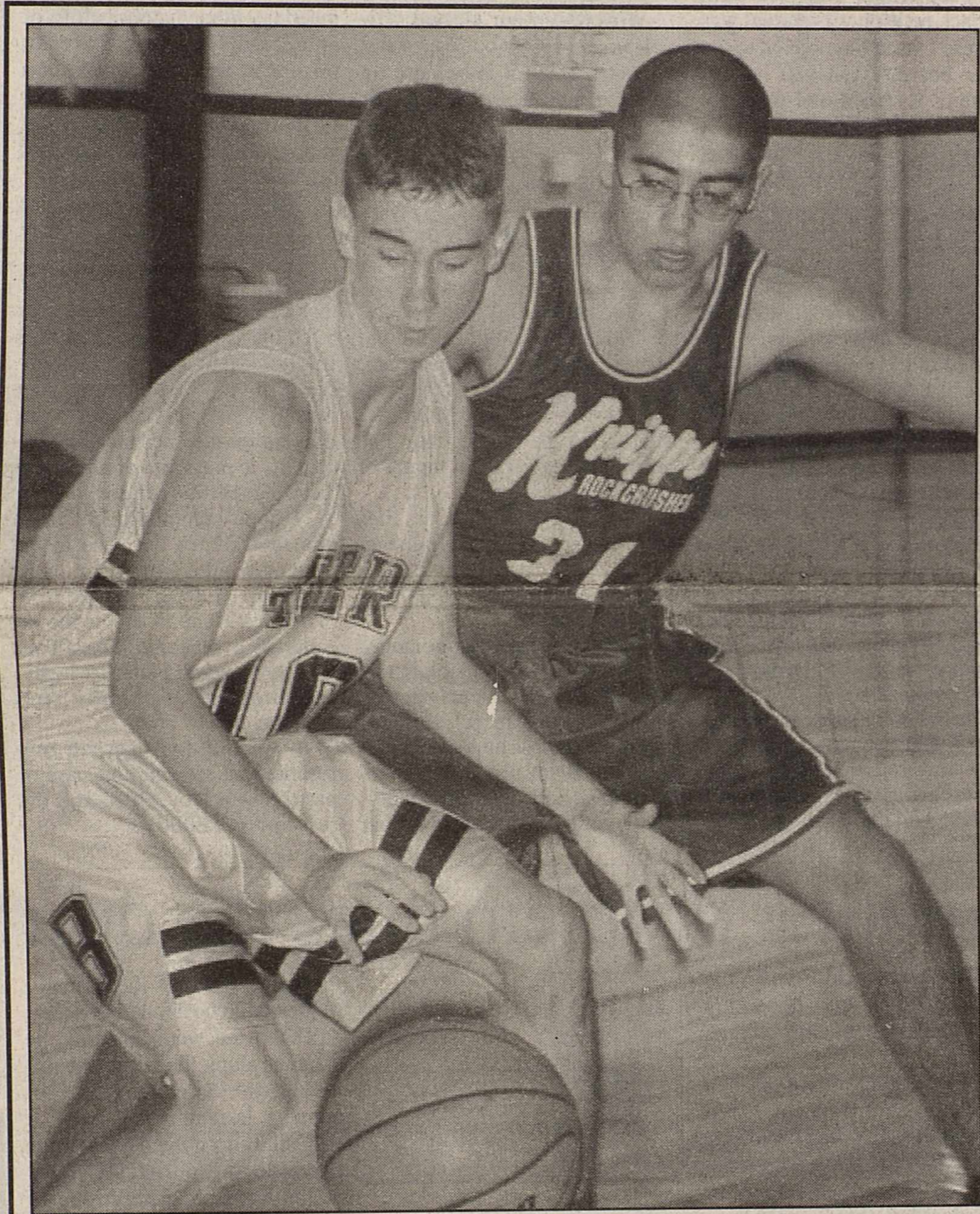
"It's a good thing," Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn told the council. "You are the only taxing unit of the six that does not have homestead exemptions. Your amounts are the same as the county, the City of Spofford, Fort Clark MUD and the water conservation district."

"Many of the elderly only pay taxes to the City of Brackettville, and this is because their property isn't worth \$15,000. Now, they won't have to pay any taxes."

"The important thing for you to understand is that it does not change the amount of money you bring in on taxes at all. It raises the same amount of money, but it redistributes that total tax income to the people that are still working and are under 65. It also gives those approaching that age something to look forward to."

The resolution also says the city will "limit the tax on homesteads of the elderly and disabled

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**Getting the ball down court**  
Tigers guard Travis Nowlin (10) tries to keep the ball away from Knippa's Jose Martinez (31). The Tigers opened the season by taking second in the Brackett tournament. They are now 3-1 on the season. See story, Page 4.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Taxing entities to elect directors for A.D. board

By J.J. GUDRY  
Editor

Five candidates have been nominated for two available positions on the Kinney County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

The county's taxing entities will vote next week to elect two directors. The five nominees are Steve Crosby, Mary Flores, Mike Holley, Martha Pena Padron and Richard Slubar.

Holley and Slubar, both incumbents, were nominated last month by the Kinney County Commissioners Court. Crosby and Holley were then nominated by the Brackett School Board of Trustees.

Flores and Padron were nominated by the Brackettville City Council.

The taxing entities' votes are based on the percentage of the 2002 tax levy.

Brackett ISD will get 1,049 votes (52.47 percent), Kinney County will get 714 votes (35.72 percent), the City of Brackettville will get 125 votes (6.23 percent) and the City of Spofford will get two votes (.104 percent).

