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## EAA manager hired as consultant

### Water board interviews Dixon, Wylie for G.M. position

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District officials interviewed two applicants for the general manager's position and hired an Edwards Aquifer Authority employee as a consultant for the district Monday night during a special meeting at the Kinney County Courthouse.

The Board of Directors interviewed John Dixon and Francie Wylie in closed session during the meeting. Dixon and Wylie are the only two applicants for the general manager's position.

With no discussion on the issue, Cecil Smith, president of the district, said no

action would be taken to hire a general manager during the meeting.

The board did, however, vote to hire Steven Walthour a consultant to assist the district in the permitting process for water wells within the county.

Walthour is a permitting enforcement manager for the Edwards Aquifer Authority

in San Antonio.

In other business, the board unanimously voted to keep the same slate of officers. Smith will continue to serve as president, Don Hood as vice president and Darlene Shahan as secretary and treasurer.

Prior to the vote, board member Bob Young motioned to delay the appoint-

ments until all the directors were present, but his motion died because of a lack of a second.

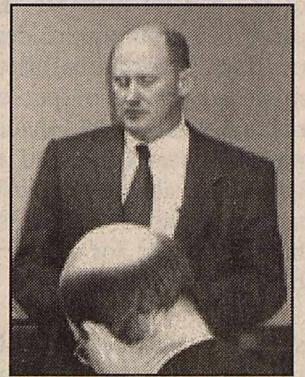
Director Hadley Wardlaw was absent from the special meeting.

Board member Zach Davis resigned last week, but his resignation has yet to become official.

The directors voted to

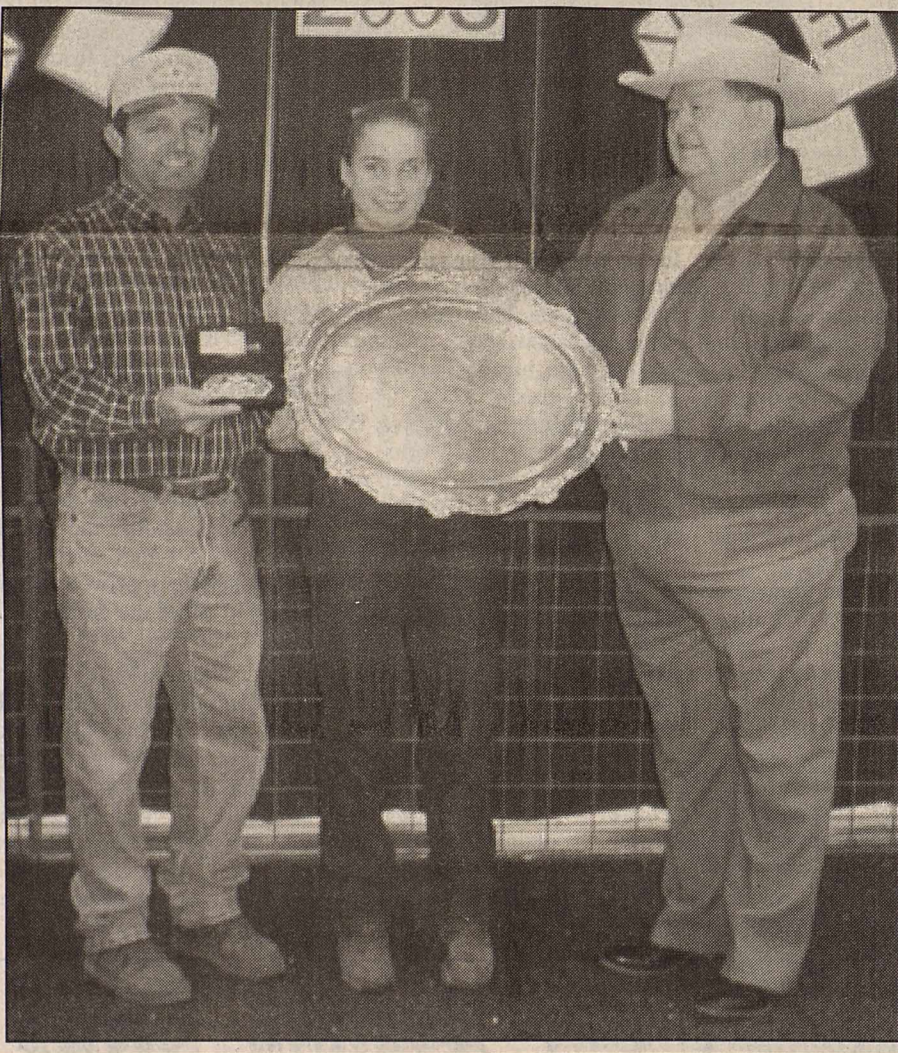
hire Coleman, Horton and Company of Uvalde to perform the 2002 audit of the district. Shahan said the company's gross fee would not exceed \$1,500.

Shahan asked the directors to consider future amendments to the budget to create line items for expenses not included in the current budget.



Steven Walthour

## Kinney County Livestock Show



### Stock show winners

**Top left:** Beth Ballew (left) is presented the Silver Shears Award by Nancy Frerich at the 48th Annual Kinney County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show Saturday. The award is given annually to the high-point lamb exhibitor. Tony and Nancy Frerich donated the award in memory of Molly Audrey.

**Top right:** Whitney Massingill (left) is presented the Doug Taylor Memorial Top Hand Award by Rex Taylor. The new award is given to the most outstanding 4-H or FFA participant in the livestock show. The Taylor Family donated the award.

**Left:** Bailee Allen (center) is presented the Joey Key York Award by County Agent Robert Elledge (left) and Joe York. The award is given annually to the overall showman of the livestock show. Mr. and Mrs. Joe York donated the award.

Photos by J.J. Guidry

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## Stephenson announces retirement

After 43 years in public education, Taylor Stephenson has decided he needs a change of pace. The Brackett ISD superintendent publicly announced his retirement Monday.

The Board of Trustees accepted Stephenson's resignation, which becomes effective July 31, during its monthly meeting and released him from his contract, which has one year remaining.

Stephenson came to Brackett ISD in 1992 as its curriculum director and federal programs coordinator, and is currently in his seventh year as the district's superintendent. He has served as a superintendent for 29 years during his 43-year career in New Mexico and Texas.

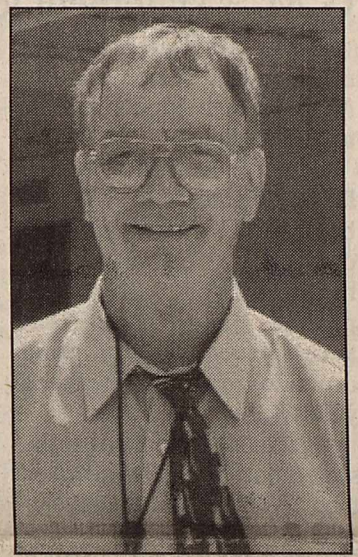
This year, I will complete 43 years of service to the schools of New Mexico & Texas. For 29 of those years, I have served as a superintendent of schools.

"With 43 years experience, 12 years of public education, and five years of university work, I have been attending schools since I was 5 or 6 years old for the past 60 years," Stephenson said. "I am ready for a new adventure."

"The work has been rewarding, and we have made tremendous progress in the past 10 years. I have particularly enjoyed the young people through the years."

"Continuing to make decisions that are in the best interests of the children will always yield results that are best for the school district. I wish the board success in every future endeavor," he added.

Stephenson said he will work with the school district in train-



Taylor Stephenson

ing a new superintendent.

Stephenson began his education career with a two-year stint as a band director in Stanton. He then worked for 23 years in Clayton, N.M. as a band director, junior high principal and later a superintendent.

He was superintendent for seven years in Artesia, N.M. before coming to Brackettville in 1992. Stephenson grew up in San Antonio and returned to Texas to be closer to family. He served as the curriculum director and federal programs coordinator for four years at Brackett ISD before being named superintendent in 1996.

During Stephenson's administration at Brackett ISD, numerous building improvements were made, the district maintained a low tax rate and cash balance, and TAAS test scores consistently gave the local schools exemplary recognition.

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## BHS band students perform with regional band Saturday

By FRANCES McMASTER  
Contributing Writer

Four Brackett High School band members will be performing Saturday night with the Association of Texas Small School Bands region band in San Antonio.

