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Appraisal District attempts recall Robinson claims he was singled out for political reasons

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Wes Robinson said efforts to recall him from the Kinney County Appraisal District Board of Directors was simply a political move.

Bill Haenn, chief appraiser, and Mike Holley, chairman of the board, requested that the Commissioners' Court pass a resolution seeking Robinson's recall. The commissioners took no action on the issue during a special meeting last Monday.

"The fact of the matter is, this was presented to the court because we have some different political views — and that's no secret," Robinson said. "It is a

pretty feeble attempt to have me removed from the board because I am a pain in somebody's butt."

Haenn and Holley made the request because Robinson had not attended the last three meetings. But the commissioners learned that board members Richard Slubar and Tim Ward had also missed the three previous meetings, and that Director Tom Ertle had missed one.

"I personally would like to see the members of the current board get together and work this out, and it not reappear on the agenda," Precinct 1 Commissioner Francie Wylie said.

Slubar defended Robinson's service to the Appraisal District.

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KCAD Director Wes Robinson



"Wes Robinson has done an exceptional job," he said. "I feel there may be some other conflict in this decision-making process."

The Appraisal District policy is to meet bimonthly, but the Property Tax Code requires the directors to meet quarterly at a minimum. Haenn said the board has not met since Aug. 14 and is not in compliance with the statute.

The board attempted to meet on Sept. 23, Oct. 28 and Dec. 16, but did not have enough directors in attendance for a quorum.

"I think you need to try to meet again," Precinct 3 Commissioner Nat Terrazas told members of the Appraisal District. "If this happens again, it could be brought up again, but I think it can be worked out between you all."

Holley said he felt the recall was essential so that the district could conduct business.

"I felt that it was our responsibility at the Appraisal District to let the entities know that the people that they selected are not attending the meetings," he told the commissioners. "Apparently those people had some reason for not coming, but we did not know why. And so I feel like something needs to be done."

Robinson said he was being singled out as the only director asked to be recalled.

"I would suggest that you go over to the tax office and look at the voting record because I think you will find out exactly where this is coming from. It's

very obvious," he told the commissioners. "I had provided the board with a large amount of information concerning different items that had been completely ignored in the process of making decisions over there. I have corrected inaccuracies that have been stated to the board on no less than three different occasions by the chief appraiser that were just wrong."

"That's why I'm being picked out. When you have three people that don't show up out of a board of five and only one is asked to be recalled, it's pretty obvious."

Haenn claimed that Robinson was not being singled out. He said he would have also re-

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Nine file for election

Davis, Holley, Jaso to challenge Wylie

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Four candidates have filed to run for county commissioner of Precinct 1 in the upcoming Democratic primary elections.

Five of the six local positions on the ballot for the March primaries will have unopposed races.

Incumbent Precinct 1 Commissioner Francie Wylie will be challenged in the primary by Marvin Davis, Mike Holley and Linda Jaso.

Candidates had until late Friday to turn in their applications to be placed on the ballot.

Incumbents without opposition on the ballot include L.K. "Buddy" Burgess, sheriff; Bobby Guidry, constable; Martha Pena Padron, tax assessor-collector; Tully Shahan, county attorney; and Nat Terrazas, Precinct 3 commissioner.

Early voting for the primary elections will be Feb. 17-27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the County Clerk's Office in the Courthouse. The office will remain open during the lunch hour.

Election day is on March 2. Voting places are the EMS building, precinct 1; BHS auditorium, precinct 2; Senior Citizens Apartments, precinct 3; and the Kinney County Library Annex, Precinct 4.

The tax rollback election is set for Feb. 7. Early voting will be Jan. 20 through Feb. 1.



Marvin Davis (right) files his application to run for county commissioner of Precinct 1 to Mary Flores, county chair of the Democratic Party, for the upcoming primary on March 2.

Construction of detention center ahead of schedule

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Construction of the Kinney County Detention Center is ahead of schedule, according to officials.

Wayne Gondeck, president of DRG Architects of San Antonio, updated the status of the construction during a special Commissioners' Court meeting last Monday.

"We are making very good progress," Gondeck told the commissioners.

County Judge Herb Senne said bad weather has delayed work at times.

"The last couple of weeks, I don't think we'll have to worry about rain too much," Gondeck said. "Once we get the building

closed in, you're going to see this move quite rapidly. Once that happens, the rain really won't be affecting us too much."

Riata Texas of Midland is funding the \$8.43 million facility. CiviGenics, a Massachusetts-based company, will operate the 320-bed facility, which will house federal inmates.

The detention center will be on 60 acres of land, located on Highway 131, approximately 1.3 miles south of the Highway 90 intersection.

"If you walk out there, you will see that the slab is complete," Gondeck said. "The majority of the super structure is up. That super structure is braced in place right now. Not all of the ferlings are in place."

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City eliminates fire marshal's position

The Brackettville City Council voted to remove the position of fire marshal and Lingo Sandoval has subsequently resigned.

City officials made the decision during a special meeting last month. The agenda also included discussions to change Sandoval's job title to an hourly maintenance employee, but he resigned before the meeting.

Council members Camilo Cruz, Mary Flores, Francisca "Chica" Garza and Johnny Samaniego all voted in favor of the measure. Alderman Tomas Gomez was absent.

"Officials from the Texas Municipal League came in the summer to give job descriptions

of the employees that we had," Garza said. "Fire marshal was not anywhere on their list so they classified him as an office clerk."

As fire marshal, Sandoval was set to earn \$27,000 this year.

Bonnie Wardlaw, city secretary, said the city will contract with a fire marshal on occasions when one is needed.

"Until the last meeting, Mrs. Beverly Wright was unaware that Mr. Sandoval was not certified, so all the certifications on her fire extinguishers in her buildings have to be redone by a man out of Uvalde," Wardlaw said at the meeting. "They were under the impression that they were all certified."

Breen receives commendation medal

Brackettville native Nocona Breen has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for his service in Iraq.

Breen was born in Brackettville in 1963 at a small clinic run by Dr. Surber. He is the son of Nakai and Bud Breen, residents of Brackettville for more than 40 years.

After completing his studies at Brackett High School, Breen joined the Coast Guard. That was 23 years ago. Still with the U.S. Coast Guard, he is now a chief petty officer, the highest ranking for a non-commissioned officer.

Breen was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal from the Department of Navy for his services as a chief operations specialist in Iraq. He has been serving there for the past six months.

He was cited for his "meritorious service as the Electronic Key Management System and Classified Material System custodian at Patrol Forces Southwest Asia deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom."

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captain and U.S. Navy commander of the Middle East Force, said in the commendation. "He established the Coast Guard's first EKMS local issuing element to improve support for Coast Guard units in Southwest Asia. He exhibited resolute commitment to mission completion, trained and assisted cutter crews in port, at sea and deployed to train PSU 308 and other Navy harbor defense commands in Kuwait."

"Chief Petty Breen displayed exceptional knowledge and attention to detail. He designed and implemented a comprehensive command security program that greatly improved electronic security. By his noteworthy accomplishment, perseverance and devotion to duty, Chief Breen reflected great credit upon himself and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Naval Service."



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Davalos earns Bronze Star

Master Sgt. Jesus Davalos Jr. has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious service as Supply Support Activity noncommissioned officer-in-charge of Logistics Task Force 373, while deployed to Afghanistan.

Davalos' leadership, selfless service and commitment to mission accomplishment under the most extreme of circumstances greatly contribute to the success of Operation Enduring Freedom. His performance of duty in a combat zone reflects credit upon him, the combined joint task force 180 and the United States central command.

Davalos is a 1961 graduate of Brackett High School. He resides in Port Neches with his wife, Linda, and son, JD.

Davalos is the brother of Bertha Sandoval and Terry Frerich of Brackettville and Oralia Cortez and Emma Esqueda of Port Arthur, where his mother, Aurora Davalos, also resides.

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The 49th Annual Kinney County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show will be held Friday and Saturday at the Kinney County Civic Center. Community/Page 4

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Mexico's issuance of a consular ID card that's proving popular with Mexicans living in the U.S. could face U.S. regulations. Community/Page 5

■ Smith honored

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Some hunters often dump the parts of the deer carcass they don't want

I feel it is necessary to respond to comments made by FCS Board President Tom Saylor in the January issue of *The Bugler*. There were a couple of statements made that are either incorrect or misleading.



A Little on the Wildlife Side

Henry Lutz

In reference to the deer hunt on Fort Clark, Mr. Saylor stated that the Board of Directors decided not to have a hunt at the recommendation of the Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist. To the contrary, the TPWD biologist did recommend that a hunt occur and that approximately 22 deer be harvested.

The recommendation was that the deer, all does, be harvested from the "non-suitable habitat areas" of the fort, namely the outlying wooded areas around the residential part of the fort.

The reason for this recommendation and the low count in the back of the fort, alluded to in Mr. Saylor's article, is that the largest population of deer in Fort Clark lives in the front near the residential areas. The deer live in these areas because people feed them and they eat plants in people's yards.

