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Sheriff hires scent dog to help fight crime



Deputy Dog
James Blankenship with his partner against crime, K-9 Cedric Von Arch Erzengel, hit the streets after their recent graduation from Level 2 training in Abilene.

Kinney County Sheriff Deputy James Blankenship returned from a K9 handlers certification academy in Abilene last week.

There, Blankenship and his faithful K9 Cedric Von Arch Erzengel completed U.S. Tactical K9 Law Enforcement Training.

The pair are now certified in narcotics detection, apprehension, handler protection, tracking/trailing threat and non-threat tactics.

Cedric is the most recent deputy hired by Sheriff L.K. Buddy Burgess to assist in the battle against drug trafficking and confronting the threat of terrorism and weapons of mass destruction.

The crime fighting dog is also considered a deputy of the County and any crimes committed against him carry the same punishment as that of a crime against a human deputy.

Cedric is also trained to track persons based on scent.

"For instance, If you have a missing child or elderly individual, Cedric can pick up on the scent from an article of clothing and work to locate the missing person. He's also capable of tracking off a general scent from a crime scene," said Blankenship.

Sporting leather duty belts and shiny gold badges, the dynamic duo have already made one drug case and have performed several vehicle searches.

Cedric is a Belgium Shepherd and descends from a long line of working dogs in Europe.

Local singer performs at music festival

Singer, songwriter and Nashville recording artist David Pierce performed at the Western Music Association (WMA) Festival Nov. 16-18.

Pierce, who has called Brackettville his home for many years, performed his original cowboy music at the WMA Festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

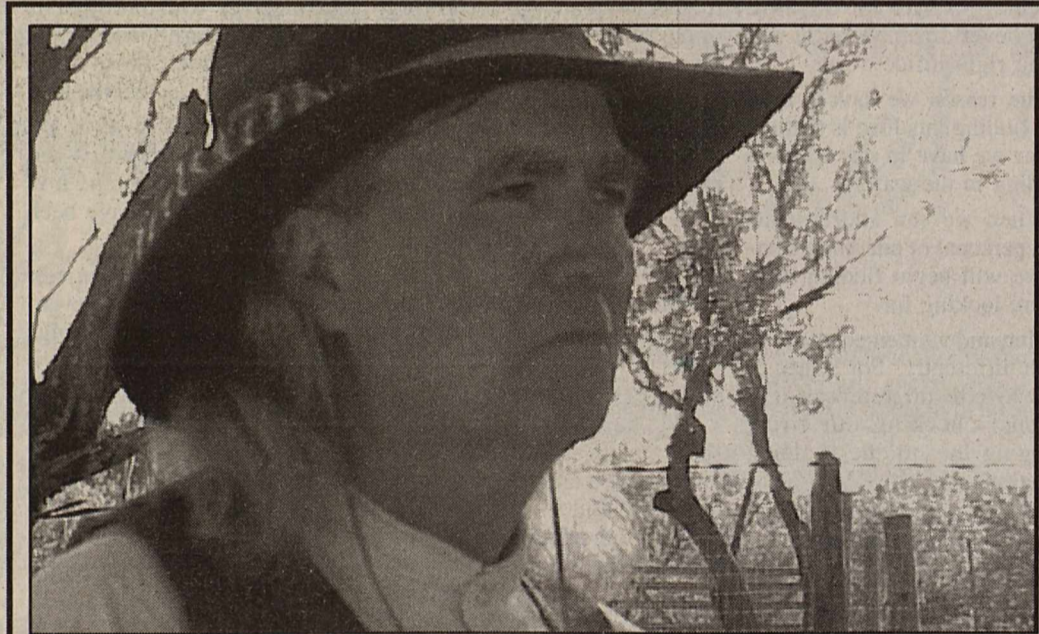
The WMA is the organization that promotes cowboy music and the life-style of the old west.

Pierce was able to play his cowboy songs for a worldwide audience and introduce his works to the top D.J.s and promoters.

Pierce played and promoted his CD "The Well of Life" to some of his heroes such as Curly Musgrave, Red Stegall and Michael Martin Murphy. "It was certainly a dream come true," said Pierce.

Pierce has played at Fort Clark, Alamo Village and at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic

Church promoted Ft. Clark, Brackettville. David suggested the WMA promoters have the festival in Kinney County next year.



Singing Cowboy Tunes
Singer, songwriter David Pierce recently sang at the Western Music Festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Photo from Pierce's latest album cover.

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- Villarreal Residence on Fulton Street
- Kinney County Courthouse
- FCS Admin. Office
- Rio Grande Electric
- Martinez Residence on Shedy Street
- Smith Residence Unit 14, 55 Las Palmas on FCS
- Houses along Colony row
- Justice Residence on Hwy. 334



Decking The Halls
Volunteers from Fort Clark Springs decorate the administration office for the holidays.

Letters to a wounded warrior

This holiday season, Uvalde couple, Kenneth and Sylvia LaMascus, are encouraging the public to send cards to an Iraqi War Veteran.

