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The Brackett News is Loved by many, Cussed by some, Read by them ALL!

Kinney County Is Home To The Molinar Triplets - Danny, Lila and Nena, we've watched you grow year after year!

Community News

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Frontier Baptist Church will be having a Christmas Eve candle-light service at 6pm. The church is located on the corner of Ann and El Paso St. in Brackettville.

LIBRARY NEWS
The GED students completed their first semester hours of GED classes and will be taking a well deserved Christmas Break. The students have taken their studies serious and have been working hard toward their goal. Ms Bayne has done a wonderful job assisting the students in the areas most needed. We congratulate the students on their dedication and look forward to seeing them again in January. Anyone interested in the GED class can enroll for the second semester starting Dec. 21, 2009. Registrations are being held at the library. Please call for more information. The Library will continue to stay open until 8 pm Tuesday - Thursday to accommodate the GED students and to assist with child care by providing a Story Hour Program from 6-7 PM. Volunteer's still needed.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: We would like to extend a special thank you to the wonderful volunteers that help make our little library a special place. It takes a special person to want to give of their time and money to make a difference for someone else. Dennis Morony & Ray Aguilar provide supplies, snacks and drinks year round for our patrons, children and students, Kateri Morony comes in twice a week to help with the cleaning, Nancy Mendoza & Alison Sanchez come in twice a week and volunteer their time monitoring students so the library can stay open later. And last but not least Joe Williams keeps our technology up to date, teaches Computers classes and is always just a phone call away. Linda Ramirez and Miranda Salmon also come in from time to time to help out with special projects. We are so blessed to have these people in our community; our library would not be what it is today without their help. We wish each and every one of you a Merry Blessed Christmas. And to our patrons who are such a joy to serve; thank you for all your support, words of appreciation, goodness and kindness may you also be Blessed this Christmas Season! MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE KINNEY COUNTY LIBRARY STAFF

2010 ESSAY CONTEST
West Nueces-Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District will be having an open essay contest to boys and girls, 14 to 18 years of age, and does not jeopardize Texas University Interscholastic League eligibility. The subject of the essay is "What Soil and water Conservation means to me." The deadline for entries will be Friday, January 22, 2010 by 5pm. For more information contact Carey at 830-563-2414.

BIBLE STUDY
Bible Study at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, located on the corner of Henderson and Fort, will be on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Challenges of caregiving for alzheimers, dementia and any other health care concerns.

AA MEETING
AA closed meetings will held at 109 Spring Street on Saturday at 7pm. Info: 830-261-9596.

PICTURES AVAILABLE!
Parents Night pictures are available for purchase at the news paper office for \$2 each. This includes Varsity Football, JV Football, Cross Country, Cheerleaders, Volleyball and JH Volleyball Info: 830-563-2852.

Ready and waiting: CEC says detention center ready for inmates

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

Captain Bob Prince, Business Development/Government Liaison with the Community Education Centers, Inc. (CEC), the company in charge of operating the Kinney County Detention Center, brought the Commissioners up to date on the progress at the prison.

"The Marshall Service has stated that they will repopulate the facility as soon as the inspection is complete. Since November 30, we have announced to the Marshall Service that we are ready for inspection. The inspectors will have to come out of Washington D.C. and they are scheduled months ahead of time. From what I understand they are going to work this in at the encouragement of the Marshall Service; where we can

get repopulated as soon as possible. Hopefully, that will be in early January," said Prince. He indicated that the incident with the escapee is the first such incident they have had in years. "We have millions of man hours of holding inmates and 16 facilities in Texas and two out of state," said Prince.

"Without getting into personnel issues, we had a complete breakdown in oversight there by administrative staff and all of this has been changed." Prince went on to say that there have been quite a few changes in staff, particularly upper level. This incident has caused CEC to do a review of their oversight at all of their facilities.

