High School Christmas Concert tonight @ 7:30 p.m.

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rfew Ordinance Marching Drill **Team Practices** with the parent receiving a copy ties, who will try to determine of the juvenile ordinance. The what the problem is, and

By Flo Dean Staff Writer

only one of these was a repeat violator.

This required the juvenile to at City Court. appear before the City Judge, to pay the fine incurred.

According to Police Chief cut down on the number of turned over to Juvenile authori- cited and those not involved. youngsters out walking in the evening.

Though he is aware there are probably curfew violators, they may be in vehicles. However, more parents are accompanying By Flo Dean their children after curfew Staff Writer hours, indicating that parents are aware of the curfew ordido they need a place to go? What

Although there have been 18 ticket, which documents date at school. reported curfew violations since and time of violation. If there is the Brackettville curfew ordi- a second offense, the juvenile cording to Chief Alonzo, are nance took effect in September, gets a citation on a Class C mis- boys and girls between the ages demeanor which carries a mini- of 15 and 16, but during the mum \$100 fine, and must appear summer he has seen youngsters

A third offense carries cita- during late hours. who ordered community service tions to both the juvenile and

parent is required to sign the wheather the child is in trouble

Most of the offenders, acas young as 12 on the streets

Alonzo says the program has parent and fines can go to \$500. had positive feedback so far, es-If there are then repeated vio- pecially from parents, both Alonzo, the cooler weather has lations the juvenile will be those whose children have been

Slubar, Holley win Appraisal District Board seats

nance. He stated that there are ers Monday cast 759 votes for few violators during the week Richard Slubar while Brackett two positions in odd years. when people are indoors, or in ISD Board split their vote, 540 cars, but this will undoubtedly for Mike Holley and 500 for 136 votes, Spofford 4, but neichange with spring and summer Tom Ertle. The City of Brack- ther city has made an attempt to weather. Alonzo feels that law ettville did not vote nor did vote either this year or last year. enforcement needs to know who Spofford. Holley will be return- David Luna, Brackettville City is out there and why they are out ing to his seat on the board, and Manager, said the city involve-

is the reason for the curfew vio- board members are nominated lation, and are the parents by taxing units and the vote is will be installed at the first meetaware of the child's where- based on a formula related to ing of the Appraisal Board in the percentage of the levy. Entities new year. The board holds On a first offense, both par- eligible to vote were notified at quarterly meetings. ent and juvenile get a warning, the beginning of October, with

the first call for nominations and the second a request for a ballot. Members are elected on a Kinney County Commission- rotating cycle with three positions elected in even years and

The City of Brackettville has at a late hour. Do they need help; is presently acting as Chairman. ment is so small they did not Bill Haenn explained that the consider participating.

New members of the board

each week. With Police Chief sters. Arnulfo Alonzo the group meets each Saturday at 10 a.m. by the

By Flo Dean

Staff Writer

up for practice. sored by the Brackettville Police marching. Department, was created to

age nine youngsters who showed

According to both Alonzo and Mendeke, "it takes a lot of dis-The City of Brackettville Po- cipline to show up here every lice Department Marching Drill week regardless of weather, re-Team started practicing the end gardless of how they feel" and Sunday evening, December of September and now numbers parents of the team members 16th. Festivities will begin at between 15 and 18 youngsters should be proud of their young- 5:00 p.m. at city hall.

showcase Brackettville youth

pool. Last Saturday's cold, track field, where they are taken like to contribute in any way. rainy weather failed to discour- by school bus.

According to Chief Alonzo, the team is not yet ready for drill

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Sheriff, EMS may change cell phone provider were unable to contact their Kinney County Auditor, who

By Flo Dean

The Kinney County Sheriff's dozer. County budget for this Commissioners Monday to dis- a personal cell phone to make and has discontinued service continue the existing cell phone the calls. contract with Cingular.

cidents of non-service which backup. "There have been ochave frustrated Sheriff's depucations", Rutherford said, ers was granted by the Commisening situation with a child. On cause we couldn't get through." that occasion, EMS personnel

Medical Director or Carolyn has contacted Cingular on sev-

Rutherford stated she carries There have been repeated in- another county phone as a ers will be considered.

Rutherford, who was not on that eral occasions without a permacall, and ultimately needed to nent resolution to the situation, Office and Emergency Medical reach Air Life. Service on the all the Cingular bills are paid Services Department requested cell phone had been discontin- with one check but Cingular fails permission from the County ued, and it was necessary to use to credit some of the accounts without notice.

Other cellular phone provid-

ties and EMS personnel, on one "when we'd end up being at the sioners, following appropriate occasion involving a life-threat- hospital without a report, be- legal advice from County Attorney Tully Shahan.

Commissioners Court supports Declaration of Ag Emergency

According to Sandy Watkins,

By Flo Dean Staff Writer

communities as being vitally im- merce and foreign policy. portant to the general health and welfare of Texas citizens.

Attorney General's investigation document social and economic of failure by the Executive consequences resulting from Branch of the Federal Govern- the Federal Governments failure tention of people in decisionment to require compliance with to enforce its agricultural making roles. existing laws regarding Federal policy. Agricultural Policy. It also sugeral and Legislative Interim

torical data and statistics as re- and growth, processed, shipped meeting Monday to support a absence of authority in state stat- cal products. statement of agricultural emer- ues affecting Intrastate agriculgency, citing the economic sur- tural policy, monetary policy, resolution asks the state to look vival of agriculture and rural trade agreements, foreign com-

The Texas Legislature is supported in its efforts to hold hear-The resolution supports the ings in rural areas statewide to

gests the Commissioner of Ag- forcement of the 1933 Agricul- tioned and this resolution basiriculture hold investigative hear- ture Act will ensure a stable, cally says, 'Stop doing that. You ings, sending its determination safe, reliable food and fiber sup- are adversely influencing agrito the Governor, Attorney Gen- ply. Imported foods should be culture in the United States.'

Committees, and to provide his- labeled with country or origin quested by agencies and com- and marketed with the same The Kinney County Commis- mittees. The Legislative council health, pesticides, chemical and sioners voted at their December is asked to investigate limits or environmental guidelines as lo-

Though not a mandate, the deeper into the agriculture problems facing Texas.

Judge Senne explained, 'Hey, quit sending so many subsidized commodities across the water' and brings this to the at-

"There is a lot of Federal ac-Federal Government's en- tivity our government has sanc-

"This sets up a red flag that says,

Horse Club approves new Constitution, bylaws

Staff Writer

Fort Clark Springs Horse the Board suggests. Club members met Saturday Clark Springs Board of Direc- mented that he could not assure dent and Cigi Mills Secretarytors, in hopes that the recent the club that an extension would Treasurer. controversy can be resolved. be granted, if more time is

Tom Saylor attended the evening to approve a new meeting as a Board representa- were also elected at the meeting. Constitution and bylaws. These tive and was given copies of the Nolan Brandt was elected Presiwill be submitted to the Fort new documents. Saylor com- dent, Bob Erickson Vice-Presiapproval, the club hopes for a Horse Club and will not grant a

60 to 90 day extension on the time extension to make correcdeadline to vacate the stables, in tions, the Board will effectively order to make any corrections dissolve the Horse Club as of December 31st.

New Horse Club officers

The Club also approved an were formulated to specifically but he would propose such an \$50.00 per month and stall address problems that have extension to the Board. If the rental to \$10.00 per stall per plagued the club. If there are Board does not accept the new month. Increased revenues will still items that do not meet Board Constitution and bylaws of the be used for necessary painting Continued on Page 4

Christmas Play

This Saturday night, December 15, at 7:30 PM, The Old Quarry Society will present the one act play by Sally Carpenter, Lights...Camera...Christmas! At the Fort Clark Springs Post Theater. This is a delightful little play to help you get into the Christmas spirit. The presentation is free and is The Old Quarry Society's gift to the community. Come join us for the play, a sing-along and refreshments after.

Santa is coming to town! There was a rumor that Santa's sleigh might have to be in the shop for repairs until Christmas Eve thus derailing the Community Unity Christmas gathering. Santa's lead elf called on Monday and indicated that

parts were found and the sleigh is back in good working order. So - Santa is coming to town

Additional donations are ur-The group has mastered the gently needed. Please call Ken basic concepts and are begin- Sellers (563-2823) or Charlotte basketball court and swimming ning marching practice at the Corey (563-2212) if you would

Sector Statistics

Del Rio, Texas - The follow-The drill team, though spon- routine but are working hard on ing is a recap of Del Rio Sector Border Patrol activities during

Apprehensions:

Abilene...76, Brackettville .237, Carrizo Springs...417, Comstock...45, Del Rio...226, Eagle Pass...918, Llano...31, Rocksprings...93, San Angelo .206, Uvalde...118, Sector Total...2,367, Other Than Mexican...165

Drug Seizures:

Marijuana Seized (pounds) ...5,980.70, Value of Marijuana Seized...\$4,784, 561.00

Duplicate Bridge

Duplicate Bridge was played at Fort Clark Springs in the Gorgas Room at 7 PM on Tuesday December 4, 2001. There were 4 1/2 tables and the Mitchell Movement was used. The winners on the North/South were: 1st-Rosetta Pingenot and Mona Miller; 2nd-Ruth Potter and Sara Richhart; and 3rd-James and Flo Stafford. On the East/West, the winners were: 1st-Molly Schroeder and Carol Benfield; 2nd-Ann Watts and Ann Malin; and tied for 3rd were partners Dianna Daniels and Kay Roberts and partners Mylo Unruh and Janie Meredith. The cards were evenly split for good hands between North/South and East/ West which made for spirited play and good competition between the sides.