Senior Jeffrey Tipps, first-chair bass clarinet; freshman Yasmino Pena, flute; sophomore Cody Robinette, baritone; and Kami Berg, mallet percussion will be in San Antonio for rehearsals on Friday and Saturday.

The four students made the regional band after competing with students from Region 11 last month in Pearsall.

Berg and Tipps qualified for all-state tryouts to be held later in the school year in Banquette.

Pena, Robinette and Tipps performed last Thursday at the Brackettville Rotary Club meeting. The students were the guests of Paula Renken, the club's January program chairman and principal at Jones Elementary School.

The first student to play was Jeff Tipps, the son of Jeff and Lydia Tipps.

Tipps qualified for and won first place at regional competition playing the bass clarinet, but chose to play the tenor sax for his Rotary presentation.

He plans to go to Abilene Christian University for his first year of college and then transfer to the University of North Texas College of Music and earn a degree in music composition.

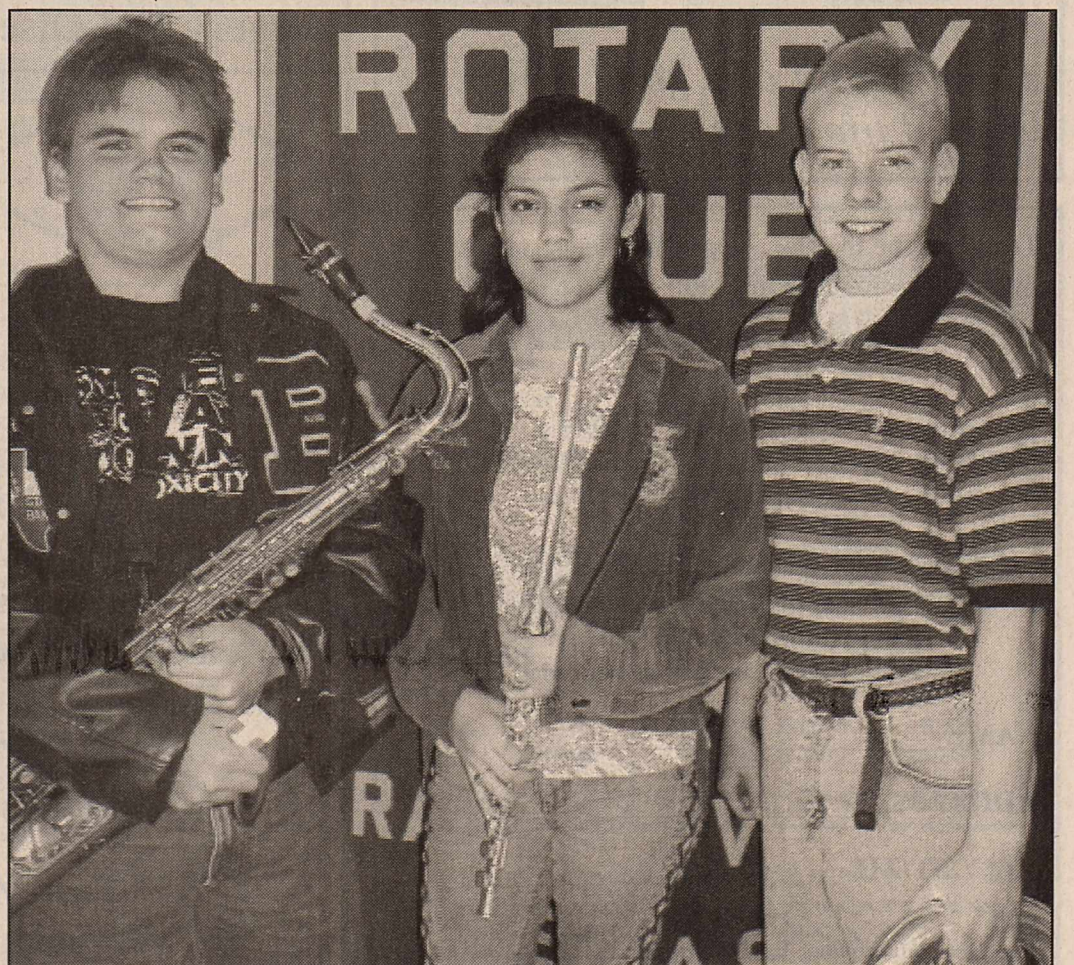
Yasmino Pena is the daughter of Eduardo and Rosa Pena. She played the piccolo. When asked about future plans, Yasmino said she doesn't know what she wants to do yet.

Cody Robinette, son of Joe and Olivia Robinette, played the baritone tuba. He plans to go to Texas A&M and wants to become an architect.

Comments from Rotary members after the program reflected appreciation for the student's performances.

Also noted was the confidence and self-assurance they demonstrated that would serve them well in competition.

Several remarks were also made about how well the Tiger Band performs, despite its small size.



### Making music

Brackett High School senior Jeffrey Tipps (from left), freshman Yasmino Pena, sophomore Cody Robinette senior Kami Berg (not pictured) will perform with the regional band Saturday in San Antonio.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

G.M. prompted Preservation Society

There are persons on the fort that continue to spread misinformation about the Preservation Society.

The Preservation Society was founded because the FCSA Board of Directors failed to act in the removal of the general manager. Because of numerous incidents of fiscal irresponsibility, mismanagement of personnel and assets, I had made a motion that the board request and accept the resignation of the G.M. Plus, she had no respect for the members or the employees.

When the G.M. has no respect for the members that pay her salary, then it is time for her to go. The board refused to remove the G.M. on a vote of 5 to 2.

The only remaining course of action for the membership to remove the G.M. was to recall the board that voted to keep her. Thus, the birth of the movement, now known as the "Preservation Society."

There are examples of fiscal irresponsibility and mismanagement that go back over a year. In January 2002, another member of the

Board of Directors wrote a memo to the G.M. and the board expressing concern at the increasing level of anger being directed at the board and the G.M. It further stated in that memo that in the 10 years he had been a member of the association, he had not encountered so many complaints against management and the board. The memo then listed 15 specific complaints.

That board member then stated that the board and management needed to be more attuned to the members of the association, and not take hasty action without adequate consideration of the feelings, needs and desires of the members.

The founders of the Preservation Society (see *The Brackett News*, Jan. 9, 2003) have been joined by more than 1,000 members of FCSA. The society continues to grow as FCSA members continue to join in the effort to save our homes.

The Preservation Society is open to any FCSA member that is interested in saving this fort and their home.

Tom Saylor

G.M.'s statement leaves a lot of doubt

Two conflicting statements in last week's *Brackett News* leave a lot for people to think about.

Page 1 headline: "Fort lacks revenues to pay taxes" because taxes have gone up drastically. Next, in a letter to the editor, Chief Appraiser Haenn states that taxes have actually gone down over the last three years.

I put a lot more faith in the statement by the appraiser than I do the fort manager.

If the fort manager cannot tell the truth about the amount of property taxes, which can be easily verified at the tax office by anyone, then how can she expect anyone to believe anything else she tells us?

So far, I have been open to both opposing sides on the fort, but I have to admit

this leaves a lot of doubt in my mind.

As far as the statement that members used to pay a portion of the taxes, I guess, by her statement, in 1992 when our dues were raised, one of the promises to us was that we would no longer have to pay that portion of the property taxes.

If I remember correctly, my share of the \$120-dues increase was less than \$8 saved on the tax portion. That difference should have left a nice surplus.

It is about time that members get to see a full accounting of what is happening. I know we are losing members, that's expected when we raise dues and get less for our money, especially for the non-residents that do not get anything for theirs.

