

# BEST HOLIDAY WISHES

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Serving the communities of Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs, Spofford and Kinney County

## Community News

### NEWSPAPER HOLIDAY

There will not be a newspaper published on Thursday, January 1, 2009. Happy New Year Everyone!

### 4H NEWS

4-H will have its general meeting on Sunday, January 4 at 6:00 pm at the District Courtroom. It is very important that all members make every effort to attend this important meeting before the Stockshow. The Kinney County Livestock will be Friday and Saturday, January 9 and 10th, 2009 at the County Civic Center. There will be a BBQ (\$5.00 a plate) on Saturday, January 10, at Noon. Come out and support your county's youth!

### LEPC MEETING

Please note the date change to TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, for the LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE SOCIAL at 7pm at the Fire Rescue Classroom at the EMS building. All Kinney County residents who are interested in better preparedness during disasters are invited. Bring spouse or friend along with a Christmas goodie for the refreshment table as beverage will be provided. After a year of work on upgrading disaster planning let us celebrate that Kinney County is better prepared. We all know that this is an ongoing process with many hands making light work.

### PHOTO EXHIBIT

Bob Parvin of Fort Clark Springs will have his photos on display at the Firehouse Gallery in Del Rio. The Firehouse Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 to 5:30 and Saturdays 10 to 2. Location is 120 E Garfield, Del Rio. Bob's photos will be exhibited until December 31 in the side gallery.

### HYMNFEST 2009

Our Redeemer Church will host a hymnfest on Sunday, January 11, 2009 at 9am. The public is invited to join the ecumenical service as we raise our voices to praise our Lord through hymns.

## Weekend WEATHER

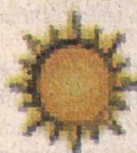
### Friday



High: 77  
Low: 49

Partly Cloudy

### Saturday



High: 64  
Low: 34

Sunny

### Sunday



High: 66  
Low: 36

Sunny

## County long-timers resign

Long time Kinney County employee Janis Floyd recently announced her resignation as treasurer.

Floyd began her employment with Kinney County in November, 1988 and successfully ran for the elected position of treasurer in 1995. With just over 20 years of service to the citizens, Floyd will turn in her calculator effective January 1, 2009.

Kinney County Commissioners voted to appoint Diana Gutierrez to replace Floyd at a Regular meeting on December 15, 2008. Gutierrez will complete Floyd's term that is due to

expire in 2010.

Also retiring from his position after a total of thirty-one years as county attorney is Tully Shahan. Shahan will be replaced by attorney Robert Adams on January 1, 2009.

Fellow county employees, friends and family members all played host to a retirement party for both Floyd and Shahan. Each was presented with an engraved plaque for their years of service.

Other business addressed at the meeting included the institution of a county burn ban effective December 15. The ban prohibits all outdoor burning

unrelated to public health and safety matters. The commissioners also voted to ban the sale, detonation, ignition and use of fireworks classified as, "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Kinney County.

The order does not prohibit "common fireworks, small in size classified a Class C explosive." Violations of this ban are considered a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by law.

County Librarian Sarah Terrazas was given permission to hold a book sale or donate unused books to other libraries.

Commissioners approved the purchase of three new 2009 Ford F-150 4-door XLT Crew Cab pickups for the Sheriff's Department using money from the Stonegarden Grant. The Sheriff's

Department must use the grant money to purchase equipment to aid in border security.

Judge John Fritter, commissioners Joe Montalvo, Nat Terrazas and Pat Melancon were present. Commissioner Marvin Davis was absent.

At a Special meeting called on December 22, the court ratified the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 elderly food contracts with the Texas Department of Aging.

Grant coordinator Carl Esser of Esser and Company was on hand to advise the court on some potential grants the county may be eligible for in the coming year. Esser also introduced Uvalde County Sheriff-elect Charles Mendeke. Mendeke is interested in participating in a law enforcement grant that would require Kinney and Uvalde counties to work together.

## Brackett's First Priest



Henry Clay Hunt III

Deacon Henry Clay Hunt III will be ordained as a Catholic priest on Saturday, January 10 in San Antonio at St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish at 10am. Hunt will then return to Brackettville on Sunday, January 11 and offer his first mass as a new priest at St. Mary Magdalene Parish at 3pm.