INSIDE

■ The way I see it! "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. Opinon/Page 2

■ Empowering Families Follow the wisdom of these three secrets and you will live a long life on this wonderful earth that God has given us." Lifestyles/Page 4

Making a difference This Thursday night, the Tiger Band will use the remodeled school auditorium for its concert at 7:30 PM. School/Page 5

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13th year, No. 45

County roads hit hard by recent rains

By Flo Dean Staff Writer

Road Administrator reported on get amendment will be necesroad flooding at the County sary. Commissioners meeting Monday.

one access to their property damage to some extent. there, though the road still needs a lot of work.

and had put a cap on it which cil is working with Judge Senne. Hunter and Associates in Aus-band." tin plans to take photos and discuss the damage with the Kinney

emergency labor after the flood- year's budget.

ing, including hiring a bullwas \$1,500; since the fee for Cliff Fritter, Kinney County repair work was \$2,100 a bud-

All roads are open, but the Chapman Crossing will require The road crew has been a lot of work, including gravel working on the Tularosa Road and caliche, Fritter said, adding and has been able to give every- that all county roads had water

Judge Senne has written to Governor Perry requesting as-The Chapman Crossing was sistance through disaster fundhard hit by flooding. Fritter said ing but has not yet received a that last year they had an over- reply. Carl Esser of the Middle lay, or slab, on Chapman road Rio Grande Development Coun-

was washed out. The crossing Fritter stated that the county has been under water, but Frit- is 30 miles long and wide with ter said he planned to begin work mostly gravel roads to maintain. here Wednesday. This is still "The bigger the band, the under warranty, and Paul sweeter the music," he said, Boedeker, an engineer with "and we're only a three man

Editor's Note: The current County Commissioners Court. road and bridge budget was de-Fritter reported to the Court creased 21.9 percent or that it was necessary to hire \$55,662 from the previous

Grant visits local Rotary Club



From left: Eamonn Grant and Frank Cheaney.

By Frances McMaster Contributing Writer

the Brackettville Rotary Club offer help in New York. Thursday, December 6 meeting. since he was to come here from

Uvalde on September 11 when news of the terrorist attacks caused him to return home. He Assistant to the District Gov- mentioned that members of The Constitution and bylaws needed to iron out problems, increase in membership fees to ernor, Eamonn Grant, visited Rotary were among the first to

The program for the day was His trip was later than planned given by Frank Cheaney, who Continued on Page 4 SOME OF THE

TROOPS WANT

pleasant task of writing about the vient to political correctness?

TO SURRENDER ...

NON-TALIBAN

Letter to the Editor

Doesn't qualify as altercation

the Brackett News article about November 11th. the Horse Club in last week's

fourth member, in his seventies, homes for all of the horses by was threatened. I do not feel that December 31st. this qualifies as "an altercation between two members."

ber 11th, did not "spur the board 2002. to scrutinize the Horse Club's constitution and by-laws." This all began on October 3rd, and the Horse Club had already met New World Dictionary's definiwith the board and been told tion of altercation is "an angry what changes needed to be or heated argument".

This letter is in response to made to the documents prior to

The Horse Club has amended their Constitution and By-law's On the morning of Novem- to include all of the board's reber 11th, one of the Horse Club quests and has submitted them members came to the stables for review and approval. In orand began cursing, pushing and der to save the stables, the Fort shoving my husband. My hus- Clark Board must issue a new band never raised his voice or lease or an extension to the curtouched the member in anyway. rent lease at their December 15th Another female member and I meeting or the Horse Club will were both verbally abused with be forced to remove their exteextremely foul language. A rior stall fencing and find new

It has been a rough year for the members of the horse club, Another correction, is the in- and if the board doesn't take cident that occurred on Novem- action, it will be an even tougher

Monica J. White

The Way I See It

By Steven R. LaMascus

plague of political correctness

classes that were, shall we say,

less than challenging. Professor

Shain contemplated this infor-

mation and decided, rightly, that

it was a disservice to those stu-

■ Editor's Note: Webster's

What do other members want's

past of horses and soldiers.

of Fort Clark Springs would not building standing to deteriorate. renew the lease with the horse club. The horse club has rewrit- people can destroy another icon Board of Directors. In a meet- interest in the Historical value? ing December 8, the board repbers that will take the new by- what will be next? laws to the board. However, he stated that there are some board about other members of the asmembers that want to close the sociation? stables. If Mr. Saylor is not able

Another tradition may soon to arrange an extension of the be removed from Fort Clark present lease for the time nec-Springs. Fort Clark was a Cav- essary to have the board agree alry Post and it has a glorious on a new lease, the club will have no alternative but to re-In a letter dated November move their personal belongings 20, 2001, from the general man- (including the pens) and horses ager, the Horse Club was noti- on or before December 31, fied that the Board of Directors 2001. This will mean another

It will be a sad day if a few ten the by-laws and constitution of Fort Clark.. Doesn't it make with changes requested by the members wonder about the true

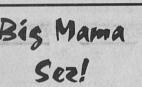
As a 14 year member of the resentative to the Horse Club, Fort Clark Springs Community Tom Saylor, informed the mem- and a Horse Club member, I ask

This is not what I want. What

Mona Miller

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Texas Press Association

Submitted By Rodriguez

holidays take on an even more and violence. meaningful character. For thanksgiving and goodwill that from mental illness. we should take a moment to help

mental health caseworker.

orders and their families feel an disparity. incredible amount of stress, depression, and other ailments. Es- added the Mental Health Equi- the legislation would only raise pecially after the terrorists at- table Treatment Act to the ap- premiums by 0.36% or less. In tacks of September 11, cases of propriations bill for the Depart- order to ease any possible bur-

Colgate University in New a racist, even though the solubee correct? tion to the problem would be in Professor Barry Shain of the the best interest of everyone; students, should be challenged Political Science Department re- and if you protest against the by the curriculum. That is the cently made a statement that had person who discovered and purpose of college. If it were House of Representatives origithe PC Gestapo at Colgate stag- aired the problem you are open- easy, it would be useless. By

We are all individuals

ing minority students to take to everyone involved. The truth is a dead issue. It be the best they can be. doesn't matter. The only thing

had declared MLK a Nazi sym- Conservatives." One of the demands made by students really are being se- now? the PC enforcers was that cul- duced into taking easier classes,

must a problem be declared not fessor Shain! a problem simply because it in-

THANK THEM

FOR THEIR HELP.

AND THEN KILL

THEM ...

People, people! Being toler- measures. volves a minority class of ant does not mean denying Once again I have the un-people? Why is the truth subser-problems, propagating lies, and ignoring the differences be-Well, it seems to me to be a tween people. We are different. that infects various parts of our Catch-22 situation. If you admit Every one of us is different. society. This time it comes from that there is a problem, you are. Why do we have to deny that to

College students, all college ing sit-ins and protests. It seems minded and tolerant, even inducing students, of whatever nying those students the right to

Get it together folks! Politi-He also concluded that the place. He is expendable in the should embrace them. Not to the down." faculty members who were do- great battle to make everyone point where they separate us into

tural sensitivity courses should this professor is dead right, and "Watch out for false prophets. Credit Programs; conservation be made mandatory for every- someone at Colgate should in- They come to you in sheep's operations; and the Agricultural vestigate to determine how bad clothing, but inwardly they are Research Service. That should solve the prob- the problem is and address a ferocious wolves. By their fruit solution. And the simpleminded, you will recognize them. Do range of important, traditional Truth is truth! Why is it that arrogant slaves to political corpeople pick grapes from thornthis professor, who has appar- rectness who are performing bushes, or figs from thistles? ently noticed a very real prob- this disservice should be pun- Likewise every good tree bears lem at Colgate U., being bar- ished for their superior attitudes. good fruit, but a bad tree bears becued for his perception? Why They are the racists, not pro- bad fruit." NIV

Bonilla Announces Agriculture Funding By Henry Bonilla

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Washington, D.C. - Chairman Henry Bonilla announced today that the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives have come to an agreement on the Agriculture Appropriations Bill. The legislation was overwhelmingly approved today by the House of Representatives, where the bill originated in Mr. Bonilla's subcommittee.

"I'm proud of this bill. As we await the president's final approval, I am left with a sense of confidence and readiness," said Rep. Bonilla, Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. "This funding will keep our nation's agriculture industry strong. It will keep our food supply safe. And it will keep our nation prosperous and prepared."

With Chairman Bonilla as the bill's shepherd, Agriculture Appropriations became one of the fastest moving 2002 funding

The subcommittee's swift action came at a time when the nation was reeling from the terrorist attacks of September 11th. Despite the new national agenda, the conferees remained dedicated to passing a funding bill and did so in record time.