Meanwhile, other work is being done at the prison that is more easily accomplished sans inmates. James McCormick,

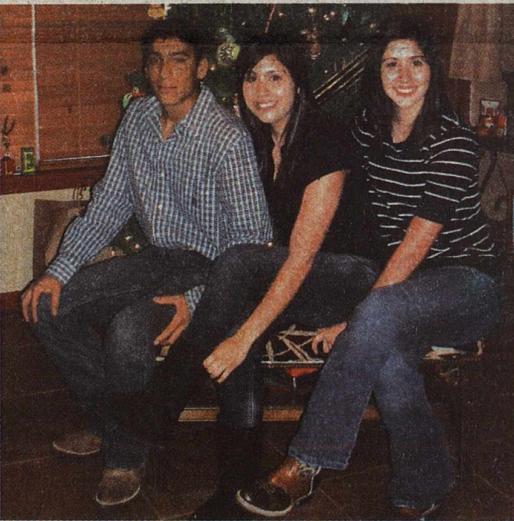
Deputy Director, Secure Facilities Division of CEC said that the digital camera equipment will be installed next week. The perimeter road requested by the Marshall Service has been completed. The fencing is scheduled for the third week of January and the "sewer muncher" will be installed before Christmas. All of the interior windows have been replaced with new metal grates over them as a secondary precaution. Painting and cleaning has been done in the kitchen area that was hard to accomplish with the kitchen up and running 24 hours a day. He invites everyone, including the public to come by to see what has been done. They are just waiting on the Federal Government to get the inspection done so they can move forward and repopulate

the facility.

Kinney County Extension Agent-Agriculture/Natural Resources Tyler Bobinmyer assumed his duties in Kinney County as of December 1. Following a warm welcome by Judge Ward, Bobinmyer reported on completed surveys on the Burn Ban in Texas. As to his new position here in Kinney County he stated that although everything seems somewhat overwhelming he is looking forward to the challenge. The stock show is coming up in January with other stock shows to follow in Kerrville and Dallas. He is striving to get all of his programs in order and invited anyone with questions to give him a call or stop by his office.

Judge Ward and commissioners Massingill, Montalvo, Dodson and Melancon were present.

Molinar Triplets turn 18



Wishing You A Happy Birthday!

We're so proud of you! We Love You, Mom, Dad, Tanya, Tony, Savannah, Soli, Kalisa, and Chapo

Photo courtesy of The Brackett News - On December 23, The Molinar Triplets will turn 18. Proud parents are Tony and Maria Elena Molinar of Brackettville. Daniel, Elena and Elidia are seniors at Brackett High and have been featured each year in The Brackett News since their birth.



Green Santa

Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volesko - Brackettville Border Patrol Welfare and Recreation Agents joined Santa to pass out creative and musical gifts to local Head Start and Early Head Start students on December 18. Pictured from left: Blanca McHazzlett, three year old Traevon Stewart, Santa as played by Russell Croy and Scott Crawford. This event and others like it are part of the Border Patrol's continued community outreach efforts.

USGS reports progress to water board

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

Larry B. Thomas, Supervisor Hydrologic Technician-Data Chief with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) gave a presentation to the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD) on December 10.

The USGS is an unbiased scientific research organization; they collect the data, assimilate the data and prepare the data in a non-biased report. Dr. Joseph Goebel assisted Thomas in doing a reconnaissance of the area; looking at and determining accessibility to various locations and obtaining permission from landowners to install gauges to collect data. With available funding provided by SAWS and

USGS gauges were installed in significant locations. The USGS, in cooperation and collaboration with the San Antonio Water System, proposes a 5 year study plan to collect and evaluate hydrologic data in a study area centered on Kinney County.

In a report by Franklin T. Heitmuller, Sachin D. Shah, and Christopher L. Braun, demands for water resources in Texas have increased because of population growth and development in both rural and urban areas. Available water resources in rural areas, such as the southwestern Edwards Plateau, have been considered for water transfer to urban municipalities, such as San Antonio. According to a

proposal submitted to the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) the purpose of the study will be to (1) compile all existing data, (2) monitor hydrologic variables, (3) develop a water budget, and (4) develop a conceptual hydrogeologic model. This project will provide an inventory and better understanding of surface-water and groundwater resources in an important hydrologic system in southwestern Texas. This evaluation of the surface-water and groundwater resources will provide information needed to inform responsible decisions relating to water supply and use.

Thomas stated maintenance will be continued on the currently installed sites until December 31. "What we have installed right now

are three surface water flow sites; real time available on the web 24/7 to everybody. Then we have the groundwater sites the same so that we can measure the groundwater levels real time and have that available to everybody, with rainfall. Then we have three crest stage gauges." Thomas said that come January he hopes available coop dollars will be available to continue the project. KCGCD is actively searching for grant money to assist with funding.