## "The Man Who Came Back" DVD Released

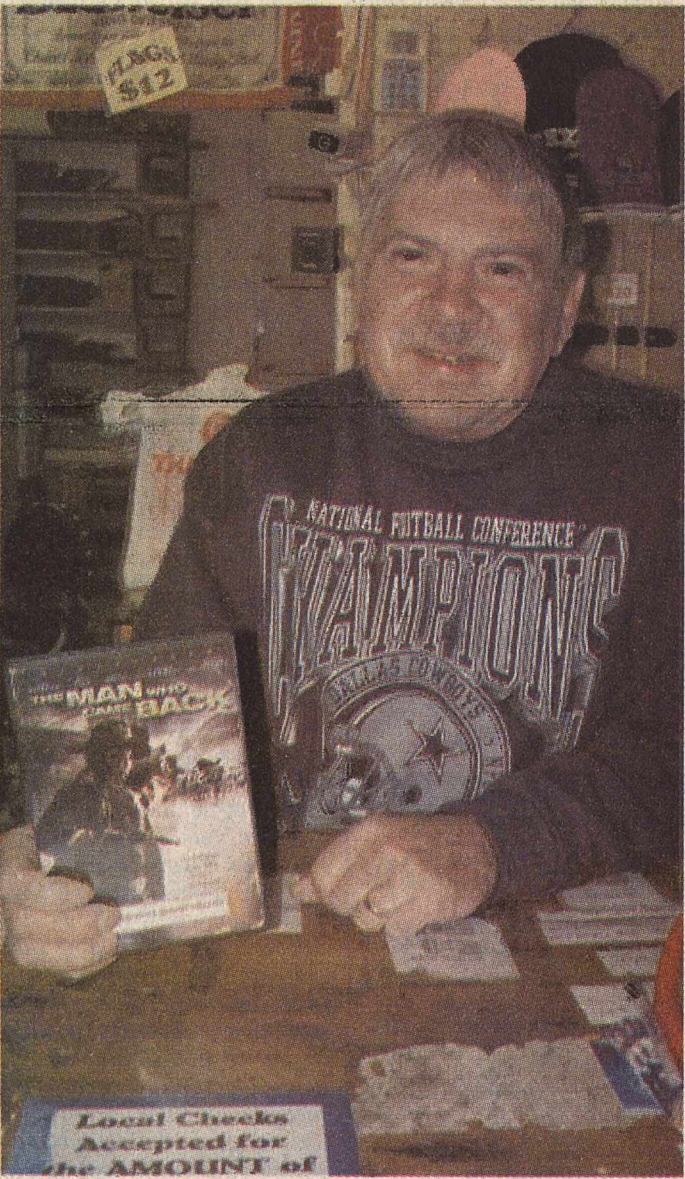


Photo By Leigh Volcso

James Conrad of Conrad's Trading Post and Video Store located on Ann Street in Brackettville displays a copy of the recently released "The Man Who Came Back" DVD. The movie was filmed on location at Alamo Village in Kinney County. Many residents participated in acting rolls from crowd extras to small speaking parts. The film was directed by Glen Pitre and written by Pitre and Chuck Walker. The murder-conspiracy film retells the story of one of the bloodiest labor strikes in U.S. history.

## FCS restaurants to open soon

Fort Clark Springs Association board members voted to approve a contract that will open three eating establishments on the old cavalry base at a Regular meeting on December 20.

Billie Jack Dorris, of J and J Investments, plans to open the restaurant formerly known as Mimi's at the golf center, Dickman Hall, the bar located inside Dickman Hall and the Duck Inn snack bar located at the swim park all within the next four months.

Dorris says he plans to finish the work already started at the golf facility and create a restaurant that serves soups, sandwiches and homemade pizzas in a bar and grill type environment. An added bonus will be the proposed pizza delivery to customers on the Fort as well as those in Brackettville.

The kitchen has been gutted to the bare walls and will soon feature a horseshoe shaped bar. Dorris plans to open under the new name of Creekside at Forsyth Bridge in approximately 45 days. Once the necessary alcoholic beverage permits have been secured, a full mixed drink bar will open to the public.

Dorris plans to re-open Dickman Hall in grand style. The facility was closed as a cost savings measure by the Fort more than five years ago.

The old Las Moras Bar will once again serve draft beer and mixed drinks and feature a humidor for the cigar-lovers.

The restaurant will offer a five-star dining experience by a school-trained chef.

The biggest changes will be seen at the Duck Inn concession stand. Dorris and his team plan to turn the stand into a smoked meat market with worldwide, online shopping capabilities. The convenience store like facility will sell snacks, beer, wine, ice, charcoal and meats and possibly offer home delivery of groceries.

The idea of re-opening restaurants on the Fort is a popular thought with the membership, but it is not without its adversaries as it was proved by the board member's split vote. Board members Sam Holloman, John Carlson and Lee Winchell voted in majority to pass the measure, directors while Felix Cerna and Larry O'Keefe voted in opposition.

According to members attending the meeting, Cerna and O'Keefe were concerned about the overall amount of money the Association will have to fork over versus the amount of good the restaurants will do for the Fort in return. Both dissenting members expressed concern about serving alcohol at the swim park and the potential liabilities related to such action.

Verifiable details regarding the content of the contract between FCSA and J and J Investments were not available at press time. Fort leadership was contacted, but persons with the authorization to release such information were unavailable.

## Co-op recognized for recycling efforts

Dallas - The Environmental Protection Agency is partnering with the Rio Grande Electric Cooperative (RGE) to reduce pollution from compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs).

As a member of the National Partnership for Environmental Priorities (NPEP), the cooperative will provide drop-off locations at its headquarters and regional offices for recycling CFLs, which contain a small amount of mercury that if improperly disposed of can present a hazard to the environment.

"Protecting public health and the environment is a team effort," said EPA Regional Administrator Richard E. Greene. "EPA is honored to have the Rio Grande Electric Cooperative join us and our other partners in preventing pollution and creating healthier communities."

The NPEP program works with 175 partners across the

country to promote the voluntary reduction of 31 priority chemicals. NPEP members include both public and private organizations that identify activities that will reduce the use of these chemicals, preventing their ability to accumulate in the environment and cause harm to humans and the ecosystem. In addition, the Mercury Challenge is a specially focused program within NPEP that promotes the voluntary, systematic elimination of mercury-containing equipment.

