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Voting underway in rollback election

Early voting for the county interest." rollback election is "picking up," according to Dora Sandoval, county and district clerk.

election to rollback the county to 5 p.m. The office will be open road and bridge tax rate from during the lunch hour. .8700 to .8393.

zens opposing the 12 percent tax rate increase approved last fall by the Commissioners' Court.

people have come out," Sando- Precinct 4. val said Wednesday. "I hope we have a lot more people show an their new voter registration cards

Early voting began last Tuesday. Citizens can vote early at As of Wednesday noon, 110 the County Clerk's Office Moncitizens had voted early in the day through Friday from 8 a.m.

Election day is Saturday, The special election is the re- Feb. 7. Polling places include at the County Clerk's Office. sult of a petition signed by citi- the EMS Building, Precinct 1; the Brackett ISD Auditorium, Precinct 2; the Senior Citizens Apartments, Precinct 3; and the rollback election would cost the "I'm surprised so many Kinney County Library Annex, county approximately \$5,000

Citizens are asked to bring trict would have to do.

"I'm surprised so many people have day and continues through Fri- come out, I hope we have a lot more people show an interest."

District Clerk Dora Sandoval thing that we have to do," he

that were mailed last week.

During an Appraisal District board meeting last week, Chief for the work the appraisal dis-

"If the voters vote in favor than \$1.

of the rollback, the Appraisal Sample ballots are available District's job will be to recalculate the taxes," he said. "When that happens, we will have to issue a corrected tax bill to every Appraiser Bill Haenn said the taxpayer. The refund comes from the county. We will give them the list of the folks that have already paid and what the refund is that they are due, if it's more

what the county will have to pay us to do the recalculations, to mail statements and to do everyadded.

If the rollback is approved, Haenn said the county would have to issue somewhere between 4,000 to 5,000 checks.

The petition opposing the tax missioner Nat Terrazas opposed. hike was approved by the Commissioners' Court last month.

According to Martha Pena Padron, the county tax assessortered voters in the county. A re- balance the budget.

That estimated cost is prob- call election required a petition ably kind of high, but that's signed by at least 10 percent of the registered voters, or 243. Padron validated 336 signatures on the petition.

> County Judge Herb Senne and Commissioners Pat Melancon, Joe Montalvo and Francie Wylie all voted for a 12 percent tax hike and the budget for the current fiscal year, while Com-

After adopting four consecutive deficit budgets, officials approved major budget cuts this year. The county pledged over collector, there are 2,423 regis-\$300,000 in savings last year to

Board finally meets

Directors gather for first time in five months By J.J. GUIDRY Editor

The Kinney County Appraisal District Board of Directors met last Tuesday for the first time in over five

Controversy has surrounded the district since Mike Holley, chairman, and Bill Haenn, chief appraiser, attempted to recall Wes Robinson as a director.

The Brackettville City Council and the Kinney County Commissioners Court — the two entities that elected Robinson to the board - both decided not to pursue the recall.

Holley and Haenn said they sought to recall Robinson because he had missed three meetings. Officials later learned that Richard Slubar and Tim Ward also missed three meetings.

Slubar's term has since expired. Haenn said he did not attempt to recall Ward because he had explained by telephone why he would not be able to attend the meetings. Robinson claimed he was singled out for political reasons.

"I'm not singling out anyone," Holley said during last week's meeting. "That was never the intent. I'm sorry that it happened that way.

"I'm sorry for the upheavel that it caused. I have some other comments, but those will be made in a personal nature later on," he

Since the leaders of the



Swearing in ceremony

Directors during a meeting last Tuesday by Bill Haenn, chief appraiser.

Crosby newest member of Appraisal District board

Steve Crosby (left) is sworn in as a member of the Kinney County Appraisal District Board of

By J.J. GUIDRY

Steve Crosby was sworn in as a member of the Kinney County Appraisal District Board of Directors last Tuesday.

Holley were both elected to two opportunity to serve in the knowledgable about the agriculyear terms last month by the county's taxing entities represented by the Appraisal District.

Slubar, an employee of the term because of conflicts with praisal Review Board. his work schedule.

Directors Tom Ertle, Wes Roup for re-election next fall.

Holley was reappointed chairman of the board by a 3-1 arrived at the recommendations. appointments in the future. taxing entities represented vote during the meeting. Robin-■ See DIRECTORS/Page X son opposed the appointment.

who declined the nomination. Crosby and incumbent Mike more time serve. I've had the Mr. Slubar, someone that is

Texas Department of Public appointments of Jimmy Bader someone from the real estate Safety, who did not seek another and Phyllis Meyer to the Ap-community on the ARB because

place Stan Conoly and Pat Meyer is that individual," he binson and Tim Ward will all be Owens. Leroy Slubar is half way said. through his two-year term.

"I spoke to these individuals

Ertle nominated Holley and serve on the ARB, as I have Robinson then nominated Ward, done in the past," Haenn said.

"In the past, we've made it a "I'm really snowed under," point to have, of the distribu-Ward said. "I appreciate that. I tion of the three ARB members, probably ought to withdraw my someone knowledgable about name and let somebody who has the city of Brackettville, such as tural community, which in this Robinson and Ertle were case is Mr. Bader, and someone unanimously elected vice chair- that is familiar with Fort Clark Crosby replaces Richard man and secretary, respectfully. Springs and from the real estate The board also approved the community. We've always had they understand sales and the The new board members re- dynamics of that process. Phyllis

> Robinson said the directors Robinson asked how Haenn should be more involved in the

"These are important apto see if they were willing to pointments," he added.

Garza files injunction against King

Battle for District 80 seat moves into court system

By ADAM YANELLI The Uvalde Leader-News

UVALDE - State Rep. Timoteo Garza, D-Eagle Pass, has filed court papers seeking to prevent Tracy O. King from being placed on the ballot for the March primary.

King, who formerly served as Uvalde's representative in the state legislature before redistricting moved Uvalde to House District 74, ran unsuccessfully against Garza for the District 80 seat in 2002.

Salle, Frio and Medina counties. to run."

Garza contends that King resides in Uvalde County.

