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**Local Governmental Meetings**

**Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District** Board of Directors have approved a management plan committee and a rules committee. The Committees will meet on January 3, at 2 p.m. at the City Annex Building on Highway 90 West. The City of Brackettville will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 8 at 6 pm at the City Annex on HWY 90. Kinney County Commissioners Court will hold a regular meeting on Monday, January 21, at 9 am in the county courtroom. Fort Clark Springs Association will hold a regular Board of Director's meeting on Saturday, January 19, at 9 am in the board room.



**City of Brackettville**

Due to construction on the concrete slab at the FCS transfer station all trash services on Monday, January 7, and Tuesday January 8, will be postponed until Wednesday, January 9.

**Re-Cycle Meeting**

There will be a Re-Cycle meeting this Thursday, Jan 3, at the Post Theatre, 7pm. Come one, come all, on Fort, Off Fort, in County, in City. See you there!



**LEPC Meeting**

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) will meet at the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) building on January 7, 2008 at 7:00pm. John Veach, a local resident of Fort Clark Springs will speak on "What to Expect From Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in a Disaster". Mr. Veach is concentrating on emergencies in Texas for FEMA when he is needed. Questions will be welcome. If you have ever wondered about any aspects of disaster relief please come, it is thought that for every question there are at least 10 other people who are wondering too, but to shy to ask. If that is you there will be paper available to ask your specific question and it will be presented. LEPC is wanting to bring up-to-date information to all Kinney County residents so that we can be prepared in case of disaster. Won't you be a member. There are no dues associated with membership, just survival interest. See you at the meeting

**Weekend WEATHER**

**Friday**

High: 58  
Low: 45

Mostly Cloudy

**Saturday**

High: 71  
Low: 50

Sunny

**Sunday**

High: 75  
Low: 55

Partly Cloudy/Windy

## EMS changes to Fire Rescue

By Allison Taylor  
Managing Editor

Kinney County Commissioner's Court voted to change Kinney County EMS to Kinney County Fire Rescue at a special meeting on Monday, December 10.

The county has resolved several issues by converting to Fire Rescue, such as, funding and equipment.

The renamed organization will now have access to an abundance of financial opportunities, including but not limited to cost share programs, grants, salary stipends, equipment stipends, vehicles and protective gear.

Currently, all Fire and Rescue employees have a full set of structural firefighting gear to include boots, pants, jacket, hood, gloves and helmet with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) approved eye protection. Fire Rescue officials are also working to get NFPA compliant self-contained breathing apparatus.

Funding is also available to purchase new equipment for volunteers. According to Director of Emergency Services, Bruce Hudgens, the county is working towards creating one response agency capable of responding to any emergency within the county or region.

In addition to recruiting, they are setting up to provide training to the incoming volunteers.

The volunteers will also have opportunities for training through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and other fire protection agencies. The Fire Rescue volunteers will be overseen by a safety council of two to three people, said Hudgens.

Hudgens also stated seven volunteers have already come forward to serve the community as firefighters.



All fired up!

Courtesy Photo

This sedan caught fire on HWY 90 east on Wednesday, December 26, the cause was unknown and no injuries were reported.

## Voter Registration Info

Submitted by Kinney County Voter Registrar, Martha Peña Padron

The Mass-Mailout of Voter Registration Certificates is now complete as of December 31, 2007.

The new certificates are valid for two years with effective date of January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2009.

The color for the 2008-2009 certificates is Pantone Orange. The month and date of birth is no longer shown on certificate, only the year of birth.

Our new TEAM System has preprinted jurisdiction boxes as well as the jurisdiction type. The Secretary of State's Office has also authorized the printing of a new 10 digit VUID (Voter Unique ID) Assigned to all voters.

"If at any time since you initially registered to vote, any information on our certificate has changed or is incorrect, including your residence address, mailing address, or you last name you must make changes or corrections in writing either on the back of your new certificate or by completing a change form. Once change has been made on certificate, please deliver to my office in person or by first class mail. In addition, if you have a 911 address that is not shown on your certificate please consider that information as a change. However, if all information is correct as shown, voter must personally sign his/her certificate on front where shown and retain for the upcoming elections", stated Martha Padron/Voter Registrar.

"In addition, please be advised that if you receive a voter registration certificate for a family member or friend who no longer resides in Kinney County please return to the Postmaster in person or by first class mail."

"Voters who have been mailed a confirmation notice but failed to respond to the notice are designated with a 'S' on the list of registered voters. These voters are NOT mailed a renewal certificate."

"If you have not received your new certificate or if you have any question regarding voter registration, please contact my office at 563-2688".