"It's based on your percent of the levy," said Bill Haenn, the county's chief appraiser. "The school gets the most votes because they collect the most money, followed by the county." Padron said she was told by

VOTING	
<i>Distribution of votes based on percentages of the tax levy for the election of Appraisal District directors:</i>	
<b>Taxing Entity</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Brackett ISD	1,049
Kinney County	714
City of Brackettville	125
City of Spofford	2

County Attorney Tully Shahan that she would not be allowed to serve on the board because the county was under contract with the Appraisal District.

Haenn disagreed, adding that elected officials from other entities also serve on the board, such as Holley, a Fort Clark MUD director, and Tim Ward, who was a school board trustee when first appointed to the Appraisal District board.

"Because she is the tax assessor-collector, by law she would normally serve on our board of directors as a non-voting member," Haenn said. "However, because our Appraisal District collects for all the taxing units, she does not sit on the board. That is why she's not on there automatically."

"In Val Verde County, Mr. (Wayne) Hyde sits on the Appraisal District because he collects the county taxes," he added.

## Fort Clark directors respond to members' letters

By J.J. GUDRY  
Editor

saved money this year by paying its taxes early.

"The previous administration didn't pay last year's taxes until January of this year. At the very last minute, they went into the impound fund and borrowed the money, and then did a pass-through on the taxes to the membership," he said.

"This administration paid the taxes in October so we could take advantage of the 3 percent discount. We saved roughly \$3,500. We borrowed money from the impound fund and then we will be able to pay it back from the assessments paid to the association by the membership."

Baker's letter also said: Year to date, as of the Aug. 30 financial statement, income totaled \$1,550,705. Averaged over 11 months, this yields \$140,973 per month and projects an estimated income of \$1,691,678 for this year. Last year's total income was \$2,438,339 as reported in the 2002 annual audit. This is a projected loss of revenue totaling \$746,661. Now that's good management."

Saylor responded: "Mr. Baker has a lot of figures in here about proposed revenues and expenses. His numbers, at that

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**Ron Pellin**

time, were based on a budget that was done prior to closing the restaurant.

"The budget was adjusted after we closed the restaurant. The restaurant was costing us between \$8,000 and \$10,000 a month. When we adjusted the budget, there were other changes that were made as well. There was a rippling affect from closing the restaurant."

Pellin pointed out that the association is a Texas non-profit corporation.

"Unlike a profit-making company, our objective is to match our expenses and our income like a non-profit agency does," he said. "There is fixation in some of the things you read about us not making a profit. Well, that's not our objective."

"As a matter of record, at the end of the fiscal year, if you take the capital expenses and the capi-

tal from the sale of the manager's house into consideration, you're looking right at breaking even. This board has been able to take a draining situation and, by getting our expenses under control, increase our cash availability significantly from what it was a year ago," Pellin said.

"And that happened in six months," board member Sherry Holloway added.

Jerry Miller said in a letter to the editor on Oct. 30: "The gated community is wide open to everyone except for relatives, friends and hired contractors who are stopped and turned around at the gate in the name of security."

Saylor said the statement was not true.

"We do have some problems at the gate, yes, but part of the problem are landlords," he said. "Landlords are responsible for the actions of their tenants. We have a couple of renters here that are getting people through the gate, and then they're just going wild."

"In spite of the rumors that Senon Garza, the security chief, is letting all of his friends through to go party on the fort, it's not true. He doesn't have any



Tom Saylor

friends — he's a cop. It's ludicrous."

"Mr. Miller complained at a forum that a relative of his could not get in, but he had not bothered to call the gate and tell them that they were coming."

"All he had to do was pick up the phone, call the gate and say someone was coming in — that's all," Saylor added.

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Plan lacks agriculture issues

The following letter was signed by over 100 citizens and presented on Tuesday to Don Ralston, general manager of the water district:

These comments are in reference to the Kinney County Groundwater District's revised draft management plan.

The Kinney/Val Verde County Farm Bureau, which represents the overwhelming majority of the agricultural producers in the county, submitted comments to the district's first draft management plan.

After reading the revisions, we see those comments were ignored as none of the requested changes were implemented in this revised draft. We, the members and supporters of the ag community, feel we must speak up as individuals and sign our names in hopes of being heard by the district.

If this revised draft of the management plan is adopted, it will be over the objections of the agricultural community and private property right advocates who are not afraid to stand up for their rights in this county.

The ag community has endured a loss of support from all levels of government. It is one thing for bureaucrats in Washington D.C. or lobbyists in Austin to try and take away our rights. However, when our own elected officials take it upon themselves to try and erode our property rights, we take personal offense. It is not our goal to be a burden to you. We are just asking to be fairly represented.

As concerned citizens of Kinney County, we are asking that the district's management plan address agriculture in a way that protects our interests and livelihoods.

Our local economy is based on agriculture, not only farms and ranches, but the local businesses that are supported by them.

The term "agriculture," while being such an important part of our county, is not once mentioned in your draft plan. This is unacceptable. The comments submitted to you from the Farm Bureau were not unreasonable. In fact, they are all easily and readily attainable by the district, at no cost.