The recommended number of deer to be harvested would have been much higher had all of the deer in Fort Clark been included in the count. But the count was taken in the "huntable area," namely the very back of the fort. There is much discussion to be had though as to where and what is "huntable."

Mr. Saylor stated that five deer carcasses were found in the back of the fort and that "this is a blatant case of poaching."

Mr. Saylor assumed in his article not only that these deer were poached, but that they were killed by members, their children or guests of members.

First of all, yes, there may have been some game violations in the fact that all of the usable

meat was not taken from the carcasses and, of course, there was an obvious littering violation. But there was no evidence that these deer were poached on Fort Clark or even poached for that matter.

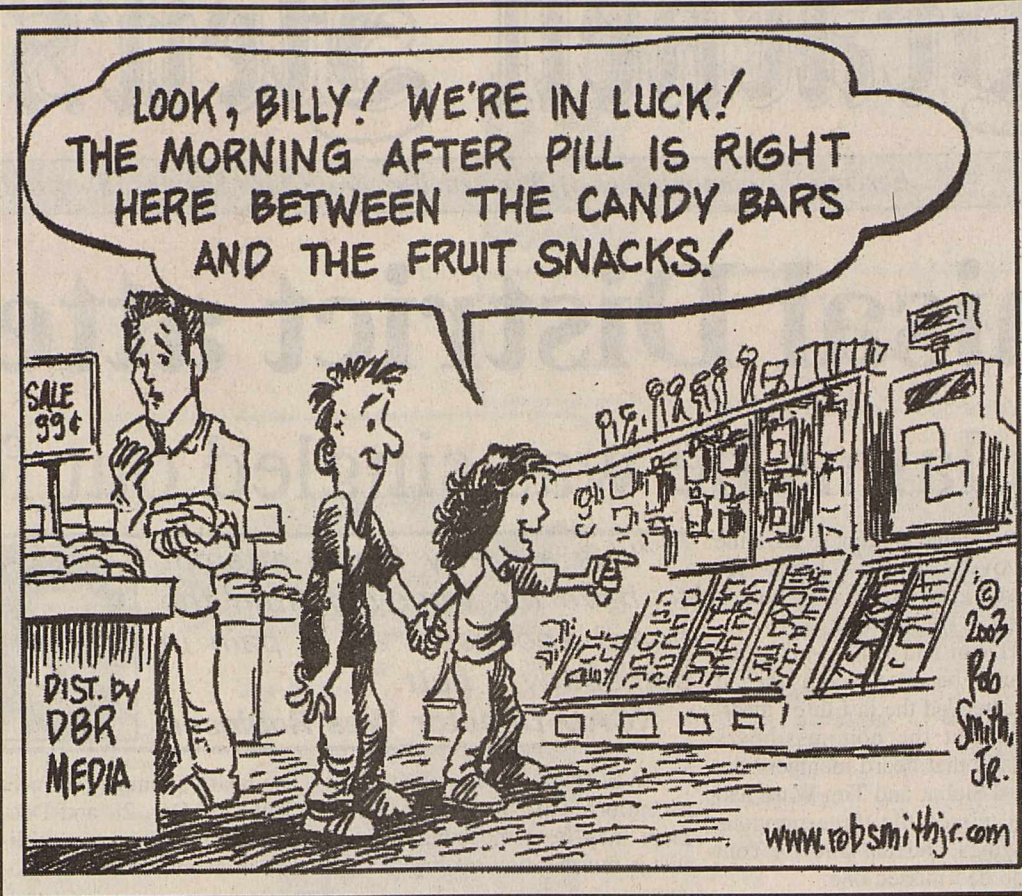
There are many hunters that rent motel rooms or some of the many rental properties on Fort Clark. Most of these hunters are not members and hunt on the many ranches in Kinney County.

Some of these hunters, for whatever reason, right or wrong, dump the parts of the deer carcass they do not want to take back to Houston or wherever. In most cases, hunters properly dispose of the carcass. Yet there are a few who insist on dumping the remains on the side of the highways, in trash cans at the car wash and in the wooded areas of Fort Clark.

Deer carcasses are dumped in the backwoods of Fort Clark every year! It does not necessarily mean that the deer was poached. There is no doubt that poaching does occur on Fort Clark, by members and non-members alike.

Mr. Saylor may indeed be right, those five deer could have been poached.

If he or anyone else knows this for sure or has any evidence of this or any other game violations happening on Fort Clark or elsewhere, I would hope that they would pass it on to me, in a timely manner, so it can be investigated and the poachers caught.



Teen Spirit

Shanae Simmons

Holidays are a time for family

It seems that only yesterday I was embracing the most beautiful of all things, a time where worries are laid down for a short slumber and fun comes out to play. This fantastic period is known as Christmas vacation.

During this time of winter magic I have learned so much about being young, feeling old, having friendships, enjoying life and living it for what it's worth, but most importantly, I have learned about family. Of course, many of these things have already subsisted in my mind for years, but it is only now that they have really stood out, especially families in general.

Over break, I, along with some of my peers, went on a little excursion over to Mexico. Though many went into this country over vacation to party and drink, we went bringing wrapped gifts for orphans.

It was very heartbreaking to see the living conditions of people there. Some lived in cardboard houses or big blocky structures that had entrances made of cloth, instead of real wooden doors.

One thing that impressed me about the orphanage was the fact that, though these orphans were "parentless," they still had people who cared about them and made sure they were safe.

After arriving, one could see numerous dirty little faces appearing from all directions who, though having parents, were not properly taken care of. That is when I realized how grateful I was to be born into a place where I am loved and looked after.

Later during the vacation, I went to a couple parties held by some friends and their families. I had a fantastic time, not only with the teenagers my age, but having the opportunity to experience fun family traditions with other people.

I went to one party that stands in my mind particularly. It was New Year's Eve and I had one of the best times of my life at a celebration made up of my friend's kin. I ate great food, and listened to a mariachi band, something I have never really done before. Later we shot off fire works, then, even later, danced out around a fire.

I enjoyed seeing the way they all treated each other and hearing interesting stories about past adventures.

I also met people who I would love to be related to. Everyone was so congenial, and I made friendships that will hopefully last for a very long time. One person in particular stands out in my mind — a cousin of a friend I will thank forever for teaching me that, though a bit lacking in the rhythm department, I can dance.

In the end, I had an excellent time, sharing the holidays not only with my own family members, but also with different people and having the opportunity to share a bit of good fortune with the less fortunate. I will remember the kindness shown to me by others, and I hope that in the future I will have the chance to do the same.

I know sometimes I feel that I already know a lot and might take some things for granted, but I will admit that I am still young and that I learn something new every step I take.

I have learned that these groups of relatives come in all shapes and sizes, and the ingredients that are needed in the recipe of a successful one are support and love. Most importantly, I learned that you don't necessarily have to be blood related to feel a part of one of the most important units I know of — a family.

Have something to say? Write a letter to the editor!

What was the real motive?

Sometimes we make, with the best intentions, decisions that subsequently jump up and bite us on the posterior. I made one of those about six months ago when I decided I would never write about the Kinney County Appraisal District Board of Directors.



Between Us

Wes Robinson

Any of you reading this probably already know a resolution to recall me from the Appraisal District board was brought before the Commissioners' Court on Dec. 29. First and foremost, the resolution did not originate from the court or any of its members. It was instigated by Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn and Board Chairman Mike Holley.

Haenn and Holley gave the commissioners a song and dance about how I hadn't attended the last three meetings. I hadn't called the Appraisal District office. They hadn't had a quorum and couldn't conduct any business and weren't in compliance with state statutes. These were the reasons I needed to be recalled, according to Haenn and Holly.

The duo failed to mention — until asked by the commissioners — that there were five members on the board, that four members had missed one of the meetings and three members missed the other two meetings, that a quorum requires three members and that they hadn't requested the recall of any board member other than myself.

Now, if I haven't written about the appraisal board, what did I do to upset these two, you might ask. I did what I was supposed to do, I asked questions, I did some homework and I called people to the line when they talked trash.

Probably the first toe I stepped on was when the chief appraiser told the board during a meeting that, according to a survey by the state comptroller's office, he wasn't being fairly compensated. I asked for a copy of the survey after the meeting.

Haenn compared himself to districts with 10,000 parcels. I compared him to districts with similar tax levies. I didn't think it was fair to compare Kinney County with a levy of \$2.7 million to districts with levies of \$10 or \$27 million, and with staffs of 10 to 15 employees.

Out of 12 districts in the state with levies of \$2 to \$3 million, our district hit the average on everything except the compensation to the chief appraiser. In that category we were second highest out of those 12 districts.

I presented this information to the board at the next meeting to no avail.

The appraisal board was presented a budget with a 4.72 percent cost of living adjustment for the district employees. This sounded a little high to me so I asked were the information was obtained. I was told the Internet.