Attention 4th and 7th Grade Students and Parents

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Caddell-Smith Chapter are sponsoring a Texas History essay contest for all 4th and 7th grade students. Public, private, charter and home school students are invited to participate. The subject for 4th grade students is The Austins of Texas and the subject for 7th grade students is The Texas Rangers. Essays must be received by January 31, 2008. Please contact Sharon Tweedy of Brackettville at 830-719-3343 for any questions.

Foreign Exchange Students

Contact: John Doty (1-888-PIE-USA1) Kinney County Area Host Families Needed Now Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester homestay programs, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families. The students are anxiously awaiting news of their new families. These young ambassadors are looking forward to fulfilling their life-long dreams. Kinney county area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call PIE., toll-free, at 1-866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

## City delays hiring secretary

By Allison Taylor  
Managing Editor

The City of Brackettville council held a special meeting on Friday, December 28, 2007, to interview and possibly hire a new City Secretary.

In a regular council meeting on Tuesday, November 13, Bonnie Mayes resigned from City Secretary after over three years of employment with the city.

## Water board approves new committee members

According to a memo distributed by the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District, the Board of Directors have approved a management plan committee and a rules committee.

President Lloyd L. Davis Jr. has confirmed the following committee members:

Management Committee: Zack Davis, Joe Goebel, Kent

Leroy Slubar was designated as interim at a special meeting on November 20 and agreed to act as the interim for 30 days.

After holding an executive session on the matter, the council tabled the item until the next meeting.

City Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 8, at 6 pm in the City Annex.

Lowery, Leroy Slubar, Beth Ann Smith and Larry Soflay.

Rules Committee: Jack Boxell, Dennette Coates, Ed Dillon, Henry Fuentes, Robert Elledge and Jim McDaniel.

The Committees will meet on January 3, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at the City Annex Building on Highway 90 West in Brackettville.



Goat ready

Courtesy Photo

Get ready, the Kinney County Livestock show is coming to town next week.



### Aging Center Bingo

Bingo will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:30 to 11:30 am at the Aging Center. For more information call 563-2015 or 563-9141.



### Letters to our Troops

If you would like to send out a postcard or letter to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan please contact Bonnie French at 563-5372. Letter and notes are the most requested since it boosts their morale and reminds them that they are not forgotten.



### Miss/Mister Kinney County Scholarship Pageant 2008

The Kinney County Chamber Office has added a scholarship package as well as a Mister Kinney County Age Category after a meeting this past weekend in Brackettville. Pageant date has been confirmed and will be Saturday March 1, 2008 to coincide and celebrate Texas Independence Day. Pageant will be held at the Brackett High School Auditorium with a \$5 admission for spectators. Pageant contestants should be Kinney County residents and the age range starts at 4 for both boys and girls. The title of Miss and Mister Kinney County will be given to a local resident who competes at the age division of 15 and up and single and will receive a \$500 Scholarship. Prizes will be given to everyone who enters. First ten to enter will receive a gift on stage! For questions on the pageant or to get your entry forms contact the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce at 830-563-2466 or Texas Choice Pageants at 210-273-2974.




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## Spinal degeneration



Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C., FIAMA

Too much stress and too many years of use and abuse can cause your spine to degenerate or wear out. Joint inflammation (arthritis) may result. Joints may also lose

alignment and discs can wear down. And you may start to feel pain and stiffness.

Your spine is made up of bones known as vertebrae with cushions between them and muscles and ligaments surrounding them.

Stress that persists in the spine without being detected or corrected, frequently causes a premature breakdown of the spine.

This is called Spinal Degeneration and is more commonly known as Degenerative Disc Disease or arthritis.

This breakdown of the spine causes irritation to the surrounding tissues and nerves, and could further compromise health.

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## Which Mutual Funds are Right for You?



Emily Cooper

About 96 million people own mutual funds, according to the Investment Company Institute, a trade organization for the mutual fund industry. So the chances are pretty good that you may already own some funds — but with more than 10,000 of them on the market, how can you know you're picking the right ones?

Of course, just by owning mutual funds, you get at least two key advantages. First, you'll get professional management, which means that a highly trained investment expert will be choosing the securities that go into your mutual funds. And second, mutual funds offer a degree of diversification because each fund owns a variety of stocks, bonds, government securities and other investments. Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against a loss.

However, even though all mutual funds offer you these two benefits, you can't just buy a bunch of funds, willy-nilly, and assume you're making the right moves. Many people think that if one growth-oriented mutual fund gives them a chance to have their money, grow, then several growth funds will enable them to make really big profits. But many growth stocks look alike. So, if you bought several of these funds, you might wind up with a lot of similar stocks in slightly different packages. And if one of your funds is adversely affected by market circumstances, the others could be similarly hit, so you might end up losing the benefit of diversification.