RGE is a customer-owned electric cooperative headquartered in Brackettville, Texas, that provides distribution of electric energy to residents of South and West Texas and southern New Mexico. With service to 20 counties, RGE provides power over a larger service area than any other cooperative in the contiguous

United States. However, much of their service area is rural, where access to CFL recycling centers can be difficult for many residents. With their partnership with EPA, RGE hopes to further promote the power-saving benefits of CFLs while also providing environmentally responsible disposal locations to their customers.

"Rio Grande Electric Co-op strives to promote sustainable rural development, and, especially in these tenuous economic times, responsible energy usage," said RGE's General Manager/CEO Dan Laws. "To this end, the Co-op recommends the use of compact fluorescent bulbs, or CFLs. We would be remiss, however, if we were to succeed in saving energy and carbon emissions through the use of CFLs, without providing responsible disposal outlets. The territory we serve is diverse,

rugged, and, for the most part, uniquely pristine. We are pleased to join with the EPA in promoting this partnership, and encourage others to do likewise to preserve our natural resources."



EPA Environmental Engineer Robert Lushek presented a plaque to GM/CEO Dan Laws in recognition of becoming the first electric cooperative in the US to join the EPA's National Partnership for Environmental Priorities. RGE started a CFL recycling program earlier this year to prevent mercury from being released in landfills.

## WATER BOARD NEWS

On 11 Dec 2008 there was a meeting of the Stakeholders Advisory Group of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD). In this meeting there was a presentation given with respect to Water Balance resources, a study by US Geological Survey, by Robert L. Joseph, State Director and George Ozuna, Deputy Director. The roll of Texas Water Development Board was explained by Dr. Robert Mace. There were 25 persons representing Stakeholders at the meeting, which was hosted by the KCGCD. They were members of the various communities in our area, as well as government entities. The USGS shows the discharge rate at Las Moras Springs to be 17 CFS today.

## UVALDE ARTS COUNCIL

Uvalde Arts Council Inc presents Jill Jones and the Lone Star Chorale January 9, 2009 at 8pm, at the Janey Slaughter Briscoe Grand Opera House in Uvalde. Jill learned to play guitar at the age of 10. The Chorale was featured on "A Prairie Home Companion" in 2000 and they won the 2002 Academy of Western Artists Cowboy Group of the Year Award. This group has a wonderful repertoire including originals, traditional cowboy songs, western swing, and contemporary songs by some of today's finest western songwriters. Tickets are \$12 for orchestra, \$10 for premium and \$5 for students 17 and under. There is a \$2 discount for senior citizens 65 and older, and group rates are also available. For tickets or more information call the Opera House box office at 830.278.4184.

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## LETTER to the Editor

### Final Response to Sam Holloman

Sam, you DID get something out of the stakeholder meeting - you heard exactly why we have been trying for almost a year and a half to obtain funding to get scientific studies done so we would know what our water balance is, thus allowing us to know how to better permit and manage the available groundwater in Kinney County. It's a shame previous Boards did not see the great importance of these studies and left it to the current Board to work toward getting these studies done. Refusing to issue permits is against state law (see Chap.36§113.2) and I am not in favor of breaking state law and I don't think you are either. I am however, in favor of setting the terms of those permits, as state law provides, and monitoring them carefully to be sure there are not abuses.

You seem so concerned about money and someone getting rich. Why would you care if someone else got wealthy? I am happy for you that you were able to gain riches and I have no ill will against someone else becoming rich. But, for me, wealth is not an obsession. What IS my obsession is caring for someone in need of care because they are hurting or in need.

So I guess you caught me. If after the water balance studies are done and IF we have excess water that can be transported out of Kinney County while maintaining sustainability of water for our county, I confess there will be a reward for me. Here it is. Money from the taxes on the transported water will pay for improved streets both in Brackettville and on Ft. Clark. This would make me happy as it would not shake my car apart to drive down the street. Money from those taxes would mean a new water conveyance system for Brackettville (less leaks) and yes, I would benefit since I live in Brackettville.

The extra money would also be there for increased fire and EMS services, oh, and don't forget, maybe we could afford to help fund a critical care facility, an assisted living facility and a nursing home to be available to take care of me in later years. Since I don't need these right now, I would just be glad everyone else who does need these facilities could benefit from them in the meantime.

The list of uses for this money goes on - improved infrastructure both in Brackettville and Ft. Clark (faster retirement of the municipal bonds for Ft. Clark maybe?), an improved school science program, funds to re-open, improve and operate the swimming pool in Brackettville - all without affecting your ability to shower, flush your toilet, or enjoy Las Moras Creek. That's what SUSTAINABILITY means. You see, Sam, I don't just think of myself - I think of all of us. I don't have the mindset that someone has to lose in order for someone else to win.

This will be my final response to you, Sam - I feel there are better uses for my time. I will be out working hard for our community. I would invite you to come to the Board meetings (3rd Thursday of each month) and learn what is really happening versus making it up as you go along and fostering hate, fear and discontent. You seem to have plenty of time to spare so let's work TOGETHER for the improvement of our community.