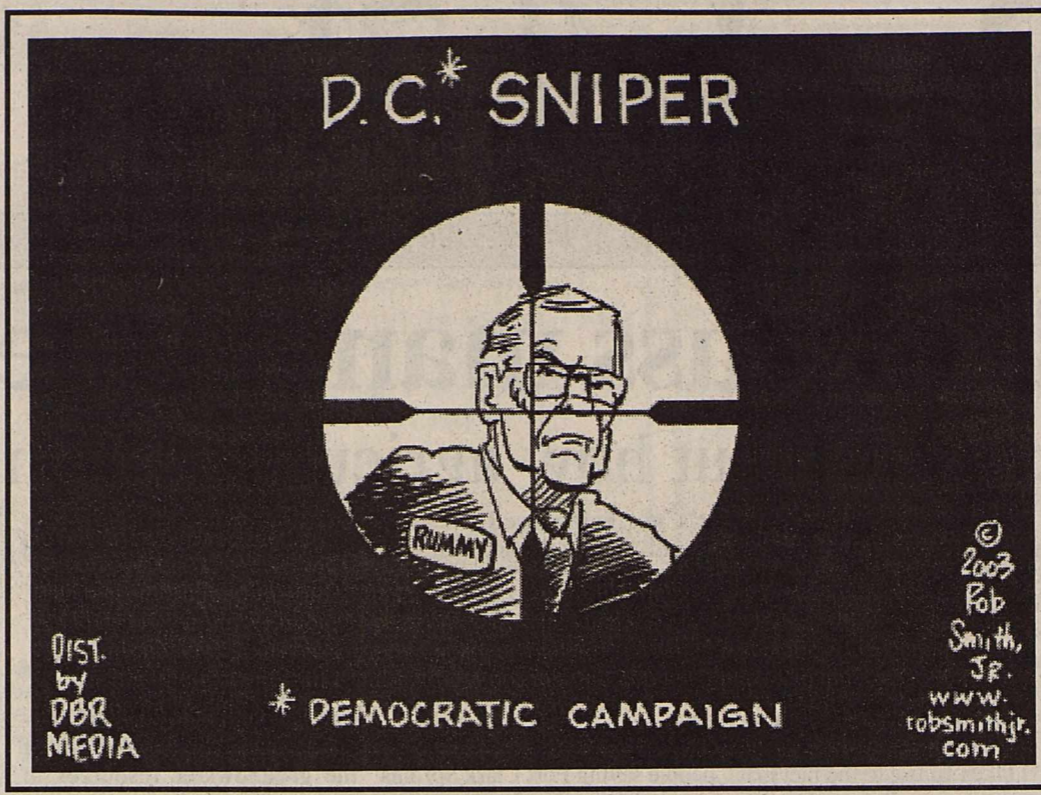
We also ask that all language pertaining to the role of the district becoming involved with federal and state agencies working to find endangered species in our county be removed from the plan.

We do not understand your lack of support of agriculture in Kinney County. We are even more at a loss to explain why the district would voluntarily mandate working with agencies that have no problem ending agriculture in this county.

This is not the first time we have come to the district with a request. Last year, before the final adoption of your rules, we requested that you follow the original intent of the district's drafting committee and exempt agriculture from the district's rules and fees. We followed with a second request, not to adopt substantive rules without scientific data on which to base them.

The district did not acknowledge those requests and instead proceeded on without any input or approval from the county's ag community.

We feel as though we have continually been ignored, but we refuse to give up this fight. We come now and ask that you not only acknowledge our request to have agriculture addressed in your management plan, but that you give this request careful consideration. If you choose to again ignore our request, we ask for a written response from the district stating your reasons for its denial. The producers and advocates of private property rights await your response. Thank you.



We are responsible

Rumors, hearsay and gossip almost never become fact. However, if repeated enough times, they frequently begin to be referred to as "common knowledge." Now that's an oxymoron!

I do not tend to participate, repeat or address any of those three things. However, after repeatedly being told, by numerous people, the only reason a rollback petition was started was because I wasn't appointed to the water board, I felt you needed to hear it from the horse's mouth.

I do support the rollback, that's no secret. Unfortunately, I can only claim credit for making the public aware it could be done, not for starting the petition. Rest assured, I would have made you aware regardless of who the commissioners appointed to the water board. As a matter of fact, the court played a major role in placing me on the tax board the following month. Why didn't that stop me from telling you your rights?

While I did sign the first petition, you will not find my name on the second one.

Why? I kept forgetting because I was trying to put together enough evidence to prove historic use on two of my mother's wells before Dec. 1.

The reason I support the rollback is because, in my opinion, the Commissioners Court was representing their wants and desires, not the public's, when



Between Us

Wes Robinson

they voted to approve the current budget.

Why would our elected officials not represent our wants and desires? I think it is because by the time they heard them, they had already made up their minds.

No, I am not insinuating they did anything illegal. I'm saying you and I are partially responsible for their attitude toward the general public.

We, you and I, didn't attend the budget workshops or, for that matter, most of the meetings. Then we showed up at the public hearing and told them we didn't like the budget they had been working on for a month or more.

Did you really think they were going to completely change the budget just because we showed up to gripe at one meeting? No way!

If we want fair representation from our elected officials, we have to be more civically active. In short, attend more meetings, speak out and write letters. This goes for all of our governmental entities, not just the county. They can't know what we want

if we don't tell them, and they obviously won't act on our ideals at the last minute.

I encourage you to attend the Commissioners Court meeting next Monday. I do not know if they will take action on the rollback petition, but some of us need to be there to find out.

If the rollback election occurs and is successful, any county meetings immediately before or after it will be crucial. The commissioners will have to make cuts to the budget. You had better be there to tell them what to cut and, more especially, what not to cut.

They will also face a choice while making those cuts. They could choose to represent their constituency's desires, as best they can, or try to use those cuts to childishly lash out at the public by targeting specific county departments. You know, the ones that may not contain 'team players' or the ones most important to a majority of the folks who signed the petition.

I hope commissioners make the first choice but, due to the recent conduct of some court members, I expect the latter.

If we want to enjoy the results of a successfully rollback election we had better start paying attention, especially after election day.

If we still don't get fair representation, we can take care of part of it in Nov. 2004 and the rest in Nov. 2006.

Another problem bites the dust

Bill Baxter called me the other day. You remember my past column about him coming to visit.

He challenged me with a problem. A math problem. I tried to tell him that I was no longer in that part of the educational business. The pedagogic gods of yore decided that I wasn't to teach math anymore.

Back to his problem. He said that he flew a plane 41,000 feet high. He wanted to know how far he could get from a radio signal before the curvature of the Earth blocked the signal.

