



BORDER PATROL AGENT M. G. Aguilar, formerly based in Eagle Pass and now in California, shows the frustration and anguish felt by himself and fellow Border Patrol agents over the senseless loss of their friend and colleague, Agent Jefferson Barr. (Photo by Jerry Lara, San Antonio Express-News)

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Angelo Acts To Suck Up Brady Water

City Manager Dennis Smith says the City of San Angelo has asked the Hickory Underground Water District to execute permits to allow the usage of nine existing wells in McCulloch County and the development of 13 more.

Smith indicated that San Angelo petitioned to pump at least 15,011 acre/feet of water per year.

"Most folks don't understand," Smith said, "but that is approximately 13.5 million gallons per day."

"The City of Brady would be severely impacted over the next 10 to 30 years, if San Angelo were to utilize its options to the fullest extent.

"The initial impact would be on the 'outcrop area' of the aquifer near Llano and Voca. Water availability and usage is a major part of growth and development in the state," Smith said.

He also noted that many other areas are already experiencing bitter water rights disputes.

"A perfect example is the San Antonio area. The reliability of future water supplies will be essential

to the economic well-being of communities and ranchers alike," Smith explained.

Smith's concern began when a notice that San Angelo and filed the applications was run in Tuesday's *Brady Herald*.

A hearing will be held before the Board of Directors of the Hickory Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 on all applications at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, in the Courtroom of the McCulloch County Courthouse in Brady.

The hearing will determine whether to grant one or more of the applications.

Smith has suggested that all interested and concerned citizens of Brady and McCulloch County attend the meeting. Evidence and commitments will be accepted and witnesses will be heard, he noted.

Prior to the meeting, copies of applications may be reviewed in the district's offices Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"This could mean a lot to us, and I am sure interest in the applications would be to our benefits," Smith said.

presents the family of slain Border Patrol agent Jeff Barr's wife, Leigh Ann appears to be looking for answers as (Photo by Jerry Lara, San Antonio Express-News)

Upset About Safety Boat Docks

e-Year Parks Plan. departments are forming for the future, and from the lake resi-

dents for Parks. **One of the first suggestions was for a Lake Patrolman to help the residents when needed and to help keep the area controlled and protected.**

Police Chief Bill Anderson was present and said that he thought they had found a patrolman, but the man changed his mind.

Other suggestions will be given to the Parks Board to consider.

Boat docks caused several residents to speak up, some about the poor care the owners give their docks, and some talked about rules for taking care of the docks.

There were complaints about trash and dead fish left after fishing tournaments and fixing the docks that need repair.

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Do We Need County Agent?

By DEAN GIBSON

County commissioners are requesting input from the citizens of McCulloch County concerning whether or not the spot vacated by

appointed replacements to fill vacancies throughout the state without input from the communities they were to serve," said Precinct 1 commissioner Joe Johnson, "And this time