Dr. Kent Lowery, President  
KCGCD

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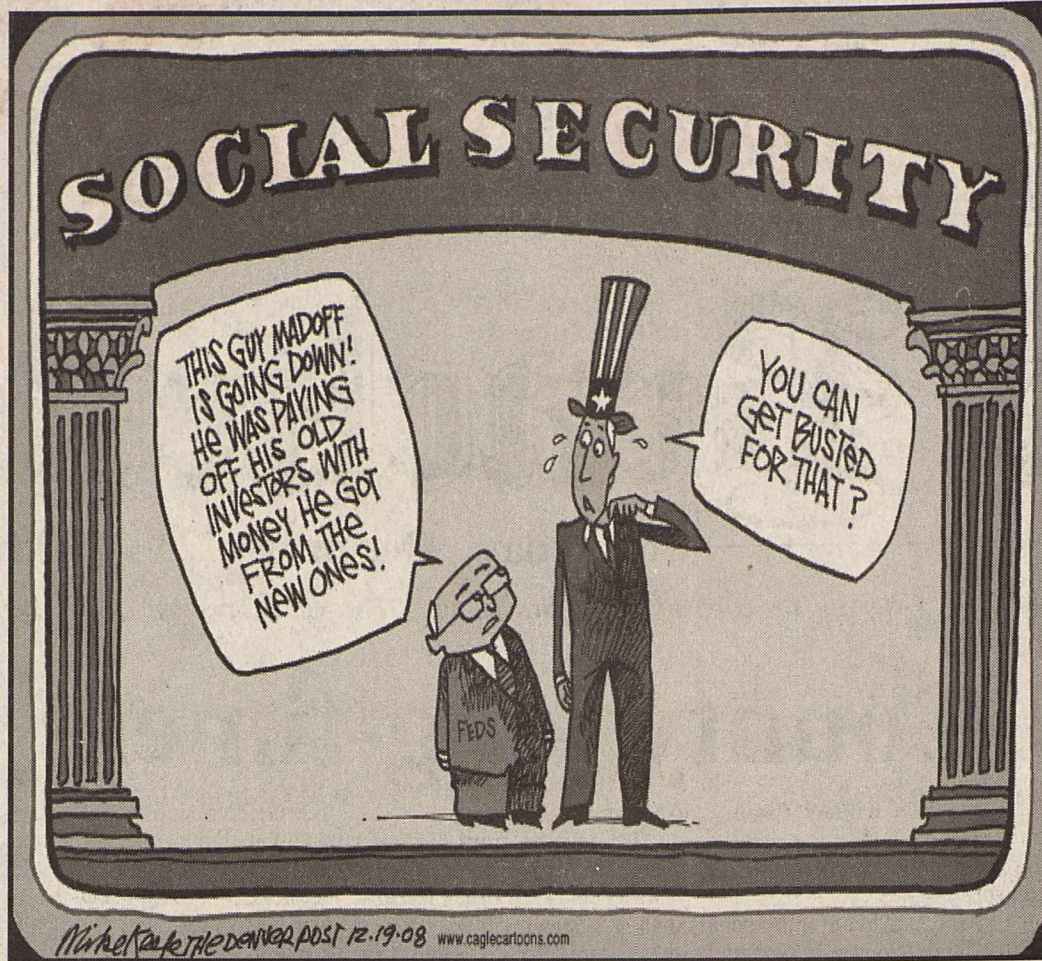
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## A brand new year



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Here it is a brand new year with all the promise of a fresh start that comes with it. At FlyLady we have learned that new beginnings can happen any time we choose and it doesn't take a new day, new week, new month or even a new year to start over. That doesn't change the fact that we still love new beginnings and starting fresh.

And even though we don't like New Year's resolutions we still make goals for ourselves.

This is a healthy thing to do. The other night a dear friend ask me if there was anything I had not done in my life that I really wanted to do. This was a very tough question for me. I am a happy person and I get to do every day what God put me on this earth to do. There is not much better than that! So I thought about it for about ten minutes and came up with something that seemed very strange to my friend.

I told her I wanted to see a volcano and the Grand Canyon up close one day. That was all I could think of at the time. One day I will see them but if my life were to end today, I would not feel sorry for myself because I had not seen them. I have no regrets about anything. Every decision I have made in my life

has ended up being a good one even if at the time it was not. I learned from my mistakes and did not pine away my future by beating myself up over past mistakes. None of us are perfect and the sooner we understand this and quit punishing ourselves for this lack of perfection the better off we will all be.

Perfectionism keeps us stuck in the past so we are unable to function in the present. Let's take that perfectionism but you are beating yourself up with on a daily basis and use it to hit home runs. Each time you see perfectionism throwing you a curve ball; turn it around and hit it back to where it belongs; Out of sight and out of mind! Perfectionism is the Body Clutter we all have to face. Facing our fears head on and using those fears to propel us to a new level of understanding about ourselves and the world around us will help us to eliminate this clutter.

Fear is the opposite of love! In fact I believe that it is worse than hate. It is hate disguised as something else. When we uncover our fears and bring them into the light of day; we are acknowledging that we don't have to be perfect and that our fears do not make us less than. Fear of failure is nothing more than a lack of love for you and your abilities.

Face your fears head on in this New Year! Let go of your perfectionism and you might just find yourself FLYing!

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## Can you benefit from current opportunity in municipal bonds?



Emily Cooper

As the year winds down, you may find yourself reviewing your investment strategy to determine if you made the right moves in 2008 to help you achieve your financial goals. And one topic you may well focus on is tax-advantaged investing. Did you do all you could in this area? If not, you might want to consider a popular, but often misunderstood, investment: municipal bonds. And right now, these types of bonds may be more appealing than they've been in many years.