How can you avoid buying a bunch of nearly identical growth funds? Ask your financial advisor for the prospectuses or annual reports of all the funds you're considering. These documents typically list their funds' individual holdings and the percentages of different types of assets. If you see too much overlap between a fund you're considering and one you already own, consider looking elsewhere for better opportunities. A mutual fund's prospectus also includes the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges, expenses and other important information, so be sure to read the prospectus carefully before investing or sending money.

Types of Funds Thus far, we've mostly discussed growth funds. To create a diversified mutual fund portfolio, though, you'll need to consider other types of funds, such as the following:

**Growth-and-income funds** — As the name suggests, growth-and-income funds strive to achieve a mix of capital growth and current income. These types of funds invest in dividend-paying stocks and some bonds.

**Bond funds** — You can find mutual funds that focus on corporate, Treasury or municipal bonds. While all these funds seek to provide income, they differ in risk level and tax consequences.

**International funds** — International funds invest in stocks in non-U.S. companies. Although such funds have the potential to achieve large gains, they are frequently volatile, as they are subject to currency fluctuation and political and economic risks.

**Sector funds** — "Sector" funds primarily invest in the stocks of a particular industry or segment of the economy, such as technology, health care or financial services. Sector funds are, by design, less diversified than other types of mutual funds; consequently, they are generally more risky. Your financial advisor can help you find the right mix of mutual funds for your individual risk tolerance, long-term goals and time horizon. So, pick your funds carefully. Today's decisions can have a big impact on your financial future.

## Old habits die hard



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Here we are in a brand New Year! The world is full of opportunities and surprises.

We are excited about all the possibilities. We do not have to wait for the year to change on our calendars to see a transformation in our own lives.

Many of you were seeking a new way of living when you found us in your newspaper or on the internet.

We have all heard the proverb; when the student is ready the teacher will come.

We had to be willing to take what we were taught and apply it to our lives.

Learning is not easy! Especially when the lessons we are given call for looking deep inside of ourselves.

We can only do this when we quit blaming others for the problems we have and take that look inside of us to discover our reaction to them in the present.

Each day we receive thousands of emails. Many are whin-

ing and blaming people in their family.

I can't help the others in your family; they did not join our group. I can help you to see that the blaming and whining doesn't change the situation.

I can give you new ways to look at the circumstances and teach you the gift of forgiveness. I don't force it down your throats or make you pay large sums of money for these lessons.

They are free for the taking. All you have to do is use them. You have to take an action to make those changes.

Albert Einstein said once that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. We have a new opportunity to see a different outcome if we will stop what we have been doing for many years and try something new.

This week we have been introduced to a new concept. Many of you have been using this way to communicate all your life. It is what your mothers were taught by their mothers.

It is what your husbands and brothers were also taught by their mothers. This type of miscommunication has been going on for centuries. Now is the time for us to quit blaming others and see our own faults and stop

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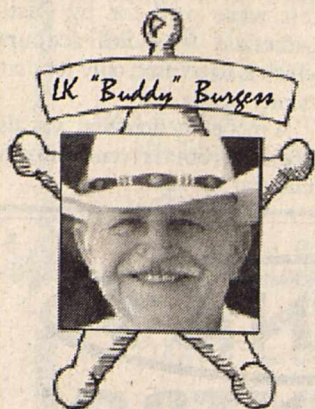
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## Kinney County Sheriff's Report



**Saturday, December 22**

7:16 am A local rancher reported a possible poacher near their ranch on Hwy 674. The game warden and a deputy were both dispatched.

11:26 am A fire was reported on Standard Lane. Units were dispatched.

**Sunday, December 23**

7:57 pm Armendaro Flores, 51, of San Angelo, was arrested for driving while intoxicated 3rd offense. Flores was still being held at press time.

1:00 A man reported his work truck and the building being worked on were marked with graffiti. A deputy was informed and en route.

1:08 pm A local man reported trash being dumped on his property. A deputy was en route.

**Monday, December 24**

6:05 am A local business was reported to have the front door shot with a BB gun.

9:03 am A one vehicle rollover was reported. Many units were dispatched.

**Tuesday, December 25**

9:00 pm Juan Caldaron, 25, of Del Rio, was arrested on a warrant for driving while intoxicated. Caldaron was still being held at press time.

9:30 pm A caller reported a domestic dispute. A deputy and EMS were dispatched.

9:40 pm Michael Welch, 61, of Fort Clark Springs was arrested for aggravated assault causing severe bodily injury. Welch was still being held at press time.

9:47 pm A local woman reported a man causing problems. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

10:15 pm Jaime Sandoval,

37, of Brackettville, was arrested for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, criminal mischief and aggravated assault. Sandoval was still being held at press time.

**Wednesday, December 26**

4:51 am A man was reported walking on Hwy 90 west about 2 miles. A deputy was notified of the situation.