"Our nation has changed greatly since July, when the nally approved this legislation. We have many new issues and that the professor had noticed though by denying the problem ethnicity, to take less demand- concerns on the agenda," said that the college was encourag- you are doing a great disservice ing classes, the culprits are de- Chairman Bonilla. "Rest assured that my subcommittee did not forgo their commitment to the farmers, ranchers and conthat matters is that no one's feel- cal correctness is a disease. It de- sumers of our great nation. We ings are hurt - except, of stroys the diversity that makes proved today that we will concourse, the intolerant racist who us strong. Instead of ignoring tinue getting the job done. We noticed the problem in the first or denying our differences we will not let the terrorists slow us

The 2002 Agriculture Approing this encouraging were guilty have an IQ of exactly 100, be factions, but to the point where priations Bill funded \$75,902 of racism, because they appare exactly 5'10", 165 lbs., and a it forces us to admit that we are billion, which is just above the ently felt that the minority stu- pleasing shade of gray. That is all individuals. This nation is request made by President dents couldn't handle the more the 11th Commandment: "Thou strong because it has always George W. Bush. The bill indemanding courses. By the re- shalt not notice cultural, physi- been a nation of rugged individu- cludes funding increases for the action of the students and fac- cal, or ideological differences in als, instead of soft, cowardly Food Safety and Inspection Serulty you would have thought he anyone, except Christians and sheep blindly following an ideo- vice, Child Nutrition Programs, logical demon. Why are we try- Food Stamp Program and Food Assuming that these minority ing to destroy our individuality for Peace Program. It also includes increases for the Farm Matthew 7:15,16 &17 - Service Agency, Agricultural

"In addition to funding a wide programs, we're also looking ahead to prevent future problems our nation may face," said Chairman Bonilla. "Agriculture fuels our nation's economy. This appropriations bill is going to help keep the agriculture industry strong and prosperous."

Important Texas projects will also receive funding from the appropriations bill.

The legislation will increase funding for: bovine genetics reof us, the holiday season is a United States. What is even Without adequate insurance search; the Texas Wildlife Sertime of year we look forward to more unfortunate are the count- coverage, far too many Ameri- vices Program; nutritional respending with our family and less young people and children cans will continue to go without search at the ARS Human Nuwho are trapped in this cycle the mental health services they trition Center in Houston; and the Grazing Lands Conservation

Initiative. Other Texas projects that will islation claim that the correction receive funding include: the Co-In combating this terrible af- of this insurance company bias operative State Research, Edumany, however, this season is fliction, it is important that we will only result in the increase cation and Extension Service, one not filled with the company treat mental illness for what is. . of insurance costs or even the which funds dairy and meat goat of those closest to us, but one of . a disease. This disease is un- elimination of coverage for research, wool research and loneliness and depression. Over fortunately burdened with an ex- some, but the long-term benefits livestock and dairy policy re-40 million Americans suffer tremely negative stigma. We clearly outweigh potentially search; the Animal and Plant from mental health disorders, must work past our preconcep- small increases in premiums. Health Inspections Service and it is during this season of tions about those who suffer The long-term advantages of this (APHIS) will receive \$77,355 change would be healthier em- million to facilitate the boll wee-I have worked with my col- ployees, less lost time for em- vil management programs; and and try to understand those who leagues in Congress to help cre- ployers and, most importantly, the Texas Plant Materials Censo desperately need our atten- ate parity between the treatment adequate care for those who ters will receive continued funding through the Natural Resource Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"I'm proud to help make a difference for farmers and ranchthat the holiday season is the ing insurance bias against men- worker absenteeism. This cost ers across Texas and the nabusiest part of the year for the tal health coverage. This year, does not account for the terrible tion," said Chairman Bonilla. "This bill is going to mean a safer, better informed and more advanced agriculture industry. That can only mean positive things for the consumer and for the industry as a whole."

Rep. Bonilla is chairman of post-traumatic stress disorder ment of Health and Human Ser- den on small businesses, the bill the House Agriculture Approvices. The House has not taken includes a provision that will priations Subcommittee, which Unfortunately for those who up similar legislation, but will be exempt businesses which emoversee all of the nation's agri-

Improving treatment of mental illness

are likely to increase.

on our nation and the impact coholism, drug dependency, need. they have had on all of us, the depression, seclusion, abuse

Victims of mental health dis- strip away remaining vestiges of and loved ones.

forms of mental illness, most of tions bill after a House-Senate Congressman Ciro D. the American population re- conference. I recently signed a mains uninformed about a dis- letter to the House-Senate conease that affects roughly 20 per- ferees urging them to retain the (Washington, DC) For many cent of the population of the mental health parity provisions. In light of the recent attacks that, many times, results in al- and their families desperately

Opponents of this critical legof those who suffer from men- have been without for so long. As a former social worker, I tal illness and other diseases. In The Wall Street Journal reported have worked with those who 1996, Congress enacted the that mental illness costs Amerisuffer from mental health disor- Mental Health Parity Act, which can businesses \$70 billion each ders. It has been my experience was the first step toward reduc- year in lost productivity and the Senate passed legislation to emotional impact on families

Moreover, the Congressional By voice vote, the Senate Budget Office has estimated that are afflicted with the various voting again on the appropria- ploy fifty or fewer employees. culture funding.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

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Wednesday, December 5 Spofford reported the railroad a two vehicle accident south on crossing flashers on.

Wilson, 45, from Brackettville, County Deputy Paniagua were was arrested for no valid license plate, no driver license and expired inspection sticker by Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo. Wilson was released the same day on a P.R. Bond a total of \$575.

burglary 12 miles east of town. store. Deputy Pena was advised. 2:55 p.m., Chief Deputy Fritter responded to a trespassing ported blocking the entrance of vehicle.

6:15 p.m., A report of a pos- tified. sible shooting with a 22 rifle was Clark.

10:25 p.m., A woman reported a situation of domestic Tony Ashley responded to a

10:54 p.m., Constable Manuel Pena Jr. responded to a a reckless driver. family disturbance.

Thursday, December 6 9:09 a.m., Chief Alonzo responded to speeding trucks on Hwy 90.

Friday, December 7 12:02 a.m., Deputy Pena responded to a disturbance.

12:36 a.m., A resident from Uvalde reported her bull was

Saturday, December 8 1:00 a.m., The Val Verde

Sheriff's Office reported a one vehicle roll over, on Hwy 90 west, one mile east of Sycamore Bridge. The Fire Department, EMS, DPS Trooper Richard Slubar and Deputy Karl Chism were all notified.

6:55 a.m., A Border Patrol Agent, reported loose cattle on Hwy 1908.

10:30 a.m., Deputy Pena re-2:15 p.m., Deputy Larry sponded to an over due truck

payment. 12:23 a.m., Deputy Pena re-

ported loose goats on Hwy 131. 12:55 a.m., A dispatcher 7:26 a.m., A resident from from Maverick County reported Hwy 277. Deputy Pena, 9:00 a.m., Mitchell Travis Trooper Slubar and Maverick notified.

> 6:55 p.m., A red vehicle was reported speeding through town. Deputy Pena responded.

Sunday, December 9 7:48 a.m., A woman locked 2:07 p.m., A man reported a her keys in her car at a local

3:00 p.m., A train was rea ranch. Union Pacific was no-

heard near Airport road on Fort Manuel Pena Sr. responded to gun shots. 4:21 p.m., DPS Trooper

3:30 p.m., Reserve Deputy

reckless driver on Hwy 90. 4:45 p.m., The Uvalde Police Cordelia Mendeke and Deputy Department was notified about

State Sar President Invest in the future Visits Uvalde Chapter and in our children

president of the Sons of the the annual Patriot's Fund, the American Revolution, attended Eagle Scout Essay Contest, the Uvalde Chapter #53's quarterly Oration Contest, the Knight meeting on Saturday, December Essay Contest, and the Outstand-8th at the Holiday Inn. This is ing American History Teacher the first time a state president Award. He encouraged the has visited the local chapter. chapter to try to do more for Also attending was district vice- local veterans. president John Wilmeth from San Antonio. Bronze Awards dation medal available for law were presented to Clark Davis enforcement/fire safety personand Tom Casey for their years nel. Anyone can make a recomof service in support of the or- mendation to the SAR board for ganization. Uvalde businesses persons they feel deserve this honored for consistently flying award. The local chapter voted the flag of the United States of to join the Friends of the Na-America were Carmichael's tional SAR Library by making Rexall Drug and Atkinson Mo- a monetary contribution. This tor Company. The Uvalde Noon donation will be used to help Lions Club was also recognized build the SAR Memorial Lifor putting up the small flags on brary. The Women of SAR are the downtown plaza for all patriotic holidays. President White triotic Kitchens Cookbook" reported that there are 49 SAR chapters in Texas. He also said that of the 52 states with chapters. Texas has 10% of the total SAR membership. He praised

Nathan White, Texas State the chapter for their work with By Most Rev. Patrick F. Flores values taught in Scouting last a

The SAR now has a commengetting ready to publish a "Pawhich will soon be available.