The LaMascus' have family ties in Brackettville and sent a copy of their church bulletin to *The Brackett News*.

The bulletin from the First Baptist Church in Uvalde read, "Sgt. Kevin Downs served in the 278th in Iraq and was severely wounded on April 13, 2005. He lost both legs. He is hospitalized in San Antonio and is suffering with a new infection in his left upper arm and there is the possibility he may lose that arm. Besides being in tremendous pain, he is discouraged and depressed."

Kevin will be 22 years old on November 25th. How nice it would be if his room was filled with card from people who care! Please put him on your prayer list and remember him daily. He has suffered so much and is still facing many surgeries due to the extent of his burns. His struggle has been and will continue to be long and hard. It will only take a minute to send a card if you can. (This information came to us through Janice McWhorter.) Sgt. Kevin Downs, P.O. Box 118, Kingston Springs, TN 37082."

•Editor's Note: Please take the time to send letters of encouragement to this young man. He has served our country and now we are being called to give back.

News BRIEFS

Early Voting

Early voting for the Run-Off will begin Dec. 4, 2004 - Dec. 8, 2006. Early voting will be conducted in the Kinney Co. Clerks Office. Election Day is Dec. 12, 2006

KCCA Christmas Program

The Kinney County Church Alliance will hold the annual Community Christmas Program on Saturday Evening, December 9 from 5:30 - 8:00. Toys and candy will be given to the children. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided for all. Should you wish to make a donation, please mail it to KCCA PO Box 1449 Brackettville, TX 78832.

Friday 12/8: Varsity Girls and Boys Tourney at S.W.T.J.C. continued. **Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball** Tourney at Dilley. **Community Unity** at Civic Center. **Saturday 12/9:** Varsity Girls and Boys Tourney at S.W.T.J.C. continued. **Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball** Tourney at Dilley continued. **Monday 12/11:** Board of Trustees Mtg. at 6:00. **Tuesday 12/12:** Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball at Leakey. **Thursday 12/14:** Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball Tourney at LaPryor. **Jr. High Boys and Girls Basketball** at Nueces Canyon. **Friday 12/15:** Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball Tourney at LaPryor continued. **Saturday 12/16:** Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball Tourney at LaPryor continued.

dinner. Meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish Come join our group. It is for cancer survivors and their caregivers. Any questions, call Pat Sitzes 563-9515.

KCAC Raffle

The Kinney County Arts Council is hosting a fund-raising raffle for a jade and silver necklace, bracelet and earring set hand crafted by William Dalton Design of Austin. \$1 tickets can be purchased from members.

Christmas Ensemble Program

The Old Quarry Society for the performing arts proudly presents for your enjoyment and entertainment a Christmas Ensemble program. On Friday December 15th and again on Saturday December 16th and 8 p.m. at the Post Theatre on Fort Clark Springs. Local actor and playwright Dave Crowe will direct two of his one-act plays 'You Can't Ground Santa Clause' and 'A Kind is

Grief Support Group

There is a new grief support group which is meeting the first Tuesday of each month in Slator Hall of First United Methodist Church. All who are experiencing grief are invited to come and support each other in their journeys. Call Pastor Jean Reardon at 563-2823 if you have questions. Everyone is welcome.

Cancer Support Group Meeting

Our Cancer Support Group will be meeting TONIGHT, Dec. 7, at 6:30pm at the Frontier Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at the corner of Ann and El Paso Streets. We will have a potluck

School & Sports Calendar

Thursday 12/7: Varsity Girls and Boys Tourney at S.W.T.J.C.

Born Bubba,' as well as several other pieces including, 'Christmas is...' and 'Nativity.'

Tx Historical Commission

Dec. 8, is the deadline to nominate your local history preservation devotee for one of the awards presented by the Texas Historical Commission (THC). These awards will be presented at agency's 2007 conference in Lakeway, April 12-14. Nomination can be submitted on-line www.thc.state.tx.us.

Castroville's Old Fashion Christmas

Historic Castroville's 23rd Annual Christmas celebration will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Houston Square in downtown Castroville. There is no en-

trance fee for the event, which is sponsored by the Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce. Over 200 vendors provide a wide variety of gifts and arts and crafts as well as an abundance of food and drink to satisfy visitors' appetites.

Aviation Museum Open House

The Aviation Museum at Garner Field in Uvalde will be hosting its Open House, Sat., Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. This will be done in remembrance of Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor Attack.

Recorded Rainfall

0" of rain was recorded at The Brackett News Weather Center this week. 4/10" of rain was reported at the Reeseeman Residence, Unit 12, FCS. Report rain gauge readings from your part of the county by phone 830-563-2852 or by email: tbnews@sbcglobal.net. Please include your address!

Weekend WEATHER

Friday
Few Showers
High:50
Low:36

Saturday
Few Showers
High:54
Low:44

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High:69
Low:50

Letter to the EDITOR

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the FCSA Board of Directors, Nolan Brandt, David Palmer and Larry O'Keefe for depriving me and my family access to the Red Bridge Recreation area.