Didn't sound too bad. The diameter of the world is about 7,926 miles. Therefore, the radius is half of that, 3,962 miles. And 41,000 feet is equal to 7.765 miles.



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

If we take a circle, representing the globe, draw a line from the center outward, and add the height of the plane above the Earth, that length is 3,970.765 miles.

Now draw a line from that point, tangent to the Earth, intersecting the circle in one point (v). Draw another line from the center of the Earth to point (v).

The angle at (v) is a right angle. Thus we have a right triangle and using Pythagoras'

theorem, we find the distance requested to be about 248 miles.

But if we want to know the distance along the curvature following the world, then trigonometry is required.

Call the angle between the two lines drawn from the center of the Earth A. The cosine of angle A is 3,963 divided by 3,979.765. Now we have angle A valued at about 3.2 degrees.

The arc length in question is equal to 3.2 divided by 360 times the circumference of the Earth (about 24,000 miles).

This finally leads us to a distance of 213 miles along mother earth. QED.

So there you go Bill. Take your choice, air distance, line of sight, or Earth miles along the surface. Probably both wrong.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Water board is going too far

Friends and neighbors, it is time for all of us to take notice of what's going to happen to our water, our livestock and ourselves.

I have no idea how many of you were living here in the '50s when we had no water. The spring dried up, and the city and the fort were forced to dig wells. They were lucky, they hit good water.

I had a good well — the water level never went down. I shared that well water with several ranchers in the Spofford area who were not so lucky. It kept many of them afloat, it kept their livestock alive and it kept our county prosperous. I still have that well. I am still using it, and have for all these years.

Now today, someone is trying to tell me that's not my water, and how to use it, and pay for it. Let me tell you, to me it is mine — I paid for the cleaning and maintenance, for the pumps, pipe, etc.

It takes care of my livestock and my garden, and I am happy

with it, like it is.

I'm just a little part of the county, but what about the farmers and ranchers who need water for larger places? Can you imagine what small yields crops will provide without enough water, or the reproduction of animals? Not to mention the cost for meters and price of water they pump. Many of our farmers and ranchers are living with a very small profit margin as it is.

This is an agricultural county. Most of the income in Kinney County is from agriculture.

I have not attended all meetings of our groundwater district, and really don't understand all their rules (which change very often), but I think our county could be hurt by the draft management plan. There is never a word about agriculture, the basis of our livelihood.

Please, attend the meetings, let the board members hear from you. Lets keep our county, green, growing and alive.

Genie Nixon

Big Mama Sez! You know you're getting older when the happy hour is a nap.

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Teen Spirit

Shanae Simmons

Why should I be in a hurry?

I can feel the wind whipping against my face in a way one can only define as spectacular. I feel cool and clear headed and my legs push on ahead staying in a constant, fluid motion with my arms.

There is no burning in my lungs or aches in my body. I feel like I am a bird flying and I am untouchable, one of the fastest beasts on the planet. I look back, watching others eat my glorious dust, and smile and enjoy the feeling of complete mirth.

Then suddenly, something terrible happens. I wake up.

For those who do not know me quite well, I am not very fast, and dreams like these often haunt my slumber. They are also pretty ill-founded, seeing that I have never once had people eat my dust, or felt the absence of burning and soreness when running. Actually, I am usually the very last person to finish when conditioning.

During the recent basketball tournament, one could have seen how easily I was attacked by fatigue simply by watching the couple of games I played in.

Not only was I very red and out of breath, but I was so sweaty that it looked like I had just gotten back from digging ditches in Hades.

Of course, the solution to my problem is clear, just the path to it is difficult. The reason I am so out of shape is because I have never really been in shape.

When running lines, an evil torture device involving running up and down the basketball court, I have never really done it correctly. I mostly shuffle, not really bothering to lift my heels off the ground.

I guess you can say I run flat-footed. As result of my casual, whatever it is I do, I have never really gotten past the hardest part and become conditioned.

So as a further result, I huff and I puff, and chug along, coming in last almost every time.

Sometimes I wonder what it would be like to be in the front, ahead of everyone, but the urge does not usually last too long.

Maybe one day I will really try hard, and some day know what it feels like having others eat my dust.

Until then, I guess I will enjoy my role as a casual walker. Sooner or later though, America should be having that toddler Olympics I have been waiting for, and we shall see who will have the last laugh.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Juanita F. Gomez**

Juanita F. Gomez, age 78, passed away Nov. 23, 2003, in San Antonio. She was born May 13, 1925, in Georgetown.

Gomez was preceeded in death by her husband, Maximo F. Gomez, and sons, Mario, Patricio and Rocky Gomez.

She is survived by her children: Maria Inez Medina, Luz Garda G. Cruz and husband Camilo, Paulita A. Garza and husband Jesus Jr., Laura J. Waddell and husband Louis, Raymond F. Gomez Sr. and wife Sylvia, Francisco Gomez, all from Brackettville, Maximo F. Gomez Jr. and wife Julia of Wyoming, Inocencio Gomez and wife Blanca of Austin, Joe Henry Gomez of Austin, Lucia Val Verde and husband Eloy of Amarillo, Alicia Castro and husband Joe of San Antonio, and George Gomez of San Antonio; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Nov. 25 at the Brackettville Funeral Home and a Rosary was recited.

A mass of Christian burial was held Nov. 26 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Burial followed at the Kinney County Cemetery.

**Mike G. Rodriguez**

Mike G. Rodriguez, age 75, passed away Nov. 29, 2003, in Del Rio. He was born May 8, 1928, in Yoakum.

Rodriguez was a veteran of World War II and served in the Army Air Corps.

He was preceeded in death by Lydia Rodriguez, Jerry M. Rodriguez, Jackie Rodriguez, Joe Rodriguez, Tony Rodriguez, Ben Rodriguez, Nick Rodriguez and Victor Rodriguez.