3:00 pm Margarita Dominquez, 45, of Kerrville, was arrested for a warrant out of Val Verde County for Non Support. Dominquez was released the same day with a cash bond of \$1,000.

4:49 pm A caller reported a possible car fire. The fire department and deputy reported to the scene.

9:09 pm A woman reported an iPod had been stolen from her vehicle. Deputy was in route to the situation.

**Thursday, December 27**

12:50 am A local man reported that a train was blocking Hwy 131 in Spofford. Union Pacific was notified.

5:53 pm A deputy reported a broken gate with suspicion of loose cattle. Two vehicles were found in the brush nearby where shots had been fired. The rancher was notified.

**Friday, December 28**

11:38 am A local rancher reported a grass fire on his property. The Brackett Volunteer Fire Department and Del Rio Volunteer Fire Department were paged to extinguish the fire. The cause was a campfire near a creek. Border Patrol was notified.

12:00 pm Alfredo Tovar III, 24, of The Colony, was arrested for possession of marijuana. He was released the same day on a \$1,200 ACE Bail Bond.

12:50 pm Jubell Lombrana, 42, of The Colony, was arrested for possession of marijuana. He was released the same day on a bond.

**Sunday, December 30**

12:10 am Val Verde Sheriff's Office called requesting a deputy to meet them at the county line on Hwy. 277.

7:00 pm A local man called reported a rancher had heard loud "bangs" that shook the ground. Edwards County Sheriff's Office called Kinney

County asking if any reports had been made about loud "bangs." A deputy was dispatched to the area. Late smoke was seen and rancher was notified.

**Monday, December 31**

5:37 am A caller reported a possible intoxicated driver. A deputy was notified.

12:41 pm Fort Clark security reported fireworks on Fort Clark Springs. Deputy was enroute to that location.

12:31 pm A man called 911 stating that while traveling on Highway 90 East behind a truck, something fell out of the truck hitting and breaking his windshield. A deputy was sent to check out the situation.

8:00 pm A woman called 911 to report that her child had been burned. Both, deputy and EMS were notified and were enroute to the scene. The child was taken to Val Verde Hospital.

10:20 pm A woman came into the Sheriff's office to report that her ex-husband would not return their daughter. The deputy spoke with the woman about the situation.