King said last week he is aware of the temporary restraining order filed by Garza.

that Mr. Garza has chosen to take the low road and has already started a negative campaign, in which we had hoped to discuss the issues of District 80," King

Garza filed a petition with the he said. 293rd Judicial District Court for restraining orders and injunctions against King and Charles Soechting, Texas Democratic party chair, that would prevent King from being on the March

The petition states that "King on pending litigation. and Soechting are in violation Texas Constitution. Soechting House District 80 continuously for one year prior to the elec-



King

the Democratic Party has already looked into the matter.

"The Texas Democratic Party is responsible for determining election eligibility," King said. District 80 includes Kinney, "They reviewed all of the docu-Maverick, Zavala, Dimmit, La mentation and said I was eligible

> The Garza camp sent out a press release via e-mail announcing their action.

'I am saddened and insulted by Mr. King's blatant disregard "It's extremely unfortunate for those that love living in our communities," Garza is quoted as saying in the release.

"Tracy's choice to place so little value on the life choices our citizens make is not an example of a positive campaign,"

King added that eligibility challenges based on residency are not unusual, and the parties regularly approve or disprove

the eligibility of candidates. Soechting said last week that he generally does not comment

"I have not seen the lawsuit of Article 3, Section 7, of the at this time," he said. "But I am disappointed in what Mr. Garza has approved King's inclusion has said. I think the party did a on the March ballot despite the good job of going through the fact that he has not resided in information that Mr. Garza gave to me. And that is what the courts are for. If a court decides that we did something wrong, we King said that he maintains a will live by that. But understand, residence in the district and that I don't have a dog in this fight.'

INSIDE

RGEC hires five

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative has announced that five local residents have joined the staff of the Brackettville office. Community/Page 3

Hoops teams win Brackett's basketball teams

travelled to Freer last Friday night and came home with three victories after sweeping a triple-header in district play. Sports/Page 5 INDEX

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'Unsung Hero' speaks to Rotary Club

Smallwood enjoys visit home while on leave from Iraq assigned to Battery A, 3rd Bat- trols, and guarding facilities.

By BILL HAENN Contributing Writer

Rotarian Joe Townsend had a great way of recognizing folks in our community who quietly went about their business while Army having a positive impact on the Rotarian Taylor Stephenson ence" and those Townsend ac-

knowledged as "unsung heroes." If Joe was still with us, I have no doubt he would have placed Matthew Smallwood high on his

list of unsung heroes. The Rotary Club was indeed fortunate to have Smallwood as its guest speaker recently as the members met at the Episcopal Church Hall. He is the son of old Iraqi bunkers on an air field. Martha Pena Padron and is home

motable) Matthew Smallwood is include raids, day and night pahero.'

talion, 29th Field Artillery, 4th Infantry Division. He is a 1999 graduate of Brackett High ing from where he stayed to what School. After two years of col- he ate, all of which he answered lage he decided to join the with frankness and candor.

Before his unit was deployed people around them - what as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Smallwood was stationed likes to call "making a differ- at Fort Carson, Colo. His unit arrived in Iraq about two weeks before the end of the war and he participated in the liberation of Baghdad.

From Baghdad, Smallwood's unit moved north and is currently near the town of Tikrit. The capture of Saddam took place about 40 miles from where Smallwood and his unit live in

Smallwood's daily routine on leave from his service in Iraq. changes frequently enough to

Smallwood fielded dozens of questions from Rotarians, rang-When asked if there was anything good about being in Iraq, he immediately answered, "Liberating those people. No one should have to live the way they did!"

Smallwood began his journey back to Iraq last Wednesday. His unit is scheduled to return home in March or April. Our prayers are with him for a safe return.

Smallwood is a very impressive young man, confident and mature. He made us all feel proud of him and about what he is doing, and that he is from Brackettville.

As Joe Townsend always



A visit home

Specialist Fourth Class (Pro-relieve the boredom. Missions said, "He is truly an unsung Spc. Matthew Smallwood (left) and his mother, Martha Pena Padron, were guests at a recent Rotary Club meeting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abstain from drinking alcohol

last week, "Drinking Can Be ing drink lest they abuse their Deadly," makes a passionate power. case against alcohol use. The column is sadly subverted by the hol is a simple way to show our writer's conclusion that "alcohol is not necessarily bad."

most issues from a Christian perspective, I'd ask, "How does using alcohol advance our purpose as Christians? Does it demonstrate our commitment to a life sharing Christ's love?"

The Bible is full of examples of casual alcohol that turned into disaster. Remember the drunkenness of Noah? (Genesis 9:21) What about the attempt at incest by Lot's daughters while their father lay drunk? (Genesis 19:32)

The United Methodist Church has always cautioned against the use of alcohol by Christians. If Christians drink alcohol, I hope they would follow the advice of Proverbs 31:4drink only to those who are about to die or the oppressed poor who have no other relief.

nence. The passage from Prov- cus on this issue! erbs suggests to me that leaders in the community (kings and First United Methodist Church

Steven LaMascus' column princes) are to abstain from us-

Declining to consume alcolove for others — by offering a self-sacrificing example. Mil-Since LaMascus approaches lions of Christians have abandoned the usage of alcohol in favor of the greater witness of faith, piety and self-control that temperance or abstinence brings.

Baptists, Methodists and the Church of Christ have generally lead the call to temperance in our country, but many Catholics and Eastern Christians also give up strong drink as a sacrificial testimony to their neigh-

Abstinence isn't about defending mature, reasonable alcohol use. Abstinence is about looking at a bigger issue of witness and testimony and deciding to make a sacrifice for your neighbor's sake.

I was delighted to discover 7. These verses command strong an issue where I am more conservative than the man who describes himself as "somewhere to the right of Genghis Khan." A far better choice is absti- Mark me to the right of LaMas-

Pastor Roger Baker

EDITORIAL

Vote 'for' the rollback

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fusing, complicated and even website that can be used to tate to contact us.

Weekly

Report

Henry Bonilla

conflicting rules and regulations. I can help you cut through the red tape.