I couldn't find any similar numbers for inflation from the Bureau of Labor Statistics so I asked for a copy of the data used by the chief appraiser. The number was the net increase on a grade and step scale from the

U.S. Office of Personnel Management. The data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicated a 2.8 percent increase in inflation for our region during a 12-month period ending March 2003. This information was presented to the board before the budget was approved. The three board members appointed by the school district chose to ignore it and approved the budget as presented.

Haenn told the board the school had never received local value until he became chief appraiser. I told him that was not true, and another board member had been on the board long enough to know it was untrue.

Haenn's response was he had no record that the school had ever received local value. Unfortunately, that doesn't make it a fact.

Of course, none of these things had anything to do with the resolution to recall me from the board. It was only because I missed a few meetings, didn't call the office and apparently the board can't have a quorum if I'm not there.

Why did I make that decision six months ago? I thought it would be unfair to use this column to try and influence a board of which I was a member. I was obviously wrong.

Because I have written things in direct opposition to the people who placed me on the tax board, Haenn and Holley probably thought it would be relatively easy to have me recalled. They were also wrong.

If this is the kind of leadership that we can expect from Chairman Holley, maybe he is the one that needs to be recalled.

January is a good time to reflect

Each year at this time, I am always just a tad amazed that the school year is already at its half-way point.

Like many of us, I have always used the first week or so in January to reflect on the past year's successes and shortcomings so that I can build and repair as needed, both personally and professionally. I've always called it my "January time."

This January is so very different for me for a number of reasons, but chiefly because this is the first January in nine years that I have been able to look back on the passing of a year and not mourn a terrible trag-



Making A Difference

Bobby Templeton

edy directly related to one of my students.

In the past I have spent a great deal of my "January time" coping and helping students and parents cope with situations that no human should have to endure.

Situations like the loss of a parent, the loss of a sibling or a new residence in a homeless shel-

ter. While these cold hardships do give opportunity for deep contemplation about the dark side of our existence, they also give us plenty of reasons to be thankful for all the goodness in our lives as well.

We have a great little town, a good school, wonderful teachers and a warmth that I have found lacking in all other places we have lived.

Next year when I have the opportunity to reflect on 2004, I hope to celebrate at least as many successes and hope everyone else does as well.

Have a good year!

Big Mama Sez!
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Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

DRT members share stories at meeting

Sandwich snacks can be healthy

My sister gave me this recipe many years ago and you will be grateful to have this almost instant healthy snack on hand in your freezer.

You must do these ahead of time to be used.

Sandwich Snacks

- 1 pound extra lean ground beef
- 1 pound hot lean sausage
- 1 pound Velveeta
- 3 or 4 drops tabasco
- 1 tablespoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- Approximately 60 slices party rye bread*
- sliced mozzarella cheese (optional)

Lightly brown the meat and drain. Add cubed velveta and seasonings. Cool.

Toast one side only of bread, and place the meat mixture on the untoasted side (approximately 2 to 3 teaspoon).

Freeze until solid, then bag and store in Ziplock bag until needed.

To serve, place on cookie sheet and cook at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes.

Have the mozzarella cut into 1-inch squares and add one square to each and bake an additional five minutes or until bubbly.

*I believe any hearty heavy bread could be substituted.

When I made these, I placed them on cookie sheets covered lightly with foil and placed in the freezer for about 14 hours. Then I transferred them to a 2-gallon Ziplock freezer bag and carefully fitted the bag in a sturdy container for protection from other items, thus avoiding sandwiches.

The Caddel-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas recently met at the Uvalde Country Club. Brackettville members include Agnes Vondy, Charolotte Corey, Louise Stone and Pat McKelvy.

Special guest was Dr. Jane Alexander Knapik, a past president of the chapter. The chapter was partially named for Knapik's ancestor, George Washington Smith.

Other chapter past presidents attending were Frances Brookshire, Katherine Harrison and Wilma Russell.

Also attending was member Beverley Caddel Ferrell, whose collateral ancestor, Andrew Caddel, was the other half of the chapter name.

This is the first time in several years that descendants from both Caddel and Smith families

were present at the same time.

The meeting was called to order by McKelvy, the chapter president. Nettie Ollre, chaplain, led the invocation. Pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas were led by flag chairman, Otela Patterson, who presented the chapter with an official DRT flag.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Pricilla Montgomery, secretary.

Ernestine Carson, treasurer, gave the chapter's financial report and Louise Stone, registrar, presented Brinda Vann as a prospective member of the chapter. Vann was accepted by a vote of the membership.

The death of member Gertrude Franke of San Antonio was announced. She was buried in Uvalde.

Yearbooks from the past 25

years have been bound in one volume. Brookshire, who served as chairman, was thanked for her efforts in accomplishing this.

Kay Anderson, first vice president and program chairman, introduced three members who had joined the chapter in the past year: Francis Karasek, Dorothy Martin and Deloie Reagan.

The new members told interesting stories about themselves and the lives of their ancestors who had arrived in Texas during the time it was a Republic.

The next chapter meeting will be held this morning at the Uvalde Country Club. Registration is at 10:30 and the meeting begins at 11.

Dorothy Black, District VII representative, will be a special guest. Prospective members are welcome to attend.

ENGAGEMENT



Mark Cashion and Kathleen Hall

Cashion, Hall to exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hall are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Elaine Hall, to Mark Cashion, son of Mrs. Charlene Cashion of Devine, Texas, and the late Dana B. Cashion.

The bride elect is a graduate of Texas A&M University and

teaches business at Lackland ISD.

Her fiancé is a graduate of St. Mary's School of Law and is a practicing attorney at his firm in Devine.

The couple plans a March, 20, 2004, wedding at the Brackettville Church of Christ.

HEALTH

Dermatologists offer skin care tips

Dropping temperatures, combined with low humidity and indoor heating, can strip the skin of moisture and cause dryness and cracking. However, making a few simple changes to your daily skin care routine in the winter months can help offset this problem.

"Many people find they must use separate skin care regimens in the summer and winter," said Leslie Baumann, MD, a dermatologist at the University of Miami in Florida. "When the relative humidity inside drops below 60 percent, your skin begins to lose moisture, causing you to feel the dryness and itching that irritates so many during the winter months. Changing your skin care regimen to address the change in humidity is an important factor for maintaining healthy winter skin."

The most important winter skin care tip that dermatologists give patients is to moisturize properly. When choosing a moisturizer, check product labels and look for lotions and creams containing any of the following ingredients: petrolatum, mineral oil, linoleic acid, ceramides, dimethicone or glycerin.

For best results, apply moisturizers to the skin within three minutes of stepping out of the shower or bath. This helps trap the water in the upper layers of the skin and decrease dryness and itching.

In addition to moisturizing during the winter months, Baumann recommends using soap-free cleansers.

Baumann also advises that certain cosmetic ingredients, such as antioxidants, can pro-

vide added benefits to your skin care routine in the winter.

Extra time spent indoors may increase your exposure to cigarette and cigar smoke, which leads to free radical formation and can increase the skin's aging process. Antioxidants can counteract these free radicals and help to prevent aging skin, and even skin cancer.

Products containing retinoids are another great addition to your winter skin care routine.

Retinoid products can be used to decrease acne and oiliness, reduce the appearance of fine lines, wrinkles and age spots, and help prevent the signs of aging. However, products containing retinoids may be drying and increase the chance of skin flaking and redness, so it's important to use them with heavy moisturizers.

Aunt Thelma's letters

I get a letter once a year from my mother's brother's wife. Once a year is enough.

This year I include it in my column because it's unbelievable. Even I don't believe it. Why should you?

Dear Connie and Chuck,

Hope this letter finds you and all of your family all well. I can't find your last letter. If I let Ellen (another aunt) read it I'm sure she returned it.

My granddaughter Shanna is married to a Marine. He's an airplane mechanic and the first half of this year was overseas for six months. Can't find Shanna's letter that tells all of the countries he's been to.

Went to Steven's (her son) for Thanksgiving supper. I took a salad and peeled the potatoes, helped with the dishes.

2:30. Just got home from a salad luncheon and Christmas program at church. I dried the silverware, etc.



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

Four others and I are heading to Lamar (a nearby town) to shop, eat supper and go to a community concert. I'm sure I saw it three years ago at La Junta (another nearby town) — Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats. Loved it!!

I keep busy. Mend for Ron Medley (?) whose overalls are 60-inch waist. They (?) cleaned my sewer line the last time, in appreciation.

Love, Aunt Thelma

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Armando Aguirre

On Dec. 21, we lost our Daddy, Armando Aguirre — our hero. The only man who knew how to comfort us, hold us and offer advice. Our Daddy, we just knew he would always be with us. The pain we felt and continue to experience as we grieve our loss is indescribable.

On behalf of the Aguirre family, we thank you, our friends, for your comforting words, hugs, cards, flowers, food, donations and continued visits. God, through you, has given us the strength to endure this emotional pain.