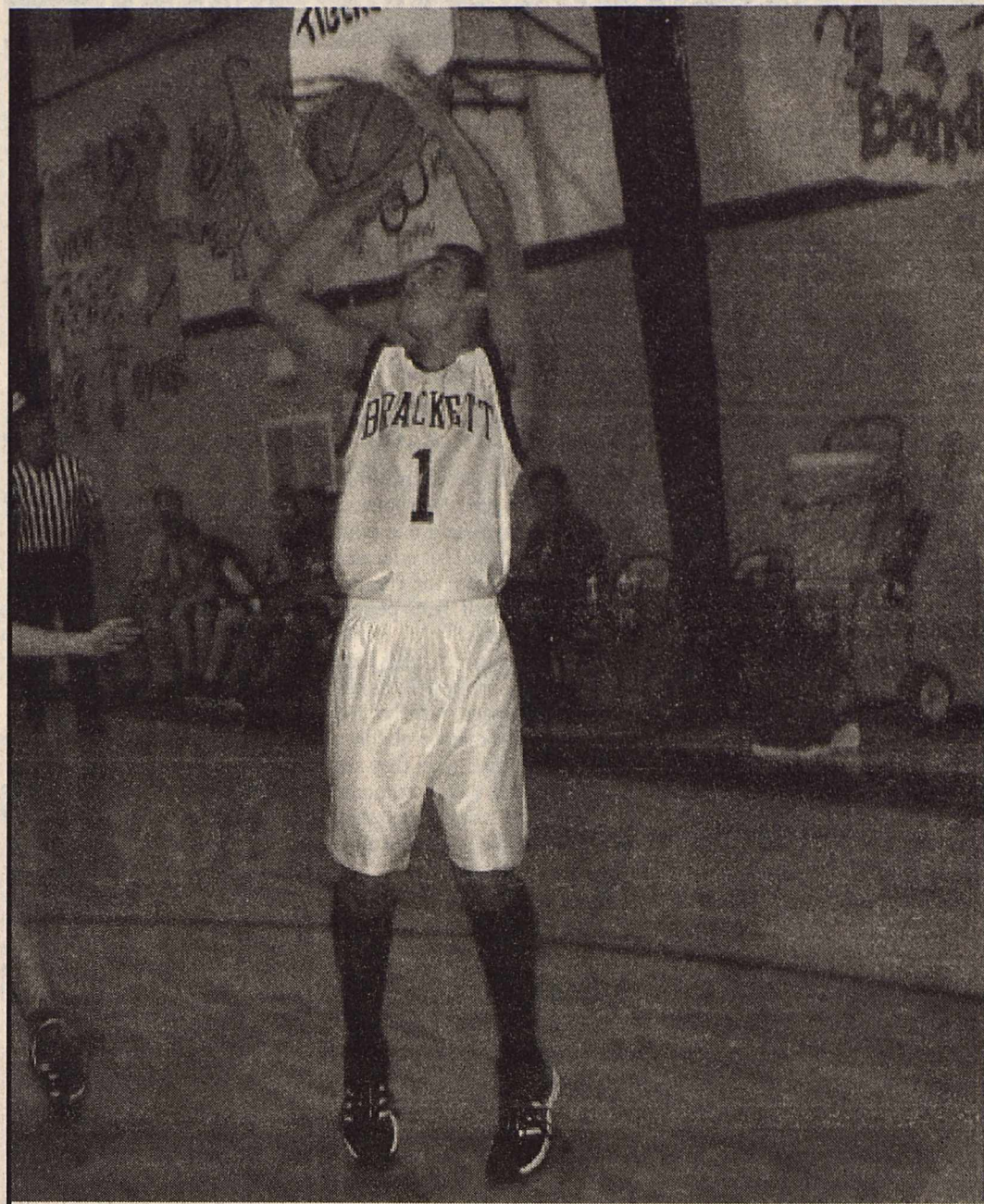
**Tuesday, January 1**

8:34 pm The Sheriff's Office received a call from a man requesting a deputy at Fort Clark Springs to assist with a "rowdy" individual who refused to leave the man's property. Deputy was sent enroute to the location. The man later called to disregard the situation.

4:35 pm A man reported a yellow 4-Wheeler speeding through the alley behind his residence. The deputy was informed and enroute to the location.

2:10 pm Eagle Pass Police Department dispatch called the Sheriff's Office to request assistance from the Brackett Volunteer Fire Department. The chief agreed to the assistance and the Brackett Volunteer Fire Department were enroute to Eagle Pass. Eagle Pass dispatch later called to disregard.

8:56 pm A woman called to report loud music near her residence. The deputy was informed of the situation and was enroute to that location.



Jumpin' for two

Courtesy Photo

Jacob Schroeder takes a two point shot for the Tigers in the game against the Knippa Rockcrushers.

## RGEC essay contest

Submitted by Rio Grande Electric Cooperative

Eligible students ages 14-18 could win a new computer system, if selected as the winning entrant in the 2008 RGEC Essay Contest!

To be eligible, a student's parent or legal guardian must be a bona fide member of Rio Grande Electric Cooperative (RGEC). This means they must

have an electric account in their name with the Co-op. Renters who reimburse landlords for their electrical usage are not members of RGEC.

Entrants must submit an original, typed essay, containing no less than 500 words, nor more than 700 words entitled "The Cooperative Advantage". The essay should describe how and why the cooperative business model is preferable. (Word count

will be according to Microsoft Word.)

Information packets containing complete rules and entry forms are being distributed to schools throughout RGEC's service territory this month. Students may obtain the entry information from the schools, online at [www.riogrande.coop](http://www.riogrande.coop), at any RGEC area office, or by calling 1-800-749-1509 and requesting one by mail.

## JV girls win Consolation

Submitted by Coach Rhonda Marquardt

Brackett JV girls played in the Comfort tournament.

The first game of the tournament Brackett lost to Pearsall 35-43.

High scorers were Stella Guajardo and Bianca Cruz with 8 points.

High rebounders were Shaila Schiesow 10 and Paige Nowlin 8.

Steal leader was Kelsey Bruce

4 steals.

Second game Brackett beat Comfort 51-27.

High scorers were Bianca Cruz with 12 points, Paige Nowlin and Lila Molinar with 10 each.

Top rebounders were Ashley Shadwick and Karley Harris with 6 each.

Steal leaders were Rachael Nash, Bianca Cruz and Kelsey Bruce 6 each.

Assist leader was Kelsey Bruce with 7.

Brackett beat Jourdanon 48-29 to win Consolation.

High scorers were Nydia Talamantes with 17 and Paige Nowlin with 15.

Leading rebounders were Lila Molinar 10, Paige Nowlin and

Shaila Schwiesow with 8 each.

Steal leaders were Bianca Cruz and Nydia Talamantes with 8.

Assist leader was Nydia Talamantes with 5. The girls current record is 7-4.

## Thank you

The family of Erminia T. Hernandez wishes to thank you all who sent flowers, sympathy cards or showed any expressions of condolences during our time of sorrow.

Special thanks to Father Quang, Deacon Bader and all the Pall Bearers.

Thanks also to Dr. Terry Lindsay and the I.C.U. at Val Verde Regional Medical Center.

