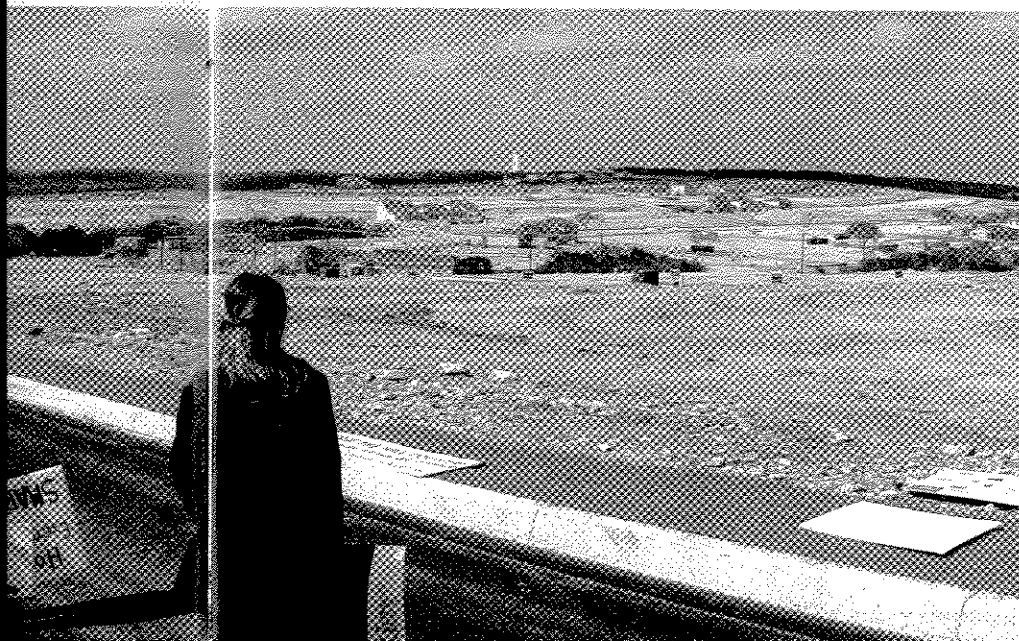


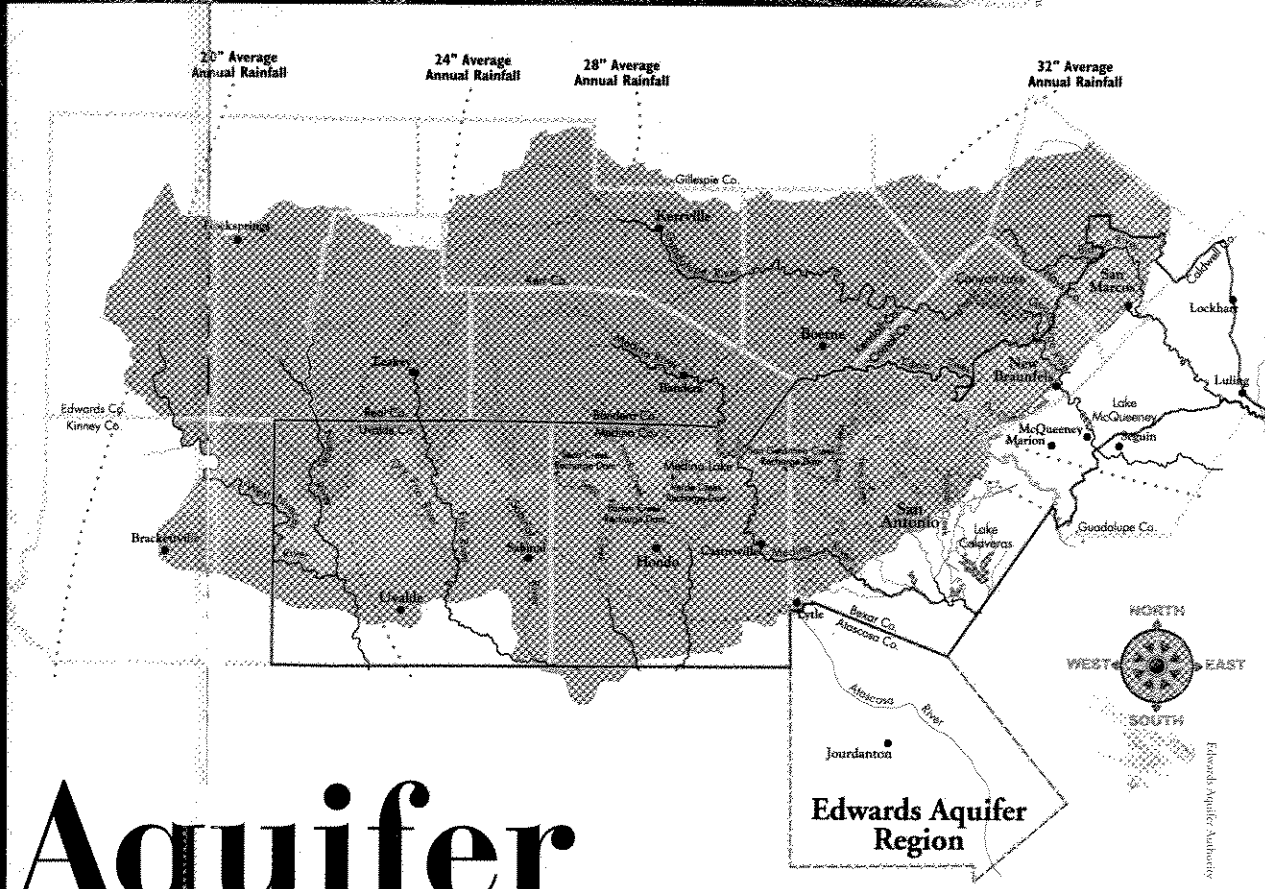


Teed Off Over the Aquifer

San Antonio developers and environmentalists battle over protection of the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone. **By Elaine Robbins**



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Cave passages like the one opposite feed water from Seco Creek in Medina County to the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone. Top: the environmentally sensitive site of the controversial PGA Village development in North San Antonio.

Annalisa Peace winces when she drives through the rolling hills north of San Antonio, where a huge swath of land once covered with live oaks and ash juniper has been bulldozed for a golf resort.

"It's like a giant scar in the Hill Country. It's just scorched earth out there," says Peace, executive director of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance. Peace spent four years battling the development. She and other opponents wanted to save this environmentally sensitive area. The project's promoters say the