Following the business meeting lunch was enjoyed by Clark and Joan Davis from Reagan Wells; Freida Rogers, Tom and Elaine Casev from Montel: Jack and Lois Farmer, Jack and Inez McClain from Utopia; Clem and Pat McKelvy from Brackettville; Charles and Pat McFarland from Sabinal; Charlotte Alcala from Pearsall; Joe Wilmeth from San Antonio; Nathan White from Dallas; Maggie Gibbens who is mother and grandmother of 5 of the chapter members, Wilma Russell, Nell Roosa, freeing themselves from English rule during the American Revolution is eligible for membership. Those interested are en-Clem McKelvy for further in-

Archbishop of San Antonio

Since the organization's beginning in 1910, Boy Scouts of Scout matures throughout his America has assisted society in life, he measures himself against guiding the healthy develop- the Scouting ideals and his reliment of our children. Scouting gious principles. In living these program that fosters character moral influence over his own development and ethical behav- future. In addition, Scouting afior. In Scouting, young boys fords adult leaders opportunities learn about fellowship and loyalty to family, friends, leaders, levels. Leaders and youth can school, community and coun- share adventures, challenges, try. The values young boys and accomplishments. As trust learn as Scouts help mold them builds between them, adult leadinto caring and productive ers and youth can discuss issues adults who actively participate such as societal problems, char-

I have seen Scouting change the Catholic Committee on Scouting lives of hundreds of youth and recognizes the Boy Scouts of their families. Scouting provides America as an integral part of a great platform for adults of Catholic youth ministry. It faith to nurture our youth. In pleases me that many archdioreturn, adult volunteers learn ceses and dioceses have a from their boys and realize per- Catholic Committee on Scoutsonal strengths and abilities ing, and close to one of every while working with Scouts.

Scouting has had some chal- of Scouting in our community, lenges in serving the Hispanic through schools and parishes, community. In particular, the the greater the results. Like-Boy Scouts have faced the diffi- wise, if more parents and adults cult task of finding enough par- were to involve themselves in

of faith, we all do our part to community with this excellent serve our children. We are all required by our faith to give of use the programs of Scouting to N.B. Willey, Steve Balke, Anne ourselves. We are required to assist us in developing our Sones also received a Medal McWhorter, and Jim Howard give to the Church, the commu-youth's personal and moral nity and others in need.

And, there is no group more riencing and learning ethical expand tremendously. couraged to contact Registrar values. It brings youth together other's positive behaviors. The worth the effort!

lifetime. The learnings extend beyond the boy to his family and friends and community. As a is a time-tested, highly moral values, a Scout then gains a solid to interact with youth on many in the community and Church. acter building and personal re-In my personal experiences, lationships to God. The National three parishes sponsors Scout-It is unfortunate, though, that ing units. The greater the depth ents to serve as adult volunteers. Scouting, we could extend our It is important that as adults outreach to all the youth of our program. It's worth the effort to growth.

If every school system and ancestor aided the colonies in in need than our youth. Scout- parish had a Cub Scout Pack, ing supports and enhances the Boy Scout Troop and Venturing moral growth of our youth, and Crew, our service to the comit offers a framework for expe- munity and the Church would

I tell you with all of my heart as friends who reinforce each - "¡Scouting! Vale la pena." It's

2001 Medal of

Texas Highway Patrol Associa- of 2000. tion presented Highway Patrol

the award, and received a Trooper Randall W. Vetter. \$1,000 check and an award

a permanent plaque in the Texas cident. Highway Patrol Museum, located in San Antonio.

The award is given annually to the Texas Highway Patrol officer whose actions are deemed heroic by Association members. Sones was selected to receive the

San Marcos, Texas - The award for his actions in August

Sones risked his life in the line officer, Jeffrey Dale Sones with of duty when he apprehended the 2001 Medal of Valor, De- Melvin Hale, a capital murder cember 8, 2001 in San Marcos, suspect, bringing to an end a dangerous situation that had al-Sones is the tenth recipient of ready claimed the life of

of Valor from the Department from Uvalde. Any male over 18 He will also be honored with of Public Safety for the same in- years of age who can prove his

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Empowering Families By Dr. Donald Smith

"Grampa, how old are you?" Six-year old Johnny asked.

"Well," Grampa replied, grampa." "But how old is that?" Johnny insisted.

you think I am?"

Grampa, you've got gray hair." Johnny insisted.

are you?"

Looking around to see if any- secrets right now." one else was in the room, Grampa leaned down and said said excitedly. "Tell me the sequietly, "If I tell you, don't tell crets." your Gramma."

Congratulations!



Codi Maxwell, daughter of Sandi and Robert Maxwell, has signed a contract with Avant Modeling Agency in San Antonio. Codi is also an honor roll student in first grade.

Johnny nodded in the affirmative and Grampa continued. "Johnny, next month I'll be seventy-five on my birthday. What do you think of that?"

"Gosh, Grampa will I ever be "I'm old enough to be your as old as you?" Johnny quizzed.

"If you live right Johnny, someday you will be as old as "That's pretty old Johnny." me. You see there are three se-Grampa replied. "How old do crets of a long life. My daddy taught them to me and I taught "You must be pretty old them to your daddy and your daddy is teaching them to you age. Tugging at his grampa's arm, by the way he lives. If you promise to live by them and "Tell me Grampa, how old teach them someday to your cans. children, I'll tell you the three

"I promise Grampa," Johnny

"OK Johnny, listen carefully." Grampa began. "These three secrets were taught by two very wise men many hundreds of years ago who themselves lived very long lives. Are you ready?" Johnny nodded and Grampa continued. "The first secret is to honor your father and mother all of your life (Exodus 20:12). You must always follow their wisdom and instruction. The second secret is to marry a good woman who shares your faith when you grow up (Sirach 26:1). The third secret is to always be a person of gladness and cheerfulness no matter what life may bring your way (Sirach 30:22). Follow the wisdom of these three secrets and you will live a long life on this wonderful earth that God has given us."



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But I could be wrong By Chuck Hall

the past Christmases and many just most of it. family stories.

Anacacho ranch. Christmas was devilish ploy. a very fun time when you're that

whipped cream in those spray

No Christmas feast would be

hide and seek.

When she tried to hide it, we dary. would try to find it. Once lo-It is about this time every cated, the discoverers would were; we just could not partake year that we all reminisce about empty the contents. Not all of it, of them.

I am no exception. My uct, no doubt with small children one of us came up with an idea. brother and I grew up on the of their own, countered with a We would take an ice pick, make should be given credit for

the lid. Now little demons could whipped cream and then put a ties. Mom would always buy not partake of the delicacy piece of tape over the opening

But never underestimate the complete without it. We played ingenuity of a young mind. while my brother grabbed the I could have been wrong.

Alvin Jr. and I were in a quan- tool.

We studied the can and envi-The makers of that fine prod-sioned its contents. Suddenly a small hole in the bottom of the They put a breakaway seal on can, eat a small amount of the good plan at the time.

I remember holding the can

We eagerly awaited an open-We knew where the goodies ing to a world of dining delight. He stabbed at the can with all

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pick went. I honestly think maybe we launching the first satellite that December day in the early fif-

We cleaned on the kitchen for within without being discov- we had made. It seemed like a hours. We got as much as we possibly could from the ceiling.

My mother was so proud. But

have sewn the first flag accord-

though we don't know for sure.

We do know that the red is a

stands for vigilance, justice and

The sleeping giant has again

neaney speaks to Rotary about patriotism

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priate choice since patriotism knows it when he sees it. has burst into expression since cember 7 was at hand.

One must be willing to lay down a sleeping giant. one's life for one's country. Cheaney added, "Of course, we guy's."

many other people. The focus rea and Vietnam. today is on firemen and police-

spoke on patriotism—an appro- how to define patriotism, but he parades", Cheaney said.

that tragedy and because De- its attitude about people in the as we used to, which he regrets. changed, but thirteen stripes re-Army, firemen and policemen, It is inspiring music and the main for the original thirteen Cheaney's father was in the fluctuates, he said. People tend words still bring a lump to his states. Betsy Ross is thought to Army, and childhood on vari- to take them, and the services throat, he said. ous Army bases provided an en- they offer, for granted until a Being in the Army means giv- bor was bombed unexpectedly, ing up some rights and privi- a tremendous surge of patrioto strange places not of their left home to replace them in the lesser flags. choice because of routine trans- workforce. The country set a fers. He could vote, but could breathtaking pace at replacing not take part in politics. Being ships lost and to furnish planes in the Army, he feels, "is a call- and needed equipment for the Continued from Page 1 ing" rather than being a job. war effort. Japan had awakened

Other wars have not been that justified in the minds of peacealways hope it will be that other loving Americans, and lack of Most military people are very response to the return of brave patriotic, Cheaney said, as are men called upon to fight in Ko-

Patriotism was not dead, how-

Cheaney said he didn't know ceived with "the mother of all George Washington designed the first flag with a circle of 13

We don't sing the Star stars. The addition of states The public's patriotism and Spangled Banner now as much caused the design to be

To finish his talk on patrio- ing to Washington's design, alvironment that engendered pa- disaster occurs. Then, at least tism, he talked about the flag. triotism, he said. It also led to for a short while, they are ap- Many people are now displayhis own 28-year career in the preciated. Patriotism flourishes ing the flag, but not many know symbol of valor, white is for in time of war. When Pearl Har- anything about how it is sup- purity and innocence, and blue posed to be treated. perseverance.

The rules are a matter of payleges that ordinary citizens have. tism occurred. War was de- ing honor to it. It should be He took orders even if he hap- clared, and recruiting offices raised briskly and lowered been awakened, and patriotism pened not to agree with them. were overrun with men wanting slowly and ceremoniously. It has resurged. There is always He and his wife, Ruby, moved to fight for the country. Women should be displayed higher than some good along with the bad.