Essentially, a municipal bond is a debt security issued by a state, municipality or county to finance its capital expenditures, such as bridges, highways or schools. The interest you receive from municipal bonds is exempt from federal taxes and from most state and local taxes, especially if you live in the state in which the bond is issued. Nonetheless, if you're like many people, you might dismiss municipal bonds as conservative investments that usually offer lower yields than taxable Treasury or corporate bonds. (The yield is the return you will receive on your bond if you hold it until maturity.) But what you may not realize is that if you are in one of the upper tax brackets, the tax savings you receive from your municipal bonds may be enough to provide you with a higher yield than you'd get from a comparable Treasury or corporate bond.

Furthermore, in recent months, we've seen something that rarely occurs: municipal bonds yielding as much as, or more than, Treasury bonds - even without taking the tax benefits into account. Why has this happened? For a variety of circumstances, the market has become somewhat "glutted" with municipal bonds; this oversupply has led to lower prices. And bond prices are inversely related to yields, so the drop in municipal bond prices has led to the higher yields.

Thus far, we've seen that today's municipal bonds feature tax advantages, low prices and relatively high yields. Yet like all investments, municipal bonds do carry some types of risk, including the following:

**Credit risk** - During difficult economic times, municipalities may be strapped for cash and have trouble meeting their financial obligations - such as scheduled interest payments on their bonds. It's a good idea to invest in a municipal bond whose issuer is considered highly creditworthy, as determined by the ratings it receives from an independent rating agency, such as Moody's or Standard & Poor's.

**Call risk** - When market interest rates are falling, a municipality may want to buy back - or "call" - its bonds so that it can reissue new ones at the lower rates. Obviously, if your bond is called, your income stream will be disrupted. That's why you may want to look for municipal bonds that offer call protection - a period of time during which the issuer cannot call the bond.

One final note of caution: Some municipal bonds are subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT), so, before investing in a muni, consult with your tax advisor.

Once you understand these risks and take the steps we've suggested to address them, you may find that municipal bonds can play a valuable role in your portfolio, so give them some consideration.

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Typically, a municipal bond is a security issued by a municipality or county to pay for capital expenditures, such as bridges, highways or other infrastructure. The interest you receive on municipal bonds is exempt from federal taxes and from state and local taxes, especially if you live in the state in which the bond is issued. None of these features make you're like many investors might dismiss municipal bonds as conservative investments that usually offer lower yields than taxable Treasury bonds. (The return you will receive on a municipal bond if you hold it to maturity.) But what you should know is that if you are in the upper tax bracket, the savings you receive on municipal bonds may provide you with a yield that you'd get from a comparable Treasury or corporate bond.

More recently, we've seen something occur: municipal bonds are selling at lower prices, and yields are higher. This is due to the drop in municipal bond prices has led to the higher yields.

As we've seen that municipal bonds feature lower prices and higher yields. Yet like all investments, municipal bonds have types of risk, including the following:

1. Interest rate risk — During difficult economic times, municipal bond prices tend to fall, and yields rise. If you are locked into a bond with a low yield, your income will be disrupted. That's why you want to look for bonds that offer call features, so that you can sell the bond before it matures if the issuer cannot pay the interest.

2. Credit risk — Note of caution: Municipal bonds are not insured by the FDIC. Before investing in a bond, you should understand these risks and the steps we've outlined to address them, you can play a valuable role in your own financial future by giving them some thought.

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## 'Twas the night before Christmas

... when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;  
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.  
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,  
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,  
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
Saw a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,  
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:  
Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!  
On, Comet! On, Cupid! On, Dunder and Blitzen!  
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!  
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!  
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,  
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,  
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,  
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.  
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
As I drew in my hands, and was turning around,  
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.  
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.  
A bundle of toys he had slung on his back,  
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.


His eyes — how they twinkled!  
His dimples how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;  
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;  
He had a broad face and a little round belly,  
That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.  
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.  
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;  
His spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;  
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.  
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,  
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"





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Pictured: The Gallegos in the Boutique at the Five Points in Brackettville.

**Business Name:** Carmen's Boutique  
**Owners:** Carmen M. Gallegos  
**Address:** 103 West Spring Street  
**Phone Number:** 830-563-2373  
**Store Hours:** Mon - Sat 10a-5p

Carmen's Boutique has been open for business nearly 4 years. The store carries an assortment of ladies clothes and accessories, jewelry, purses, men's clothes, sport coats, jeans, slacks housewares and much more. Stop by and check it all out. New items have been added for the holidays including Weyrich Pecans and candy gift baskets by request. Mary Partlow is the owner of Weyrich Pecans.