Some of the most common problems arise from Social Se-But no matter where you re- curity and Medicare benefits, side within the 23rd District, my immigration issues, the armed services, veterans' services and benefits and regulatory agencies. If you need assistance with these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff at any of my district offices.

We receive calls everyday from constituents requesting information about bills pending in we can always explore the op- spirit more than Texans. tours of Washington, D.C., to Congress, federal laws and regu-

Some excellent resources that we use and can be accessed by ority than providing good The federal government is an /thomas, a website where con- Texas' 23rd District. enormous bureaucracy. And, too stituents can look up informa-

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Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

Mars 2020

President Bush has set forth a bold and far-reaching vision in search of what lies beyond the stars. By 2015 we will again land on the moon. By 2020 we will set our sights on another landing - Mars. Future generations will determine what follows, but it will undoubtedly be beyond the wildest imaginations of today.

Space exploration is more than a science fiction tale - it is our destiny. Americans have expanded frontiers since the first settlers arrived, so it is entirely fitting that the U.S. lead the exploration of space. That spirit challenges today's scientists and researchers to search for cures for cancer, AIDS and diabetes; develop lighter, stronger and more resilient materials; and create new technologies to transform our military, our economy and our healthcare industry.

As a Houston reporter in 1969, I had the privilege of covering Neil Armstrong's extraordinary first steps on the moon.

Growing up with the Johnson Space Center in my back yard and the first generation to plant a flag on the moon, the mysteries of space have always held a deep fascination for me. I have been awed by the tremendous discoveries our space program has produced, from insulin pumps to hurricane monitoring systems.

When the Columbia disintegrated in the skies above North Texas last year, I heard the sonic boom as I was walking in my neighborhood and ached for the loss of those astronauts.

But beyond my personal connections, I have come to understand that an ambitious agenda for NASA will help secure America's leadership in the 21st century, and ensure we continuously push the envelope to discover that which remains unknown. No one exemplifies that

The president's plan is threefold. First, the shuttle will re-I believe I have no higher pri-turn to flight and America will national Space Station by 2010, fulfilling a commitment to our 15 partner countries. Second, often, people who deal with the tion on pending legislation and family ever thinks my office can we will begin developing a new government run up against con- laws; and www.congress.org, a help, I hope you will not hesi- manned exploration vehicle to explore beyond our orbit to other worlds - the first of its kind since the Apollo Command Module. Finally, the United States will return to the moon as early as 2015, and use it as a stepping-stone for more elaborate missions into space.

To achieve this goal, the president is asking for a \$1 billion increase over NASA's current \$86 billion five-year budget and the reprogramming of \$11 billion already allocated.

Funding this vision is a priority, but we must not shortchange or under-fund existing programs within NASA. While the costs may seem staggering. the price of inaction is even higher. Consider that investment in NASA has led to the development of CAT scans. MRIs, kidney dialysis machines and fetal heart monitors, it's a small price to pay for the lives - present and future - saved through these advances.

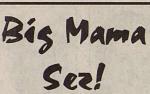
A renewed vision for our space program will also ensure the continuation of basic research, one of NASA's fundamental tenets. NASA fulfills one of the most critical roles of the federal government. Private industry neither has the financial wherewithal nor the capability to conduct basic research on a mass scale.

Industry specializes in applied research - the art of crafting real-world products from pure research, and keeping the production jobs in America. Everyday applications like satellite television and cellular technology are tangible results of the Agency's activities, but are merely byproducts of a much greater endeavor. Without their core research, we'd be decades behind in every field.

The mission to Mars will also inspire the next generation of scientists. And it will keep the dream of reaching new frontiers alive. Going to space is mankind's destiny and leading that effort is America's.

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RGEC adds five employees

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative has announced that five local residents have joined the staff of the Brackett-

ville office.

"In these days of major corporate layoffs come she has been given by feland factory closings, it is rewarding that the co-op can provide at least a portion of the jobs in small communities where they Dan Laws, general manager and CEO of Rio Grande Electric.

Four of the new employees ous service. will be providing after-hours ployee, and B'Ann Gomez,

Wright was previously a 17year employee of the Commu- ily. Her big brother, Joe Cruz, of the RGEC team," she said. nity Council of Southwest is a long-time RGEC lineman in Texas. She holds certifications the Carrizo Springs office. in passenger and safety service

Shonte, Justin and Jolisa, and the new part-time job with RGEC, in New Mexico. proud grandmother of Amya. and looks forward to speaking She says she couldn't manage without her husband, Joe Kelly.

Wright says she is glad to be a part of the RGEC family, and really appreciates the warm wel-



Gomez

low staff members. Gomez, a part-time worker, also worked with Rio Grande Electric while in high school.

Martinez

are so desperately needed," said Members who call after regular the Moores chose to settle in working hours can always rely on Gomez for prompt, courte-Martinez, another part-time dispatch service. They are dispatcher, is outgoing and per-

Beverly Wright, full-time em- sonable. She has a friendly demeanor that comes across on the Laura Ann Martinez and telephone, as well as in person. Cynthia Cruz, part-time employ- She looks forward to assisting after-hours callers. Cruz is part of a co-op fam-

Ms. Cruz holds a medical assistant certificate, but found that Wright is the mother of six this field was not the career for

children, Dorothy, Earl, Latoya, her. She is enthusiastic about her ties in Texas, and two counties with co-op members. The fifth staff addition is Su-

san Moore, who joins the co-op as accounting clerk.



COMMUNITY

Moore Wright

ville last August, when her husband, Randall, who works for Boeing Aerospace, was transferred to Del Rio.

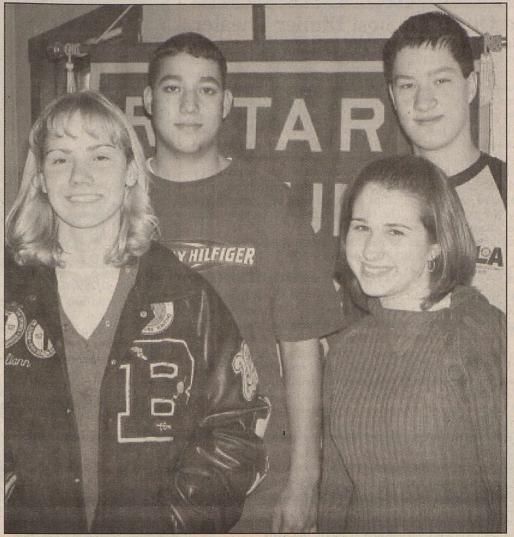
Being very family oriented, Brackettville because they like the small town atmosphere it provides for raising their children, Danielle, 17, John, 15, and Samantha, 12.