He is survived by his son: Jose Ray Rodriguez and wife Isabelle of Cisco; long-time companion: Julia Martinez of Brackettville; brother: Ralph Rodriguez of Yoakum; sister: Pauline Rodriguez of San Antonio; and his grandchildren: Nicole Dawson, John Mathew Rodriguez, Cheyenne Rodriguez, Paul Michael Rodriguez and Andrew Rodriguez.

Visitation was held Monday and Tuesday at the Brackettville Funeral Home Chapel, where a Rosary was recited.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Wednesday at St. Mary of Magdalene Catholic Church. Burial followed at the Catholic Cemetery.

**BRIEFS**

**City officials set new work hours**

Brackettville city officials have set new hours for the brush area and landfill.

The brush area will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Landfill hours are from noon to 5 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

"The City of Brackettville apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause, but due to short staff the schedule will continue until we obtain more manpower or our workload decreases," said City Secretary Bonnie Wardlaw.

**'Nuncrackers' performances set**

The nuns are back! Two years ago the Little Sisters of Hoboken, from Mt. Saint Helen's Convent, presented a show on Fort Clark's stage to raise funds to bury their sisters who had been poisoned by the cook, Sister Julia, child of God.

Now they are here again to tape their first annual Christmas Show. They are planning their adaptation of "The Nutcracker Ballet" and let's just say that it doesn't turn out quite the way Tschaikowsky planned it!

"Nuncrackers" will be presented on Friday, Dec. 12, and Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Post Theatre. Tickets are available at the Adult Center, from any cast member or by calling 563-9229, 563-3070 or 563-2296.

**Cavalry Brigade to meet Saturday**

The Fort Clark Community Council's Cavalry Brigade will meet Saturday at 9 a.m. at Shafter Hall. Lunch will be provided for all volunteer workers.

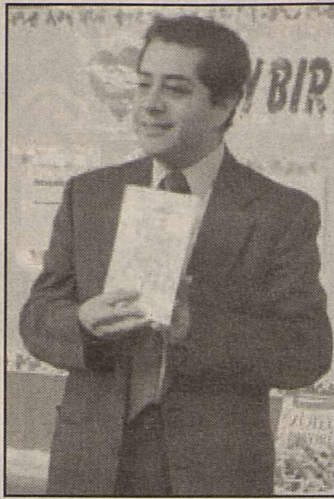
**Jones Elementary students recognized for participating in national art contest**

Forty young artists from Jones Elementary School were recently recognized for their participation in a national art contest sponsored by Mexico's Department of Public Education.

The students were congratulated for their efforts by Jorge Espejel, consul of Mexico, and Rosa Maria Montes, program coordinator For Comunidades Mexicanas of the Mexican Consulate's office in Eagle Pass.

Last year the Education Department of Mexico invited American school children between the ages of 8 and 11 to submit paintings depicting artistic interpretations of the art contest's theme, "Ay, Fiesta Bonita!"

Alma Gutierrez, a first-grade teacher and a conservator of Hispanic culture and traditions, mentored and guided the talented young artists throughout



Jorge Espejel

the production of their art work.

After visiting Jones Elementary School Principal Paula Renken, Espejel and Montes were introduced to the students that participated in the art con-

test.

The students were aghast when they learned from the consul that over 2,000 contest entries had been submitted.

Only 12 entries were selected for publication in calendar form; beautifully designed with exquisite pictorial representations of Mexico's national holidays.

Espejel complemented the student audience for their participation in the art contest and enthusiastically declared each of them as "winners" for their representation of their school and community, through their exceptionally beautiful art work.

The consul presented the students with a certificate of participation and the exquisite calendar with the winning depictions of "Ay, Fiesta Bonita!"

Jones Elementary School students will participate in the national art contest this year.



Jones Elementary School first grade teacher Alma Gutierrez (right) displays the calendar sponsored by Mexico's Department of Education as fellow teacher Hector Jimenez looks on.



**RGEC Service Awards**  
Gilbert Villarreal (from left), Susanna Castillo, Elena Luna and Freddy Cervantez are congratulated by Dan Laws, general manager and CEO, during Rio Grande Electric's annual Service Awards luncheon.

**Rio Grande Electric honors employees**

"There are those who have a 'can do' attitude, and those who don't, and as I look around me, I see a lot of 'can do' people," said Dan Laws, general manager and CEO of Rio Grande Electric, during the annual Employee Service Awards luncheon held recently at the co-op's warehouse.

The luncheon is an annual event to recognize Rio Grande Electric Co-Operative employees who have achieved at least five years of service. Employees are recognized in five-year increments.

This year's honorees were

Gilbert Villarreal, five years, Susanna Castillo, five years, and Elena Luna, 15 years, all of Brackettville, and Freddy Cervantez of Carrizo Springs, 10 years.

Villarreal is a second class lineman. His daughter, Maria, 8, was his special guest at the event and beamed with pride as her father received his award.

Castillo began her career with the co-op as a part-time custodian while also working for the Brackett Independent School District. Castillo quickly advanced through numerous positions within RGEC, and is currently an executive secretary.

Her husband, Tommy, and her children attended the luncheon and helped to celebrate her accomplishment.

Luna is probably one of the most recognizable members of RGEC's Brackettville team, having held various positions, including area office clerk and executive secretary, during her 15-year tenure with the Co-op. Luna is currently a consumer accounting specialist. Her guest at the Service Awards luncheon was her daughter, Tina.

Cervantez is a second class lineman in RGEC's Carrizo Springs service territory.

**KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT**

**Saturday, Nov. 22**

11:45 a.m., Erica Maria Garcia, 24, of Del Rio was arrested by Trooper Welch on a DPS warrant. She was released after paying a fine of \$545.