Drill team prepares for debut

New members are welcome, Alonzo stated he is flexible as team practicing. He told flicting school activities. The was growing up." team members are enthusiastic,

interested in the program.

A local soldier just completboys and girls, 13 and above. ing army boot camp watched the far as attendence is concerned, Alonzo, "that's what they teach as long as the youngster has a us in boot camp. I wish we'd support led to an unenthusiastic reason for absence, such as conhad something like this when I

The team has been asked to some thinking ahead to possible participate in the Fort Clark military service. Alonzo says he Days celebration and Chief men because of their dedication ever. When the military returned also goes to the Alternative Cen- Alonzo says that if they are to duty exhibited in New York. from the Gulf War, it was re- ter to pick up kids and get them ready, they will do so. However, he is looking forward to the first Brackettville parade of the year, on May 5th, for the drill team's debut. By then, he says, they should be ready and will appear in full uniform.

The uniforms will cost about \$150 - \$175 each, and will be paid for by fundraisers, parents, interested citizens, possibly businesses "adopting" a student and furnishing the uniform, with "strings attached". The strings might include school attendance, grades, community involvement.

Chief Alonzo complimented Constable Cordelia Mendeke who he says has been at practice every Saturday to assist, and thanked Principal John Paul Schuster of the Brackettville Independent School District who has allowed the Police Department to transport team members to the track field on ISD school buses. He also appreciates the assistance and support of Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent of Schools.

Alonzo has had experience with a drill team in Uvalde, sponsored by the American Legion. He was in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam crisis, and participated in marching band during high school. He has a son and daughter and two grandchildren.

"We plant a seed," Alonzo said, "and we hope to see it bear fruit - good citizens and responsible adults."

Horse Club

Continued from Page 1 and repairs on the stalls. While Fort Clark Springs is responsible for maintenance of the building structure and roof, the Horse Club must maintain and clean the stalls and provide general upkeep. Members are also responsible for controlling the horses housed on the premises.

At present there are 19 stalls, all of which are rented. However, only 15 horses occupy stalls here at present.

Most of the Horse Club members reside on the Fort. The purpose of the club is for recreation and pleasure only.

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Making a Difference By Taylor Stephenson

CPR that afternoon. Our goal is events were well attended. for staff to be able to be there in emergencies by basic knowl- computer demonstration for the edge of CPR. Our local EMS, school board this past Monday directed by Carolyn Rutherford night. Candy has been trained will provide the training in the to be a master teacher of comschool auditorium. The staff will puter technology by Intel. She have a workday on Thursday, taught a 40-hour course to 18 Dec. 20. School will resume af- BISD teachers so that they could ter the holidays on Monday, utilize the latest techniques in January 7, 2002!

This Thursday night, the Tiger Band will use the remodeled demonstrating what she had school auditorium for its con- learned by presenting projects cert at 7:30 PM. I hope you can in Power Point and DeskTop be there to experience the Publishing. Mrs. Hobbs will beauty of the auditorium with teach the same course in the fupadded seats, drapes, and a new ture so that all staff can be stage. The Hillcrest Foundation trained. awarded a grant to the school the Board of Trustees for priori- clean. tizing the renovation of this historic building.

gratulated for being selected to churches (ministerial alliance) the ATSSB all-region band. of Brackettville will sponsor the Cody is a freshman baritone program this year. It will be held horn player. He will be our only at the same site as in the past. I representative this year. We're like this celebration, and it proud that he will be able to go brings our community together. to San Antonio on January 25 They're starting late and need and 26 to play with this fine lots of help. Donations may be

The Voices of Fort Clark pre- ers or Charlotte Corey. sented an outstanding cantata to the community this past week- tion and try to keep it going. end. Lynn McNew did a fine job You'll be glad that you did. Have directing the chorus. Cathy a great week!

added just the right touch for the Christmas break Wednes- the community residents enjoyed day, December 19, at 1:30 PM. a Christmas party given by our The staff will receive training on Chamber of Commerce. Both

> Candy Hobbs presented a their classrooms. Mary Petrosky did an outstanding job

Frank Taylor held a series of district to pay for the seats & workshops on protecting comsome of the remodeling of the puters from viruses. We have facility. We could not have this virus protection software on our beautiful facility without Mr. school computers. We must and Mrs. Harold Byrd and the constantly update the computers Hillcrest Foundation. Thanks to and scan to keep the system

The Community Unity program is scheduled for Sunday Cody Robinette is to be con- night, December 16. The made through Pastors Ken Sell-

Let's get behind this celebra-

Band concert tonight NSF funds program to boost math, Conrey is the superb pianist for the Voices. A children's choir science literacy in South Texas schools

rural school districts in South Texas to improve K-12 math-

temic Initiative (STRSI), funded and science of students from economically disadvantaged rusus data illustrate clearly what

Corpus Christi - Officials at RSI. The NSF funded the Texas rector of educational system re-School will be dismissed for Christmas. Afterward, many of Texas A&M University-Corpus Rural Systemic Initiative (TRSI) form at the National Science Christi and the Texas Engineer- in 1998. The program currently Foundation. "The STRSI proing Experiment Station (TEES) reaches 70,000 students in 60 gram was able to make a conannounced Wednesday, Nov. school districts in 43 counties, vincing case for the need of an 28, the creation of a \$6 million and participating TRSI school additional RSI program in Texas program that will work with districts have seen their stu- to cover the rural school disdents' scores on the science and tricts in Southwest Texas." math portions of the Texas Asematics and science education. sessment of Academic Skills principal investigator and dean The South Texas Rural Sys-(TAAS) rise. Texas A&M Uni- of Texas A&M University-Corversity System Vice Chancellor pus Christi's College of Science by the National Science Foun- and TEES Director Dr. C. and Technology, said that as a dation (NSF), pulls together Roland Haden said, "TRSI is native South Texan, she is parschool administrators, teachers, having a positive impact in our ticularly excited that the addicounselors, students and parents rural school districts and we tional funding for South Texas to meet state math and science need to expand these efforts to rural schools will allow the standards and work to improve ensure we reach all students in state's RSI program to initiate a the performance in mathematics need of these kinds of pro- more focused effort to improve grams. These students are the science and math education for future of Texas, and we have all children. "South Texas is an ral school districts. "Recent Cenhigh expectations for them."

we all already know - that South dent Dr. Robert R. Furgason percent of the rural school chil-Texas education levels and in- stated, "The South Texas Rural dren in Texas," she said. "Withcome levels are the lowest in the Systemic Initiative will bring out the additional funding for state," said U.S. Rep. Solomon many opportunities to the chil- another Rural Systemic Initia-Ortiz. "We also know that the dren of South Texas their par- tive in Texas we could not have quality and access to education ents never had. Having a grasp addressed the special needs in directly relate to the income lev- of science and mathematics is South Texas." The STRSI is led els of our citizens. This initia- critical to achieving a higher by Texas A&M University-Cortive to improve the quality of ru- education. The methods used in pus Christi in collaboration with ral school districts here is a wel- the initiative have a record of other South Texas institutions come movement. Until we im- success so I am very excited and including Texas A&M Univerprove the education of our chil- optimistic about how this will sity-Kingsville, Texas A&M Indren, we cannot expect them to affect the region." "Part of the ternational University and Del enjoy the quality of life available challenge in bringing about sys- Mar College in Corpus Christi. elsewhere in the state or the na- temic reform in rural areas of The South Texas program will With the creation of STRSI, enormous distances between school districts and will grow to Texas becomes one of the few schools and districts," said Dr. a total of 30 participating South states to have more than one Costello L. Brown, division di- Texas school districts.

Dr. Diana Marinez, STRSI

area about the size of North A&M-Corpus Christi Presi- Carolina and is home to over 50 large states such as Texas, is the initially involve 18 current TRSI

Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

Thursday, December 13 5:00 PM BKB 7G/8B Del Rio (Sacred) (H), 7:30 PM High School Christmas Concert, Auditorium, BKB VG LaPryor Tourn. (A) TBA Friday, December 14 BKB VG LaPryor Tourn. (A) TBA

Saturday, December 15 BKB JVG Del Rio Tourn. (A) TBA, BKB VG LaPryor Tourn. (A) TBA Monday, December 17 1:30 PM Elem/MS Christmas

Concert, Auditorium, 5:00 PM BKB JVG/VB Comstock Tuesday, December 18 11:15 A, - 12:15 PM Meet Santa, PK-4th Grades,

VB LaPryor (H) Wednesday, December 19 1:30 PM Student Early Out, End of 3rd 6 wks.

Room 1, 5:00 PM BKB VG/

Winter Reminder: Install a smoke detector in the hallway adjacent to or located in each bedroom. If you have gas appliances, install carbon monoxide detectors in these locations as well. Combination detectors are available. Check batteries frequently!

Teen Epilsepsy

Epilepsy month campaign en- one side courages respect toward teens . Don't put anything in the with epilepsy. Washington, mouth bas abid on D.C., A recent survey of 20,000 American teenagers son down and perceptions of epilepsy un- looks like staring, loss of awarederscores the pressing need for ness, blinking, chewing, or increased awareness of the com- other movements, you should: mon neurological disorder that affects about 350,000 children and teens in this country.