The district office will be closed December 23-28 for the holidays.

Directors Davis, Lowery, Smith, Ring and Metcalf were present. Directors Frerich and Coates were absent.

Christmas Decorations You Just Gotta' See....



Last Chance To Enter....

TBN's Fourth Annual Christmas Decorating Contest

Prizes will be given for the Best Decorated House In Brackett, Best Decorated House In Spofford and Best Decorated House at Fort Clark and Best Decorated Business. Best Decorated House winners will receive Dollar General Gift Cards and certificates. The Best Decorated Business will be given a gift basket and certificate.

Contest closes Dec 31

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- Brackett Cleaners, 201 E. Spring

Nominate your favorites, Call 563-2852

This Week's Local Forecast							Weather Trivia
							What was the costliest hailstorm in the United States?
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Brackettville's 7-Day Forecast Dec. 24-30

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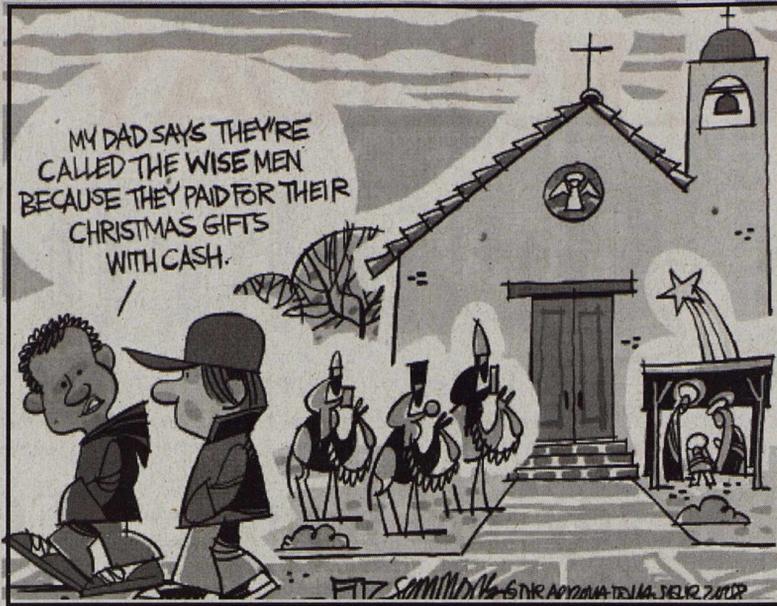
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A spoon for thought



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Last Friday we got up to our first snowfall of the season. Snow always puts me in a cooking mood. Since I might be needed to shovel later I decided that a nice bowl of oats would be a great start to my day. I grab our box of Quaker oatmeal and read the directions. It had been a while since I had made any. I measured out the last of that box, noticed that I had a fresh box in the pantry. That means I need to put oats on our grocery list. I hate to run out of things. It is so nice to have a backup. That really isn't what I wanted to talk to you about. It was when I reached into our utensil drawer and pulled out a spoon that got

me to thinking about things. The old silver plate spoon that we use for cooking has been in Robert's family a very long time. He came by it when his Aunt Mary went into assisted living and he was helping to clean out the house. He needed a spoon, this one had no value at all except memories. It is the first spoon that each of us reaches for when we start to cook. As I stirred my oats I thought of all the people who had stirred a similar pot of oatmeal to start their day. I could tell that it has been used by a right handed person because the bottom of the spoon was worn down. If this spoon could talk, it would tell us of the many bowls of oats it had served up or the gravy it had made up to feed a hungry family. What it told me was, that it was a spoon that was loved because it was used. The consistency of daily use had gently but lovingly molded it through the generations. My husband had appreci-

ated its imperfections and brought it home to be loved by our family. When we got married Aunt Mary told me a story about the day she was born. Her father had given her mother six serving spoons to match the family Chantilly silver. They were engraved with a "C" for Cilley. This was the silver that was only used on special occasions. That day Aunt Mary gave us one of those Chantilly serving spoons. That spoon is used every Thanksgiving at our home. It holds a special place in our hearts and in our silver chest but it is not loved the way that everyday cooking spoon is. Once a day that old worn out old spoon blesses us! It stirs up something warm and wonderful in our home! It reminds me that consistency molds our lives with good habits. Those habits keep us healthy and create peace in our homes. When you string those simple habits into life changing routines you are free to FLY! Finally Loving Yourself is the spoon that serves up wonderful things in your life. Are you ready to spread your wings and FLY?