May God bless all of you. The Hernandez, Castro and Terrazas families.

### First Baptist Church (SBC)

Corner of Ann and Veltman Phone: 563-2245

Sunday: Bible study for all ages 9:45 a.m.

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Evening Service 7 p.m.

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### Come to the Frontier

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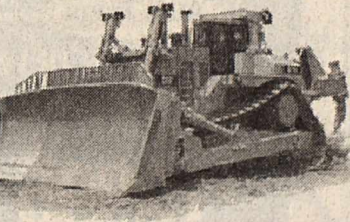
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## CAVALRY BRIGADE UPDATE

Submitted by Cavalry Brigade

Big guns under the direction of General Rosie Mattingly are taking over "Cavalry Brigade's" January 5th's mustered volunteer recruits.

Interesting details, worthy of "Believe It or Not", are in the planning stage.

With three days to recover from "New Year's" cheer troopers should be wide eyed alert and ready to rattle their spurs and tackle all grunchy obstacles.

Lucky volunteers will still experience a delicious mouth watering lunch prepared by the same eccentric, jolly gourmet chef.

Lovely servers add to the pleasant dining experience.

In order to avoid the sign-up rush, be at Shafter Hall by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 5th.

All volunteers are welcomed, there are assignments for all, even if their spurs are rusty and their steed is sway backed.

## Christmas gifts distributed

Submitted by Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church had a "Charlie Brown Christmas Tree", which held names of needy children in the community.

The church member took names from the tree and bought clothing items for these children. Pastor Nathan Lafrenz was able to deliver fifty gifts to these Brackettville children, which also included toys that been donated through the Kinney County Church Alliance Christmas Unity program.

The children were very delighted and appreciated receiving these gifts of clothing and toys. In addition to these presents, Pastor Nathan Lafrenz also delivered Christmas food baskets to eighteen Brackettville families to insure they would be able to share a wonderful Christmas.

The cost of these food baskets were paid for by Pastor Lafrenz's financial account, which is to be used only for community needs.

A monetary donation was also received from thrivent Lutheran financial services.

## DSHS Registry Helps Reunite Adult Adoptees with Birth Parents, Siblings

Submitted by DSHS

For some, it is a medical need to know.

For others, it is the desire to put life's jigsaw puzzle pieces together.

For these and other reasons, adoption information provides answers to long-held questions about lives and families.

In Texas, adoption records are confidential and court records sealed. People usually have little or no information about their birth parents, siblings or children placed for adoption.

But for those looking for information, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) offers a chance to be matched with birth family members.

The Texas Vital Statistics Central Adoption Registry can reunite adult adoptees with birth parents or siblings who sign up looking for each other.

"The registry is unique in that we have the authority, without a court order, to view a sealed file and confidential record," said Patricia Molina, DSHS program administrator for the registry. "This ability allows us to match two biologically related people.

A match occurs only when an adopted person and the birth parent or a biological sibling voluntarily register."

Once a match is made, a letter is sent to each person with

the results. But before information is exchanged, everyone is required to complete a one-hour counseling session that educates and prepares them for the reunion. DSHS will help people find a counselor.

"The counseling will help identify a support system as the reunion progresses, whether the husband, wife or other children will be supportive, what they see as the best and worse outcome from a reunion and what they want the outcome to be," Molina said.

After the counseling session, each person prepares a personal history with photographs such as baby pictures, school and family photos.

The biographies are then shared with each participant at the same time that the identifying information is exchanged.

"These biographies establish a foundation for the reunion," said Molina. "People may see that they look like their birth mother or have the same nose or chin as a sibling."

Molina said that there are stages to a reunion, often beginning with a honeymoon phase. She said that people may need to set boundaries and outline how far they want the relationship to go.

Some people, she said, may decide at some point to end the relationship.

"Adoption is a life-long process," Molina said. "Some people may want to know more

as they grow older, often starting with wanting to know only medical history but later wanting contact."

Although the adoptive parents are not a part of the registry, adoptees are encouraged to share information with their adoptive families.

The DSHS registry, which began in 1984, has registered more than 8,100 people looking for one another, including adult adoptees, birth mothers, adult siblings and birth fathers. About three times as many adoptees are registered as are birth mothers.

"We make about 20 to 30 matches a year," Molina said.

For a person to become a part of the Central Adoption Registry they must:

- Have been adopted in Texas or have been born in Texas and adopted in another state or
- Be the birth parent or sibling of an adoptee
- Be 18 years old or older and
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To get an application, write the Central Adoption Registry (MC 1966), P.O. Box 149347, Austin, TX 78714-9347; call (512) 458-7388 or toll free (888) 963-7111, ext. 7388; or download an application online at [www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/regproc/adoptionregistry.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/regproc/adoptionregistry.shtm). Cost to be in the registry is \$30 but may be waived or reduced.