We continue to live with our Dad in our hearts, guiding us day by day as we strive to live



by his examples. Dad was preceded in death by his father: Manuel Aguirre. He is survived by his mother: Catalina; brothers: Juan, Roberto and Ignacio Aguirre; sisters: Elsa Flores; wife: Adelina Aguirre; children: Alma Gutierrez and husband Ramon, Norma Aguirre, Armando Aguirre Jr. and wife Yolanda, Jesus Aguirre and wife Elena; grandchildren: Natalia, Ramon, Abigail, Marisol, Priscilla, Rolando, Ilse, Armando III and Emma.

We love you Daddy!

Billy Norfleet Bizzell

Billy Norfleet Bizzell of Hondo passed away Jan. 1, 2004, in Hondo at the age of 73. He was born in Kensett, Ark., on May 8, 1930.

Bizzell was drafted in 1951 and served with the Military Police for the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Fort Hood and Fort Sill.

While living in Brackettville, he held the positions of general manager of sales and development for North American Towns of Texas, was on the Board of Directors and various standing committees of Fort Clark Springs Association, and was a Kinney County commissioner.

He also owned his own company, Bizzell Construction, doing business for 30 years.

Bizzell was preceded in death by his parents: Joseph Cecil and Johnnie (Bradshaw) Bizzell; sisters: Mona Baskin and Mary Jo Dimmitt; and brother: Bradshaw Bizzell.

He is survived by his wife: Elva Rose (Sanders) Bizzell; daughters: Angelique Rodriguez and husband Richard and Cecilia Calvery and husband David, all of Hondo; son: Michael Bizzell and wife Karen of Brackettville; grandchildren: Amy Sanchez, Brandon Rodriguez and wife Kathleen, Michelle Bizzell and Brenna Calvery; great-grandchildren: Austin Sanchez, Tori Rodriguez and Cole Rodriguez.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m. at Fort Clark's Golf Course Clubhouse.

Maureen D. "Renee" Searle

Maureen D. "Renee" Searle passed away at a Fort Worth hospital on Dec. 19 after a long illness. She was born in Brookline, Mass.

Searle lived in many places, including Fort Clark Springs for seven years. From there she moved to Fort Worth four years

ago. She is survived by her husband: Richard (Rick); sons: Richard Jr. of Albuquerque, N.M., and Robin of Fort Worth; daughters-in-law and numerous grandchildren.

Private services were held at Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Thank You

The family of Juanita Gomez would like to thank everyone for cards, flowers and their prayers in our time of sorrow.

Thank You



The Family of Juanita H. Garcia would like to thank our many friends and relatives for their kindness and caring during her illness and passing. For food, prayers, cards, flowers, plants, and memorials are greatly appreciated. Another angel has been added to God's Kingdom

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who so generously helped with the Memorial Services on Dec 29th for the 'Celebration of Miles Udy's Life' at the FCS Golf Course. My family and I sincerely appreciate your wonderful warmth and friendship you all so graciously gave us.

Mrs. Doris Udy & Family

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and family really mean to us..... Our warmest thanks go out to you all. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.



On behalf of Ben Terrazas Jr. and his family, God bless you and thank you!

County courthouses to be considered for the National Register of Historic Places

The Texas Historical Commission recently announced that the 1879 and 1911 Kinney County courthouses will be considered by the State Board of Review for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

The state board will consider the nominations at its meeting on Jan. 17 at 8:30 a.m. in the first floor committee room of the William P. Clements State Office Building at 300 W. 15th St. in Austin.

The National Register is the federal government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition, assists in preserving the nation's heritage and results in the following opportunities: Consideration in planning for federal, federally licensed and federally assisted projects; eligibility for federal tax provisions; and qualification for federal grants for historic preservation when funds are available.

The Kinney County Historical Commission is currently re-

questing letters of support to be included in the Kinney County Courthouse master plan.

Letters should show a wide range of support from civic groups, communities, individuals, political leaders, local preservationists, business leaders and other interested parties.

"This is an opportunity for young and old alike to assist in preserving the heritage of Kinney County," said Ailene Reid, chair of the Historical Commission.

The Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program was established by the Texas legislature through a grant in 1999: Funded 50 million in 1999, 50 million in 2001, and 45 million in 2003.

For a county to participate in the program, it must submit a master preservation plan for renovating and maintaining its historic county courthouse.

The Texas Historic Courthouse Program funds 85 percent of the project and the county funds 15 percent.

The county match can be

raised through donations, fundraisers, capitol expenditures incurred by a county on work approved by the Texas Historic Commission during a 30 month period prior to the application, in kind match, motel occupancy tax or general fund revenues.

Reid asks that anyone supportive of the renovation and preservation of the courthouse to write a brief letter to be included in the master plan.

"The letter may be a brief statement on any type of paper," she said. "Please include the date, your signature and address. Sample letters are available."

Letters may be delivered to: County Judge Herb Senne, KCHC Chairperson Ailene Reid at Judge Ford's office, any KCHC member or any County Commissioner. Letters may be mailed to KCHC, P.O. Box 1922, Brackettville, Texas, 78832.

Additionally, the commission is requesting copies of interior photos of the courthouse from any time period.

Livestock show set for this weekend

The 49th Annual Kinney County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show will be held Friday and Saturday at the Kinney County Civic Center.

The event begins with the weigh in of all market animals from 7 a.m. to noon on Friday.

Showing begins Friday with rabbit classes at 2 p.m., steer classes at 3:30, meat goat doe kids at 4, commercial ewe lambs at 5 and swine at 5:30.

Showing continues on Saturday with market lamb classes at 8 a.m. and market goat classes at 9:30.

The livestock show includes a barbecue lunch at noon on Saturday, followed by awards presentations at 1:30 and the premium sale at 2.

"We value your continued support for all of our 4-H and FFA exhibitors in Kinney County and look forward to seeing you

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Tuesday, Dec. 23

9:50 p.m., Jose Luis Sanchez, 45, of Mexico was arrested by Deputy Cody Shannon for parole violation out of Dallas County. He was turned over to INS officials the next day.

Thursday, Dec. 25

12:50 a.m., A Fort Clark man reported that his daughter, a minor, had snuck out of his residence in Unit 32 and was riding around with an adult male. He told officials he had a shotgun and would use it if he had to.

9:20 a.m., Robert F. Jasso, 24, Alfredo Jose Jasso, 45, and Fidel Jasso, 36, all of Del Rio, were arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch. Robert F. Jasso was charged with driving while intoxicated and was released the following day on a \$1,500 bail bond. Alfredo and Fidel Jasso were charged with public intoxication and released the next day after serving time.

11:09 p.m., A man reported that he had seen some individuals in camouflage clothing road hunting with spotlights and flashlights on Highway 90, about 5 miles east of Brackettville. Game Warden Henry Lutz was notified of the situation.

11:10 p.m., A man reported a strong odor of gas behind his

residence on Fulton Street. A city official was notified of the situation.

Friday, Dec. 26

12:18 a.m., A man reported loud music near his residence on James Street.

3:15 a.m., Allen Worth Anderson, 21, of Ozona, was arrested by Deputy Ron Ring for driving while intoxicated. He was released the following day after posting a \$1,200 bail bond.

Saturday, Dec. 27

1:50 a.m., A man reported loud music at the corner of Brown and W. Thorn Street.

8:50 p.m., A Fort Clark security employee said two residents reported five teenage girls looking in windows at the Adult Center. Deputy Shannon was dispatched to the scene. The girls said they were looking in the windows with a flashlight because they were curious about "ghost sightings" in the building at night, but said they never had intentions of breaking in. Shannon spoke to the two complainants who said they wanted the teenagers "thrown in jail." He explained to them that there was no property damage or entry made, so there was no offense committed. In addition, all of the girls are members of the asso-

ciation so they were not trespassing. He said he would contact the girls' parents about the incident.

Sunday, Dec. 28

8:30 p.m., A woman said that a man was drunk and was wanting to have sex with her. Deputy Shannon was dispatched to the scene. The woman stated that the man was letting her stay in his residence at the Kinney County Estates. She stated that the man was intoxicated and he felt that she should have sexual relations with him since she was staying there. The woman wanted the man arrested for DWI and trespassing, but Shannon explained to her that the man was parked on his own property. He suggested that the woman leave the man's property, and she said she might leave the next day. The man's keys were taken from him to prevent him from driving.

10:05 p.m., A Fort Clark security employee reported that two unlicensed juveniles were seen driving around Fort Clark in a Ford dually pickup truck. Deputy Shannon met with the juveniles' father, who said he did allow his children to drive. He said he had no respect for Fort Clark security and administration because they tend to

single out and harass the Hispanic community. He said he would no longer allow his children to drive since the Sheriff's Office was now involved.

Monday, Dec. 29

12:20 p.m., Arturo Fuentes, 24, of Kyle was arrested by Deputy Shannon on DPS warrants for possession of marijuana and driving with a suspended license. He was released two days later after paying \$1,500 in fines.

Wednesday, Dec. 31

11 a.m., Jesus Martinez Jr., 29, and Jaimie Sandoval, 33, both of Brackettville, were arrested by DPS Trooper Maldonado for public intoxication. They were released the next day after serving time.