At the December 2, 2006, FCSA Board meeting a simple raid of the hand closed the Reed Bridge recreation area to all 2000 members, their guests and visitors to the FCS. There will be no hiking, jogging, bicycling, fishing, bird watching and picnicking in that area. These closures will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for four consecutive weekends including Christmas and New Years. However it will be open for approximately 12 hunters to use. This closure is due to 1 blind overlooking one half acre when over 400 acres of FCSA property was declined because it was not as favorable as the Red Bridge Recreation area. There are 14 other blinds that are located in areas more conducive to that activity.

The rationale was that the Red Bridge Recreation area was a real good hunting area and the hiking, biking, fishing and picnicking could find someplace else to go.

In the future we should consider individuals that have the majority of the membership at heart instead of special interest groups.

Russell Nowell
Fort Clark Springs

Editors Weekly PLOG

Is it possible to live a "no apologies" kind of life?

Can we go around and do and say things with or without malice and just expect everyone around us to just get over it?

I know as a teenager I was hell with a driver's license and about drove my poor mother nuts. She prayed and prayed over me, but to no avail. My heart was wild and restless and I was going to make my own way in the world. I have since apologized to her.

As a young woman with young children and two jobs - trying to make it all work out, I had to sacrifice a lot of time with my two oldest babes. They were in good care at all times, but I made a lot of really - let's just say stupid choices - and my kids grew up without me because I was doing what it took to keep the lights on. I have since apologized to them.

I make mistakes, and if you read the letters to the editor, you know I get slaughtered over it. But I look the "unhappy with Leigh people" in the face, say sorry and then print their nasty letters about me in the paper, no less.

I make mistakes, you make mistakes, but not standing up to them is wrong. It only makes those close to you become your enemies.

Plenty of times along the way, I'm sure we've all hurt people, said the wrong things, wrecked a few cars, let someone down, but did you try to make it right?

Leigh V.

P.S. Be sure to check out our website. It's growing and getting better every week! www.thebrackettnews.com

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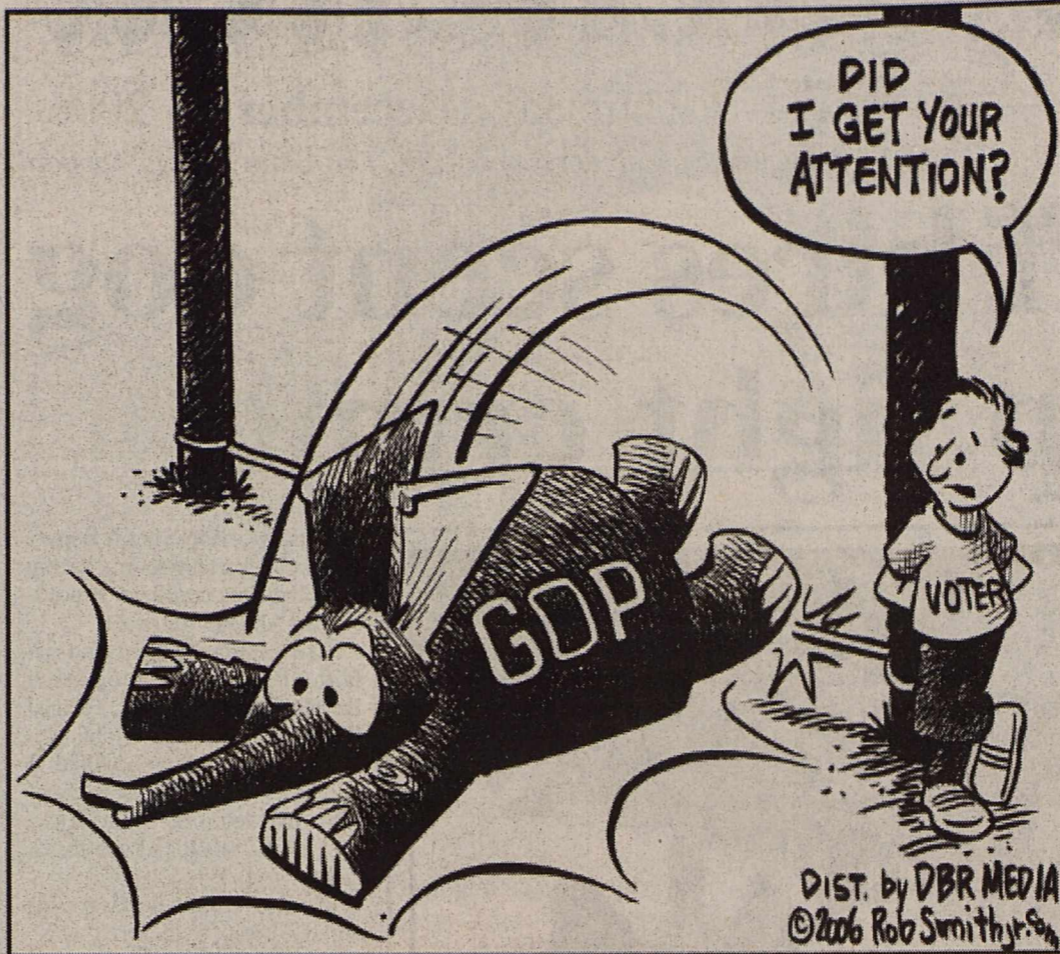
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How do I love myself?