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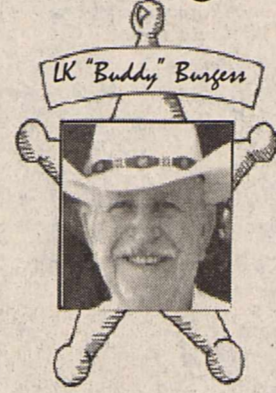


## Bench Warmers

Courtesy Photo

Last year the Fort Clark Mountain Laurel Garden Club donated four new benches for the Fort Administration Garden. The Garden Club then renovated the five old benches. Lee and Judy Winchell worked tirelessly to restore the benches four of which were then placed on the porch of the newly painted Seminole Hall. The fifth bench was then decorated by the art club and has been donated to the Fort Clark Days prize drawing. The bench can be viewed in the Administration Office. The Mountain Laurel Garden Club welcomes new members. The next meeting will be on January 8 at 9:30am at the Adult Center; the speaker will be Kitty Vaughn with a program titled "Old Roses". Pictured are Vice President Judy Winchell, Mary Partlow, Charlene Simmons, Norma Rowland Jo Entriken and President Angela Haenn.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report



**Sunday, December 14**  
8:50 am John Carvajal, 28, of San Antonio, was arrested for possession of marijuana, less than two ounces. Carvajal was released on a \$1,200 bond.

**Tuesday, December 16**  
5:20 pm A man called to state his rifles were lost on Highway 90, east of Brackett. The caller also stated his rifles might have fallen out of his truck on his way into town.

**Wednesday, December 17**  
2:00 pm Ramiro Eligondo, 18, of Fort Worth, was arrested for a larceny warrant in Tarrant County. Eligondo is still being held at press time.

**Friday, December 19**  
11:23 pm A man called in reference to filing an assault charge. A deputy was sent to investigate the situation.

11:27 pm A woman reported a possible fire behind her residence. The caller later reported the fire was put out. A deputy was advised and en route to the location.

**Saturday, December 20**  
12:14 am A caller reported a man on the ground behind a local business. A deputy was informed.

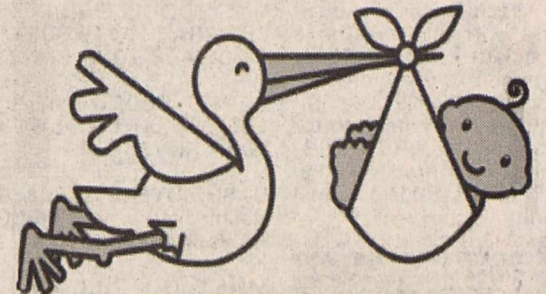
1:15 am A woman from the sheriff's office was receiving 911 calls from a caller in Mexico. Another deputy tapped into the call to translate and explain to the caller that she was calling the United States. When the deputy hung up, he stated the woman calling had been pulled over by a guy with a machine gun and he was becoming aggressive.

3:10 am A woman requested a deputy due to a domestic situation. A deputy was advised and en route to the situation.

11:21 pm A 911 caller reported a suspicious person near

his residence. The caller thinks they person may have killed his dog. A deputy was advised.  
1:40 pm Albert Garcia, 75, of Brackettville, was arrested for disorderly conduct. Garcia was released with time served.

## It's a girl!



## Addison Paige Fohn

Jacob and Kitten Fohn, of Brackettville, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Addison Paige Fohn.

Addison Paige was born November 21, weighing 7 pounds and 10 ounces and was 18.25 inches in length.

Addison was welcomed by her big brother Daylon, maternal grandmother Micki Larson of Brackettville, maternal great-grandfather Francis Larson of Brackettville and paternal grandparents Thomas and Melba Fohn of Yancey, Texas.

## OBITUARY

### Juan A. Avila

November 29, 1921 - December 19, 2008



Juan A. Avila, 87, passed away December 19, 2008 in Del Rio. He was born November 29, 1921 in Brackettville, Texas.

He is survived by four daughters: Gloria Hernandez and her husband Juan of Del Rio, Janie Quirola and her husband Pete of California, Delia Rendon and her husband Joe of Rocksprings, Texas and Alma Cruz and her husband Chris of Copperas Cove, Texas; sons: Joe Avila and his wife Adela of Brackettville, Texas and Armando Avila of Brackettville, Texas; brother: Henry Avila of Del Rio, Texas; also, 14 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Juan was preceded in death by his wife Leonor Avila, daughter Alicia Galindo and a son Juan Avila Jr. Juan honorably served military duty in World War II in the European Theater Operation and started work at Ft. Clark, Brackettville, Texas. After 61 years of dedicated service at Ft. Clark he retired with honors. He will surely be missed.

Visitations will be Sunday, 5-8:00P.M., December 21, 2008 at the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville, Texas. A Rosary vigil will be at 7:00P.M. Funeral Mass will be on Monday, 11:00A.M., December 22, 2008 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. In lieu of usual remembrances, donations can be made to the Fort Clark Association P.O. Box 1061 Brackettville, TX 78832.

Funeral arrangements with G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home, of Del Rio LTD, 114 Fletcher Drive, Del Rio, Texas.



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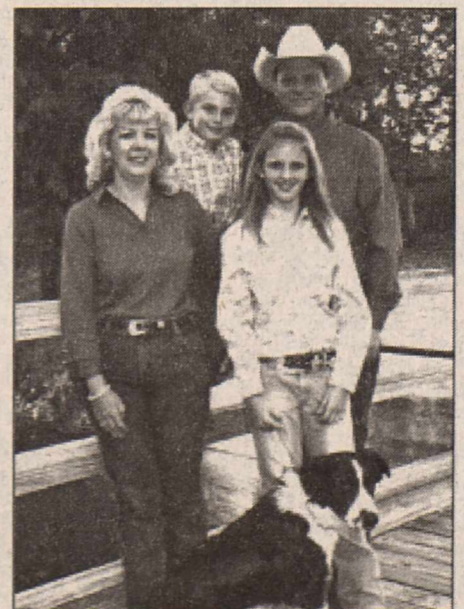
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## YOUR HOROSCOPE

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, try to be clearer in your communication. Others find your messages garbled and have trouble following along. Continue to refrain from taking on new projects.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
Get together with coworkers and discuss your shared interests. It could lead to better work relationships - and perhaps friendships outside of work as well.