11 a.m., Rogelio Flores, 50, of Uvalde was arrested by DPS Trooper Maldonado for driving while intoxicated. He was released the next day on a \$1,500 bail bond.

Thursday, Jan. 1

12:01 a.m., A woman reported her neighbors were firing off their gun near her residence on S. Beaumont Street.

3:46 a.m., A woman reported that a man had punched her in the face and she was bleeding. Deputy Ring and EMS personnel were dispatched to the scene.

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Mexico ID cards may face federal regulations

Mexico's issuance of a consular ID card that's proving popular with Mexicans living in the United States, particularly those here illegally, could face U.S. regulation under a measure endorsed by the House.

The provision affecting Mexico's matricula consular, inserted into the State Department authorization bill approved last week, is drawing fire from the congressional Hispanic Caucus and others who deride it as "anti-Hispanic."

But the measure's author, House immigration subcommittee Chairman John Hostettler, R-Ind., describes it as necessary in light of the FBI's concerns that the cards are vulnerable to fraud and pose a national security risk.

The amendment, approved 226-198 with near-solid Republican support and Democratic opposition, directs the State Department to develop regulations governing foreign consulates' issuance of consular IDs.

The amendment would impose penalties for foreign governments that don't meet U.S. regulations, including: Maintaining computer databases to

prevent duplicate or fraudulent issuance of cards; requiring recipients to notify the consulate of address changes; and sharing cardholders' identities with the State Department.

"It is important to note that this amendment does not address the acceptance of these documents in the United States, nor does it prohibit their issuance, so long as the foreign mission complies with the requirements in the amendments," Hostettler told the *Dallas Morning News*.

That distinction found little favor with House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Cal., and Rep. Ciro Rodriguez, the San Antonio Democrat who chairs the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. They both denounced the provision as "anti-Hispanic."

"As a nation of immigrants, we need to ensure that newcomers have basic access to our government," Pelosi said. "We won't give up until the matricula consular is recognized by the federal government."

The Brackettville City Council rejected a resolution last summer that would recognize the

Mexico ID cards as an official form of identification for Mexican nationals residing and working in the city.

"I think, given the problems the city of Brackettville has, we need to be focusing our attention elsewhere besides the Mexican consulate ID cards. I don't see where that would benefit Brackettville," said City Secretary Bonnie Wardlaw, who was on the council at the time the item was presented by Mayor Carmen Berlanga.

Mayor Pro-Tem Francisca "Chica" Garza said the issue should not have been brought before the council.

"The first question I had when I read this was, 'We don't have a police force, how are we going to enforce this?' It's up to the U.S. government what they will accept as ID and what they won't," she said. "I talked to the Border Patrol, and the only acceptable form of ID is a green card."

The U.S. government has yet to take a stance on the cards, which bearers use to open bank accounts, get driver's licenses in 13 states that recognize the matricula and access other ser-

VICES. "One thing that needs to be clarified in their muddled argument is the fact that immigrants cannot use matriculas to obtain work authorizations, the right to vote, to obtain public benefits, nor do they provide an immediate form of legalization states," Rodriguez said.

The Mexican government, which has issued more than 1.4 million of the cards since 2002, describes its matricula program as a way of identifying and registering Mexicans who live abroad in hopes of better serving them.

Though new fraud-resistant features have been added to the card, which has been in existence since the 1870s, Mexico has yet to set up a computer database of all recipients.

Since the 9-11 attacks derailed legalization talks with the U.S. government, Mexico has actively campaigned for U.S. businesses, governments and law enforcement agencies to accept the card as a valid form of ID.

Mexico's shift in strategy is what makes U.S. intervention necessary, Hostettler spokesman Michael Jahr said.

Construction of detention center ahead of schedule

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but the main framing members are all in place.

"Fairly soon, you will start seeing some of the metal panels going up after we get all the ferlings in the place. So the structure will move along."

Gondeck said the construction crew has also begun the masonry work on the building.

"It's going up quite well," he said. "I'm pleased with the quality that I've seen out there. In essence, things are moving along quite well."

"There is a lot of material out on the site that has been put in place. As soon as we get some covering over the top, we will see a lot more work really start going forward, especially with the cell units going into place. That will happen quite rapidly."

The commissioners asked when the detention center was expected to be completed, but Gondeck said he did not have the information with him. He said he would report the closing date to the court during the January meeting.

Thank You

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Rochelle and I would like to thank all of you for your concerns, prayers, cards and gifts. It was very thoughtful of all of you. I'm home now and it's a matter of the recovery process. Thanks again and God Bless You.

Ron & Rochelle Mellon

Appraisal District attempts recall

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questioned the recall of Slubar, but his term expired two days after the special meeting.

"Because of the job that I do, there are circumstances that come up where I cannot make the meetings," said Slubar, who works with the Texas Department of Public Safety. "That's why I asked that I not be re-elected, and that you all would find somebody that could commit more time to the board."

When asked about Ward, Haenn said he did not seek his recall because Ward had called and explained why he would not be able to attend the meetings.

"Mr. Robinson is the only director that has had no contact with the Appraisal District, either myself or the chairman of the board, since Aug. 14, relative to called meetings," Haenn told the commissioners.

Wylie reiterated that three directors missed the last three meetings.

"It seems to me that the only significant difference here is that there was a phone call made and (Ward) said he was going to miss the meeting," she said.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Joe Montalvo added: "This is really pointing out just one guy."

Haenn said the directors are given a yearly planner in January that include the schedule of the board's bimonthly meetings.

Robinson said that was not entirely true.

"The second meeting I attended, the meeting days were already being changed. There are no set meeting days," he said. "I think the Appraisal District should have bimonthly meetings on a specific day — the second Tuesday of the month, the second Wednesday or whatever."

"I don't make it a habit of not going to meetings, but it's very difficult to get yourself into a routine when there is no set schedule. It's much easier if you know these are the days that you are going to meet," he added.

Haenn said the agendas for meetings are posted at the Appraisal District Office and Courthouse 72 hours in advance and mailed to the members of the board at the same time.

"None of those notices were returned," Haenn told the commissioners. "In accordance with the same policies as tax statements and appraisal notices, when something is placed in the U.S. mail, it is considered delivered as far as the Property Tax Code is concerned."

Robinson replied: "Sometimes I don't open my mail for 72 hours so I'm not going to know. That's why I missed the (September) meeting."

Robinson said he also had problems having issues placed on the agenda.

"I had requested specifically that an item be placed on the agenda concerning the letterhead of the district and letters going out from the chief appraiser to various individuals in this county," Robinson said. "It never was placed on the agenda. This is not a good thing."

The commissioners requested attendance information for the directors for the entire year.

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"Yeah I know what you mean," Charlie continued. "It seems like I make some resolutions every year then forget about them the next day. Your wise man knew what he was talking about."

"That doesn't mean we shouldn't make some resolutions!" Jerry exclaimed. "The wise man also said that we are like clouds and wind when no rain follows if we boastfully make promises that we never keep." (Proverbs 25:14)

"Right again," Charlie rejoined. "On a serious note, there are some things I am going to work on."

"Yeah, what's that?" Jerry asked.

"Well," Charlie answered. "For one thing I'm going to find ways to give my heart and life more completely to God."

"I go for that," Jerry said. "And I'll up you one! I'm going to work on ways to give my heart and life more completely to my wife."



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"Me too," Charlie said. "Let's also work on ways to give our hearts and lives more completely to our children."

"That's good," Jerry agreed. "Sounds like the real problem is selfishness, isn't it?"

"You're right," Charlie answered. "It gets really easy to get wrapped up in our own concerns and leave out God, our wives and our children."

"What we forget," Jerry continued, "is that true happiness isn't in work or money or position, or power or partying. True happiness comes when we live our lives consistently with God's moral principles and in the love that comes from our wives and children."

Charlie was thoughtful: "The wise man also said if we keep our promises in those things, we will always have what we need." (Sirach 29:3)

"That would sure make things better everywhere in our community wouldn't it?" The St. Henry deOsso Family Project wishes you a promise keeping New Year.

Food pantry is open again

By ROGER BAKER
Contributing Writer

The community food pantry at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church is open again for regular food distributions, according to Rev. Bill Adams Sr., pastor.

The food pantry briefly suspended food distributions when food supplies ran low during November.

Adams explained that the food received by the food pantry comes from a variety of sources. Donated food provides only a portion of what the community needs.

"We feed over 450 meals per month," he said. "During Christmas time, we made sure that no hungry family was turned away without food."

Many food banks contributing to the local food pantry require payment maintenance or delivery fees to receive food. When funds are not available to pay the maintenance fees, the food pantry distributes from a greatly-reduced supply of food.

In recent weeks, local donors have aided the effort by providing food, materials, labor and funds to keep the food pantry



Angel Rodriguez (from left), Rev. Bill Adams Sr. and Oralia Rodriguez sort boxes at the community food pantry at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church. Over 450 meals per month are provided to Kinney County residents through the non-profit church program.

running. A newly completed facility now houses office space and storage for additional shipments of food.