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Love is a word that is very deceptive maybe even illusive if we look at it as a noun.

It is not something that we can buy and hold in our hands, it is a word that is filled with action. Love is a verb. This word is not just a feeling it is a doing.

For years all I ever wanted was to feel loved.

That did not happen because I was looking for love in all the wrong places; as the song says.

I was not going to find this love coming at me and surrounding me as a fog.

I was not going to feel this love from other people. I was searching so hard for this love that I never dreamed that it was hiding right inside of me.

The reason we have a hard time finding this love is that the clutter we have in our heads is standing in the way.

When we can address this most personal of our Body Clutter we will begin finding what we are looking for.

Men and women equate love much differently. For a man to show love he often reveals it in actions; checking our tires, changing the oil, he is doing something.

He may not be good at sentimental cards and flowers which is how we women equate love. This is why we need to look at the various ways that

love is done. How do you love your children? You feed them, dress them, bathe them, and do things for them. We do the same thing for the critters in our lives.

We scratch their ears and rub their bellies. Robert explained this to me this morning. Last year our hound dog Lucy died and we got another sweet hound dog.

He said that he could sit in his chair and think about how much he loves this new dog or he could get up and go over and pet her.

Then he would be loving on her and she would feel his love for her. It would not be a passive experience just for him but a shared event for both of them.

Then he turned this around. He said when we are loving ourselves we are the giver and the recipient at the same time.

That is when he headed out the door to play in the woods. This is one thing that he loves to do. When you are doing things that you love; you are loving yourself.

With our FLYING way of life we only surround ourselves with things we love. We turn chores into blessings and release the stress from our lives by using routines to put us on autopilot.

These are all forms of love but in our female definition of love this is just stuff we have to do.

We have to find ways to show ourselves love the way we understand it and will recognize it as love. But since we are doing it for ourselves we just don't accept it in the same way we would if it came from someone else. This is why we have a new

Pampering habit for December. These are little things that we can do each day to pamper ourselves.

They can be anything that you can think of to do something nice for you. You can snuggle with a cup of warmth or curl up with a favorite book or magazine.

Settle into a tub of bubbles or put on some of your favorite music. Pick up a flower at the grocery store so that every time you look at it you will smile.

Light candles in your home or put crystals in the window so that rainbows dance across your room. These always make me smile.

I was taught many years ago by Rita Davenport to fake it till you make it. I didn't really know what that meant till recently; I just did like she said. Fake it till you make it, is nothing but practicing till a habit becomes automatic.

Imagine that, practicing loving ourselves with little habits that tell us we are loved by the person who does those little things that make us feel the love we so deserve.

The martyr goes away and you are surrounded by the loving feeling that you have been searching for.

So practice loving yourself first by simple actions and eventually you will not do things that you don't love and you will not have items in your home that do not put a smile on your face.

This act of love is as contagious as your shining sink. You are just shining your heart.

Are you ready to Finally Love Yourself? One little habit at a time.

Consider these year-end financial tips:



Emily Cooper

If you're like most people, you're probably amazed at how fast the year went by.

But while you've still got a few weeks left in 2006, take the time to consider some year-end financial moves.

Here are a few to think about:

· Review your investment strategies.

Your life can change significantly over the course of a year. You may have gotten married or remarried; you might have had a child or grandchild; you might have decided to change jobs or open your own business - the list could go on and on.

And for every single one of these changes in your life, you very well might need to change your investment strategies.

· Add to your retirement plan. If you have a 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b), your employer may allow you to make extra contributions before the end of the year.

Since you typically make these contributions with "pre-tax" dollars, the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income may be.

· And of course, your money grows on a tax-deferred basis.

· Sell off some of your "winners." The stock market had a pretty good year in 2006, so you may well end up with some large net capital gains.

If that's the case, you might want to consider selling some stock to generate a loss before year-end - a move that could reduce the amount of tax you pay this year.

Keep in mind, though, that if you do sell stock to generate a loss, the IRS' "wash sale" rules will prohibit you from purchasing substantially similar stock within 30 days before or after the sale that generated the loss.

· Make a charitable gift. By making a gift to a charitable organization, you'll help a group whose work you support - and you'll also help yourself.

You'll get an immediate tax break for your contribution, and, if you give an appreciated asset, such as stock, you'll avoid having to pay the eventual capital gains taxes when the stock is sold.

Plus, you'll be removing an asset from your estate, thereby reducing the likelihood of incurring estate taxes.

· Before making any moves, though, check with your tax professional.

· Put extra money to work. If you have a large amount of cash to invest, and it's "sitting around" earning interest, you might want to shift some of the income to next year by investing in a short-term Certificate of Deposit or Treasury bill that matures in 2007.