Moore was previously employed as merchandise manager of Dollar Tree in Nacogdoches.

"I am looking forward to working for members, and am glad to have become a member

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Brackettville, is a member-owned, nonprofit electric cooperative, serving rural residents in 18 coun-

With offices in Brackettville, Carrizo Springs, El Paso, Fort Stockton, Dell City, and Marfa, RGEC employs nearly 100 rural residents in its 27,000 square Moore relocated to Brackett- mile service territory.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

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Representing the Brackettville Rotary Club at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards in New Braunfels were Juliann Ashabranner (from left) and Oscar Sierra, RYLA team leader Emily Petrosky and Rotary exchange student Christopher Lehnert.

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BRIEFS

Old Quarry to host Dinner Theater

The Old Quarry Society will present its annual Dinner Theater on Friday and Saturday at Post Theatre. The doors open at 6 each night, with dinner at 6:30 and the play beginning at 7:30. The catered meal will feature chicken cordon bleu on Friday night and chicken fried steak on Saturday night. This is a BYOB event.

The play, entitled "Louder, I can't hear you" by Bill Gleason, is under the direction of Barbara Hunter. This delightful comedy brings back to the stage some people who haven't been seen on the local stage for a while. Darlene Sandwick plays Marge; Pat Melancon is her husband, Oscar; the daughter, Ann, is played by Tina Meek; and the son, Junior, by Steven Brinker. Linda Conrey is the nurse and Doctor Phillips is played by a newcomer to our stage, Norma Rowland. The radio program cast includes John Hunter, Barbara Hunter and Don Sandwick.

Individual tickets can be purchased at the Adult Center. For more information, call 563-3070 or 563-9229.

Del Rio Ford offering scholarship

Del Rio Ford Lincoln Mercury LTD of Del Rio is sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to local FFA members this spring. The local company has been a participating dealer in the Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program for the past year. This scholarship is one of over 600 that will be awarded by local Ford dealers nationwide to FFA members in their trade area who are high school seniors planning to attend college during the 2004-05 school year. In addition, Ford Trucks sponsors five national scholarships, affording those applicants who do not fall within a participating Ford dealer trade area an opportunity to receive a scholarship. This is the seventh year that Ford has offered this scholarship.

Students may download the application or view a list of participating dealers at www.ffa.org/programs/scholarships. As a special incentive for FFA chapters and members, Ford Trucks has chosen to award a two-year lease of a 2004 F150 to the FFA chapter with the most high-scoring applications. For more infor- to common assumptions, most mation, call the FFA Foundation at (800) 769-3105.

Goebel graduates from Texas Tech, **Crumley named to President's List**

LUBBOCK — Timothy Goebel of Brackettville graduated from Texas Tech University last month with a master of science degree in interdisciplinary studies. The university conferred over 1,500 degrees to students at fall commencement. The ceremony took place Dec. 20 in the United Spirit Arena on campus.

Caleb Crumley, also of Brackettville, was named to the President's List for the fall semester. Crumley is a senior chemical engineering major. To be named to the President's List, a student must have taken 12 quality hours during the semester and maintained a 4.0 grade-point average.

Community Council to host forum

The Fort Clark Springs Community Council will host its monthly meeting on Saturday, Feb. 14, at Post Theater. Candidates running for the Fort Clark Board of Directors will be invited to present their qualifications and philosophies at that meeting. There will be a forum led by Diane Daniels.

Candidates will be given five minutes for their formal presentation. After the candidates finish that portion of the forum, the audience will be allowed to present questions that they want the candidates to answer.

Ward named to Dean's List at RGC DEL RIO — Diana Koch Ward of Brackettville was named to

the Dean's List for the fall semester at Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College.

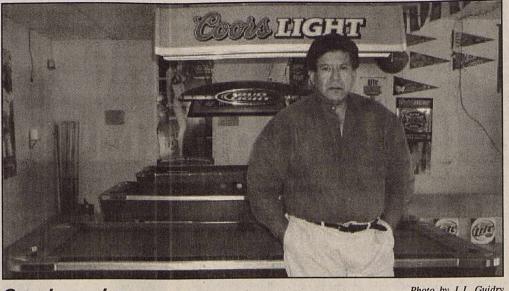
Ward is a senior education major. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have completed 12 credit hours during the semester and earned at least a 3.3 grade-point average.

Voices resume rehearsals Monday

The Voices of Fort Clark Springs will resume rehearsals for the spring season on Monday at 6:30 p.m. All interested people are invited to attend. The Voices will be preparing for a spring concert in March and Easter sunrise service in April. For more information, call 563-9229.

EMT class scheduled for February

An EMT class will be offered at EMS Station. The course is set to begin in February. For more information, call 563-9090.



Grand opening

Joe Garza Jr. will be hosting the grand opening of the Joe and Petra Garza Memorial Center Sunday with a Super Bowl party from noon to midnight. The building, located at 301 S. Beaumont St., was formerly City Grocery and Market, owned and operated by the Garza family. The night club is also a multipurpose center available for private parties.

OBITUARY

Edgar W. Best

Edgar W. Best 59, of Dallas passed away Jan. 22, 2004, at his Dallas residence.

The Brackettville native is survived by his wife: Melva Buckner Best of Dallas and formerly of Denison; sons: Charles Sheldon Best and Byron Shields Best, both of Dallas; sister: Gail Best Poindexter of San Antonio; and his aunt: Charles Emily Wilson of Brackettville.

Visitation will be held today from from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Angelic Mortuary in Sherman.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church. Officiating Minister will be Pastor Terry White of Marsalis Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas. Burial will follow at the Seminole In-

Study shows most Medicaid recipients use few medicines

WASHINGTON - Contrary and Quality. Medicaid recipients use few medicines while a small share of "high users" of this critical all Medicaid prescription drug costs, according to a study released last week.