Here's your year-end investment checklist



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

We've pretty much seen it all this past year—a bear market, a long rally and even a period of neither-up-nor-down. But even though we've only got a few weeks left of 2009, you still have time to make some moves that can pay off for you in 2010 — and beyond. Here are a few suggestions to consider:

- "Max out" on your IRA — and make regular contributions next year. For the 2009 tax year, you can contribute up to \$5,000 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$6,000 if you're 50 or older. And you have until April 15, 2010, to fully fund your 2009 IRA. Of course, it's not always easy to come up with lump sums of money, but do whatever you can to make up for any shortfalls in your IRA for 2009. And in 2010, consider setting up automatic monthly contributions to your IRA — it's a much more efficient way to maximize a great retirement-savings vehicle.

- Increase your 401(k) contributions. If your employer permits it, try to add more money to your 401(k) or other retirement plan before the year ends. By increasing your 401(k) contributions, you can lower your adjusted taxable income while you potentially build more resources for retirement.

- Convert your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Depending on your individual situation, a Roth IRA, which offers the potential for tax free growth, provided you meet certain conditions, may be a better choice for you than a traditional IRA, which offers the potential for growth on a tax deferred basis. Consequently, if you meet eligibility limits, you may want to convert your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. However, this conversion is likely going to be a "taxable event," so you'll need to have money available outside your IRA for the tax bill. You'll want to discuss this move with your tax advisor.

- Sell your "losers." If it's appropriate for your portfolio balance and long-term goals, you may want to sell some investments that have lost value to take the tax losses. If these losses exceeded your capital gains from selling appreciated stocks, you can deduct up to \$3,000 (or \$1,500 for married couples filing separately) against your other income, reducing the amount on which you must pay taxes. And if you lost more than \$3,000, you can carry over the excess into subsequent years. Consult with a tax advisor before selling investments to claim a tax loss.

- Consolidate your investment accounts. Instead of having an IRA with one firm, some other investments with another and a cash-value insurance policy with a third, you might want to consolidate all your assets with one provider. That way, you'll be better able to align all your assets with a central, unified investment strategy.

- Review your insurance coverage. Over the course of a year, you could experience significant changes in your life: marriage or divorce, the birth of a new child or the departure of an older child from your home, the start of a new job or retirement from an old one, and so on. That's why you'll want to make sure you have the right amount and type of insurance to protect your family and your financial future.

By making these moves, you can close out 2009 on a positive note — while positioning yourself for progress on your long-term goals.

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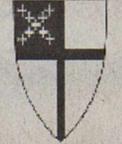
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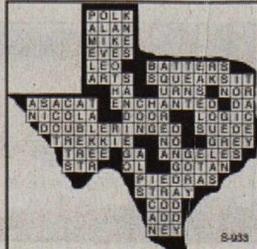
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And I hope I see you soon.