· "Grade" your investments' performance.

It's a good idea to review your investment portfolio at least once a year - and the end of the year is as good a time as any.

As you look over your year-end statements, ask yourself if your investments have performed as you had anticipated.

While no one can predict the future, the best investors plan for, and often achieve, a certain rate of return - or at least a return that lies in a fairly narrow range - each year.

How do they do it?

By understanding their investments - and by choosing a mix that best reflects their individual risk tolerance and time horizon.

So, if each year you find yourself "unpleasantly surprised" at your portfolio's performance, you probably need to make some changes.

By taking these steps before 2006 ends, you just might make 2007 a happy new year.

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EMS Public Hearing To Be Held Regarding Kinney County EMS Personnel Temporary Shortage

There will be a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. on December 18, 2006 at the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas. The purpose of this hearing is to heighten public awareness of the ramifications of having an EMS that is not in compliance with the law. Notice is hereby given that Kinney County Emergency Medical Service has requested a variance from the Texas Department of Health to operate said EMS while not being in compliance with the law. The variance if approved, would allow Kinney County EMS to operate emergency vehicles while responding to and transporting emergency patients. The public is encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact Bruce Hudgens, Director of EMS, at the office (830) 563-9092, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Or visit us at 401 South Ellen St.

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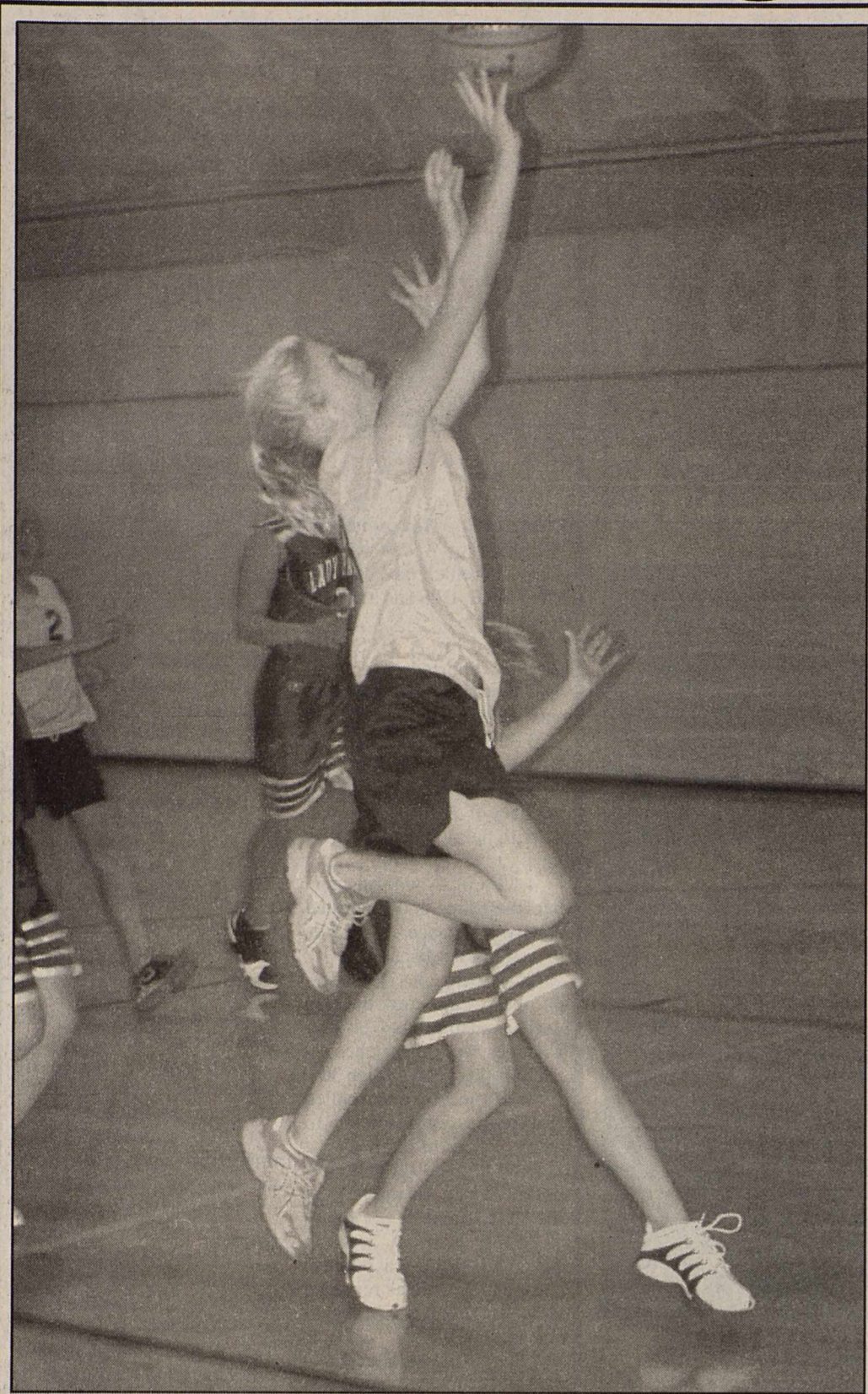
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Taking It To The Net
Eighth grader Kelsey Bruce blazes down the court for the young Tigerettes Nov. 27, vs. Nueces Canyon. Photo by Leigh Volcsko