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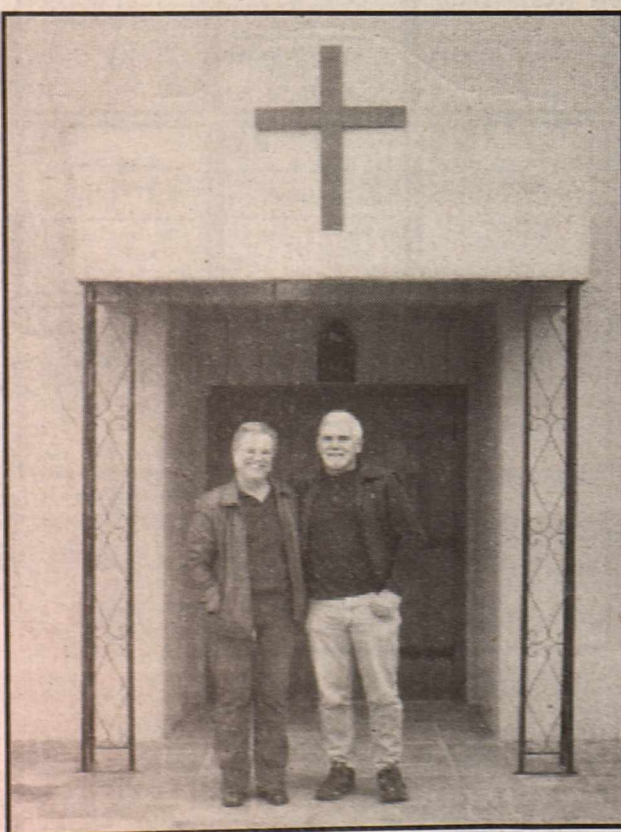
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Frontier Baptist Church was established in 1976. Ned Sitzes has been the pastor for last four years and welcomes everyone to worship.



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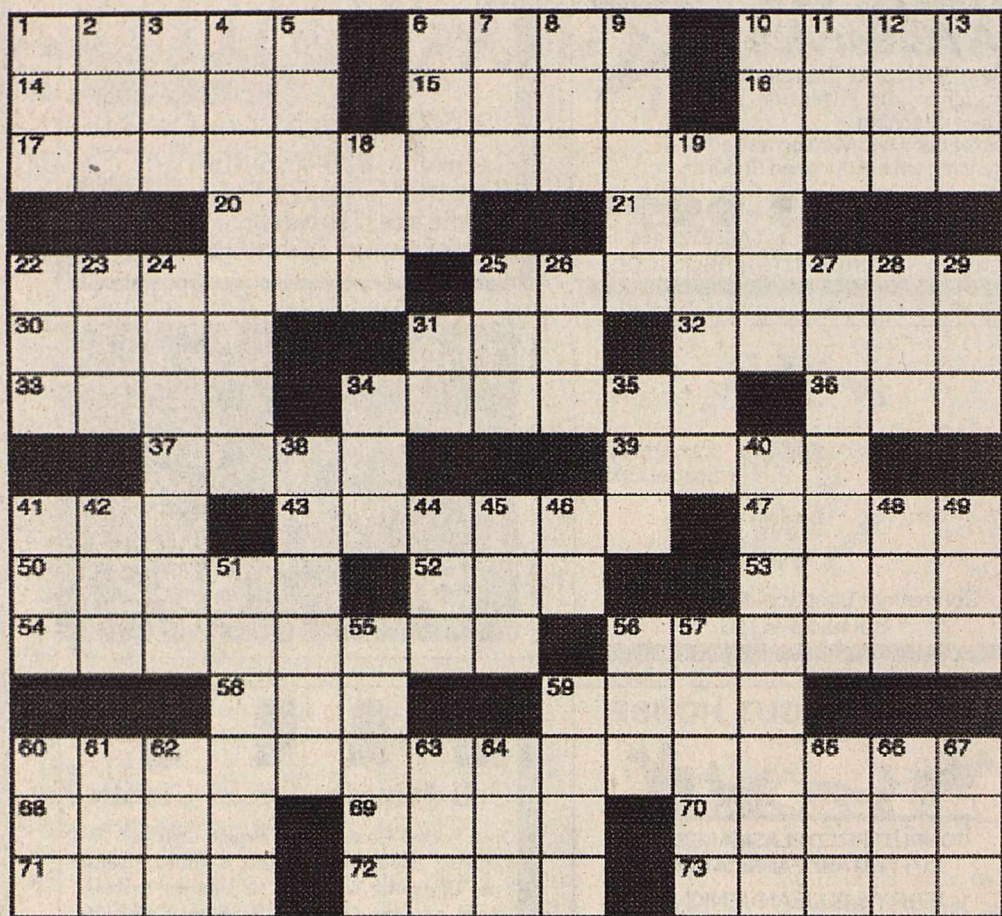
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1. Temperaments
6. Bunde\_\_\_\_: the German federal council
10. Mild Dutch cheese
14. Brief indulgence of your impulses
15. Have the skill to do something
16. Queen of Sparta
17. A.K.A. Lord Verulam
20. Basics
21. The top point
22. Force used in pushing
25. Surprise attack killer
30. Cambodian monetary unit
31. London radio station
32. Dry plaster fresco
33. Did go
34. Look up to
36. Physicist Georg Simon \_\_\_\_
37. Anacronym for speed