The "high users" are most commonly older, female and have multiple chronic conditions, such as high blood pressure, diabetes and depression.

The findings are the result of an in-depth Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) study of Medment data compiled by the

"The complex health needs of certain patients who are 'high users' should be considered when any health policy is develhealth benefit account for nearly oped," said Alan F. Holmer, president and CEO of PhRMA.

"These patients may be the most placed on drugs available through the Medicaid program. "Contrary to common as-

sumptions, nearly all Medicaid prescription drug costs go toward providing medicines for a relatively small group of individuals," Holmer added.

The study found that "high icaid beneficiaries using govern- users" account for some 91 percent of prescription drug costs, Agency for Healthcare Research though they amount to less than

who benefit from Medicaid.

Also, statistics from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services show spending on medicines account for only 11.6 percent of all Medicaid spending.

According to the most recent seriously affected when limits are Texas Health and Human Services Commission statistics, \$13,541,630,524 was spent on Texas' Medicaid program in served throughout the state.

> In Kinney County, 411 residents were enrolled in Medicaid, as of October. Total Medicduring 2002 were \$1,520,176.

"With a better understanding agnosed conditions.

25 percent of the total number of the Medicaid population's makeup and the special health conditions they face, it is clear patients need an individually tailored approach to drug therapy that takes into account their complex health needs," Holmer said. "It is important that doctors take these patients' unique medical complexities into consideration to find the best prescription medicine treatment. This under-2002. As of October, some scores the risk of restricting 2,502,068 recipients were being Medicaid recipients' choice of medicines.

The PhRMA survey also found that approximately 63 percent of "high users" are female aid expenditures in the county and 37 percent are male, and nearly 77 have three or more di-

r. Martin has healing hands

long time.

people in the world is Pat Mar- ment. tin. If you don't know him, he is a veterinarian in Del Rio. He died as soon as he touched her. Brackett. I taught him. And he taught me. I remember him as an excellent student. I knew he'd go far — 30 miles to be exact.

He told me recently that he had a subscription to The Brackett News and enjoyed my columns, but he told me, "Don't is fine, but I'm broke." write anything about me." I got the best of him t

That was my cue. It was like I didn't pay him. Oops, he'll read toms might come back. I said that

Dr. Pat Martin — he's going saying "sick 'em" to a fighting to love it when he sees this. I've dog. I think my bill is close been threatening to do this for a enough to being paid off that I can run the risk of retaliation in One of my all time favorite the form of financial embarrass-

I took a cow to him once that grew up here and went through I swear. As soon as he put one 12 grades of school at good ol' finger on her, she gave up the this and bill me again. ghost. What a pair of healing hands. I'll never let him forget as to why he was giving a particular medicine to a horse one doing it for money. The horse first visit.

But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck

Hall

Well, I won't pay him. Again. He has treated so many cats, that one. When I questioned him dogs, horses, cows and goats of mine that he knows them all by name. He made a mistake on a time, he replied "for money! I'm horse once. He cured him on the

On another occasion, after I got the best of him that time. treating a dog, he said the symp-

was OK, my check would, too. He told me the dog would live to be 10. I said the dog was 10. He replied, "See there, what did I tell you?"

When I took a goat to be treated, he told me: "The goat had a rupture but I wouldn't worry about it." I told him that if the goat were his, I wouldn't worry about it either.

He always saves the cats. To my knowledge, he has successfully treated every cat I have taken to him. Or I should say, that my wife has taken to him.

He knows how I feel about cats. He refuses to let one die. He knows who pays the bill. But I could be wrong.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Tuesday, Jan. 20

Gomez Family Community Support Fund

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3:02 p.m., A Union Pacific Railroad Policeman reported a woman that was trying to commit suicide by Amanda crossing on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. Border Patrol agents took the woman into custody.

3:34 p.m., A 911 caller reported a grass fire on highway 55 near Uvalde. The Uvalde Police Department was notified of the situation.

Thursday, Jan. 22

12:30 a.m., Ansezmo, Noguez, Artenga, 18, of Mexico was arrested by Constable Bobby Guidry on a warrant out of McKinney for possession of a controlled substance. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

Saturday, Jan. 24

1:30 a.m., A woman reported that her neighbor on Second Street had loud music playing and that she could hear it inside her home.

10:19 a.m., Kids were reported fighting near Super S.

6:37 p.m., A woman reported a busted water pipe on Gove and El Paso Street. City officials were notified of the situation.

Sunday, Jan. 25

1:14 a.m., A woman reported a fight just east of the El Paso Bar. Upon arrival, officers found that it was not a fight, but a onevehicle accident.

2 a.m., Javier Cervantez, 41, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputies Cody Shannon and Ramon Gutierrez for DWI. He was later released on a personal recognizance bond.

2:29 a.m., A lost woman was reported about 4 miles north of Brackettville on Highway 674.



Heloise's pancakes are light and airy

We've always felt that waffles and pancakes for breakfast was a special treat since they take extra time to prepare and serve.

Now remember, I'm of the old school who still make everything from scratch because it tastes better - or at least we think so.

Waffles give me no problem Heloise's Waffles & Pancakes in that I always cook them crisp. Pancakes are always like undercooked biscuits - gooey and gummy.

Now don't get me wrong, I still eat them, but without much until smooth and blended (it will enthusiasm.

If you also think pancakes could be improved or nice with a different texture, try this recipe from the files of the original Heloise.

You will find that they are light and airy, and quick to whip



Goodies From G.G.

> Vada Baldree

2 cups good biscuit mix

1 large egg

1/2 cup oil 1 1/3 cups club soda

Mix all ingredients together bubble and foam), but don't over beat or over mix. Ladle onto hot waffle iron or griddle.

This mix cannot be stored so cook the entire mixture, saving the extras for a later meal.

These will keep in the fridge for three days or may be frozen for three months. Enjoy!