**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21**  
You'll find that people seem a little "denser" this week and you have to struggle to make your self clear. It will be well worth the effort, though, so don't give up.

**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, so many things in your life will be shifting, but now is not the time to question why. Just go with the flow for the time being and you'll find that things will work out.

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Life is very subjective. Where one person sees trash, the other sees treasure. Therefore, don't be surprised if others don't share your point of view this week, Leo.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, you remain one of the most organized people at your place of work. It's a good thing because others can't make heads or tails of their work spaces.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
There's a slowdown at work and you're left feeling your patience pushed. Try to handle some personal business while you wait for things to pick up.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Expect to enjoy life a whole lot more this week, Scorpio. Your dreams start to come true. While that's a bit disconcerting at first, soon you'll warm up to the idea.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
You have to act on your relationships this week, Sagittarius, not just think about them. The idea may seem intimidating, but if anyone can tackle a challenge it is you.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
This week is great for building social connections with the people you don't often see but really wish you did. Your efforts may even bridge new relationships.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, this week should be reserved for taking care of your own needs. So even if you have a spouse or kids, focus some deserved attention on your personal desires.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
You deserve to splurge on yourself, Pisces, so go right ahead. You're on sure footing this week and can afford to be spontaneous and frivolous.

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**New Listing - #167 Unit 1:** darling 1BR townhome, tile floors, decorative wood beams in den.

**72 Sunset Lane:** spacious 2BR, 2B home with upgrades. Includes carport, workshop and screen porches to enjoy the beautiful landscaping!

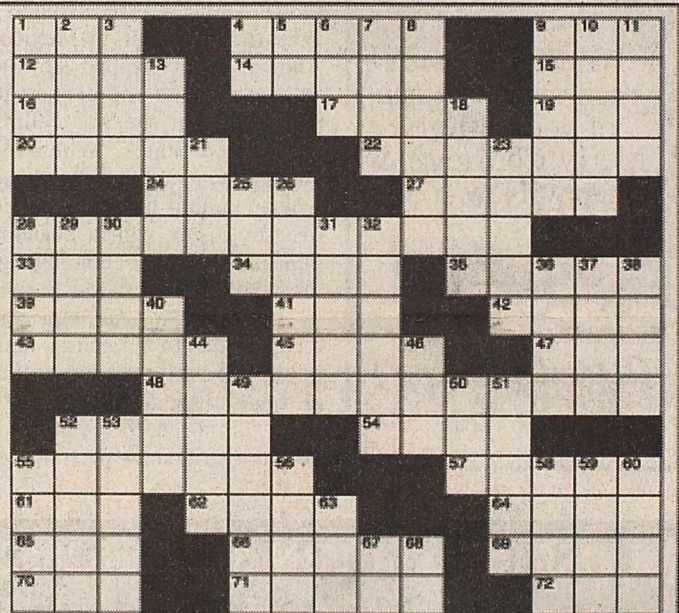
**Unit 21-Historical Property:** has 2 apartments, CHA, high ceiling, lots of charm, REDUCED!

**214 W. Fulton:** well maintained 3BR, 1B home, recently painted + other upgrades.

**Casa Verde Nursery:** great opportunity for the right person, possible seller financing!

**FOR RENT:** 2 furnished apartments, Ft. Clark.

**Ranches & Small Acreage For Sale**

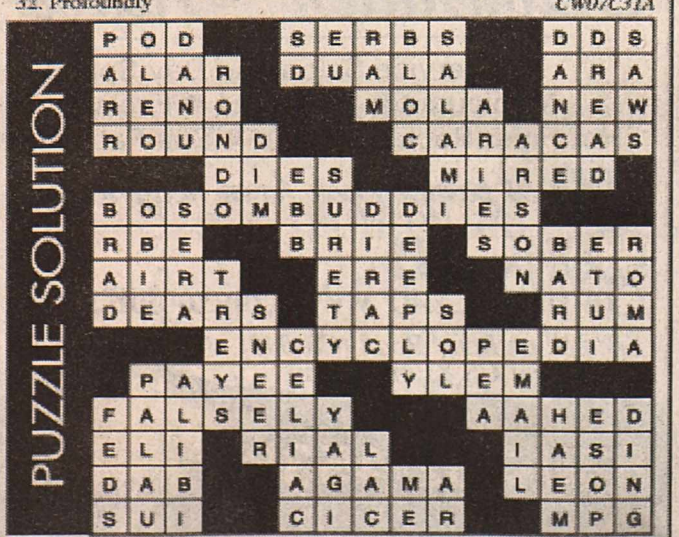


## CLUES ACROSS

- Pea shell
- Slavs
- Tooth caregiver
- Winglike
- Seaport in Cameroon
- Macaws
- Gambling town
- Among the largest bony fish
- Just acquired
- Spherical
- Capital of Venezuela
- Expires
- Got stuck
- Hanks TV show
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Soft creamy white cheese
- Not intoxicated
- Light; hermetical
- Before
- International defense organization