Royland Boysen

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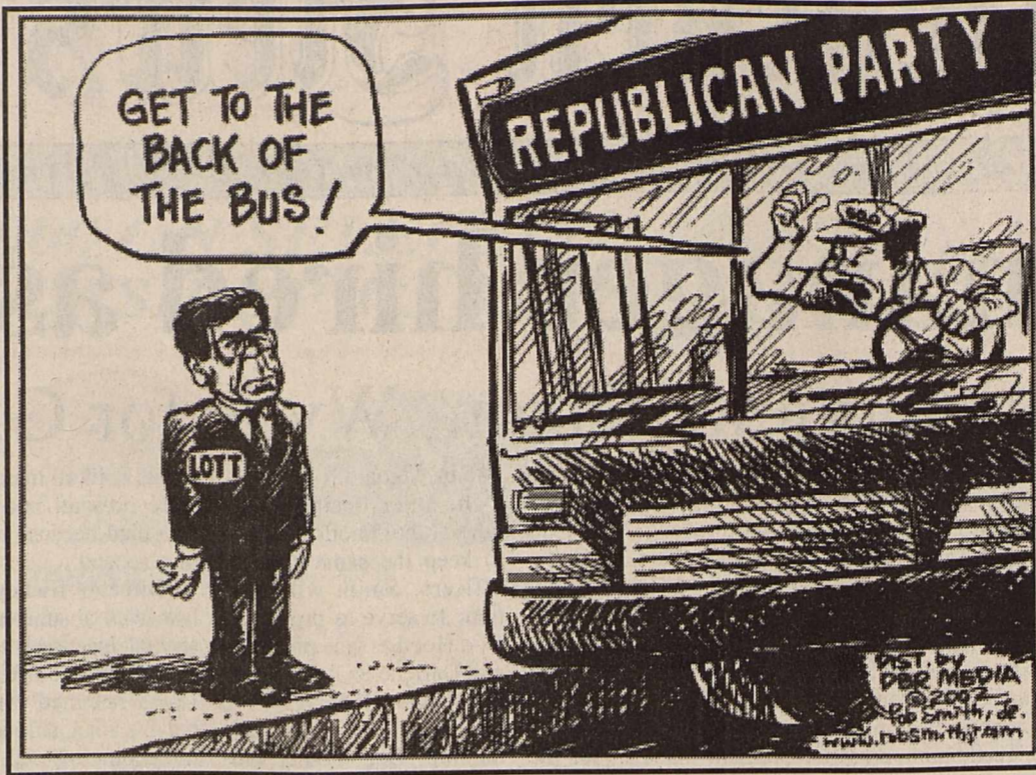
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Crushing a crush

Crushes, how nice, how sweet, how evil. OK, maybe they are not evil, but crushes sure do "crush" you. Having a crush is something that just can't be avoided during your teen years. They can make you feel on top of the world, but then can turn around and smash you like a bug.

I personally hate having crushes. I don't like the kind of person I become. Some examples of symptoms suffered during the crushing period involve thinking about them, talking about them, and trying to find ways to see them. Basically becoming an infatuated freak.

So I have created a type of rehab from this evil form of torture. It is a guaranteed way to rid yourself of those pesky crushes. But before I share the secret, I will take you on a journey through my horrible crush-hood.

It all began in kindergarten. I can still remember his name, Michael Chavez. He was smart, funny, athletic and the only boy taller than me. We were constantly competing against each other, and I liked him even though he thought I was a major dork, which, truthfully, I was. We fought all the time and I was really mean to him, but I was in love. Not really, but I was in kindergarten, what did I know?

Eventually, I moved from that school and went to another so it was over, but I still thought about him occasionally. Then to my surprise, I ended up going to junior high with his cousin a few years later. When I found out that this was a relative of one of my biggest crushes, I was shocked.

He was in one of my music classes, and I found him extremely annoying. During one class period his cousin told me that he knew who I was because Michael talked about me still, and about how much he hated



Teen Spirit

Shanae Simmons

me. OK, so maybe I was a little too mean to Mike, but I was in kindergarten.

Next was Mathew Medina. He was the shortest boy in my third-grade class, but boy was he dreamy. I wasn't too mean to this one, but he still disliked me. One Valentines Day, I brought a bag of chocolate kisses to school and asked Mathew if he wanted "a kiss" after showing him the bag.

"Sure," he said. I now had him in my little trap — I planned to give him a real kiss, and started in for the kill. I puckered up my lips, and suddenly found myself on the floor. He had seen what I was trying to do and pushed me. I eventually stopped liking him. Not just because he pushed me down, but because he had an abnormal amount of nose hair that I hadn't noticed before.

I don't remember many people after Mathew, but his nose hairs still haunt my memory. But, by far, my biggest crush was the one going into eighth grade. He was dreamier than little Mathew Medina, or Michael Chavez, plus he was in high school. He was my best friend's older brother.

He was smart and funny, but he didn't even know I was alive. I liked him into ninth grade, with the occasional celebrities in between. I finally got the courage to declare my mushy feelings for this older guy.

It was Valentines Day (I don't seem to be very lucky with this day) and I had decided to make him a valentine from a secret admirer. I even wrote a poem, it was something like: "Roses are

red, violets are blue, Red Hots are hot, and so are you."

I even bought him a bear, and some chocolate. It was really funny, and my friend and I were in on it together, so I didn't think anything could go wrong. I even made an e-mail address he could write to, to try and figure out who his admirer was, even though I didn't intend on telling him.

I thought I was really smooth, and that I would never get caught, but oh how I was wrong. Needless to say, I was found out and left totally embarrassed. He and his friends ate my chocolates and laughed at me — I was a joke. I was even told he threw my bear in the trash.

So that is where I made the rehab program. I decided never to like anyone again, because you just get crushed with crushes.

So here it is: To be de-crushed you first think only of their bad qualities, and imagine them doing things that you didn't like. Then the second step is, whenever you think about them, you pinch yourself really hard, so their memory is associated with pain. Then lastly, you never talk about them, unless it is something mean. There you go, an anti-crush.

So maybe the process is slightly crude, but it works ... kind of ... a little ... OK, so maybe it doesn't work that well, but it is better than nothing.

So maybe I have yet to master the art of de-crushifying someone, but I am getting there. So far, time is really the only way to really get over a crush, but maybe someday I will find the true antidote.

By the way, a few days ago, my friend and I went into her brother's room and on his dresser, in plain view, sat the little bear I gave him. Maybe the whole thing wasn't a waste after all.



Making A Difference

Taylor Stephenson

Students recovering from auto accident

Our young folks who were in the two-truck accident are recovering. The accident happened during the lunch hour. We pray for their speedy recovery. Jason Smith is still in the hospital in San Antonio, but hopes to be released later this week.

TAKS Test

There has been lots of publicity on the new TAKS tests to be given this school year. State law forbids third-grade students from passing to fourth grade if they have not passed the reading TAKS test this year.

Our major effort with curriculum must be to get students ready for the new, more difficult test. Teachers need to be encouraged in this most difficult assignment.

Direct Deposits

BISD has 99 employees, and 66 of those have chosen to take advantage of direct deposit of their checks into bank accounts.

On Jan. 25, those 66 will have checks deposited into their accounts without having to take the time to go to the bank to make the deposit.

The best thing is that when employees are on summer vacation or must leave early because of special circumstances, their checks will be deposited into their accounts. We're excited about the change.

Board Dinner

The board and school administration are appreciative of Jones Elementary's staff for providing a dinner prior to the regular board meeting Monday night. The room was decorated with thank you cards from children who attend Jones Elementary School. Thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Legislative Session

The Texas legislative session was called to order this week. Comptroller Carolee Keeton Strayhorn announced that the state was farther into the red than previously predicted.

Her estimate is now \$9.9 billion instead of \$5 billion. This includes \$1.8 billion needed this year to hone the current budget, which runs through August.

In the 1991 and in the 1987 legislative sessions, the deficit was about \$5 billion each year. The legislature approved tax increases to cover the deficit each of these years.

Family Visit

Our children and grandchildren were here this past weekend. Fort Clark Springs is a perfect place for them and also for our children to visit. The peacefulness of the fort offers chances to be away from city life. We have such a superb place to live. Have a great week!

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# Brackettville Lions Club deems 2002 a successful year for group

By LYNN McNEW  
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Lions Club discussed the group's activities in 2002 during a meeting earlier this month at Los Moras Restaurant, and members agreed that it was a very successful year.

Beginning in March, the group sponsored the Stride for Sight walkathon. In conjunction with the walkathon, a delicious breakfast of pancakes and sausage was served to approximately 100 people.

Proceeds from both of these projects were sent directly to District 2-A2 to be used for various Lions eye programs.