3:13 p.m., A woman on W. El Paso Street reported sparks from her stove. Members of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to the residence.

7:23 p.m., A man reported loud music being played at a local church.

9:19 p.m., Steven Merrill Davis, 38, of Leakey was arrested by Trooper Welch for driving while intoxicated. He was released three days later on a \$5,000 bail bond.

**Sunday, Nov. 23**

1:45 a.m., Kyle Gene Whitten, 19, and Zachary Lee Riley, 21, both of Charlotte, and Parker Cale Rodden, 19, of Jourdanton were arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch. Whitten was charged for driving while intoxicated as a minor, while Riley and Rodden were charged with public intoxication. All three were released later the same day after posting bail bonds.

9:50 a.m., A man reported an attempted burglary at The El Paso Street Bar and Grill. The man reported that the door had been busted open.

11:13 a.m., An individual requested assistance at a residence on E First Street.

3:41 p.m., A 911 caller reported a possible car accident on Highway 90, approximately 16 miles west of Brackettville.

6:19 p.m., A woman reported a suspicious truck against her

ranch gate. Game Warden Henry Lutz was notified of the situation.

**Monday, Nov. 24**

7:13 a.m., A woman requested assistance at her residence on Fort Street.

3:43 p.m., A deputy with the Val Verde Sheriff's Office requested assistance concerning a child who lives on W. First Street.

4:19 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs man requested assistance in regards to property that was stolen from his residence in Unit 15.

9:34 p.m., A man reported finding a silver bracelet in the restroom at the Civic Center.

**Wednesday, Nov. 26**

2:41 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a motorcycle driver who was passing vehicles on the shoulder of Highway 90, nearly causing accidents.

3:28 p.m., A woman reported a dead cat at her residence on N. Brown Street. City officials were notified of the situation.

**Friday, Nov. 28**

1:50 p.m., A man reported that a vehicle had caught on fire about 13 miles outside of Brackettville on Highway 1572 by the railroad tracks. Members of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to the scene.

3:55 p.m., A man reported that another man had beaten him up and that he wanted to file charges. Deputy Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene, but could not locate the man.

7 p.m., A San Antonio woman requested assistance regarding a welfare concern for her 3-year-old son.

**Columnist offers kitchen tips**

Today I'm sharing a few quick tips that may help some of you, new or not so new, with the arts of the kitchen.

1. Perfectly dry salad greens: Even salad spinners don't remove all moisture. So before dressing greens, toss them in a large bowl with a few sheets of paper towels which have been torn into quarters. This takes away all moisture.
- Do be sure to remove all the towel pieces before adding dressing. Maybe count them!
2. Prevent fish sticking to the grill: To prevent fish sticks, filets or kabobs from sticking to the grill, place a few thin slices of lemon, lime or orange on the grill grate.
- You won't have grill marks, but you do get extra flavor from the citrus, plus non-torn fish.
3. A neater first slice of pie or cake: After making the first two cuts to form the first slice, make a third cut as if to form



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the second slice. This makes it easier to slide the first piece out neat and intact.

4. More zap for smoothies: Trade the ice cubes that are normally used for frozen juice bars (all-natural popsicles) in complimentary flavors. We found that half of a 4-ounce bar replaced the three ice cubes in our recipe.
5. Filet Fraud: To identify the real filet mignon, check the grain. In other words, the real mignon have no connective tissue (the large streaks of white or grey visible in the imposters) and very little marbling (seen as fine white lines in the fake filets).

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**Gonzalez set to compete in Sweden this summer with USA national team**

CARY, N.C. — Amador "Alex" Gonzalez, a soccer athlete from Brackettville, will be joining a national team of Sports Tours USA athletes competing in Sweden during July of 2004.

Gonzalez has been accepted to represent the United States during the summer event. Selected athletes must pass two separate screening criteria before being considered for the team roster.

The local soccer player will dedicate the months prior to travel conditioning for the competition and providing services and volunteering locally in Brackettville to help earn the program cost.

Gonzalez is an eighth grader at Brackett Middle School. He plays on the Cub football and tennis teams.

**Cubettes fall to Sacred Heart 29-24**

The Brackett Cubettes lost a heart-breaker to Sacred Heart 29-24 in eighth grade basketball action.

Bailee Allen was the Cubettes' leading scorer with eight points. Bianca Stewart finished the contest with six points, Julie Castillo scored five, and Meghann Davis, Hayley Harris and Daphne Hunt all scored two. Allen, Castillo and Hunt all grabbed six steals in the contest. Harris and Capri Creech had four steals apiece, while Stewart and Anolda Watkins each had two.



**Tigers named to all-district team**

Representing the Brackett Tigers on the 30-2A all-district football team are, top row (from left): Rolando Ortiz (second team offensive tackle), Tres Rueda (first team outside linebacker), Eli Woolsey (first team center and defensive end), Kody Yeager (first team quarterback) and Whitney Massingill (first team guard and defensive tackle). Middle row: Jason Smith (first team offensive tackle), Gumaro Martinez (second team guard), Mark Kesteloot (first team kicker and second team inside linebacker), Glenn Morgan (offensive MVP and first team inside linebacker), Dietrich Davis (defensive MVP and first team tight end) and Tony Rosetti (first team running back). Bottom row: Noe Talamantes (first team safety and second team running back), Arnold Pinales (second team outside linebacker), Cody Edwards (second team corner back), Tillman Davis (first team corner back) and Brand Wylie (second team safety).

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**Tigers finish tourney second, Tigerettes claim consolation**

The Tigers fell short in the championship game of the Brackett tournament, while the Tigerettes claimed the consolation title.

In the boys' finale, Sabinal out-scored Brackett 27-14 in the third quarter en route to a 76-63 victory.