Roland Rivas

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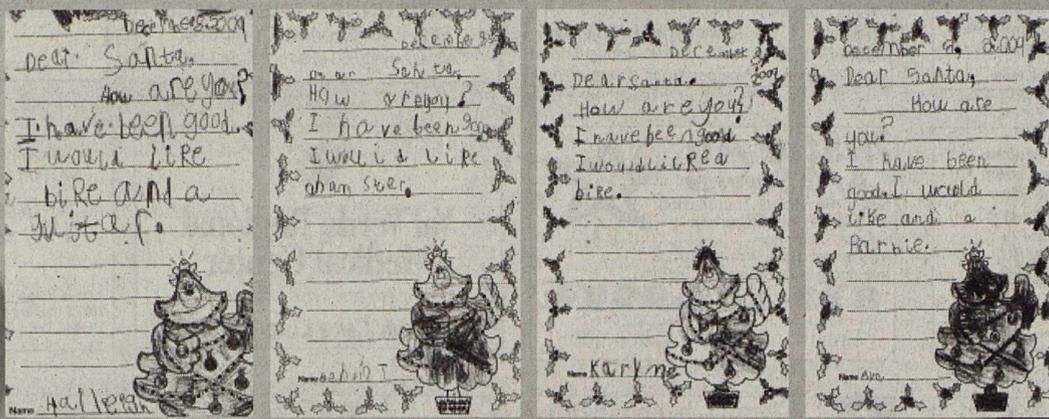
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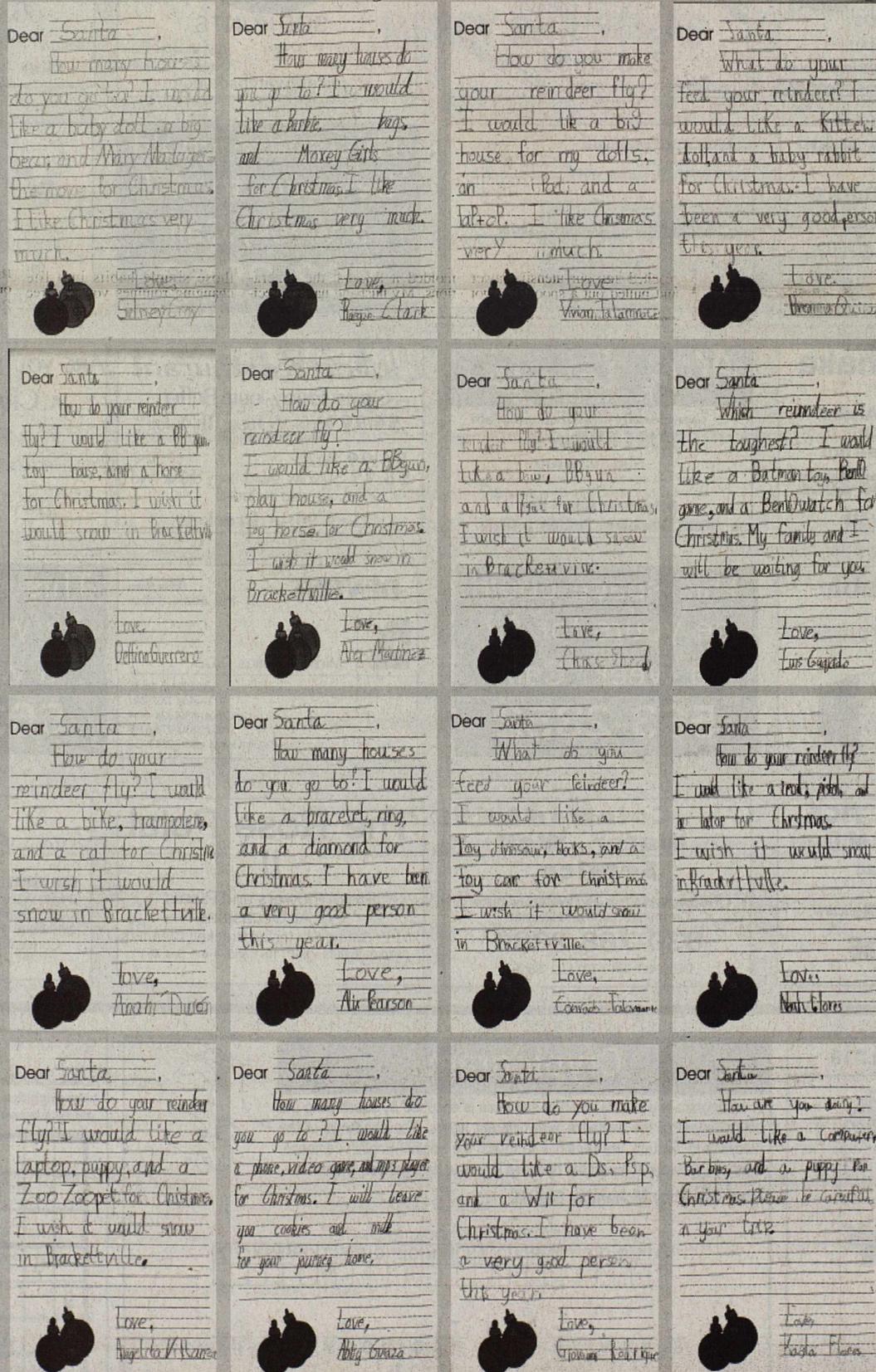
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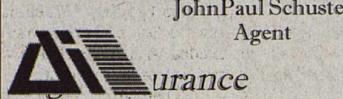
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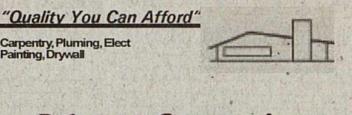
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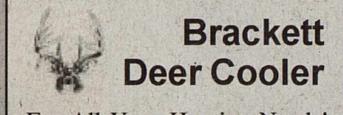