The survey reveals that 68 of anything hazardous percent of teens are unfamiliar with epilepsy. The Epilepsy them Foundation is launching a national campaign called "Entitled is fully aware again Respect" to improve understanding and acceptance of teens should call an ambulance when with epilepsy among their peers. The campaign is part of a youth are injuries, if the seizure lasts program partnership between longer than five minutes, or if the Foundation and the Centers another seizure begins soon affor Disease Control and Preventer the first, then an ambulance

survey result is that 67 percent out any medical attention. of teens would probably not know what to do if someone had based in metropolitan Washinga seizure. The guidelines sug- ton, D.C., is the leading source gest the following steps in the of consumer information about event of a convulsive seizure:

- the head
- around the neck

ence in Nashville.

information is being realized by

• Don't try to hold the per-

Stay calm

· Guide the person away from danger or standing in front

• Don't try to grab hold of

• Stay nearby until the person

Teens may wonder if they someone has a seizure. If there tion, which funded the survey. should be called. However, sei-Perhaps the most surprising zures usually end naturally with-

The epilepsy Foundation, seizures, as well as direct ser- Move things out of the way vices in the community for fami- Put something soft under lies affected by seizure disorders. The organization's goals · Loosen anything tight are to prevent, control and cure epilepsy through research, edu-• Turn the person gently to cation, advocacy and services.

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Guaranteed (TG) and other stu- the counseling is a convenience dent loan guaranty agencies, to students but that it also is an online counseling is gaining effective default prevention tool

popularity at a fast pace. The because students are more in-

results show that over 70 per- volved in the process when they

cent of the colleges and univer- do their counseling online."

Austin, Texas - According to president and senior project

about the fundamental prin-"Mapping Your Future's mis- ciples of borrowing, their rights sion of serving schools, stu- and responsibilities and the comdents, and families and provid- mitment that comes with the acing important default prevention ceptance of a student loan.

Besides online counseling, offering online student loan schools and guaranty agencies counseling," says Catherine offer group and individual Mueller, TG's assistant vice counseling sessions.

create health problems

When should hearing be tested? The cold weather can (ARA) - What? ... I'm sorry veloping over a period of 25 to anxiety - an audiologic reha-I couldn't hear you? ... Could 30 years. Without some quali- bilitation program can train you

you repeat that? ... What did you tative test, you won't realize to deal with your new situation, ing loss, there are great resay?

your hearing tested.

your friends mumble when they frustrating places, have your wax can mean hearing loss. hearing tested.

If your family consistently to watch out for: turns the television volume watching it, have your hearing are confusing or you find your- a noisy area self having to concentrate on a speaker's lips to understand speech in crowded situations what they're saying, have your hearing tested.

If you haven't had a hearing hearing) test since high school ... have a hearing test.

The statistics of hearing loss are compelling: One out of 10 repeat themselves Americans has hearing loss. By only one out of five actually

unfortunate — because there is help available. In a recent survey performed by the National gist, a professional who special-Council on the Aging, hearing izes in hearing health care. Auloss, left untreated, has a cor- diologists are trained to conduct relative relationship with debili- and interpret hearing tests, fit tating psychological problems and dispense hearing aids, prolike depression, social anxiety vide related counseling, habiliand decreased social activity. tation, rehabilitation and hear-The longer you ignore your ing conservation. hearing loss, the worse the physical, psychological and so- you make an informed decision cial effects. While noise-induced about your hearing care and hearing loss is painless, it is per- provide you with communica-

the bud. Have your hearing of hearing evaluation is covered tested. Doing so early may pre- by insurance. vent damage or further damage to your hearing.

The Warning Signs

If these are the questions you it's too late. There is a degree find one. ask when talking with others, of hearing loss associated with If you're wondering why eases (like Meniere's disease) or ten to test your hearing. genetic disorders (like otosclesuddenly become cacophonous, diabetes), even a build-up of ear ing loss before it becomes de- Hear You" and a free set of ear

Here are some warning signs

- Pain or ringing in your ears down when you're through (tinnitus) after exposure to noise

- Muffled speech sounds or tested. If phone conversations music sounds dull after leaving

- Difficulty understanding

- Frequently asking people to

You'll be asked a series of age 65, one out of three people more involved questions when has hearing loss. And of these, you get your hearing tested. If you experience any of the above tired family physician from prescription drug benefit, taking certain prescription ated food products: symptoms, you know what to That's unnecessary - and do, get your hearing tested. Who Should I Talk To?

You need to see an audiolo-

Your audiologist will help tion strategies to help make lis-Nip potential hearing loss in tening easier. Typically this type

who struggle with hearing loss

Where To Start

If you think you have hearyou're losing your hearing till and an audiologist can help you sources to help you. In addition to undergoing an annual hear-Have your hearing tested as ing test, check out the Audiolthen it's likely you need to have aging, and infections, sudden soon as possible, and talk to ogy Awareness Campaign at loud or prolonged noise, dis- your audiologist about how of- www.audiologyawareness.com or call 1-888-833-EARS for a You'll have a great chance of free 15-page booklet called talk to you or when restaurants rosis), medical conditions (like learning how to deal with hear- "Listen Up, America ... We

Texans for better Medicare

Medicare is now opening its its our headquarters." doors on the World Wide Web. - Frequently mispronouncing ever leaving their computer.

the key to ensuring people will abled. take the initiative to learn more about and become active in the believes that in order to deliver hypothermia include those 60 Conroe and former Chairman of which meets the needs of seniors drugs or drinking alcohol, the them to the online community."

easily accessible. Such resources

Austin - After opening its and more. "In addition we hope time ago, Texans for Better increase as the community vis-

Located at www.bettermedicare Medicare is over 16,000 sup-lem. - Difficulty in pinpointing .org/tx individuals can learn. porters strong ranging from sesounds' locations (loss of stereo more about Medicare reform nior citizens to business leaders vulnerable people can die from and contact the group without and patients, all who have an cold weather. interest in the nation's health 'Convenience and access are care plan for the elderly and dis- contributing factor in 53 Texas power outages, and food safety

Texans for Better Medicare mittee. "In the era of online strengthen and improve the shopping - from groceries to Medicare program to meet the cars - an organization doesn't needs of beneficiaries today and just open its doors to the gen- tomorrow, ensure special assiseral public they must also open tance for low-income seniors, protect the choices seniors have health and taking medications continues to honor its pledge to a one-size-fits-all governmentproved Medicare system for all cal decisions between doctors beneficiaries through reaching and their patients and guarantee

health care news articles from a broad-based, bipartisan group Surprisingly, most people around Texas and around the representing the interests of pacountry, answers to frequently tients, seniors, disabled, pharthink they're unusual. Hearing asked questions, ways to contact maceutical research companies, Usually, hearing loss is pain- loss doesn't have to mean de- the group and get involved as doctors, caregivers, employers, the elderly on fixed incomes, actual freezing of tissues. less and gradual, typically de- pression, frustration and social well as ways to contact Congress health care experts and many may set their thermostats danof Americans in our Medicare heating bills.

Hypothermia, the severe or prolonged loss of body heat, be- people, especially if they live gins when a person's body tem- alone or in isolated areas. perature falls below 95 degrees

doors here in Texas just a short to see the number of supporters may be gradual and an early must be outside. Stay dry. symptom of hypothermia is Currently Texans for Better may not know there is a prob- in only moderately cool-

And health officials warn that far below freezing.

In 2000, hypothermia was a

People most susceptible to heating. Medicare debate," said Dr. high quality health care to Mediand older, infants and small chilwho serves on the Texans for be part of an overall reform dent victims and those unable to possible. Better Medicare steering com- plan. Such a plan should find temporary shelter in cold

son may already be in poor throw it out. perceive or respond to cold as freeze. readily as younger people be-The group is a state affiliate that increases blood flow - lessvictims die because they are sim- effect wind has on the skin. ply unaware of gradual temperature changes.

Cold weather - with frost, • Watch for symptoms of hychilling winds, ice storms or pothermia including confusion snow - can create severe prob- and drowsiness, slurred speech, lems that many people in the a drop in blood pressure, shalstate are not used to dealing with low breathing and pinkish tint to especially following months of the skin. Anyone with these comfortably warm tempera- symptoms related to cold temtures, according to the Texas peratures is in immediate dan-Department of Health (TDH). ger.

• Check on elderly or ill

 Wear loose-fitting clothing in layers, gloves and a face Because the temperature drop cover to block the wind if you

• Be extremely cautious in mental confusion, the victim the wind. A strong wind, even weather, can cause a wind chill

• Take extra precautions with those most vulnerable.

Winter storms also may cause becomes a problem along with

If you lose power for more than four hours, take the follow-Walter D. Wilkerson, Jr., a re- care beneficiaries, an optional dren, people who are sick, those ing precautions with refriger-

 Keep refrigerator and the Texas Department of Health and disabled Americans should homeless, auto or boating acci- freezer doors closed as much as

· Discard any potentially. hazardous foods such as meats, Often an older person's me- eggs, dairy products and lefttabolism is slower than that of a overs that may have exceeded young person, or the older per- 45 degrees F. When in doubt,

 Any frozen food that has Texans for Better Medicare today from being displaced by that can alter awareness of dan- thawed but not exceeded 45 degerously low temperatures. grees F should be prepared as promote a strengthened and im- managed program, keep medi- People 60 and older may not soon as possible. Do not re-

TDH officials warn that no out to the online community and reform that does not threaten cause the body's natural alarm one at any age should underesoffering resources not otherwise research for tomorrow's cures. signal - the reflex of shivering timate weather changes and should dress appropriately. include Medicare updates, of Citizens for Better Medicare, ens with age. Some hypothermia Wind chill refers to the cooling

Not only can wind chill cause rapid heat loss from the body, And some people, especially but it also can cause frostbite -

Anyone planning outdoor acothers concerned with the health gerously low for fear of high tivities in cold weather should refer to local weather forecasts.