Kinney County residents needing food should visit the food pantry on weekday mornings or visit the church during

worship services. "We will never let a family go hungry if they come to us for food," Adams said.

Don't stop searching for Christ

At our house, the end of the Christmas season is greeted with something akin to relief. It isn't that we haven't enjoyed the dozens of cards, the stream of greetings, the heavy meals and the thoughtful gifts. But Christmas time often exposes a difficult and painful edge to human existence.

The edge I am referring to comes from the pain and hurt we impose on each other. It seems to become particularly acute at Christmas time. Pastors are supposed to take this sort of thing in stride, but I don't seem to be able to.

I held hands with an elderly woman whose mind was too feeble to understand why her son wasn't visiting her at Christmas time. It was just as well, because I didn't understand why he wasn't there either.

I listened to someone torn between the spouse they loved and adored and the drug addiction they abhorred. I watched as an innocent woman was accused



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Rev. Roger Baker

of a crime she couldn't have conceived of, accused by the family she had faithfully served during difficult times.

I listened to parents who were afraid their children would face a Christmas in a home without electricity or heat.

I heard tearfully from one who felt their marriage was doomed to failure. I watched as a parent mourned the dishonest path their child had taken.

Sometimes I saw people arguing over things that amazed me — the relative merit of one Christmas tradition over another. I watched people line up to buy gifts that would go unused almost as quickly as the wrapping paper was discarded.

But this was not all I saw.

I watched children drawn into the wonder and delight of a special season of the year, not knowing the reason for the feelings of eager expectation, but relishing the anticipation shared with adults and older children.

I watched youngsters who gladly gave up their Christmas gifts for their younger siblings and cousins to share in the joy of receiving. I watched children discover the "Christ" in Christmas.

Epiphany is a special day towards the end of the Christmas season where we celebrate the epiphany (discovery) of the Christ child by the magi from the east (Matthew 2:1).

No matter how stressed or distressed I become during the holidays, the joy of epiphany always seems to draw me back to the wonder of the season. It is when we have our own discovery of Christ that we can truly celebrate the season.

Sometimes we find ourselves

face to face with Christ when we see His handiwork in the creatures around us. At other times, we have to work hard to find Jesus in our world.

In some instances, like the three magi of long ago, our search for Jesus is a long and difficult one. It requires perseverance and diligence. It requires us to ask for the aid of others and requires us to listen for the voice of God (Matthew 2:12).

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This Sunday we're renewing our baptismal vows as we remember the baptism of Christ (Matthew 3:17).

But whatever you do, and wherever you worship, please don't stop searching until you encounter Christ and have your own epiphany.

Improve your spiritual discipline with prayer

2003 flew by so quickly for me. It seems like just yesterday that we were starting the new year, and here we are again starting a new year.

Certainly we all find ourselves wondering what 2004 will bring.

Many of us are making new year resolutions, making promises to do things like lose weight, exercise more, drink less, stop smoking, spend more time with our families, attend church more frequently — the list is endless.

We all know our shortcomings and are determined to make some changes. Yet most of our resolutions will end up on the scrap heap of history.

Why? Because making changes in our lives is more than just a matter of will power. If it was, we would be much more successful.

The need to make changes in our lives is due to sin. Because of sin we make choices that are destructive to our lives.

The antidote to sin is not more will power, but the Holy



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Spirit. Self-discipline is not sufficient, only spiritual discipline. Spiritual discipline comes with prayer.

So my prayer for all of us this new year is to increase our reliance on prayer.

Let us rely less on our own abilities, which are sorely lacking, and rely more on God. It is His power that is necessary in our lives for truly dramatic and life enhancing changes to be made.

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May God be with each one of you during this new year of 2004.

Sacrifice your body for God

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

"And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think



St. John's Missionary Church

Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." (Romans 12:1-3) Praise God!

Humans are never really finished

Why is that we remember some events of our past and do not remember certain others?

Among the many events in my now "between 74 and 75 years of life," I remember what the mentor of our ordination to the Catholic priesthood Class of 59 said to us on several occasions: "We are never really finished."

To be sure, the Evangelist John reports in the 19th chapter of his Gospel that Jesus of Nazareth expressed these words: "It is finished."

Another English translation of the original Greek has it: "It is fulfilled."

And yet a third English version of the Bible translates the Greek, "It is accomplished."

Whatever might be the best translation of the Aramaic, Jesus probably spoke perhaps a combination of the three captures what He meant. He did so only a few seconds before "he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

Is any human person alive today — no matter how young and "inexperienced," no matter how old and "experienced" — truthfully able to say, "I am finished?" These three words carry with them some implications,

such as: "I have no other place to go," "I have nothing more to



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learn," "There is nothing more for me to do," "I know it all," "I have experienced it all," "I'm as good as I can get," or something similar.

In a manner of speaking, we live in two worlds: [1] the world of religion to maintain contact with the God of our life and [2] the world dominated by govern-

ment, by business, by the media, and by that of the advertisement industry.

The No. 2 World is given to evaluation, to taking inventory, to making appropriate changes effecting the constant movement forward.

Is it not logical for those who have chosen to live in both worlds, with the more emphasis they place on World No. 1 of the world of the Spirit, to put into practice what World No. 2 puts forward: evaluation, taking inventory, making appropriate changes?

The world of religion is never really finished.

Start fresh, plant seeds of righteousness

Starting over is not necessarily a bad thing, especially when it comes to your soul. It allows God to plow ground that has been unplowed, harrow ground that has not been harrowed and sow ground that has not been sown. Your soul (mind will, and emotions) is your "land" that Jesus (the sower, the author and finisher of your faith) is continually in the process of redeeming. (Hebrews 12:1-16)

The Lord softens your heart (the land). He breaks up the rocky ground where hardness will not yield a place for the seed



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of righteousness to survive. Rocks in your ground are caused by your wrong choices. Wrong choices will eventually bring you to a point of falling on your face. Being prostate before the Lord is a great place to pray to your Sovereign Lord

and Savior, Jesus Christ, as you cry out to him for forgiveness, wisdom and direction. It breaks up or "harrows" the hardness in your heart (land) and plows it deep. It is painful when he harrows your heart, yet then it is ready to be sown with the seed of righteousness.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." (Psalm 126:5-6)

"Ye that love the Lord, hate

evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart." (Psalms 97:10-11)

After the rocky strongholds of sin and iniquity are plowed up and the good seed of righteousness is planted, using your own free will, it is your responsibility to water this good seed with the word of God and thus reap the good harvest of what you have sown. (Galatians 6:7-10) Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

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Tigers named Southwest Texas Team of the Year

ALL-SOUTHWEST TEXAS AREA FOOTBALL TEAM

Following is the All-Southwest Texas Area Football Team, made up of players from Atascosa, Bandera, Dimmitt, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Kerr, Kinney, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde and Val Verde counties, and selected by area sports writers and football coaches:

Team of the Year: The Brackett Tigers.

Coach of the Year: David Yeager, Brackett.

Quarterbacks: Josh Rippy, Kerrville Tivy, senior; Turner Dyal, Boerne, senior; Xavier Charles, Eagle Pass, senior; Kody Yeager, Brackett, junior; Curtis Clader, Pleasanton, senior; Sonny Estrada, Poteet, sophomore; John Mark Harvey, Charlotte, junior; Luis Martinez, Carrizo Springs, senior.

Running backs: Stanley Zwinggi, Fredericksburg, senior; Shane Jones, Kerrville Tivy, junior; Gabriel Hackebell, Hondo, senior; Paul Whitehead, Devine, junior; David DeHoyos, Eagle Pass, junior; Dario Hernandez, Eagle Pass, junior; Glenn Morgan, Brackett, senior; Tony Rosetti, Brackett, senior; Ben De Jesus, Pleasanton, junior; James Martinez, Poteet, junior; Javier Cordova, Jourdan, senior; Bubba Castillo, Charlotte, sophomore; Paul Pesqueda, Charlotte, senior; Chris Diaz, Carrizo Springs, sophomore; Meliton Borrego, D'Hanis, senior.

Wide receivers: Jarrod Hinton, Kerrville Tivy, senior; Gabe Guerrero, Pleasanton, senior; Hilario Flores, Eagle Pass, senior; Lee Batot, Sabin, senior; Ernest Martinez, Poteet, senior; Justin Fernandez, Poteet, senior; Adam Garcia, Charlotte, senior; Dusty Farmer,

Carrizo Springs, junior; Michael Chavez, Devine, senior.

Tight ends: Tyler Graff, Hondo, senior; Aldo Felan, Eagle Pass, senior; Dietrich Davis, Brackett, senior.