Celebrating 100 Days

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Kindergarten students at Jones Elementary School led a parade Monday afternoon celebrating the 100th day of school. Elementary students enjoyed a variety of activities as a part of the celebration, including 100 number graphs, eating 100 pancakes, counting 100 pennies, baking a monster cookie with 100 chocolate chips, making stew with 100 vegetable chunks, hitting a pinata 100 times and performing a number of different measurements.

Where Is It?



Bee Stone

On Jan. 18, three golfers spent some time looking for a golf ball that had been shot by Mr. Bee Stone. This event occurred on the difficult parthree, sixth hole of the Fort Clark Springs golf course.

Mr. Stone was playing with John Hunter and Wally Jones. After all three had teed off, they went to the green and looked for their balls.

After some searching, identifying and concern that Mr. Stone's ball was not even on the green, it was suggested that he look in the hole. The ball was exactly where it was supposed to be-- in the hole.

This 78 year old gentleman had just shot his first HOLE IN ONE. It just goes to show you that you should never give up.



Happy Birthday Allen! Love your family

Thank You

A special thank you to all the families in Brackettville who send your cards, letters, and prayers to the folks stationed and working at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. Everyday we are reminded how far we are from family and friends. Your cards and prayers brought us home ... Thank You.



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A drunk doesn't hide his shame

"Joan, your kids were upset when they came to my house last night. Tony asked if they could live with me. They were really scared."

"I was worried sick when Tom and I got home and they weren't here. I even called the police. What am I going to do, sis?" Joan asked through her tears. "Two nights last week Tom kids' lives. She'll know how to didn't come home. I had to call help and can work with them to in sick for him. The kids are improve their behavior at getting to the point they're school. She'll suggest a family afraid of him. The school says counselor for you and a support they're in trouble and not do- group for spouses of alcoholing homework. I'm tired of it. I ics. can't take it any more.'

hand as she pushed the coffee people to think we can't handle cups to the side of the table.

Joan, you've got to get help," she said. "Tom's drinking is out of control and so is your life."

'What can I do?" Joan asked. there's a problem and decide you aren't going to make any more excuses for Tom," Marie said. "Quit going out with him when he's drinking. That just makes things worse especially for your kids.

'A wise man once said when you go with a drunk, your heart is brought to you by the St. will be drawn to his debauch- Henry deOsso Family Project, ery. (Sirach 9:9)

the school counselor. Let her cation.



Empowering Families

Dr. Donald Smith

know what's going on in the

"But sis, it's so embarrass-Marie took her sister by the ing," Joan said. "I don't want

> "A wise man once said a drunken spouse doesn't hide his shame," Marie said. (Sirach

"People already know. I'll go "The first step is to admit with you Joan. Get dressed. We'll stop by the church and spend some time praying. God loves you and He'll see you through this. We can also spend some time with our pastor. He is very understanding and he knows about alcoholism."

■ Editor's note: This column working in Brackettville to The second step is to visit strengthen family, faith and edu-

Bratwurst Fry Jack Simpson (from left) of Fort Clark Springs was one of several local citizens that turned out Sunday for Our Redeemer

hristians offer love for each other

One of the nicer things about everywhere. It has only a onehave a lot of billboard signs to the job done. clutter the view.

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ans, I suspect we tend to resent language barriers. the intrusion into our view. I sunsets any day.

of signage. We'd be lost with- course, one of the signs that we you a lot with just a glance.

The red octagonal "stop" means the same thing just about other. This was to be the sign standings. All the pastors know welcome mats!

life in West Texas is we don't word message and yet it still gets

I was contemplating all this On a clear day, you can look while driving back to Brackettacross from the plains near ville with some new welcome Laughlin Air Force Base and mats. The old ones at the church clearly make out Los Moras had seen too many sets of feet Mountain and the ridges beyond and the message of "welcome" the Cline checkpoint. That's a was invisible. I looked for some by which everyone would know view of better than 20 miles, all "bienvenidos" mats, but wasn't the way across Kinney County. able to find any. Still, the place-Billboard signs are about in- ment of the new welcome mat board. It's a subtle sign that terrupting our vision to sell a and its location will give the catches the attention of the heart product or idea. As West Tex- welcome greeting in spite of any as we hustle and fuss with our look to His cross as our victory

I've seen a lot of church welprefer the wide open spaces and come mats in the last few months Of course, we need some sorts ceived a warm welcome. Of each other as Christians.

Christ gave us a new com-

First United Methodist Church

Rev. Roger Baker

we were Jesus' disciples.

Loving each other isn't a billdaily lives.

But it is an important sign, perhaps the single most imporlong vistas. San Antonio can — and I've attended worship ser- tant sign of being a Christian. keep the billboards. I'll take the vices with many of the local con- Our love for one another cangregations. Every time I've re- not come without the aid and assistance of the Holy Spirit.

that we disagree on matters of church organization, Scripture, and sometimes even authority. But all of us understand our need for the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and each of us acknowledges Jesus Christ as Lord and King.

The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives allows us to transcend our own human understandings of God and work to-

We are disciples of Jesus. We as we call our people to come to worship God. And we offer the world a sign by which everyone can identify us as Christians our love for each other.

At First United Methodist Church, we're ready to show It is a real comfort to me as I our love for Christ by sharing out street signs. A good sign tells are Christians is the way we treat visit with Christian leaders in our love with you. Come join our community when I see the us for Sunday school at 9:30 or love they show to Christians of regular worship at 10:45. Bring sign is nearly universal - it mandment - to love one an- different traditions and under- your Bible and try out our new

We shall reign as kings and priests

"And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose, the seven seals thereof.

"And I beheld, and, Lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a lamb as it which are prayers of saints. had been slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits, of God sent forth into all the earth.

book out of the right hand of blood out of every kindred, and him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and 20 having every one of them harps, elation 5:5-10) and golden vials full of odours,



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"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and "And he came and took the hast redeemed us to God by thy

tongue, and people, and nation.