Before Easter, the Lions donated candy and money for the annual Easter egg hunt at Fort Clark Springs. Lions members worked with the Recreation Committee to hide eggs, as well

as appearing as the Easter bunny.

In May, a \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Sara Gammill, a graduating BHS senior.

One of the Lions traditional projects has been to sell pecans. The money from this project, as with all other Lions projects, is used to help people, especially children, in the Kinney County community. Unfortunately, sometimes these ideas for their own personal gain.

Another project which Kinney County has come to count upon is the Health Fair which was held in November. Through the work of the local Lions, flu shots, eye and ear exams, and valuable health information is made available to local residents at little or no cost.

Lions Clubs International works with the National Council for the Blind to sell brooms

and mops made by the blind. The local sale was in October and the proceeds were sent on to the Council for the Blind for their continued work.

Of all the projects of the Lions Club, the one which probably brings the most satisfaction is the annual Christmas Basket project.

A number of years ago, when several groups were giving food to the needy at Christmas, it was found that some people would receive nothing, while others were receiving more than one.

Through the efforts of the Brackettville Lions Club, donations were coordinated and more people benefited by receiving food and toys.

The Lions Club Thrift Store is ongoing throughout the year. The community has come to look upon the monthly Saturday sales as a good place to find bar-

gains, as well as donate unneeded items.

Lions have always been generous in giving to those in need and the store has often provided furniture and other necessities free of charge following fires or natural disasters.

There has recently been a problem with theft of items left in front of the store. Therefore, those who have something to donate are asked to call one of the phone numbers on the door, rather than leaving things unattended.

And if there is something you need, but cannot afford to pay, please talk to the Lions. The group's motto is "We Serve." All members are here to help you.

If you are interested in joining the Brackettville Lions Club, please contact a Lion. New members are always welcome.

## What great gifts

I received a lot of nice presents for Christmas. As I write, I am wearing some of the fine clothes I got as gifts. I always appreciate clothing as a present. I am reminded of the giver for a long time into the future.



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

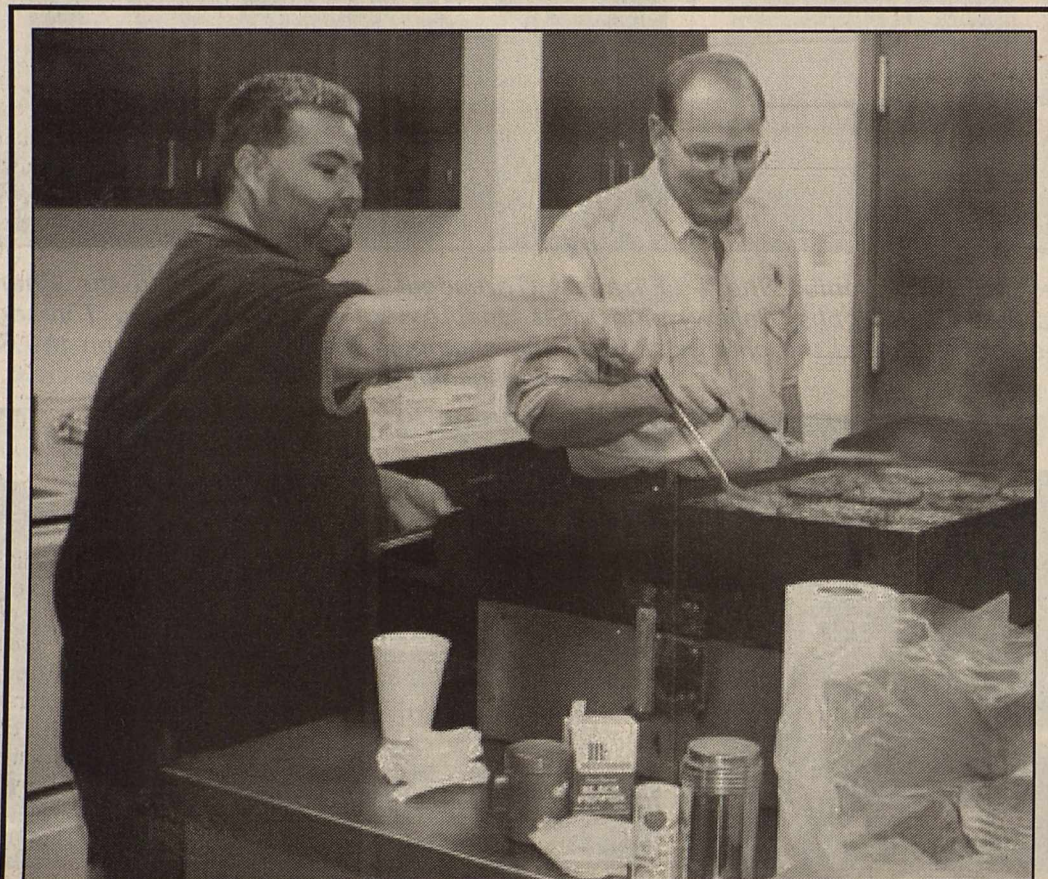
Tools are good presents to me too. I have tools that I have managed to keep hold of without losing for days! I don't know why I have such a hard time remembering where my sons-in-laws put my tools after they borrowed them. I don't really lose tools, they just end up in tool sheds of my "worthless" relatives. But I guess that's what gifts are for. Use them, abuse them, and lose them.

I was given some neat tools this year. Things I really needed. Drill bits, knives, good stuff. But the best gift of all was a small container that I just glanced at when I

opened it. I don't even remember who gave it to me. I certainly didn't appreciate the value of the present until long after the giver had gone home.

One of the girls gave me a squeeze tube of shampoo. Simple enough stuff. I used some the other day. I didn't really notice the contents until I was in the shower. The tube read "hair and skin shampoo." Now that's great. I have often not known what to buy to wash my head. The top of my scalp has more skin than hair. Now I am sure I'm using the right product.

But I could be wrong.



**Making hamburgers**  
Brackettville Rotary Club members Ricky Alvarado (left) and Dave Alexander cook hamburgers last Friday at the annual Kinney County Livestock Show.

### KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

**Monday, Jan. 6**  
7:33 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a wreckless driver in Unit 15 at Fort Clark Springs.

**Tuesday, Jan. 7**  
12:42 p.m., A woman reported a vehicle roll-over on Highway 674, 1 mile north of Brackettville.

3 p.m., A woman reported a wreckless driver on a dirt bike at Fort Clark Springs.

**Wednesday, Jan. 8**  
8:54 a.m., A man reported a three-vehicle accident on Highway 90 West, close to the Sycamore Bridge, with several injuries.

**Thursday, Jan. 9**  
1:53 a.m., A Border Patrol agent reported a butchered deer carcass near a fence on Schuback Lane. Game Warden Henry Lutz was notified of the situation.

**Friday, Jan. 10**  
11:38 p.m., A woman reported sewer problems at her residence on E. First Street. City officials were notified of the situation.

**Saturday, Jan. 11**  
1:35 a.m., A man reported

that he had locked his keys in his vehicle on E. First Street.

10:53 a.m., A man reported a beer truck blocking the entrance to an alley near his residence.

2:22 p.m., A Uvalde Police Department dispatcher reported a one-vehicle accident 2 miles west of the Cline checkpoint. No injuries were reported.

2:59 p.m., A Uvalde Police Department dispatcher reported that a 21-year-old man was accidentally shot on a Kinney County ranch.

3:45 p.m., Deputy Larry Robinson reported a minor vehicle accident on Highway 90 in front of the Burger and Shake.

3:55 p.m., A Border Patrol agent reported a van that had gone off the road east of Pinto Creek.

6:17 p.m., A man reported a wreckless driver in a Ford truck, driving west on Highway 90.

8 p.m., Javier Rodriguez, 38, of Houston was arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch for driving while intoxicated. Rodriguez was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

**Sunday, Jan. 12**

3 a.m., A Florida man reported that his vehicle had been stolen by his wife.

4:22 a.m., A Border Patrol agent reported a roll-over accident on Highway 90, 3 miles west of Brackettville.

10:22 a.m., A Border Patrol agent reported three bulls out on Highway 131.

11:10 a.m., A man reported an abandoned vehicle on Highway 277, 1 mile from the Maverick County line.