TIGER STATS

Tuesday, December 6, 2006
Varsity Basketball Non-league Game at Knippa
Brackett Tigers 70, Knippa 67

Score by quarter	1	2	3	4	Final
Brackett Tigers	4	33	15	18	70
Knippa Buffaloes	21	11	17	18	67

Team stats	Brackett	Knippa
Points	70	67
Field goals	23-71 (32.4%)	21-21 (100.0%)
3 point field goals	7-24 (29.2%)	3-3 (100.0%)
Free throws	17-31 (54.8%)	22-23 (95.7%)
Rebounds (Total-Off.)	35-17	1-1
Assists	6	0
Turnovers	20	0
Steals	26	0
Total fouls	26	0
Points in the paint	22	34
Bench points	23	0

Brackett	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	BLK	TO	STL	PF	Knippa
* #20 Nowlin, Lane	24	26	12	1	0	2	3	3	
#25 Rivera, Stevan	8	14	2	2	0	1	3	5	
* #23 Pinales, Ivan	24	8	3	0	0	1	6	4	
* #12 Bonner, Travis	0	7	5	0	1	4	4	5	
#32 Adams, Jr.	16	5	3	0	0	2	3	1	
* #21 Davis, Robert	0	4	2	0	2	1	3	5	
#33 Schroeder, Jacob	16	2	0	0	0	4	2	3	
* #10 Balderas, Chuy	24	2	3	3	0	2	2	0	
#5 Bonner, KJ	16	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	
#30 Cantu, Cesar	24	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	
#50 Stephenson, Mic	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Team totals	32	70	35	6	4	20	26	26	Team totals

Game start time: 11:14 AM; Game length: 20:09
Team rebounds (total-offensive): Brackett Tigers 0-0; Knippa Buffaloes 1-1
Technical fouls: None

J.H. BASKETBALL UPDATE

Submitted by Coach Candi Voyles

B Team Girls
Final Score: Brackett 19; Comstock 22. Top Scorer: Amanda Herrera, 17 points; Erica Villanueva, 2 points. Top Stealer: Amanda Herrera, 9. Top Rebounder: Erica Villanueva, 8.

A Team Girls
Final Score: Brackett, 18; Comstock 22. Top Scorer: Paige

Nowlin, 8. Top Stealer: Paige Nowlin and Kelsey Bruce with 4 each. Top Rebounder: Karley Harris and Stella Guajardo with 4 each.

B Team Boys
Final Score: Brackett 14; Comstock 19. Top Scorer: Keith Castillo and Jaime Sandoval with 4 points each, Stevan Rodriguez, Ricardo Rojas, and Daulton Woodson with 2 points each.

A Team Boys
Final Score: Brackett 31; Comstock 26. Top Scorer: Sam Stewart with 7 points, Brandon Allen and Victor Robledo with 6 points each.



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PUR725 '05 Chevy Impala \$11288	PUR737 '06 Toyota Corolla \$14988	PUR797 '05 Dodge Ram 1500 \$18995
H10616A '03 Buick LaSabre \$11288	PUR738 '06 Toyota Corolla \$14988	T10698A '04 Chevy Tahoe Z71 \$19395
PUR747 '06 Chevy Cobalt \$11488	PUR733 '06 Toyota Corolla \$15988	PUR798 '06 Dodge Ram 1500 \$20995
T10610B '04 Toyota Matrix \$11988	PUR782A '03 Toyota MR2 \$15995	T10502A '04 Toyota Tundra \$22895
PUR696 '06 Chrysler PT Cruiser \$11995	PUR663 '06 Chevy Malibu \$15995	D10594A '05 Dodge Ram 2500 \$24188
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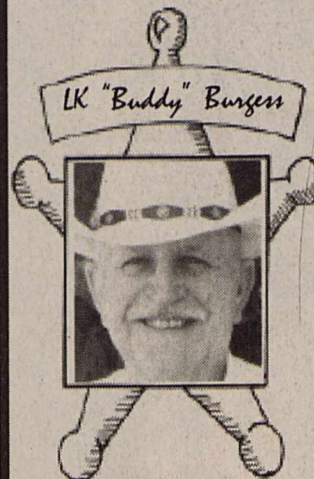
Financing available through Wells Fargo and Citifinancial. Does not apply to previous sales.

*Ricks will be closed
Thursday the 7th
and Friday the 8th
to prepare for this*



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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Wednesday, November 29

5:45 a.m. A motorist reported a vehicle accident on HWY 90 E. DPS and a deputy were notified.

3:02 p.m. A DPS dispatcher reported a reckless driver on HWY 90. A deputy was notified.