Offensive linemen: Cameron Raschke, Kerrville Tivy, junior; Matt Church, Fredericksburg, senior; Zach Maner, Fredericksburg, senior; Rowdy Walker, Fredericksburg, senior; Garrett Winston, Uvalde, senior; Josh Baron, Uvalde, junior; Carlos Pereda, Eagle Pass, senior; Arturo Guerrero, Eagle Pass, senior; Jaime Iracheta, Eagle Pass, senior; Mario Palacios, Hondo, senior; Bubba Wofford, Devine, senior; Travis Allen, Devine, junior; Jose Carlos, Boerne, senior; Eli

Defensive linemen: Arnie Segura, Kerrville Tivy, senior; Ryan Davenport, Fredericksburg, senior; Conrad Srp, Boerne, junior; Dietrich Davis, Brackett, senior; Whitney Massingill, Brackett, junior; Eli Woolsey, Brackett, senior; Drew Repka, Pleasanton, senior; Darek Schuchart, Pleasanton, junior; Devin Rotramel, Devine, sophomore; Will Calame, Devine, senior; Jeremy Blagg, Poteet, junior; Arturo Martinez, Carrizo Springs, senior; Frankie Miranda, Cotulla, senior; Nick Var-

gas, Crystal City, junior; Richard Tapia, D'Hanis, junior; Travis Krause, D'Hanis, senior.

Linebackers: Charlie Rockwood, Fredericksburg, senior; Kyle Coombs, Kerrville Tivy, junior; Jared Reinhardt, Uvalde, senior; Sammy Cantu, Fredericksburg, junior; Kody Dunn, Hondo, senior; Matt Coyle, Hondo, senior; Henry Ramirez, Devine, senior; Tres Rueda, Brackett, sophomore; Glenn Morgan, Brackett, senior; Richard Gonzales, Sabin, senior; Matt Sligh, Pleasanton, senior; David Ware, Pleasanton, senior; Steve Acosta, Poteet, senior; Dustin Feathers, Poteet, junior; John McCauley, D'Hanis, senior; Ryan Santos, D'Hanis, senior.

Defensive backs: Ricky Luna, Uvalde, senior; Cole Smith, Fredericksburg, senior; Mark Escamilla, Fredericksburg, senior; Jordan Cortez, Boerne, junior; Jose Valdez, Eagle Pass, senior; Nick Serrano Piche, Eagle Pass, senior; Steven Navarro, Hondo, senior; Tillman Davis, Brackett, junior; Noe Talamantes, Brackett, junior; Lee Batot, Sabin, senior; Reave Thompson, Pleasanton, senior; Frank Baca, Pleasanton, junior; Pierce Pond, Carrizo Springs, senior; Isaac Saldivar, Cotulla, senior; Javier Cortinas, Crystal City, senior; Dustin Burleson, Devine, sophomore; Arnold Gomez, D'Hanis, senior.

Kickers and punters: Francisco Arellano, Uvalde, junior; R.L. Gonzalez, Uvalde, junior; Blaine Junfin, Eagle Pass, senior; C.J. Gauna, D'Hanis, junior.

Return specialists: Jonathan Mendiola, Carrizo Springs, junior.



Representing the Brackett Tigers on the All-Southwest Texas area football team are, top row (from left): Tillman Davis, Kody Yeager, head coach David Yeager, Noe Talamantes and Tres Rueda. Bottom row: Eli Woolsey, Tony Rosetti, Whitney Massingill, Dietrich Davis and Glenn Morgan. Not pictured: Jason Smith.

Yeager named Coach of the Year, 10 players selected to area squad

By J.J. GUIDRY
Sports Editor

The 2003 Tigers were the first Brackett football team to win district since 1977 and the first to complete a perfect undefeated regular season since 1972.

The Tigers were honored for their efforts this week by being named Southwest Texas Team of the Year.

"It is a great accomplishment for our program, considering there are a lot of good teams in Southwest Texas," Tigers coach David Yeager said. "You have Kerrville, Devine, Hondo, Fredericksburg and many more. I am very proud of the kids and the coaches. This just shows you what hard work, chemistry and team work can accomplish."

Picked to finish no higher than fourth in conference in the coaches' pre-season poll, Brackett won the District 30-2A football title. The Tigers defeated the pre-season favorites Freer, 38-0, and Dilley, 34-0.

Brackett finished 10-1 after a heartbreaking 21-20 decision

to the Poth Pirates in the first round of the state playoffs.

"The district championship is very sweet for the players and going undefeated was like icing on the cake," Yeager said. "I have had a few phone calls and e-mails from some Brackett alumni congratulating the program on this accomplishment. It had been a long time."

"As the season progressed, you could sense the excitement building in the community and the togetherness that it was bringing to the school and town. It was truly a special year," he added.

Yeager was named the Southwest Texas Coach of the Year. In six years as head football coach at Brackett, Yeager's Tigers have rolled up a record of 48-17.

"The Coach of the Year is a very special award that is to be shared by the whole football staff," Yeager said. "I am blessed to have some outstanding men on the staff who work hard, care about kids and are great teachers on and off the field."

The Tigers had 10 players named to the All-Southwest Texas team, including four two-way selections: senior Dietrich Davis, tight end and linebacker; senior Glenn Morgan, running back and linebacker; senior Eli Woolsey, offensive and defensive line; and junior Whitney Massingill, offensive and defensive line.

Also earning recognition on the area squad were senior running back Tony Rosetti, senior offensive lineman Jason Smith, junior quarterback Kody Yeager, junior defensive backs Tillman Davis and Noe Talamantes, and sophomore linebacker Tres Rueda.

The Southwest Texas area includes Atascosa, Bandera, Dimmitt, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Kerr, Kinney, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde and Val Verde counties.

Each year, *The Uvalde Leader-News* releases the all-area team of high school football players with the help of area sports writers and head football coaches.

Smith named all-state

Brackett senior Ashley Smith has been named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association academic all-state cross country team.

Smith helped the Tigerettes earn a trip to the Class 2A state meet in Round Rock this fall.

"This is a very prestigious honor and Ashley is certainly very deserving," Tigerettes coach Dusty Brotherton said. "She excels in the classroom and in athletics. She has a fabulous work ethic and it is evident in everything she does."

"Ashley was a big part of our team. She will be missed."

Smith had five Top 10 finishes this season. She was second in district, 19th at the regional meet and 61st at the state championships.



Going over the game plan

Tigers basketball coach Charlie Marquardt (center) gives instructions to his players during workouts this week. Brackett hosts Cotulla on Friday at 6:30 and then is open until opening district on Jan. 16 with a road game against the Dilley Wolves.

Photo by J.J. Guidry



On the run

Kelsey Bruce (left) and Daphne Hunt represented Brackettville at the recent USA Track and Field Junior Olympic regional cross country meet at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock. Both runners qualified for nationals.

Photo Special to The Brackett News

Tigerettes set to open district against Natalia

By J.J. GUIDRY
Sports Editor

The Brackett Tigerettes will open their district slate on Friday when they travel to Natalia for a 6:30 contest. Ricky Creel's Tigerettes bring a 13-3 record into the conference opener.

"I think we are ready," he said. "The district is going to be very competitive. All of the district games are going to be tough, but I think we can compete very well. It's key to win the first game and get some momentum."

Brackett has been open since claiming a 61-34 victory over Pearsall last Tuesday.

The Tigerettes led 37-27 after three periods, but then out-scored Pearsall 24-7 in the final stanza.

"We were a little rusty from the Christmas break," Creel said. "We fought through the hard times and then played really well in the fourth quarter."

Ashley Castillo paced Brackett with a double-double, scoring 15 points and grabbing 17 rebounds. She also had four steals and three assists.

Ashley Smith also scored in double figures. She finished with 13 points and had six rebounds, while Shanae Simmons pulled down 10 boards and scored eight points.

Courtney Frerich pitched in seven points for the Tigerettes. Emily Valenzuela scored six, and Stacey Castilla, Jessi Crane and Amanda Davis all had four.

Stephanie Bonner added three assists, three rebounds and three steals for Brackett.