## CLUES DOWN

- Young salmon
- Vegetable oil spread
- Irish mother of gods
- South Dakota
- Portuguese
- Drive against
- A group of countries in special alliance
- Highly spiced fatty sausage
- Tap or ballet
- Fearful anticipation
- Cutting tools
- Kia crossover vehicle
- 1st sign of the zodiac
- Lacking in brightness
- Malicious burning to destroy property
- The outward flow of the tide
- Something that is certain
- Small nail
- Off-Broadway theater award
- D. Day son, Que \_\_\_\_ (X2)
- Paul \_\_\_\_ British physicist
- Profoundly
- Lyric poet
- Ladies' bag for small articles
- Popular tomato for Italian cooking
- Three pip cards
- Scornful smile
- Old French coin
- Relating to the abdomen
- Leguminous plant fruit
- Electronic communication
- Pacific Islands
- A way to excuse
- National law-enforcement officers
- A sharply directional antenna
- Red organic pigment containing iron
- Stock ownership plan
- Ringing sound
- Resinous secretion used in shellac
- Of I
- One of the six noble gases



## Tejas Properties

Phyllis & Les Meyer Broker/Ranch Sales 830-563-9911  
Deborah Isaacs Agent/Residential Sales 830-563-7272

2/2 Mobile Home, on Unite 15, storage room/ bedroom addition, carport, \$27,000 or make better offer!

2/1 Mobile Home, remodeled kitchen, covered parking, no maintenance yard, \$17,000

3/3 Brick Home on the golf course, over 2000 sf, study, fireplace, attached carport, beautiful tile floors throughout, Less than 3 years old and only \$199,000.00

Beautiful 3/3 Stone Home, approx. 2150 sf, custom cabinets, granite, surround sound, covered patio w/wet bar, pecan and fruit trees, landscaped, sprinkler system, 12x32 workshop - \$220,000. Contract pending

2 Bedroom 2 Bath condo-Unit 1303, 2 verandas overlooking #1 Fairway and Green. Must see! \$62,000

Unit 14-2 lots with RV cover and 804 sf living area. Make Offer!

Golf Course Lot on Fort Clark Road- \$4500 962 Acres off 674 north of Brackett, improvements, wells, good hunting--\$1195 an acre

Rentals Available- short or long term  
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**FORT CLARK**  
**NEW LISTINGS: 29 LAMOTTE** Wonderful home! 3BR/2B/2 w/ many upgrades. 2,031 sq.ft. MUST SEE!

**89 WARD RD:** Awesome 4BR/3B Family Home with bonus and media Rms.Fenced yard, 3,000 approx. sq.ft. REDUCED \$180,000

**"THE CALVARYMAN"** in the historic district. 1BR, 1BA w/ detached garage, CHA. \$42,000. Excellent condition.

**OAK LANE:** Fantastic 2 story home. 3BR/3B, 2 car garage + separate workshop. Many upgrades and fine features throughout. 2,740 sq.ft. on 1 LOT. Great Location! REDUCED.

**115 MESQUITE ST.** Very nice home w/ 2BR/1B plus a bonus room/office. Open floor plan, approx. 1,162 sq. ft. Covered RV parking and 2 storage areas. Great buy @ \$69,900.

**104 McClelland** Located in the historical district, this 2BR/2B townhouse has open floor plan w/ vaulted ceiling. Great second home or rental. Approx. 1,260 sq. ft. REDUCED

**155 BLISS CIRCLE**, Unit 15, 2BR/2BA, very clean, well maintained mobile home on two lots. \$35,000.

**407 FT. CLARK RD.** Unique Townhouse located in the heart of the Historical district. 1BR/1B. Approx. 945 sq.ft. **FOR RENT**

**NEW LISTING: UNIT 14**, RV lot with metal cover with 1998 Wilderness27' travel trailer. \$32,000.

**BRACKETTVILLE**

**602 N. Ann St.** Beautiful 4 BR/3B family home w/FP and CHA on 2 lots in a Great Location! New carpet, blinds and paint throughout. Fenced back yard. Approx. 2,900 sq. ft.

**221 Acres Prime Hunting.** Approx. 1,400 sq. ft. Log cabin w/ panoramic views. 25 miles north of Brackettville on FM 674

**191 Acres:** N/E Val Verde Co. Hunters travel trailer, deer blinds and storage building. \$925 per acre.

**5 acres, Kinney County Ranch Estates SOLD.**

**OFFICE: 830-563-2446 or 830-563-5121**

## SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

3	5		6	7	2			
6								8
			3	7		6		
9	1		2					
			1			7		
	6	4						
	3	9						5
7		1						
	2				9	3		

Level: Intermediate

**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8	6	2	5	7	4	9	3	1
5	7	9	6	1	3	8	2	4
1	4	3	9	8	2	7	6	5
7	5	6	3	4	8	2	1	9
2	3	8	1	6	9	4	5	7
9	1	4	7	2	5	6	8	3
4	2	1	8	3	7	5	9	6
6	9	7	2	5	1	3	4	8
3	8	5	4	9	6	1	7	2

ANSWER:

## MISTAKES

Please remember that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our newspaper. We realize that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.