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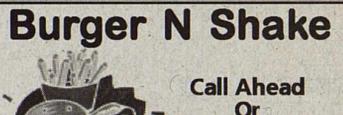


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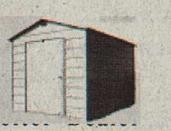
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Cryptogram

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Mohandas Gandhi

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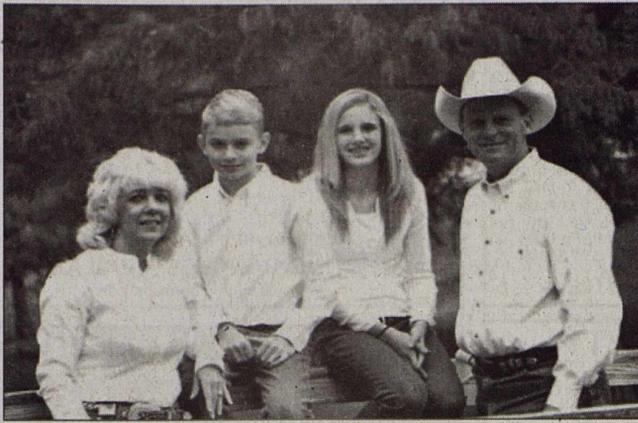
Sudoku Answer Page 2

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

			9					
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		5						2
8	1				2	3	4	

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From Our Family to Yours



May this be a very special Holiday Season.
Thank you for your continued support and the opportunity to represent you in the Texas House of Representatives.
Respectfully,
Tracy, Cheryl, Katelyn and Clayton King.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Tuesday, December 15
8:37am, A woman called to report a possible break in at a local business, she stated the back doors were open and the front door was possibly broken. A deputy was informed and en route to the location. The deputy reported that upon arrival everything was secure, the owner of the business was called but was unable to make contact with.
10:44am, A woman called 911 requesting a deputies assistance, stating that she was stranded on Hwy 277 going towards Eagle Pass, she stated her two sons were walking towards Eagle Pass for help. A deputy was informed and en route to the location. Eagle Pass SO was called to help locate the two boys.

2:49pm, Chief of Police radioed into the SO requesting a deputy to assist with a minor accident. A deputy was dispatched.

11:09pm, A woman called to report she had heard a weapon being discharged in the area of her residence. A deputy was notified.

11:12pm, A man called to report some vehicles had drove over some of the greens at the golf course located at Fort Clark Springs. A deputy was notified.

Thursday, December 17
12:06am, A woman called to report her father had received a call from a woman stating she was going to come by his residence to collect items that belonged to her. The woman also stated her father asked the individual to wait until the morning to pick up the items. A deputy was notified.

5:48am, A man called to report he had struck a deer with his vehicle on Hwy 277, he stated there was no injuries. A deputy was notified.

2:08pm, A woman called 911 stating there was a white vehicle swerving and going off the road on Hwy 90. A deputy was notified.

5:12pm, A call was received

from a woman reporting a two vehicle accident on Hwy 90, she stated there were no injuries. A deputy was informed and en route to the location.

Friday, December 18
5:40am, A man called 911 to report he had witnessed a vehicle loss control and slam into a guard rail on Hwy 277, he stated that an ambulance was not needed. A deputy and DPS were notified of the incident.

8:54am, A call was received about a loose cow on Hwy 90. A deputy was advised.

7:11pm, A woman called 911 stating her husband was missing, while writing the report the woman called 911 again stating her husband was en route to their residence. A deputy was notified of both occurrences.

Saturday, December 19
12:16am, A call was received from an alarm company stating a alarm was going off at the school. A deputy was informed.