11:25 a.m., A man reported a one-vehicle roll-over on Highway 90, approximately 10 miles east of Brackettville.

12:12 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs employee reported a minor two-vehicle accident on Highway 90, close to the Brackett Service Center. Both vehicles left the scene.

2:39 p.m., Deputy Pena reported a hay rake on the south side of F.M. 693. It had been there about two weeks.

4 p.m., Ornette Hunter, 31, of Pensacola, Fla., was arrested for assault by Deputy Karl Chism. He was released the same day on a personal recognizance bond.

### BRIEFS

#### Agents apprehend 221 in Brackettville

DEL RIO — DEL RIO U.S. Border Patrol agents made 221 apprehensions in Brackettville during the month of December, officials announced.

There were 2,083 total apprehensions made in the Del Rio Sector, including 745 in Eagle Pass, 322 in Carrizo Springs, 235 in Uvalde, 173 in Del Rio, 132 in Abilene, 90 in San Angelo, 84 in Llano, 53 in Comstock and 17 in Rocksprings.

Agents in the Del Rio Sector seized 6,830.787 pounds of marijuana, valued at more than \$5.4 million. It was the highest amount seized here during a one-month period in the last three years. The total also tops December marijuana seizures in the sector for the past six years. Agents also seized \$142,482 worth of other assorted drugs.

#### Mooney to speak to Computer Club

Most everyone knows that if you change the oil in your car every 3,000 miles that the car's engine will last longer. Well, the same applies to computers. With a little instruction, you can learn how to maintain your computer so that it will last longer and work better.

Join the Computer Club and this month's guest speaker, Jim Mooney, network engineer, and learn how. The cost is 50 cents per person, all of which is donated to the library for utility expenses. For more information, call 563-3443.

#### Meyer is named to ASU Dean's List

SAN ANGELO — Leslie Elaine Meyer has been named to the Angelo State University Dean's List for the 2002 fall semester. The Brackett High School graduate is majoring in marketing. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

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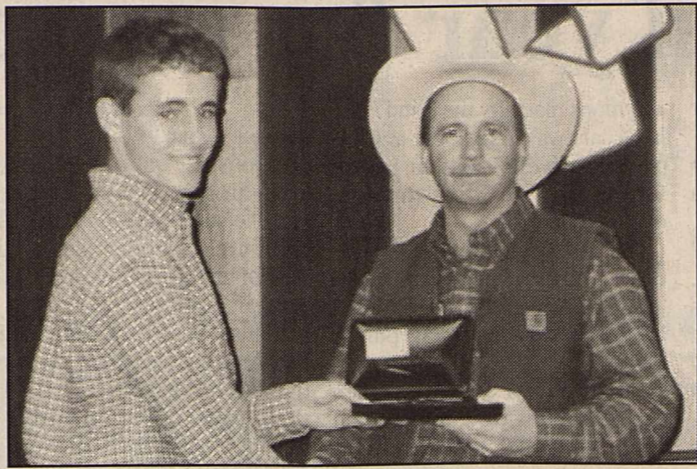
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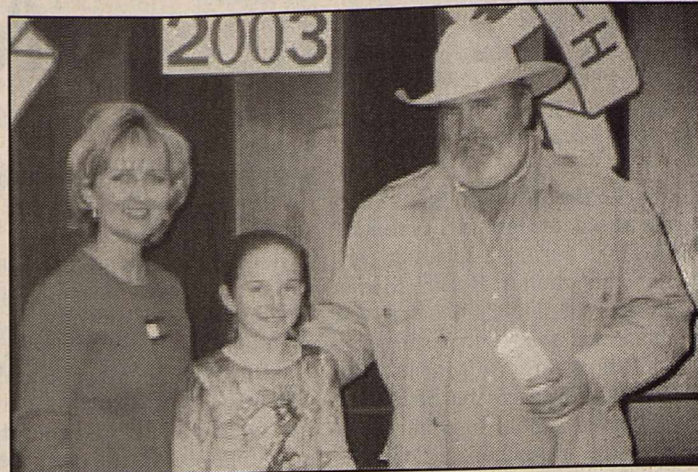
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Bailee Allen (left) is presented the Highest Point Exhibitor Award by Mark Frerich and his daughter, Madison. Allen showed the champion steer and reserve champion finewool lamb.



Tillman Davis (left) is presented the Most Improved Feeder Award by Stanley Dunbar. Davis also won the Senior Showmanship Award in the Steer Division.



Taylor Dunbar (center) is presented the Champion Finewool Ewe Award by Melissa (left) and Doug Davis. Dunbar also won the champion pen of ewes and the Junior Showmanship Award for meat goats.



Haylee Harris (left) is presented the Reserve Champion Finewool Ewes Award for lambs by Lisa Conoly. Harris showed the reserve champion pen of ewe and won two junior showmanship awards.



Beth Ballew (left) is presented the Senior Showmanship Award for lambs by Ronnie Hobbs. Ballew showed the champion finewool lamb and the champion crossbred lamb.



Elizabeth Threadgill (left) is presented the Champion Meat Goat Award by Tully Shahan. Threadgill showed the champion market hog and won the Senior Showmanship Award for market hogs.



Daphne Hunt (left) is presented the Junior Showmanship Award in the rabbit division by Beth Ballew. Hunt showed the reserve champion breeding rabbit buck.



Emily Petrosky (left) is presented the Champion Breeding Rabbit Buck Award by John Paul Schuster. Petrosky also won the Senior Showmanship Award in the rabbit division.



Summer Allen (left) is presented the Junior Showmanship Award in the steer division by Beth Ballew. Allen showed the reserve champion steer in the livestock show.



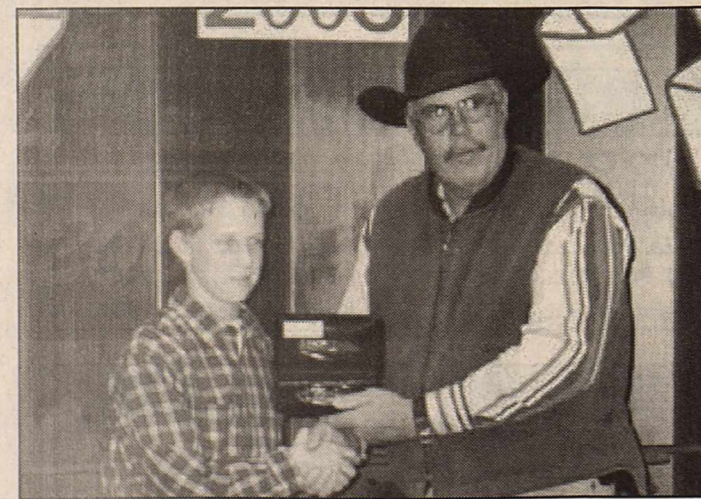
Jacquelyn Conoly (left) is presented the Senior Showmanship Award in the ewe lamb division by Megan McWilliams.



Jared Harris (left) is presented the Junior Showmanship Award in the market hog division by Beth Ballew.



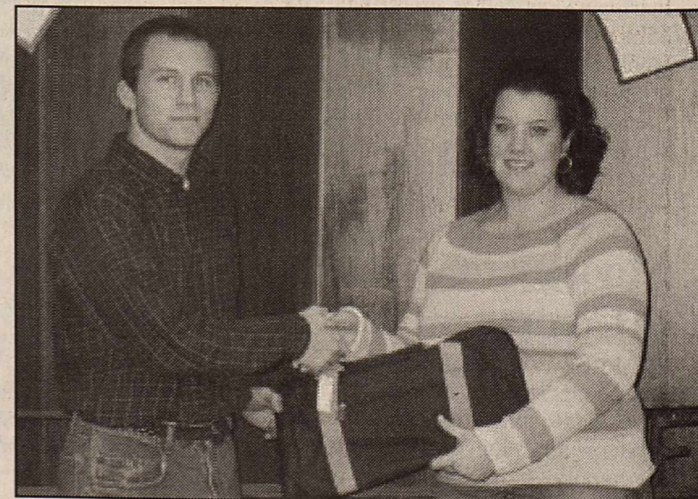
Clay Threadgill (left) is presented the Reserve Champion Market Hog Award by Megan McWilliams at the livestock show.



Mason McWilliams (left) is presented the Senior Showmanship Award in the meat goat division by Joe Threadgill.