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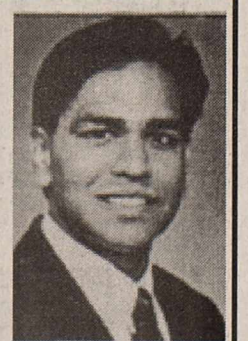
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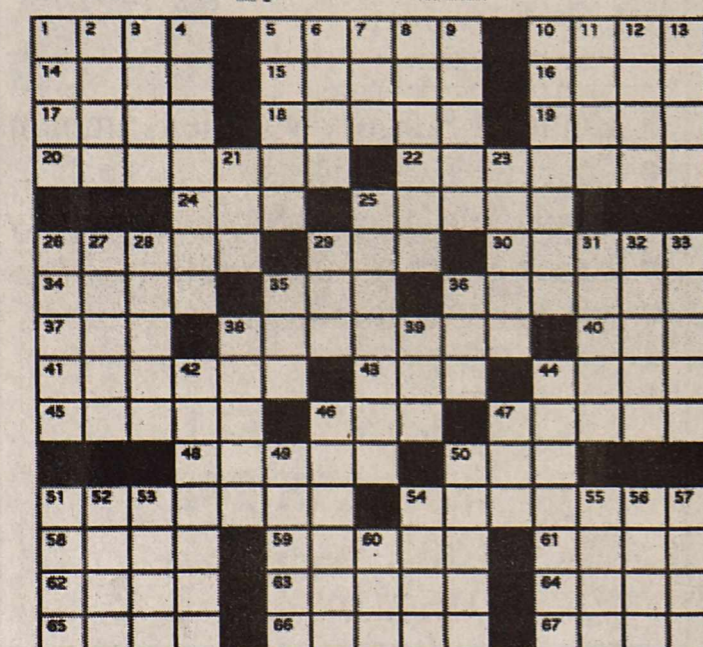
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| 5 Colorful bloom | 37 As well as | 66 Readjust | 33 Slur over in pronunciation |
| 10 Small progression | 38 Was relevant | 67 In good order | 35 Albums, for short |
| 14 Carson's successor | 40 Numerical prefix | DOWN | 36 State: abbr. |
| 15 River through Paris | 41 Shows contempt | 1 Thick piece | 38 Fragrance |
| 16 Prefix for prompter or vice | 43 Launderer's purchase | 2 Healthy | 39 Type |
| 17 Counter-tenor | 44 Late Foxx | 3 One opposed | 42 Waistband material |
| 18 Punitive | 45 Danny Thomas' daughter | 4 Enthusiastic supporter | 44 Regulated system |
| 19 Freedom from difficulty | 46 Craft made of gopher-wood | 5 Poplar variety | 46 Take for granted |
| 20 Some spot | 47 Succinct | 6 Crystal ball gazer | 47 Part of a file folder |
| 22 Coal or phosphate | 48 Collect | 7 Container | 49 "... for spacious skies, for ..." |
| 24 Not reversed | 50 Frank | 8 Part of a tooth | 50 Say "hi" to |
| 25 Paper appliqué | 51 Evergreen trees | 9 Keepsake | 51 Tree trunk |
| 26 Baby bird's noise | 52 Droplet | 10 Pennsylvania | 52 Sly as ... |
| 29 Abbr. on an encyclopedia spine | 54 Encircled | 11 Maxwell | 53 Tiny insects |
| 30 Come together | 58 "You don't know the half ...!" | 12 Part of an apple | 54 Leer |
| 34 Will name | 59 Projection | 21 Surpass | 55 ... off; detached |
| | 61 Greedy person's desire | 23 Called | 56 Assam silkworm |
| | 62 Places | 25 Monetary units | 57 Car scar |
| | 63 French novelist | 26 Gap | 60 Fleur-de- |
| | 64 "... go | 27 Reddish tint | |
| | | 28 Sea duck | |
| | | 29 Bigwig, for short | |



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: THINGS IN A KITCHEN

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan 9.....Linda Barrett	Jan 10.....Milo White
Jan 9.....Xavier R. Herrera	Jan 11.....Hawkins Huey
Jan 9.....Stan Somers	Jan 11.....Jean Somers
Jan 10.....Monico Cole	Jan 13.....Donna Smith
Jan 10.....Jose Cole	Jan 14.Demetrio Gonzalez
Jan 10.....Monica Falcon	Jan 14.....Veronica Rivas

Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Cabinets	11. Pans
2. Collander	12. Plates
3. Counters	13. Pots
4. Faucet	14. Range
5. Fork	15. Refrigerator
6. Kettle	16. Sink
7. Knife	17. Spatula
8. Microwave	18. Spices
9. Mixer	19. Spoon
10. Oven	20. Toaster

HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An unwelcome surprise visit puts you in a bit of a dither. Speak your mind, but do so tactfully. Social life is quiet over the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Romance is on your mind this week, whether married or single. A minor crisis occurs midweek at work. Fortunately, it's just that - minor.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're delighted to find yourself with some spare time this week. After the hectic pace of the holiday season, you're ready for some down time. Later, you successfully combine business with pleasure.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You have a tendency to be a bit driven. Relax. You'll get the job done more efficiently if you stop pushing so hard.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Take some time this week for self-examination. You may want to reassess your goals. Once you do, you come up with a new plan of attack.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your mate has a wonderful idea concerning joint financial matters. Open your mind to this. You don't always have all the answers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your mental abilities are sharp this week. Put these to good use. A perplexing situation at work can be yours to solve.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A co-worker proposes a plan you can implement jointly. Working in tandem, you get a lot more done. Later in the week, you indulge in a favorite hobby.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) For the most part, you're in a pleasant mood this week. The holidays are behind you, and you look forward to new challenges. This weekend, friendships are highlighted.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You try to make time for someone you hadn't seen in a while. This takes some fancy juggling with your schedule. In the end, it's worth all the fuss.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're in a no-nonsense mood this week. Work is your first priority. However, there are some things which need your attention on the home front.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You hone in on your career goals this week. Since it's a new year, you're rethinking those plans. This weekend, a social event leads to a business opportunity.

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REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS: Competitive sealed proposals will be received by the Brackett Independent School District at the Superintendent's Office located at 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas at 3:00 p.m. on January 15, 2004 for a new Band Hall for Brackett I.S.D. Proposals shall include the information requested in the Contractor's Qualification Statement Form. Proposals will be publicly opened and amounts read aloud. The District will evaluate and rank each proposal in relation to selection criteria in proposal within 60 days. Contract Documents may be examined and obtained with deposit of \$100.00 at the following locations: Office of Bobby Templeton, Superintendent, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832, or John S. Graves & Associates, Inc., Architects, 202 Hornby Place, Uvalde, Texas 78801. The Owner reserves the right to waive formalities, reject any or all proposals, and award the contract to the most advantageous proposal. Proposal shall include a Certified Check or Bid Bond in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of proposal. 100% Performance and Payment Bonds will be required.

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		New Year's Day	New Year's Day
5 Sammy Vick, M.D. Urologist 1-830-278-6251, ext. 1430	6 Alice van Royen, M.D. Gynecologist 1-830-278-0669 John Brownlee, M.D. Pediatric Cardiologist 1-800-242-0098	7 Alice van Royen, M.D. Gynecologist 1-830-278-0669	8 Alice van Royen, M.D. Gynecologist 1-830-278-0669 Carlos Morales, M.D. Pulmonary Diseases 1-830-278-6251, ext. 1430
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BLISTER	MINERAL	
TON	DECAL	
CHEEP	VOL	MERGE
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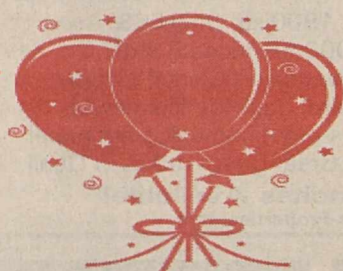
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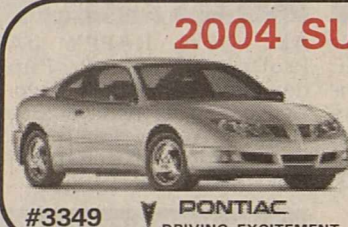
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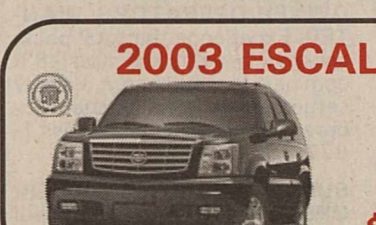


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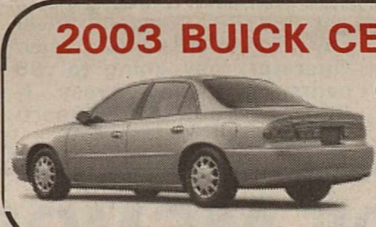
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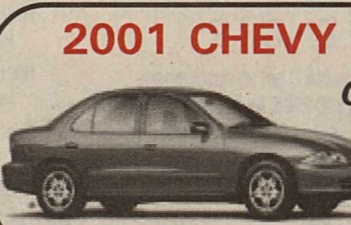
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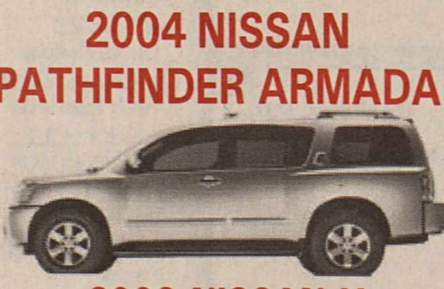
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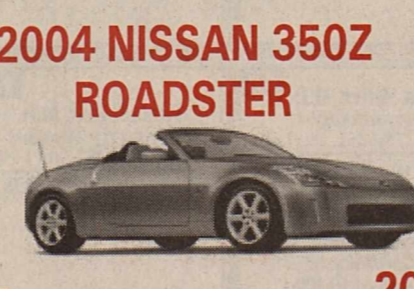
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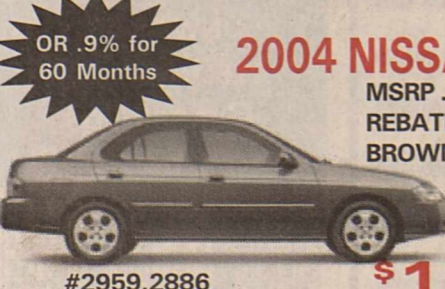
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