3:22 p.m. Grover Wayne Neuman, 52, of San Angelo was arrested for a warrant of burglary of a habitat. Neuman is still being held at press time.

4:30 p.m. A woman came into the office and requested deputy assistance in regards to a domestic dispute.

5:19 p.m. A DPS dispatcher requested backup with a suspicious vehicle. Deputies were dispatched.

Thursday, November 30

8:18 a.m. A woman called and requested someone to check on her brother.

7:54 p.m. A 911 caller reported a man on the side of the road stranded.

11:30 p.m. A woman called to request a deputy, she wanted vehicles removed from her property. A deputy was informed.

Friday, December 1

11:01 p.m. A man reported the alarm sounding at the Catholic church. A deputy was informed of the situation.

Saturday, December 2

1:20 a.m. A man reported a vehicle parked in the middle

of the road on HWY 90. A deputy was dispatched.

8:52 a.m. Sentry Security company reported an alarm sounding at the school. A deputy was dispatched.

10:48 a.m. Lucia Monica Gonzales, 44, of San Antonio was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Gonzales was released on a \$1500 bond.

6:54 p.m. Val Verde SO reported a motorist that hit a tree on HWY 277. Deputies were notified.

7:37 p.m. A DPS employee reported a stolen vehicle. Deputies were notified.

8:10 p.m. A man requested a deputy to check on his brother. A deputy was advised.

Sunday, December 3

2:35 p.m. A woman reported a boy selling sun catchers and returning to her house a second time. A deputy was dispatched.

6:13 p.m. Joe Balderas Jr., 20, of Pasadena was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Balderas is still being held as of press time.

8:33 p.m. A 911 caller reported that they hit a deer on HWY 90.

Monday, December 4

1:33 a.m. A 911 caller reported an accident. Deputies were dispatched to the scene.

3:21 a.m. A woman requested to speak to a deputy. A deputy was informed.

3:10 p.m. A man reported important paper work along the fence of a ranch. Owners of the paper work were notified.

7:32 p.m. A man reported a fire by the City annex. A deputy was dispatched and everything was ok.

9:30 p.m. An anonymous caller reported loud music by their residence. A deputy was dispatched.

Tuesday, December 5

6:33 p.m. A man reported an ATV accident. An ambulance was dispatched and Air Life was put on stand by.

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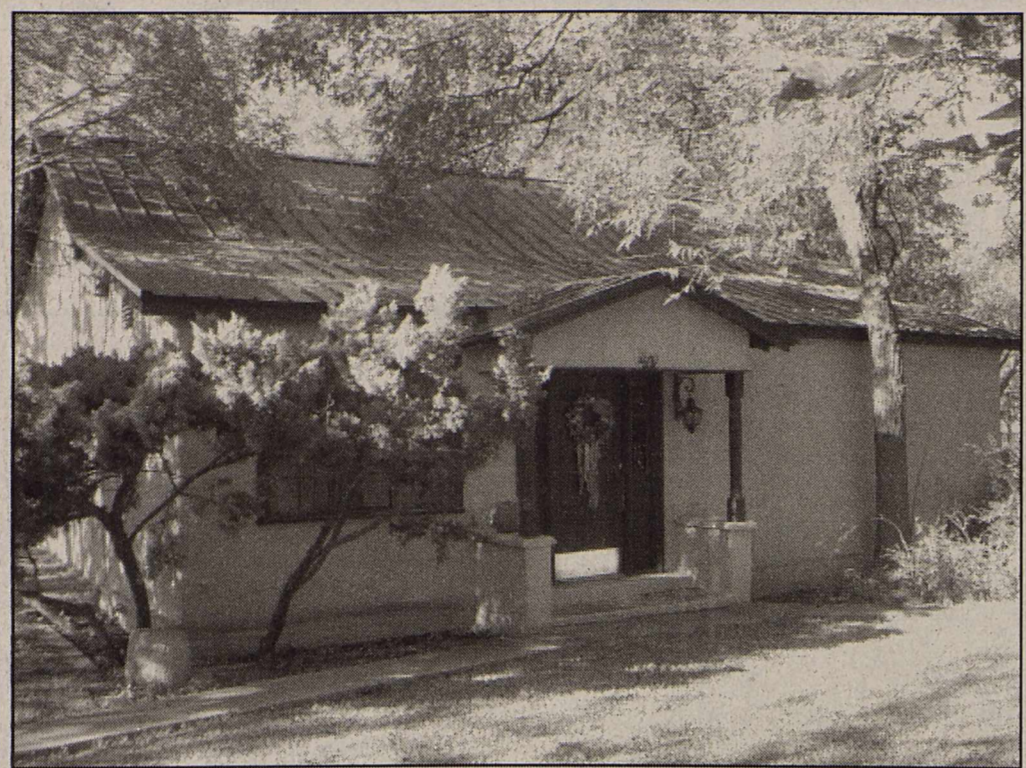
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Tour of Homes
The Riley house is the last of the Kinney County Arts Council Tour of Homes.