Megan McWilliams (right) is presented the Reserve Champion Meat Goat Award by Jewel Robinson at the livestock show.



Boyd Brotherton (left) is presented the Reserve Champion Crossbred Lamb Award by Megan McWilliams.

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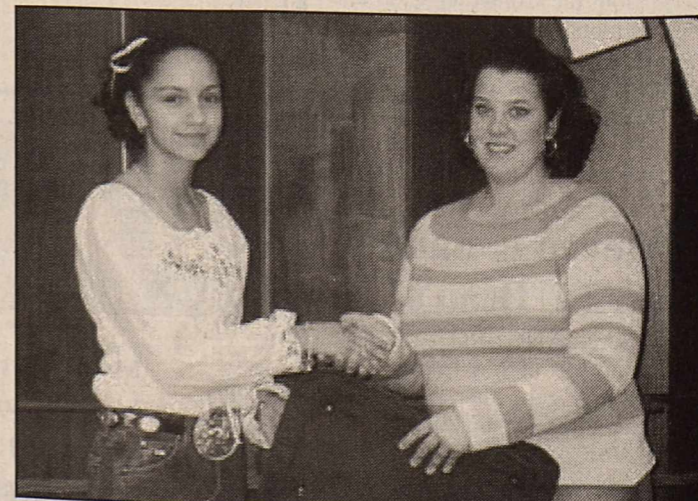
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Brian Calk (left) is presented the Champion Breeding Rabbit Doe Award by Phillip Calk at the livestock show.



Bianca Stewart (left) is presented the Reserve Champion Breeding Rabbit Doe Award by Megan McWilliams at the livestock show.

# Arrogance, not God, fuels politics

Have you ever considered the stark difference between the biblical account of Old Testament war and New Testament peace? I would like to contrast for you the story of Joshua at Jericho and a story that takes place on the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem.

Joshua becomes the leader of the Israelites following Moses' death. God leads Joshua, who leads God's people into Canaan and to the walls of the mighty city Jericho. There, at the Lord's instruction, the people named Israel march around the city once each day for six days. On the seventh day, they circled the city seven times, the priests sounded the trumpets of rams' horns, the people shouted and the walls came tumbling down.

The conquest of Jericho was completed when the army of Israel "utterly destroyed everything in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox

and donkey, with the edge of the sword... So the Lord was with Joshua and his fame was in all the land." (Joshua 6:21, 27, NASB)

Men, women, the elderly and the children — all killed in the name of God. Does this resemble the claim by a radical minority of Muslims for what occurred on Sept. 11? I think so!

On the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus was with his disciples on the Mount of Olives following the Passover meal. After prayer, Jesus was ready. Judas led the arresting party from the chief priests and elders to Jesus side, where Judas kissed the Lord to betray him.

As they were binding Jesus, "one of those who were with Jesus reached and drew out his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest, and cut off his ear." (Matthew 26:51-52, NASB) This event is recorded in the gospels of Mark and Luke



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as well.

So, my dilemma is, why does God condone the slaughter of women and children in one scripture and becomes squeamish about the loss of an ear in yet another?

My personal answer is the writers of the Old Testament stories always gave God the credit when things went well and none of the blame when things went bad. As descendants of Joshua and his followers, the writers of the Old Testament rationalized that if the story of the slaughter was in fact historically correct, it must have happened because God directed it, or at least with

God's approval.

On the other hand, it is hard for me to read the New Testament accounts of Jesus' life, the birth of the church, and the spread of the faith without concluding that God never asks God's people to make their way in the world through conquest and the slaughter of innocents. I believe the Crusades and the Inquisition make my point very well.

If we perceive our country, our people, as serving God (and I think our president, a United Methodist, does), how in good conscience can we continue the saber rattling with regard to Iraq?

Can we ever be justified, as a country birthed on Christian morality and grown into the Christian leadership of the world, in launching the first strike in a war with a country which is in no way prepared to defend itself against the might

of our armies?

When the actions against Iraq are completed, will our Christian political leaders write the history of this event as being ordained by God? Will we let them claim their purpose was God's purpose, as the writers of the Old Testament did? I think we should not!

It is not God that leads us into exporting our political purposes, it is arrogance — a political arrogance which assumes we can do whatever we want to do in the name of justice (as defined by us) just because we are the biggest kid on the block.

God's story of love, not power, is told weekly in our places of worship. If you want to hear about love and peace, not power and war, visit a church this Sunday. If you have no church home, come visit us at First United Methodist Church on James Street for worship this Sunday at 10:45 a.m.



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Nathan Lafrenz

## Let's celebrate our restoration to God

20th century air travel to distant lands is truly amazing. At international airports, flights to Cairo, Egypt, are announced as casually as bus trips to Cairo, Ill.

Time was when trips to Egypt were slow, difficult and dangerous. They were made on foot, on mule back, camels or in carts.

Twice in Scripture, trips were made to Egypt as it represented a haven of refuge. The first trip was for Jacob and his family, fleeing famine. The second trip was Mary, Joseph and Jesus fleeing the brutality of King Herod. In this instance at stake was the life of the infant Jesus, whom the Wise Men from the East had come to worship as king, thus arousing the jealousy and suspicion of King Herod.

We can thank God for sparing His Son's life in Egypt so that later He could save our lives.

During this time of epiphany, as we remember the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt, let us remember the millions of refugees throughout the world who have fled their homes due to violence. Let us keep them in our prayers and hope that they may one day be restored to their homes.

We can celebrate our restoration to God through His saving action in Christ.

Come and celebrate this restoration each Sunday morning at 9 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.



St. John's Missionary Church

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## Jesus makes us become whole

And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse. When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, touched his garment.

For she said, if I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. St. Mark 5:25-29. Hallelujah!

## Bring glory to Christ

The Lord wants you to maintain your sanctification by the "washing of the word."

This "washing" must continue to take place in your mind, your will (choices), and emotions.

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any." (1 Cor 6:9-12)

We have freedom through the blood bought price of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, but we are not to abuse that gift by embracing the unrighteous things of the world.

Who are you in bed with? Is your spirit committing fornication through wrong thoughts, through TV programs, movies, songs, books, magazines, the Internet, etc.?

"Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." (Prov. 23:6-7)

"But I fear, lest by any



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means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." (2 Cor. 11:3)

Everyone who is a member "bride of Christ" (the church) has a responsibility to keep themselves pure to honor their "first love," Jesus Christ.

In Revelation 2:4, God warns us that "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

If Jesus Christ is our husband (not bound by time), then we should each act as though he was by our side every moment of every day. We should choose those things that will bring glory to him. We should choose those things which bring us into a more intimate relationship with him.

The bottom line is to form the habit of washing yourself daily by his word to renew your mind. (Eph. 4:23-25)

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:2)

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

## We can have power, control only with the help of God

Is your life in control or out of control?

Maybe you think it is and it isn't — or just maybe you think it isn't, when in reality, you are in pretty good shape.

What about manageability? What about personal power? God made us in his image and put in us legitimate personal power.

It's as if our personal power, folded carefully deep down inside us, begins to unfold, to blossom spiritually within us, releasing an energy which allows us to live creatively and lovingly.

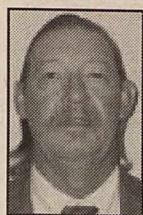
Power, control and manageability, can you or I honestly have these things?

Yes, but only over ourselves and then, only with God's help.

But what happens if you and/or your life is not in tune with God and his will for your life? Sin takes over!

God cannot help us until we admit that we are powerless over our sins and that our lives have become unmanageable.

Paul said it best (Romans 7:15-20), "I do not understand my own actions, for I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I



Frontier Baptist Church

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want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

"Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin which dwells within me," he said.

Without God, we come face to face with our own powerlessness, admitting the bankruptcy of our self-centeredness and the insanity of our self-destructive behavior.

When we turn to God as our only hope and give up on our own power and our own agendas and turn our lives and wills over to him, we will discover a more simple way to live, filled with joy and happiness.

The peace of surrender, the humility and joy and sense of purpose in doing God's will and sharing the hope that we have found, frees us to live a new and more meaningful life.

Let me say this, even "Christians" sometimes get into trouble and need help.