12:24am, A woman called to report the alarm was going off at the school and she wanted to make a complaint against the school. A deputy was informed.

1:02am, Val Verde dispatched called requesting information on parents of children that were left alone in Val Verde County, the children stated their parents lived in Kinney County. A deputy was informed to contact VVSO.

1:35am, Fort Clark Security reported two reckless drivers. A deputy was informed.

3:38am, Juan J. Rivas, 26, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Rivas was released the same day with a \$1200 bond.

8:23am, A man called to report one car rollover on Hwy 277 and Cow Creek. He stated that every one was okay and no medical assistance was need. A deputy was informed and en route to the scene.

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Kinney County	2008 Property Taxes
Source of Tax Data	http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/08taxrates/cnty136.html
Taxing Unit Name	Taxes paid to Unit
Kinney County	\$1,079,661
City of Brackettville	\$188,391
Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District	\$ 99,249
Add Permit Fees – another form of tax (average 2006, 2007 and 2008)	\$107,000
Annual Total District Revenue	\$206,249

Services Provided by:

<u>Kinney County</u>	<u>City of Brackettville</u>	<u>Groundwater District</u>
County Offices	City Offices	District Offices
County Staffing - 10	City Staffing - 17	District Staffing – 1½
Vacations	Vacations	
Health Insurance	Health Insurance	Liability Insurance-Directors
Pensions		
Transparent Operations	Transparent Operations	
Police Protection	Police Protection	
Fire Protection	Fire Protection	
Road Maintenance	Road Maintenance	
County Elections	City Elections	
County Courts	Municipal Court	
County Jail	Trash Removal Services	
Highway Maintenance		
Property Tax Assessments & Collections		
County Library		
Human Health/Welfare Services		
Indigent Health Care		
Aging Center		

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Enchilada plate	6.00
Fajita plate w/ grilled onions	8.00
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ACROSS

1 Livingston is seat of this county

5 actor Ladd of "The Carpetbaggers" with TX Martha Hyer

6 Dilka, a Cowboy player & coach

7 days before X-mas & New Years day

8 zodiac sign of TX born Steve Marth

9 Rangers & Astros at the plate

16 "Texas Fine Association"

18 TXism: "if the saddle _____ ain't paid for"

21 "Ah _____"

22 large coffee makers

23 "neither's" sidekick

24 TXism: "nervous _____ in a room of rocking chairs"

30 granite pluton in Llano Co. _____ Rock"

34 elected county crime fighter (abbr.)

35 Marcelo drafted by Houston Rockets, but never played in TX

36 "Just Walkin' Out The _____" by TX Willie

37 rational thought

39 TXism for "married woman" (2 wds.)

43 cowboy hat material

44 avid fan of "Star Trek" by TX Roddenberry

45 "_____ way, Jose!"

46 TX-based "_____ hound Lines" bus co.

DOWN

14 founder of TX King Ranch (init.)

15 nat'l identifier (abbr.)

17 Duval Co. seat

19 compounds of iodine & another element

20 this TX-born Needham was Lt. Meg Austin in "JAG"

24 TXism: "he's big enough to shade _____ elephant"

25 Caesar of "Vegas Vacation" with TX Randy Quaid

26 Jim Bowie's Alamo bed (2 wds.)

27 legal web site: "Texas _____ Online"

47 pecan is the state _____

48 Cowboy Herschel won Heisman here (abbr.)

50 Mavs, Spurs, & Rockets foe: Los _____ Lakers

53 long-time Speaker of U.S. House, "Mr. Sam" (init.)

54 TXism: "good _____ boy"

55 TXism: "_____ eye-ful" (saw a lot)

56 across border from Eagle Pass: _____ Negras

59 cow away _____ from the herd

60 No. Atlantic fish

61 TXism: "it don't _____ up"

62 16-across was founded in honor of this sculptor Elisabet _____

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ANSWER PG. 2

38 this TX Pete was U.S. Sec. of Army

40 "_____ out a living"

41 TX is about 257 times bigger than this state (abbr.)

42 "Ding _____ From Dumas"

49 ski co. is building the "Texas _____" in Grapevine

51 showing bloodshed

52 Hobby & Love abbr.

57 "_____ only get better"

58 TX beaches _____ into the Gulf

Thank You

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- United States Air Force
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