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who cannot find the price of a all people. Christmas tree, or a hot meal, friend. Christmas has grown to ness. Thank you so much. be a time of despair for some, a curse as a blessing.

in our community who take time surely made you a blessing to world.

The Lions of Brackettville have made our year. Well, the greenery and the for years made sure that needy lights are up, the trees are turn- families have Christmas baskets involved in our school system, pectancy in the air. It is that time This year, as last, the Las Mo-manner in which you have mas is always a blessing and a thanks go out to the people who knowledge and wisdom. We all

tercede on our behalf with the community I also lift up your ef- helping God create leaders of crisp, clear air and the kings friend or someone I don't even Jane Talamantez and husband As we hear news reports of to bring this season back around you as a blessing to the children Bethlehem. It reminds me of a buy a little box of gold stars. numerous nieces, nephews, war, death, destruction, and to a season of hope for the fami- of Brackettville. crime, we desperately need lies of our community. I am something to believe in, some- confident your worship tradi- seems to be too little. Sometimes a part in her church Nativity on that day on my calendar. cember 10, 2001 at St. Mary thing to bring us hope in what tions at this time of year are fo- we want to ask God why everyseems a hopeless situation. And cusing on the coming of God's thing seems so destined to de-

or a simple gift bearing love to of the kingdom by your faitha child, a family member or a fulness, generosity and good- Let us count the many blessings

because it has become a time of ville, both public and private, I from the star of Bethlehem. It Himself was saying when He to You. You are welcome to 11:00 a.m. gift giving. I am not opposed to offer appreciation for your shines now, as always, over commanded, "Go ye therefore, worship with us anytime at St. gift giving, but we have let it yearlong care for the stability become the purpose of Christ- and the growth of our small mas instead of hope bringing. town. You often give selflessly 10:45 am for our worship ser-Yes, Christmas can be as much to see to it that we have the ser- vice. Come and help us find the I want to acknowledge those to be safe and secure. God has might provide a light to the

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First United Methodist Church and money out of their lives to the rest of us. May your Christchange some despair into hope. mas be as blessed as you have

And of course, to everyone The obvious blessing is the package and deliver those bas- future of this sometimes dark them the light that comes with To the church families in this searching for answers. You are

while this is true of each of us, kingdom and the prospects that struction. In those times, as now, it is all the more true for those offers for peace and healing for we can find the hope. It is there in each other. We see it in our God blesses our little corner associates, in our friends, in our family and in our community. and gifts that come to us with-To the leaders of Brackett- out cost as we watch for light

> Brackettville! vices and the support we need peace of God within us that

St. Mary Magdalene Church By Lynn McNew

ing, and there is a sense of ex- of food and other necessities. we offer our appreciation for the ing in a small town is that I can special person He wants me to go outside at night and see the talk to each day. of year when we are most hope- ras Hispanic Organization is also guided our children, kept them stars. This time of year when ful - if we can afford it. Christ- passing out food baskets. My safe and instructed them in the air is crisp and clear, the whenever He sends this person stars seem to twinkle in the heav- to me, I'll ask Him to let me be donate their time to gather, know that the children are the ens. It seems to me that it is apreceptive to this person's need. Rosanda Castro, Antoinette propriate that this is the month I realize that it might be Converse, and Ora Castro. Surexpected arrival of the Son of kets. You are truly saints of and dismal world. You bring to celebrate Jesus' birth, the someone in trouble, unhappy or vived by sisters Louisa time to think of shepherds who in need of someone to talk to. It Derengoski, Carrie Garcia, heard the angels singing in the might be a family member, a Rebbeca Terrazas, and Mary forts, whatever they might be, tomorrow. God is surely using who followed a star to know yet. And what if I would Juan E. Talamantez, to include little story that I read some years After I've tried to help that spe- great nieces & nephews. Hope! Sometimes, there ago. In this story, a little girl had cial person, I could stick a star play. Her role was to hold high I wonder how many stars Magdalene Church in Brackett-

Please join us Sunday at 28:19)? Isn't that what each one Church. God Bless You!

of us can do in our lives?

During the time we have left One of the reasons I like liv- ask God to guide me to the one away Friday, Dec. 7, 2001.

an aluminum foil star for every- would decorate my refrigera- ville, TX from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. When the play was over, the pose isn't to congratulate mychild proudly announced that self; it's just a reminder that 2001 viewing was at Don's Fushe had been given the main God let me try to show some- neral Home in Del Rio, TX from part. "Because," she said, "I one how to find Jesus. Dear 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. showed everybody how to find Lord, thank You for the "stars" Jesus." Show everyone how to in my life. I ask You to use me 12, 2001 a Christian Burial Mass find Jesus. Isn't that what Jesus to bring others just a little closer was at Sacred Heart Church at and teach all nations." (Matthew Mary Magdalene Catholic Rio Memorial Cemetery.

Emma Swaim

Emma Castro Swaim, age 81, before Christmas, I'm going to of Brackettville, Texas passed

Swaim was preceded in death by husband, George Swaim, It may not be every day, but parents Jacinto C. Castro and Elisa Castro.

Brother Ahart Castro, sisters

Viewing was on Monday Detor by Christmas Day. The pur- A rosary was recited at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday December 11,

On Wednesday December

Burial Services was at the Del

Fruit given in winter

Gateway Ministries By Pastor Charolette Corey

Protect against diseases in stockings and fruit baskets;

A Texas autumn typically the soil for many years. Seri- bat that is active during the day brings out people who enjoy ac- ously affected animals may stag- or any animal that appears sick, sugar plums dancing in their died. tivities in the cooler weather. ger, have difficulty breathing, fearless or aggressive should heads". Fruit, fruit, gifts Along with hiking, biking and tremble and finally collapse and contact area animal control or of fruit is the continuing theme only begotten son, who was 2:5-6). camping, many take to the fields die. Symptoms in pigs, dogs and law enforcement officers. That of this time of the year, a time raised from the dead so that we, and woodlands for hunting.

"But hunters, campers and deer and livestock. hikers need to be aware that they could be exposed to diseases commonly used in areas with hand is not a good idea, either. fruit is harder to get, is a real ferent from others who have Though we die, we have the gift transmitted by ticks, fleas and anthrax, but it must be used be- "Never touch a wild animal," treat, a true gift. mosquitoes as well as animals in fore the animal is exposed to the Moore said. the wild," said Guy Moore, a bacteria. This vaccine is not for wildlife biologist with the Texas humans or pets.

Department of Health (TDH). such as Lyme disease, Rocky ceptible to this deadly viral ill-Mountain spotted fever and hu- ness. People become infected fully). man ehrlichiosis. Ticks are of- with the rabies virus if they are people like to visit - wooded, disease. Only a series of shots and tall grasses. brushy and grassy areas - and will keep a bitten person from on animals.

Mosquitoes continue to be a biting nuisance almost year- mal such as a skunk, raccoon or or socks. round in many parts of the state. Mosquitoes can carry organisms that cause viral infections such as St. Louis encephalitis, eastern equine encephalitis and dengue fever.

And while the illness has been known for years, questions about contracting anthrax from animals continue to grow. Anthrax is a serious infectious disease caused by spore-forming bacteria and occurs naturally in animals, especially in southern and southwestern Texas Many animals can get the disease. It is rare in humans.

"Deer and livestock normally et the disease by swallowing anthrax spores while grazing on contaminated pasture," Moore said. "Handling or eating an animal infected with the disease can transmit anthrax to humans and to other animals. That is why it is extremely important not to touch sick or dead animals, including their horns and anters, with your bare hands."

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cats may be less severe than in animal may have rabies.

Another potential danger is A bite from an infected tick, rabies. All warm-blooded anigetting rabies.

Attracting wild animals with a death-like sleep. A vaccine for livestock is food or trying to feed them by

to protect yourself from insect don't. Sailors at sea died of (Isaiah 25:8)

for example, can cause illnesses mals, including humans, are sus- taining DEET or permethrin died from not having the nutri- he chose to die for our sins; al-

ten found in the very places bitten by an animal that has the avoid areas of overgrown brush

• Wear protective clothing such as a hat, long-sleeved shirt Anyone who sees a wild ani- and long pants tucked into boots

What you need to know about cords

into one extension cord. After ditions. plugging your decorations into an extension cord, check to see that have the UL label. if the cord is warm to the touch. If it is, unplug some of the deco- cord rather than linking several rations. Better yet, use an exten- shorter cords together. sion cord with thicker wires.

the Leviton Institute:

under rugs or carpets.

· Keep extension cords out lights every year.