Glorify God with the gifts he gives you

Have you ever come upon a herd of pigs? My mother's teenage uncle was found the next 'And hast made us unto our morning by his father after the God Kings and Priests: And we young man had gone out the elders fell down before the lamb, shall reign on the earth. (Rev- night before to bring in the cows. He had been thrown from his horse and pigs had gotten to

It was a family tragedy and a 7:6 KJV) story I will never forget. Yet, do our guard down?

that which is holy unto the dogs, your fellowship. neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn cal or spiritual. again and rend you." (Matthew



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Your pearls can be those valuables can be your talents, death. God's word says: "Give not your time, your knowledge,

thing of value, whether physi-

has given you even as a husband activities which are not devel-ters. (Matthew 8:30)

oping your God appointed path. "unclean" in our lives, for those tack us, especially when we let God has gifted to you. These trample us, can consume us unto

> dog that returns to its own vomit (Philippians 4:13) Your "pearls" can be any- and eats it again. We do not want to be made clean by God and then return to wallow in the Your "pearls" are what God mire. (2 Peter 2:22)

We do not want to become gives a beautiful pearl necklace that unclean "swine" that devto his wife. What you do with ils so eagerly desire to inhabit that gift will determine whether for they will cause you to run you glorify God with it or dis- down a steep path until you are honor him by tossing it away on choked and perish in dark wa-

Submit yourselves therefore It is urgent that we not be to God. Resist the devil, and he consumed with things that are will flee from you." (James 4:7)

You do have the strength to we let the pigs in our lives at- things of value in your life which "unclean" activities can turn and make right choices because you "can do all things through Christ (the anointed one and his anoint-We do not want to be as the ing) which strengtheneth you."

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ticed the raucous Jerry Springer show on TV.

like one tries not to look at a of their lives. car wreck on the side of the road,

was happening. It was the usual trash, women, of TV land? scantily dressed, yelling ob-

Now, although I suspect that

The other day as I was seated to the scandalous behavior they in a local restaurant awaiting the exhibit, I noticed something I arrival of someone when I no- hadn't expected. I saw pain in their eyes.

I could see behind the pain I tried not to watch it, but just in their eyes — the car wrecks

What would possess a person I couldn't help but watch what to air their dirty laundry in pub-

Their pain must be so great

less then eligible man, who sat tention, because I believe they to mask the pain of loneliness, day Christ's presence at St. smiling, appearing to enjoy the cannot face their pain. They are despair and meaninglessness. enslaved to such a degree by addictions, promiscuity, posses- He has come to release the capthe contestants or rather victims sions, fleeting pleasures, that tives and grant freedom to the day is the favorable day of the in this show are paid according they don't recognize the pain of enslaved. He proclaims His Lord.



Lutheran & St. Andrew's

> Nathan Lafrenz

lic to the ridicule of the masses the consequences of their actions

Or perhaps the substance scenities at each other, over a they mask it with a lust for at- abuse and promiscuity are used

Our Redeemer coming as the favorable year of the Lord.

I pray that all those enslaved who show up on the Jerry Springer show may turn to Jesus and receive liberation and freedom from all that enslaves and possesses them. I pray that His love and mercy will speak to their hurt, and provoke in them a longing for the true peace

which passes all understanding. Come and proclaim each Sun-Andrew's Episcopal and Our Jesus tells us in Luke 4 that Redeemer Lutheran, and join with us in proclaiming that each

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realignment.

After years of disappointclass this year.

The UIL will announce its morning at 9.

already been made by UIL offi-

would drop to Class 1A when to a lower classification. With a bers in each classification." the University Interscholastic membership of just under 200, League announces its biennial it's going to be close either ment of 186 this year.

ment, Brackett officials aren't smallest Class 2A school (other numbers," said David Yeager, little over 100 miles away, while holding their breath, but many than schools who requested to Brackett's athletic director and believe the Tigers will drop a move up to 2A for travel purhead football coach. poses) with an enrollment of 180.

"I feel like the decisions have is Eastland with 344 students. the numbers went up by 10. If tired," Yeager said. "Sometimes other 2A schools, Yeager said

dent Bobby Templeton said. "As coach at Freer. "I would like to in 186. George West could posably are not going to be as sharp

For the last decade, Brackett far as our chances, I would give see a more even difference be- sibly go 3A according to the in the classroom the next day." opponents play a full junior high fans have hoped the Tigers us a 50-50 chance of dropping tween the top and bottom num-numbers they turned in."

Brackett turned in an enroll-

"Preliminary indications tell new realignment on Monday Harleton with an enrollment of 1A - we just don't know by

Brackett is currently the rection the UIL will go with the opponent is Dilley, which is a hour's drive. from Brackettville.

The largest Class A school is us they will raise the ceiling for after a game is very late, and if tances for competition," the next day is a school day, then Templeton said. 179, while the largest Class 2A how many. The last realignment the student-athlete is very "Brackett will probably go to that is the case, then it would the athletes and coaches return he often has trouble scheduling cials and right now its just a wait- Class 1A," said Bob Ford, ath- go from 179 to 189 and we home from district contests at 1 ing game," Brackett Superinten- letic director and head football would be 1A, since we turned or 2 in the morning. You prob-

ett has been forced to travel un- more money to fund the trips,

George West is over 200 miles school will save the district a sig-"The arrival time back home we will not have such great district."

> Because of the distance to the games for junior varsity and junior high teams.

"Currently, all of the district said.

Competing against 2A and J.V. football and basketball As a Class 2A school, Brack- schools farther away also means schedule except us," he said. "Our coaches have to scramble usual distances for district com- as opposed to the many 1A to fill out schedules and try to "You never know which di- petitions. The Tigers' closest schools that are less than an play schools in our area that we can compete with just so our kids "Being classified as a 1A get some games in. Scheduling is very difficult on the lower levnificant amout of money because els because of our current dis-

Obviously, the biggest advantage to dropping a class would be that Brackett would finally compete against schools of similar size.

"That would make us more competitive overall," Templeton

HS basketball teams sweep triple-header with Freer

travelled to Freer last Friday throw line. If we don't improve night and came home with three from the line, it will cost us ball with eight boards and five victories after sweeping a tripleheader in district action.

In the late game, three of the Tigers scored in double-figures Tigers with 19 points, while en route to a 55-52 win over the Dietrich Davis scored 16 and Buckaroos. Brackett is now 9-9 overall and 2-2 in district.