Dietrich Davis paced the Tigers' offense with 14 points. Charlie Slaughter and Tillman Davis also finished in double figures with 13 and 11 points, respectively. Glenn Morgan had eight points, Travis Nowlin scored six, Oscar Sierra pitched in five, Rolando Ortiz had four and Leon Woolsey added two.

The Tigers had a bye in the first round and then edged Knippa 38-35 in the semifinals as Tillman Davis hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer for the win.

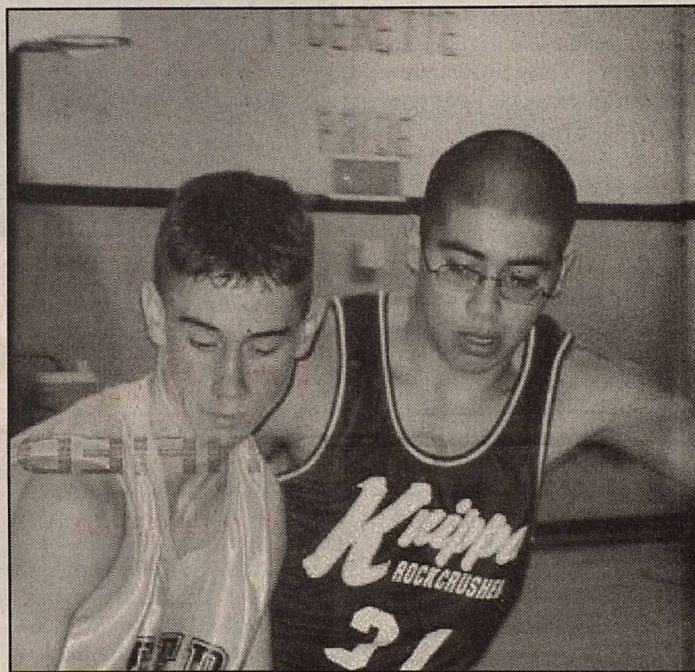
Slaughter finished the game with nine points, Dietrich Davis had six, Morgan and Nowlin both had five, Ortiz and Woolsey had four apiece, Tillman Davis scored three and Sierra had two.

The Tigerettes claimed the consolation championship with a forfeit win in the final round.

Brackett opened the tournament losing a heart-breaker to Knippa 59-58.

Shanae Simmons paced the Tigerettes with 23 points on 7-of-15 shooting. Ashley Smith chipped in 15 points, Amanda Davis had seven, Stacey Castilla scored five, Ashley Castillo scored four and Stephanie Bonner and Courtney Frerich both added two.

In the second round, Brackett topped Nueces Canyon 40-30 behind 10 points from Smith.



**Dishing off**

Tigers guard Charlie Slaughter (15) dishes the ball after driving the lane against Knippa during the Brackett basketball tournament.

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**Council OKs tax exemptions**

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persons in accordance with the property tax code."

Haenn said the city is the first taxing unit in the county to adopt the taxing limitation.

"Right now only the school has a mandatory freeze by the Texas Constitution," he said.

"What this means is that when someone becomes eligible by reaching age 65, whatever their taxes are that year, they freeze at that amount. This helps people on fixed incomes. So no matter what the tax rate becomes, if taxes go up, that senior citizen's taxes remain the same.

"The only way the taxes change is if they dramatically change the value of their property. If they build a brand new house on their lot, then only the value of that improvement is taxed new and the old tax stays the same," Haenn added.

The resolution was approved by council members Camilo Cruz, Mary Flores, Francisca "Chica" Garza, Tomas Gomez and Johnny Samaniego.

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**ROARING TWENTIES**

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: **HIGH SCHOOL SUBJECTS**

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**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You find inspiration from a surprising source this week. This leads to great ideas for work projects. Later in the week, you ponder your holiday gift wishes.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're busy early in the week polishing up a business plan. By midweek, you finally complete the task. This weekend, listen closely to what a loved one has to say.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your romantic life is going well. Too bad the same can't be said of a friendship. Do your best to mend fences before this gets out of hand.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A financial development comes as a nice surprise. In general, sticking close to home this week is a good idea. By the weekend, you put the finishing touches on your holiday decorating.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) While difficult for you, it's best to be patient this week with co-workers. Some are deliberately baiting you for an explosive reaction. If you realize this, you can rise above it.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Any social plans you have should be put on hold for a little bit. You need to spruce up the house to get ready for company. The weekend is the best time to accomplish this.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You hear from someone who has been out of your life for quite some time. Make it a point to get together soon. You'll both want to catch up and reconnect.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Something you thought was off the table at work suddenly arises again. Fortunately, all the thought and planning you'd done previously comes to the rescue. Over the weekend, family responsibilities take precedence.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You're a bit dissatisfied with the way your holiday preparations are going. Feel free to enlist help from family members. Their ideas are actually quite good.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your original way of thinking captures the attention of bigwigs at work. However, don't let them take advantage of you. Expect compensation which is commensurate with your contributions.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Some time alone gives you some breathing room and a chance to think. Some may give consideration to a career change. The weekend is a great time to find holiday bargains.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You link up with people who could become business partners. Just be sure that everyone is on equal footing. Later in the week, get in touch with family members you've been neglecting.

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# Holidays shout Christian heritage

Our American forefathers ate, drank and slept in peace, a concept based on their religious principals.

Their days of thanksgiving were not appointed for just one day of national celebration, but were a daily experience because of their Christian beliefs.

The first Thanksgiving of the new United States of America occurred in 1777.

Gen. George Washington and his army, amid the open fields and bitter winter on their way to Valley Forge, stopped and practiced a day of Thanksgiving.

His first proclamation in 1789 as the first president declared Nov. 26, 1789, as a na-

tional day of "thanksgiving and prayer."

President Abraham Lincoln resumed the tradition in 1863. President Roosevelt established the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day.