Extension cords can be over- of the reach of infants.

loaded just as easily as your • Never use indoor extension house wiring, so don't plug cords outside. They are not demore than three strands of lights signed to withstand outdoor con-

Only use extension cords

• Use one long extension

According to the U.S. Con-Here are some other tips from sumer Product Safety Commission, more than 1,200 people • Don't run extension cords end up at the emergency room for an injury related to holiday

immune systems were under the depths of hell, be resurrected pear tree"; we give fruits away Jesus is.

In the winter of our barren

Fruit given in winter, when rection from the dead was dif- there and victorious over death. died and were raised to life again of eternal life in Christ Jesus. We take it for granted in our because only he gives eternal The good fruits we produce TDH offers these suggestions country these days; others life unto those who are in him. on this earth are a simple gift

scurvy without fruit in their diet. • Use insect repellent con- Men, women, and children Jesus gives to each of us is that nal life in him. (Col. 3:1) (follow package directions care- ents found in fruit when their lowing himself to be taken to walk in love.

attack. God created fruit to help from death and ascended on us live longer. But what is the high. He "led captivity captive, We sing of "a partridge in a best fruit given to us as a gift? and gave gifts to all men." (Eph. 4:8).

When we reside in him, we we give or receive fruit cake; we season of life, when the wages are "buried with him, quickened eat candied fruits in special des- of our sin would be death, Jesus together with Christ (by grace), serts; we read of "visions of is the first-fruit of those having and raised up together in Christ, sitting together in heavenly He is the first-fruit of God, his places in Christ Jesus" (Eph.

So, though we are here, yet, when barren plants slumber in in Christ, will all be made alive. in Christ (since Jesus is not (I Cor. 15:20-23) His resurbound by time), we are also

> back to Jesus Christ who has The "first-fruit" gift which given us the greatest gift.. .eter-

Stand in faith, rest in hope,

• Stay on trails outdoors and Don't let outdoor holiday lights throw you for a loop From icicle lights hanging why they're installed in kitch- option is to purchase an inex-

down from the roof to elaborate ens, bathrooms, basements, ga- pensive extension cord set that more families are decorating homes-even those built just First plug the GFCI cord set into with festive holiday lights. But twenty years ago-may not have the outdoor outlet, and then plug are they taking the necessary GFCI receptacles, inside or out. your other extension cords and precautions so no one is thrown Next time you're outside, take holiday lights into the GFCI cord cord or a damaged wire on a tacles. Do they have two buttons available at hardware stores and strand of lights?

family from potential electrical GFCI receptacle. hazards, the Leviton Institute urges you to plug all outdoor recommends that you have a receptacle before plugging holiholiday lights into a special re- GFCI installed before the holi- day lights into it to make sure it ceptacle called a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI). This receptacle is special because it provides personal protection from electrical shocks. GFCI receptacles are now required wherever an electrical outlet is within 6 feet of water. That's

To protect yourself and your set?" If they do, you have a \$25.

day lighting season. Another is still providing protection.

lawn decorations, more and rages, and outdoors. Older has a built-in GFCI receptacle. for a loop by a frayed extension a look at your outdoor recep- set. These GFCI cord sets are on them marked "test" and "re- home centers. They cost about

> One other safety precaution: If not, the Leviton Institute It is important to test your GFCI

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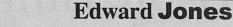
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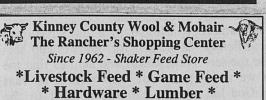
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Trivia Time Answers Agnew; 9. Cruise control; 10. Kitty 1. Edgar Hoover's; 2. The nose; 3. The sousaphone; 4. Deborah Jorville; 5. A laser; 6. "Hamlet"; 7. William Sharner; 8. Spiro

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 directionsforwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. Whose name did a U.S. senator propose by removed from the FBI building in a 1993 bill?

2. What do rhinologists specialize in?

3. What John Philip Sousa invention was 52 inches high and

weighed 26 pounds? 4. During Jane Pauley's last appearance on the "Today" show,

who said, "We're gonna miss you bunches"?

5. What picks up the sound on a compact disc player?

6. What is Shakespeare's longest play?

7. What future "Star Trek" star turned down the TV role of "Dr. Kildare"?

8. What former governor told a court that kickbacks to

politicians were budgeted for in Maryland?

9. What did the auto-pilot Chrysler introduced in 1958

eventually come to be called?

10. What is the most popular name for a cat in the U.S.?

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by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A LIBRA (September 23 to October bigwig takes you into his confidence. 22) You're constantly on the go this Be sure that you keep this trust. week. However, guard against un-Later in the week, you enjoy recondue stress. You don't want to burn necting romantically with your out before the holidays.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) ber 21) Although you know what Work-related matters don't go as you mean, you're not at your com-

smoothly as you'd like this week. municative best this week. Try to Fortunately, this is a temporary situ- express yourself more clearly. This is the culprit.

brings good news.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you must err, it's best to do so on CAPRICORN (December 22 to the conservative side. In other January 19) While you're upset words, avoid taking foolish risks, par- with someone close, don't lose your ticularly concerning investments. By temper. This only makes things week's end, you realize the value of worse. Instead, try a calm, rational a friend's loyalty.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a AQUARIUS (January 20 to Febrock-solid.

scapegoat in this situation.

ation. Someone behind the scenes will avoid misunderstandings in the long run. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to not a good time to spend money December 21) While co-workers frivolously. Instead, when holiday are worried about a certain project,

SCORPIO (October 23 to Novem-

shopping, be sure to check out sales. you approach this differently. Your Over the weekend, a phone call methodical, analytical approach is the perfect solution. Stick to this method.

approach with a heart-to-heart talk.

good week to think about making ruary 18) Don't let an unexpected some changes. These could be per-turn of events throw you off track. sonal or work-related. Before doing Take everything in stride. This weekso, however, be sure your plans are end, a chance meeting turns roman-

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their coat or blanket before put- juries they will suffer. ting them in their car seat can greatly affect the way the car seat always keep your child in the is designed to work?

are designed to lie flat and snug in the infant seat or car seat, makagainst your child. When they are ing sure the harness straps are adjusted properly, there should be snug over the shoulders and that no slack in the harness system. If they lie straight and flat down to you wrap your baby in a blanket the buckle. Buckle the child in and before placing him in the car seat, then put the coat or blanket over and loosen the harness straps to them-on top of the harness sysaccommodate the extra cloth...you tem. You can even turn the coat have put slack into the system. The around and put his arms through same thing happens if you put a the sleeves after he is buckled into coat on your toddler and loosen his car seat. the straps before buckling him in

and padding will compress and cause slack in the harness system, kids stay warm.

When the weather turns cooler, which will allow your child to we all get our jackets and coats move further forward during a out of the closet. Did you know crash before being stopped by the that putting your infant or child in harness straps—increasing the in-So what should you do? First,

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(Kinney County Commissioners Court)

Sealed proposals addressed to the Kinney County Commissioners Court will be received on or before 12:00 o'clock P.M. on January 11, 2002, at the office of the County Judge, Herb Senne, P.O. Box 348, Kinney County Courthouse, 501 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas, 78832 for the financing, design, construction, operation and management of a 330-bed adult detention center/facility. The proposal shall be in conformance with the Request for Proposal Specifications available at the above address.

Significant bond, indemnification and insurance requirements will be placed on the successful respon-

dent, including the provision of performance and payment bonds. All contract requirements of the Request for Proposal Specifications and Section 351.103 of the Local Government Code (V.T.C.A.) will be required to be agreed to and met by the successful respondent.

The financing proposal shall provide for lease-purchase of the Facility by the County, with an option to purchase, and transfer of legal title upon payment of all lease payments. The County shall have no liability or cost for the Facility financing except to the extent of prisoner housing contract revenues actually generated by the Facility. The financing proposal shall include all costs of planning, financing, design, construction, equipping, furnishing and start-up of the Facility, including all costs of land and professional fees.

Operation and management will be required to be in conformance with the rules and regulations of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, the Operation and Management Agreement between the successful respondent and the County, and rules of jurisdictions housing prisoners at the Facility to the extent made applicable by the terms of the prisoner housing contracts with those jurisdictions. The compensation for the operation and management of the Facility will be paid on the basis of a per prisoner, per day fee, payable solely out of the net revenues of the Facility, and from no other source, after first application of gross revenues to the Lease obligations.

Design of the Facility must be by competent design professionals licensed in the State of Texas with significant experience in the design of detention facilities. The design and construction of the Facility must be in accordance with the standards of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, and the successful respondent must obtain all required approvals and certifications of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Respondents shall present a firm bid for the design, construction, equipping, and furnishing of the Facility in accordance with the requirement of the Request for Proposal Specifications.

The successful respondent will be required to provide all development and project management services necessary to assure timely financing, design and construction of the Facility in accordance with the successful proposal, the plans and specifications, applicable contracts, and the project budget.

The County will not obligate its funds or tax revenues to pay for any component of this project, including the operation and management of the Facility, and the sole source of funding for repayment; of financing, operation and management or other associated costs and expenses shall be the revenues actually generated by the Facility and received. The financing shall not be a debt or obligation of the County, and, upon, termination of or default on the financing, the County must have no liability or obligation for repayment of the financing.

The Kinney County Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to select the proposal most advantageous to the County, and reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals received.

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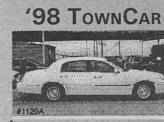
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