39. Optical Storage and Retrieval
41. Direct something at an object
43. Popular bagel seed topping
47. Matchstick games
50. Hans \_\_\_\_: German biochemist
52. Wrapped package (abbr.)
53. Japanese socks
54. Attacked
56. Special animal lineages
58. Equal prefix
59. Groom\_\_\_\_: wedding attendants
60. 1966 J. Goldman play
68. Swiss river
69. Large burrowing rodent of S. Am.
70. Classic film director Frank
71. Dutch colonist
72. Ooze
73. Perceived sound

### CLUES DOWN

1. Manuscripts (abbr.)
2. \_\_\_\_e Taylor from Mayberry
3. Bobby \_\_\_\_, NHL champ
4. No show losses
5. Bosnian ethnic group
6. Without (French)
7. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
8. 4th Caliph of Islam
9. Exams
10. Glide by
11. Calendar month (abbr.)
12. Much \_\_\_\_ About Nothing
13. Adult male
18. Behave in a certain manner
19. Diagonals
22. Engineering company
23. Go quickly
24. Rechristens
25. Defensive nuclear weapon
26. \_\_\_\_ fi (slang)
27. Slags
28. I (German)
29. \_\_\_\_ de plume
31. "10" star initials
34. Mimic

35. Eggs of female fish
38. St. Francis of \_\_\_\_
40. Insect head appendages
41. Alias
42. Tax collector
44. One point east of due south
45. Determine the sum of
46. Millilitre
48. Megabaud (abbr.)
49. Female sibling
51. Utensil to remove water from a boat
55. Coils
56. Yuppie status car
57. The German state
59. Finger click
60. The bill in a restaurant
61. Vietnamese currency unit
62. Before
63. No (Scottish)
64. Water in the solid state
65. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
66. Stray
67. Radioactivity unit

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NEW LISTING: Beautiful, large Historic rock home. Great peaceful location on Calvary Trail culdesac. Approx. 3,400 sq. ft. Great location! Great price!  
NEW LISTING: 110 Sunset Lane. Fantastic 3BR/1.5B main house (2,500 sq. ft.) w/laminate wood floors throughout. Detached (1,000 sq. ft.) 2BR/1.5B cottage w/large connecting patio and RV pad. 2 car carport and garage. Many extras! MUST SEE!  
223 POMPEY Wonderful 3BR/2B w/detached guest house in great neighborhood. New carpet, paint and blinds throughout. REDUCED TO \$135,000.  
FAIRWAY CIRCLE: Gorgeous, new luxury home w/many custom features. 4BR/2.5B/2 with large covered veranda on two lots overlooking golf course. Approx. 2,800 sq. ft.  
UNIT 35: Warm and welcoming manufactured home has 4BR/3B. Features: Open floor plan, fireplace, extra built-ins in kitchen, backyard deck w/hot tub, 2 storage rooms and sprinkler system. 1848 sq. ft.  
**THE OAKS:**  
BEAUTIFUL NEW HOME Overlooking Las Moras Creek at Fort Clark. 3BR/2B with bonus room and 2 car garage. 1,981 sq. ft. Price reduced.  
**BRACKETTVILLE:**  
COMMERCIAL BUILDING bottom floor Masonic Lodge building \$475 per month.  
ON GOING BUSINESS with established customer base. Movie rental and snack store, beer, soda and snacks.  
191 Acres, Hunters mobile, deer blinds. \$925 per acre  
131 Acres at City Limits \$2500 per acre, will sell 20 acre tracts at \$3000 per acre.

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## UVALDE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

JANUARY 2008-OUTPATIENT CLINIC CALENDAR  
You are encouraged to select a physician from the Active Medical Staff of our Hospital. See the staff listing at the bottom of this ad.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Have a SAFE and Happy New Year!!	New Year's Day!		Dr. Carlos Morales Pulmonary Diseases 280-618-9999	Dr. David Dean Neurosurgeon 1-850-278-6251 ext. 1130 Dr. Flavio Alvarez Nephrologist 1-830-278-5386
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