Other cultures have set aside a day of thanksgiving to their gods, but it is America that has become famous for its celebration of Thanksgiving Day based on their worship of Jesus Christ.

Our very customs shout our faith to other countries. When others try to rewrite history, it is their attempt to deny the one true God. It is their attempt to change the hearts and intents of our forefathers who died to give



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us the religious freedoms and independence for which others have been given the right to come and live in America.

Our nation is like tree that has been planted by the water. (Psalm 1:3)

As long as the water feeds it, it shall grow. When the water ceases or is poisoned, the tree shall wither and die.

The Living Word of God is the water all Christians must have. It is what the principles of our nation were founded upon. Dry up the water, and our nation dies.

Keep our nation strong. Stand up for God's uncompromising word. Be bold to speak it. Overcome evil with good.

Be in prayer for our nation and those who are fighting overseas for the rights of others to be free from inhuman cruelty.

Pray unceasingly for God's grace and mercy upon our nation and that we keep our faces turned to Him for guidance.

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

## Remember the example of Christ during holidays

As I write this message, a cold blue norther is blowing in reminding me of Thanksgivings celebrated back up home in Iowa.

It brings back good memories of Thanksgiving gatherings with family at my grandparents' home.

Thanksgiving Day at its best connects with our need to gather together and celebrate, as well as giving thanks.

As Christians we recognize that God is the source of all good things. We in the church give witness that it is God who has given us the gifts of food, family, employment and community.

But also at this time of year we must remember that God proclaims that the bounty of creation is for all.

Sadly, not all of our citizens will eat well, be warm, or feel the warmth of family or community.

This reality makes us aware that in many cases we have hoarded or squandered the bounty that we have been



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blessed with, and forgotten God's concern for all of creation.

During the holidays, let us remember the example of Christ who did not squander or hoard, but freely gave of His life for all so that we may live.

Christ's example teaches us that it is in giving that we receive. Let us share of the bounty of creation. Let us as a community knit together in common concern and commitment to the poor and all who are dependent upon our generosity.

Come and celebrate the goodness of God each Sunday at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 9 a.m. and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 11 a.m.

# If we take happiness from God's hand, must we not take sorrow too?

Once upon a time, more than some 30 years ago as a matter of fact, I met Dennis and Diane Dankoski and their family.

I did not ask their permission to tell this story they told me concerning themselves since I do not know where the family is today. Hopefully, they will not object.

After some time (it could have been a few weeks or a few months after their decision concerning their family prayer time), Dennis and Diane determined to dedicate their daily prayer time to a particular theme each week.

This particular week they decided to dedicate it to "saying thanks to God" for one or an-



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other of the various events in their lives.

As life would have it, the family experienced one-after-another event for which most people in these United States of America (perhaps also in other parts of the world) would not think of saying thanks.

After all these years, I remember only three of the seven events, all of which took place

within the space of one week during one hot summer month.

The first was an incident with their first born, a son, who was 4 years old at the time. While playing on a fort-like wooden construction in the back yard one day, he broke a bone in his arm.

"Thank you, Lord, for the injury of our son," was their prayer.

A second incident happened when the air conditioning system of their home decided to give up.

"Thank you, Lord," was their prayer.

And the third was needing another several hundred dollars to spend out of their savings on the

repair of their station wagon's transmission.

Once again, their prayer was, "Thank you, Lord."

They shared with me some time later that, after that one week of saying "thanks," they experienced an enriched sense of peace.

It sounds as if they listened to what Job of the Old Testament observed.

One translation from the original language has it, "If we take happiness from God's hand, must we not take sorrow too?"

A second translation, also from the original language: "Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?"

# Take advice of the wise for success in life

"Jimmy, we need to talk about this note from your teacher," Dave said. "Your behavior was out of line and you got detention."

"Yeah I know," Jimmy replied. "It's over with Dad, so don't worry about it."

"Let me see if I understand you, Jimmy," Dave said. "You were in detention two afternoons and I shouldn't worry? There's some problem with your behavior and that does worry me."

Dave's voice was serious. "Look Dad, Mr. Martinez doesn't like me and I don't like him. Just because he's the principal doesn't give him the right to get on my case," Jimmy told his father.

"What I do is my business and not his," Jimmy said, beginning to sound flippant.

"Where'd you get that idea, son?" Dave asked with surprise.

"Dad, all the kids think Mr. Martinez is too strict. He needs to cool it," Jimmy said with a laugh.

"Well, Jimmy," Dave said. "You need some time to think about this. How does a week of being grounded sound?"

"Ohhhhh, crap," Jimmy said as he threw himself into the chair.

His thoughts were racing through what he thought might be his options for avoiding being grounded.

He remained silent, knowing his dad was not going to change



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his mind. "Be careful and control your language, son," Dave said sternly.

"But Da-ad," Jimmy pleaded. "Why should I be punished at home for what happened at school?"

"Listen carefully, son," Dave began. "Long ago a very wise man advised us to listen to wise counsel and receive instruction because it keeps you from go-

ing astray and leads to becoming wise. (Proverbs 19:20)

"Heeding the instruction of a wise man is a path of life. (Proverbs 10:17)

"You are not being punished at home for your behavior at school," Dave continued. "You are being punished for your attitude of disrespect for Mr. Martinez and for refusing to listen to his wise counsel."

"Every evening before you go to bed this week, you and I shall talk about discipline and wisdom."

Editor's note: This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project, working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.

## Hear the Word of God

"And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the Word of God, he stood by the Lake of Gen-nes'-a-ret.

"And saw two ships standing by the Lake; but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

"And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's and prayed him that he would thrust out a Little from the Land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

"Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon. Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

"And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: Nevertheless at



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thy Word I will let down the net.

"And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net broke.

"And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sin." (Luke 5:1-7)

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