Even though they believe in God and want to trust him with their whole lives, they can know

when things are not right.

Christians can be as unhappy as the next guy. They can feel conflict and confusion, resentment, anger, pain, loneliness and feelings of low self-worth, but they have a spiritual resource to overcome these problems — and so do you.

We find ourselves in the midst of an exciting spiritual discipline that frees us from the crippling restraints of our past and gives us serenity and purpose at the same time.

Because I am a Christian, I know there is a much higher power named Jesus Christ, but until I faced my inability to overcome my own sins, I had no idea that the recognition of my powerlessness was the doorway to spiritual growth and a whole new relationship with God.

It is very hard to admit that we are powerless and that our lives have become unmanageable.

How can we, who are holding down jobs, paying our bills, raising our children and looking adequate according to the standard society, honestly admit to powerlessness when we appear to be living our lives satisfactorily?

Only two know the truth, you and your God!

## SPORTS

### Tigers top Dilley 47-33

The Brackett Tigers jumped out early against Dilley and cruised to a 47-33 win over the Wolves Friday night in the District 30-AA opener for both teams.

The Tigers (7-6, 1-0) led 14-7 after the opening stanza and then outscored the Wolves (9-11, 0-1) 14-5 in the second quarter to build up a 28-12 lead at the half.

"We really came out of the gates fast," Tigers coach Charlie Marquardt said. "Everyone has a better understanding of their role on this team. Our effort was fantastic. It really doesn't matter who starts the game because we're going to use the bench. They

really played unselfish basketball.

"We only had seven turnovers for the game — that is excellent," he added.

Jared Hobbs led Brackett with 14 points and nine rebounds, while Boyd Brotherton scored 12 points and Philip Munoz had 10 points and eight boards.

Charlie Slaughter finished the contest with eight points, Jesse Davis scored two and Dietrich Davis had eight rebounds and one point.

The Tigers faced Three Rivers on the road Tuesday in a late game. They resume action Friday when they host Freer at 8 p.m.

### Tigerettes slip by Dilley 31-30 for first district win

The Brackett Tigerettes claimed their first District 30-AA win Friday, edging the Dilley Lady Wolves 31-30.

Brackett (6-9, 1-2) trailed 16-10 at halftime, but outscored Dilley 12-4 in the third quarter to take control of the game.

"We played extremely hard for four periods," Tigerettes coach Ricky Creel said. "It was a battle, but we persevered. I am proud of the effort we give each game. The girls work very hard in practice."

Ashley Smith led Brackett with eight points, while Ashley Castillo, Amanda Davis and Courtney Frerich all had five points. Tammy Smith finished

with four points, and Stacey Castilla and Shanae Simmons added two points apiece.

Castillo pulled down nine rebounds in the game, Smith had six, Frerich finished with five and Castilla had three.

Last Tuesday, Brackett fell to George West 69-38.

Smith led the Tigerettes with 21 points, including 7-of-11 shooting from the charity stripe.

Frerich had five points in the contest, Castillo scored four, and Simmons, Nicole Mata and Tye Taylor all added two.

The Tigers faced Three Rivers on the road Tuesday in a late game. They resume action Friday night, hosting Freer at 6:30.

## J.V. girls finish third in Dilley tournament

The Brackett Tigerettes defeated the Lady Wolves 13-9 Saturday to finish third in the Dilley girls' junior varsity basketball tournament.

Jesse Crane led the Tigerettes (3-4) with seven points, and Brandy Smith had six.

Brackett dropped a 19-17 decision to Crystal City in the first round of the tourney.

Crane was the high scorer with six points, all in the first quarter. Smith had four points, Alanna Conoly scored three, and Cassie Mata and Timmeke Simmons each had two.

The Tigerettes opened their district slate with a 37-31 loss to Natalia on Jan. 3.

Crane posted 10 points in the

game, Smith and Dana Bonner both scored six, Simmons had four, Conoly scored three and Stephanie DeLeon added two.

■ The Brackett Cubettes eighth-grade team won the Nueces Canyon junior high tournament Saturday after claiming wins over Sabinal and Rocksprings.

Brackett opened the tournament with a 38-4 victory over Sabinal.

Emilie Valenzuela and Kara Yeager both had 10 points, Danika Schmidt and Nadine Terrazas each finished with six, and Allison Del Bosque, Laura Meyer and Alma Reyes all had two points.

In the championship game,

### ROUNDUP

the Cubettes edged Rocksprings 25-20.

Valenzuela posted eight points in the game, Yeager scored five, Cano and Lisa Morgan both tallied four, and Meyer and Schmidt each had two.

Valenzuela posted a triple-double Monday with 16 rebounds, 10 points and 10 steals to lead Brackett (4-3) to a 36-24 win over Comstock.

Yeager also had 10 points in the contest, Terrazas chipped in eight points, Morgan scored four points, Cano had three and Schmidt added one.

■ The Cubettes' seventh-grade team competed in the

Knippa tournament Saturday.

Brackett opened with the Knippa eighth-grade team, losing 37-20.

The high scorer for the Cubettes was Erica Rodriguez with 11 points, including two 3-pointers.

Chaito Sanchez scored five points in the contest, Jolisa Wright had two and Megan Davis added one.

The Cubettes then fell to the Sabinal A team, 33-13.

Rodriguez again had a pair of treys, finishing with eight points. Sanchez scored three points and Davis pitched in two.

The seventh-graders resume action today as they host Sacred Heart at 5 p.m.

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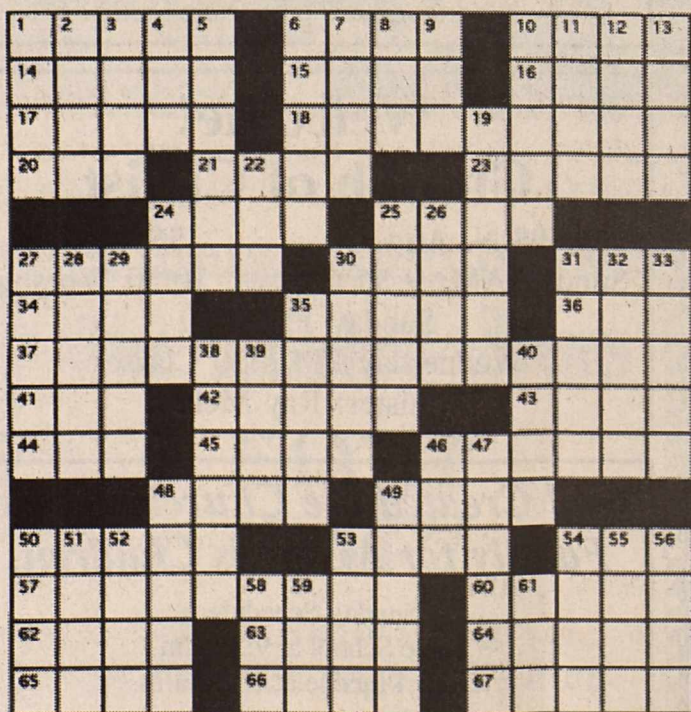
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| 42 Think the                    |                               |                            | 61 Heavyweight              |



**Trivia Time Answers** © 2001 DBR Media, Inc.  
 The U.S.; 8. Glasnost; 9. Esteé Lauder; 10. Barbie's Pyramid"; 4. The New York Times; 5. 19; 6. Richard Nixon; 7. "Wild Thing"; 2. Hsagen-Dazs; 3. "The \$100,000

**ROARING TWENTIES**

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

Today's Category: Things Often Found in a Living Room

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**Trivia Time by Walter Branch**

- What '60s Troggs hit did songwriter Chip Taylor maintain is "still inspired, even in its own dumbness"?
- What rival did Ben & Jerry's accuse in 1984 of trying to monopolize the upscale ice cream business?
- What did "The \$50,000 Pyramid" become in 1985?
- What newspaper sent 14 presidential candidates a 1987 questionnaire demanding access to psychiatric and FBI files?
- How old was Lady Diana Spencer when her engagement to Prince Charles was announced?
- Who hired George Shultz as Secretary of the Treasury before Ronald Reagan let George be Secretary of State?
- What was the first country to allow the patenting of genetically altered animals?
- What much-quoted Russian word is mistakenly translated as "openness"?
- What cosmetics firm once introduced a fragrance called "Knowing"?
- Before recent modifications were made, what doll's measurements would be 39-23-33 if she were life-sized?