"On paper, Freer is the same Rolando Ortiz added two. type of team we are - they can if they play well," Tigers coach 38 win over Freer. Charlie Marquardt said.

Brackett's basketball teams to do a better job at the free steals. games down the stretch. I was really proud of the team effort."

Travis Nowlin had 13. Leon Woolsey scored four points and

In the girls' game, the Tig- of 39 shots from the charity beat anyone on any given night erettes (16-5, 3-2) posted a 43- stripe.

"We were able to control the leading scorer with 17 points, ett coach Ken Wallace. tempo of the game. We cut down while Ashley Castillo had eight

Courtney Frerich finished all scored four. scored five, while Shanae Sim-

Stephanie Bonner and Emily Nueces Canyon in the opening Valenzuela each had two. The J.V. boys (6-4) opened their district slate with a win over Freer. Brackett hit only 12

Ashley Smith was Brackett's the free throw line," said Brack-

Kody Yeager finished with 11 ers. The Tigers fell 63-38. on our turnovers, but we need points, eight rebounds and five points, while Clyde Adams, Rob-

The J.V. Tigers won the Rock-

Adams scored 16 points to scored three and Noe Talaman- all with a 32-28 win. Charlie Slaughter paced the mons pitched in four points, and help Brackett to a 46-25 win over tes added two.

> town Angoras 34-29 in the for every adjustment we made." championship game.

Brand Wylie scored eight came up short, 49-37. against Rocksprings, while Klu-"We have to get better from zek and Yeager each had seven. Last Tuesday, Brackett hosted

three games against Three Riv-

sey both scored seven, Oscar Valenzuela each added two. Sierra chipped in six, Cody Edpoints. Amanda Davis also springs tournament on Saturday. wards finished with five, Davis erettes improved to 15-0 over-

The Tigers topped the home- uardt said. "They had an answer Yeager finished with six points

Smith scored 14 points and

and two points.

Slaughter had eight points in Stacey Castilla scored six, Sim- had a game-high six steals.

ert Davis and Brandon Kluzek the contest, Nowlin and Wool- mons had four and Castillo and

In the J.V. game, the Tig-

Timmeka Simmons led the "We were outplayed in ev- way for Brackett with nine reery phase of the game," Marq- bounds and eight points. Kara and five steals, while Alanna In the girls' contest, Brackett Conoly had eight boards, five points and four steals.

Dana Bonner and Lola Cano grabbed nine boards, while Bon- both scored four, Juliann Ashaner finished with 10 rebounds branner and Nadine Terrazas each had two points and Cassie Davis tallied seven points, Mata added one. Terrazas also

BRIEFS

Cubs win crown at Rocksprings

The Brackett Cubs A team finished the season with a 6-5 record after winning the Rocksprings tournament Saturday.

Lane Nowlin poured in 20 points to lead Brackett to a 37-21 win over Junction in the first round. Jesus Balderas finished with nine points, Travis Bonner scored four and Israel DeHoyos and Josh Kluzek each had two.

In the championship game, Brackett defeated Rocksprings' A team 37-30. Nowlin finished with 11 points, Bonner scored 10, DeHoyos had 9, Balderas scored five and Albert Flores

"The team played very good defense in both games and came away with 36 steals," Cubs coach Rod Blount said.

Bonner finished the tourney with 11 steals and nine rebounds, while Balderas had eight steals.

Cubettes fall short

The Cubettes eighth graders fell short at the Rocksprings tourney Saturday, finishing their season with a 5-5 record.

Junction edged Brackett 27-25 in the opening round. Bianca Stewart paced the Cubettes with seven points and four rebounds, while Julie Castillo had nine boards and six points. Bailee Allen finished with four points, four steals and three assists, and Daphne Hunt had four points, three steals and three rebounds. Elva Garcia, Whitney Gum and Ashley Stephenson all

had two points. In the second round, Brackett fell to Rocksprings 31-29. Castillo was the top scorer with six points, while Stewart had five. Allen finished with 12 boards and four points, Hunt scored three, Amber Castilla had two points and Haylee Harris added one.

Girls close season

Samantha Moore earned alltournament honors Saturday as the Cubettes' seventh-grade team played in the Comstock tourney.

Brackett fell to Comstock 38-20 in the first round. Natalie Aguirre had eight points in the game, Bianca Martinez scored three, and Moore, Laura Adams and Summer Allen all had two.

In the third place game, Del Rio topped Brackett 45-13. Garza finished with six points, while Martinez scored four and Moore had three.

Salmon lauded

Robert Salmon of the Brackett B team made the all-tournament team Saturday in Comstock. The Cubs fell to Comstock and Eagle Pass in the tourney.

"I am very proud of how the boys played all year long," Cubs coach Greg Voyles said.



11-point buck

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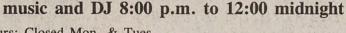
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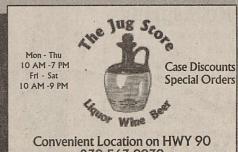
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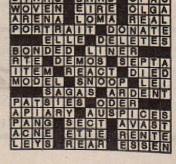
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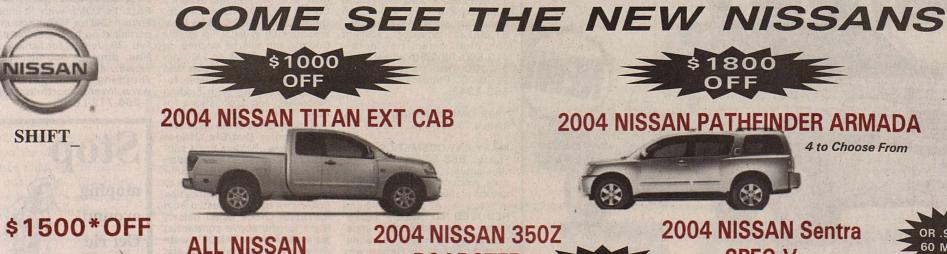
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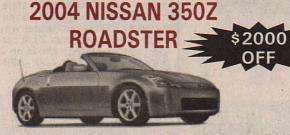


















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