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Jan. 16.....Stoney Burks  | Jan. 20....Davis Seargeant Jr. |
| Jan. 16.....Nancy O'Brien | Jan. 20....Tommy Seargeant     |
| Jan. 17.....Agnes Camp    | Jan. 21...Hortense Hernandez   |
| Jan. 19.....Chuck Endris  | Jan. 21.....Andy Perez         |
| Jan. 19.....Lois Endris   | Jan. 22.....Avian Pacheco      |
| Jan. 19.....Wesley Wilson | Jan. 22.....Elisa Salazar      |
| Jan. 20.....John Reyes    | Jan. 22.....Samantha Smith     |

**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Pay attention to the financial advice you receive this week. It will prove quite useful in the future. Later in the week, you're ready for some socializing.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Communication is key this week. However, wait a bit before speaking to bigwigs. They're more receptive at the end of the week.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Financial transactions are favored this week. This is particularly true where real estate is concerned. This weekend, the emphasis is on leisure time.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Public speaking is favored. You can effectively communicate your ideas. Later in the week, you get some domestic chores out of the way.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Career and family interests don't mix well this week. Prioritize in order to accomplish your goals. Over the weekend, couples reconnect.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A touchy matter involving children is cleared up early in the week. Later, tend to matters on the job. You have the drive and motivation to succeed.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You're all about common sense this week. However, combine that with your powers of intuition. This weekend, partnerships are highlighted.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) It's a good time to sit down with your mate and discuss mutual goals. By mid-week, you've come up with a game plan. Weekend plans are subject to change, so go with the flow.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Feel free to schedule an appointment with a bigwig. You're able to ask for that raise or push a certain project. Travel plans are in the works as well.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Look to the future this week. Be sure you're prepared financially. Make changes to meet those goals and seek the advice of an expert.

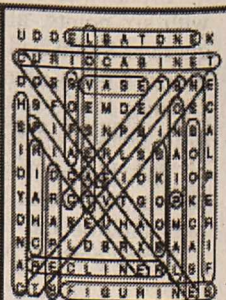
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A discussion you have in confidence with a co-worker brings insights. Utilize these to your advantage. In fact, a partnership with this person is a good idea.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A friend has something to say to you, so listen carefully. You may not like what you hear, but be open. Later in the week, moneymaking opportunities abound.

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**LIFESTYLES**

**A smaller, tasty cheesecake**

Do you love cheesecake, but find it too expensive to buy, don't have the correct pan, or it's just too big?

Maybe you would like to try this one I just fixed, made in a 9-inch-deep pyrex dish. It doesn't "look" like the traditional cheesecake, but what it has going for it is easy in preparation, a smaller size, excellent taste, and it's cheaper!

I believe in the future, I'll experiment using different fruits. Do try this one. It's called peaches and cream cheesecake.

Here's what we need: 3/4 cup of flour, one egg, 1 teaspoon of baking powder, 3 tablespoons of melted butter or margarine, 1/2



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

cup of milk, and one large-size vanilla pudding (not instant).

Mix all the ingredients and beat with mixer at medium-high speed for two minutes. Pour in a 9-inch, deep-dish pie plate that's sprayed with cooking oil (I used butter flavored). Add and arrange on top sliced peaches (canned-save juice).

In a medium bowl, combine

8 ounces of cream cheese (soft), 1/2 cup of sugar, and 3 tablespoons of peach juice. Beat on medium to high for two minutes. Spread over top of peaches, one inch from the side of the pan.

Sprinkle 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon and a 1 tablespoon of sugar on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes, cool and refrigerate. If you're using glass, bake for 30 minutes.

Hint for the week: To keep corn "farm fresh" several days, slice off a small section of the stalk-end of the ears, leaving the shucks on. Then, stand the ears in a pan containing an inch of water. This will keep them fresh with each kernel plump.

**Alamo to have permanent medical exhibit**

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Bexar Medical Society have joined together to present a new, permanent medical exhibit on the Alamo grounds to commemorate the 150 anniversary of the Bexar County Medical Society.

According to Caddel-Smith Chapter member Pat McKelvy, the exhibit will depict a period hospital ward outfitted as it would have appeared in 1836 and will include a display of 19th century surgical instruments.

The Alamo holds the distinction of housing the first recorded hospital in Spanish Texas. Manuel Antonio Cordero y Bustamante, acting governor of Texas, established the facility in 1805 to care for soldiers stationed on the frontier.

Writing his superior, he described its origins: "I have provided, without any cost whatever ... the equipment of a partly ruined chamber in the secularized Mission San Antonio de Valero as a military infirmary. I have had it provided with beds made of reeds in order to avoid the

dampness of the ground. The patients of all companies or posts who may be sent here will be placed in them under the necessary care of a nurse a woman to take care of the kitchen and guard of the company of the Alamo which is stationed in that mission."

The infirmary, which occupied an upstairs portion of the old convento or Long Barrack, was provided with 30 wooden framed beds. Nurses were detailed from the ranks, a duty not popular with the soldiers. In addition to somewhat indifferent care by the staff, the patients also had to endure a leaky roof when it rained. The hospital existed throughout the occupation of the Alamo by Spanish troops.

Armies on campaign must care for their sick and wounded. The Provisional Government of Texas commissioned a number of doctors to serve as surgeons during the Texas Revolution.

An infirmary was established, once again, at the Alamo in December 1935 to care for soldiers who were wounded in

the Battle of Bexar. At that time, the post's surgeons were Samuel Stivers and Amos Pollard. The departure of Stivers left Pollard senior surgeon of the garrison in San Antonio, a post he held during the siege and battle.

Surgeon Pollard, who trained at Vermont Academy in Castletown, was not the only doctor at the Alamo. John Purdy Reynolds, who assisted Pollard, studied at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. At least five other members of the garrison had medical training: William D. Howell, Edward F. Mitchasson, John W. Thomson and John H. Forsyth.

Green B. Jameson, the post's military engineer, stated that the hospital was located in the second floor of the Long Barrack. Its staff and patients were all killed in the battle on March 6, 1836.

Officials planned this exhibit at the Alamo to draw attention to its medical heritage. The 19th century surgical instruments are on loan from the Bexar County Medical Society.

**Jones-Pingenot, Barnett-Benfield win bridge honors**

The Duplicate Bridge Club met in the Gorgas Room at Fort Clark Springs on Tuesday with five tables playing the Mitchell Movement. Helen Marie Jones

and Rozetta Pingenot won the north-south, while Blake and Jeanette Hinton took second and Ann Malin and Ann Watt were third. In the east-west, Bob

Barnett and Carol Benfield claimed first, Ruth Potter and Sara Richhart finished second and Dianna Daniels and Kay Roberts were third.

**NOTICE OF REAPPRAISAL OF REAL PROPERTY**

The Kinney County Appraisal District (KCAD) is a county special district and political subdivision of the State of Texas. *Our primary mission is to discover, list, and value property in Kinney County and our secondary mission is to assess/collect property taxes for Kinney County taxing units with assurance of fair and equal treatment for all taxpayers.* The Texas Constitution charges the KCAD with these responsibilities. All taxable property is appraised at its "market value" as of January 1. Under the tax code, "market value" means the price at which a property would transfer for cash or its equivalent under prevailing market conditions. "Market value" is determined by the application of recognized appraisal methods and techniques.

The KCAD will be performing a reappraisal of real property in Kinney County, 1 January - 30 April 2003, to include all properties in the City of Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs properties issued building permits in 2002, and rural properties issued situs certificates in 2002. The Texas Constitution requires all real property to be reappraised every 3 years. The majority of properties in the City of Brackettville have not been reappraised for over 18 years. Discovery of new improvements takes place after January 1st for property improvements which had building permits issued in the previous year improvements based on 2002 permits are discovered in 2003 and ultimately placed on the 2003 tax roll). When an improvement escapes discovery (and therefore taxation), it becomes subject to back assessment with penalties and interest (up to 5 years) when it is, in due course, discovered and placed on the tax rolls.

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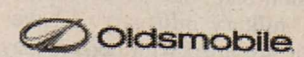
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