Tour of Homes
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, from 2-5 PM is the day you will be able to see house number four and all the others you have previewed. The Kinney County Arts Council Tour of Homes is finally here. Tickets may be purchased at each of the homes and at The Bank & Trust where we will have refreshments and baked goods for sale.

The house at 402 Fritter Street is a timber, stone and stucco built around 1902 by James F. Nance who was a jeweler and watchmaker in Brackettville. He also had a rabbitry and poultry farm on the grounds.

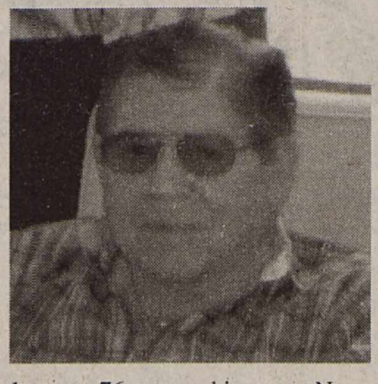
Mr. Nance was responsible for the installation and maintenance of the big clock atop the Kinney County Court House. After his death in 1950 his daughter, Maude Nance Riley lived in the home with her three sons. It was then passed on to her only surviving son, Bill Riley, who with his wife, Orlean, raised their daughters Gail Riley Woodward and Sandi Riley Schubach. The house is currently owned by Gail Woodward and resided in by her daughter, DeeDee Starks Brown who is the fifth generation family member to enjoy the home.

In keeping with the vintage style of the home, decorations will enhance the old fashion antique motif.

OBITUARY

Felix Gonzalez

December 14, 1930 - November 30, 2006



Felix Gonzalez, age 76, entered into rest November 30, 2006 in Brackettville, Texas. He was born December 14, 1930 in Brackettville, Texas.

He served in the United States Air Force was a veteran of the Korean Conflict. He also retired from the Yellow Freight System.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jesus O. Gonzalez and Sara Flores his brothers Carlos Gonzalez, Jose Gonzalez and his sisters Ofelia Guarasuay

He is survived by his brothers, Dan Gonzalez wife Frances, Pablo Gonzalez wife Nora, Jesus Gonzalez wife Elida. Sisters, Olivia Villarreal, Juanita Guzman husband Efrain, Esther Garza, Ramona Kirk husband Herbert, Frances Hidalgo. Numerous Nieces and Nephews. Pallbearers James Wright, Charles Timms, James Gonzalez, Alex Villarreal, Nicholas Wright, Joshua Wright.

Visitation was held Sunday, December 3 at the Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, 114 North St., Brackettville, Texas. A Rosary was held at 7 PM.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, December 4, 2006 at 10 AM at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Graveside services were held Tuesday December 5, 2006 at 1:15 PM at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio Texas. U.S. Air Force conducted Military Honors.



Original Poems By
Cassandra Jane Gomez

This poem is a Happy Birthday poem for one of my cousin's. She celebrated her 18th on Thanksgiving Day, and I never got a chance to wish her a happy birthday. So Emily, I know it's kind of late, but HAPPY BIRTHDAY KID, I love you!!!
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With quick wits and a brilliant mind
Her soul so pure with angel's wings
She helps to guide me through the difficult things
A talented and athletic girl
With enough ambition to take on the world
An addictive smile that always stays
Even through the toughest of days
She will make a special wish tonight
When she blows out each candle light
With her that moment I would love to share
And maybe next time I will be there
Just once I want to be there for you

To watch your birthday wishes true
We'll stand together and you'll cut the cake
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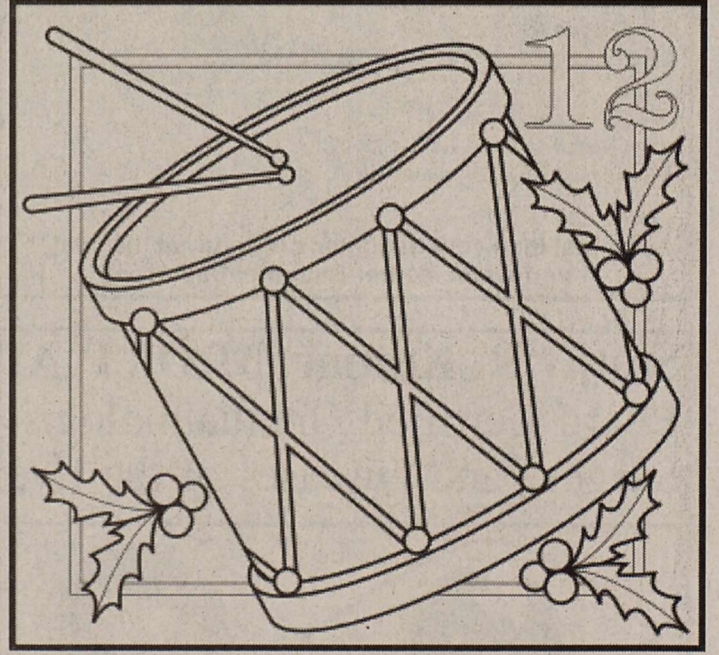
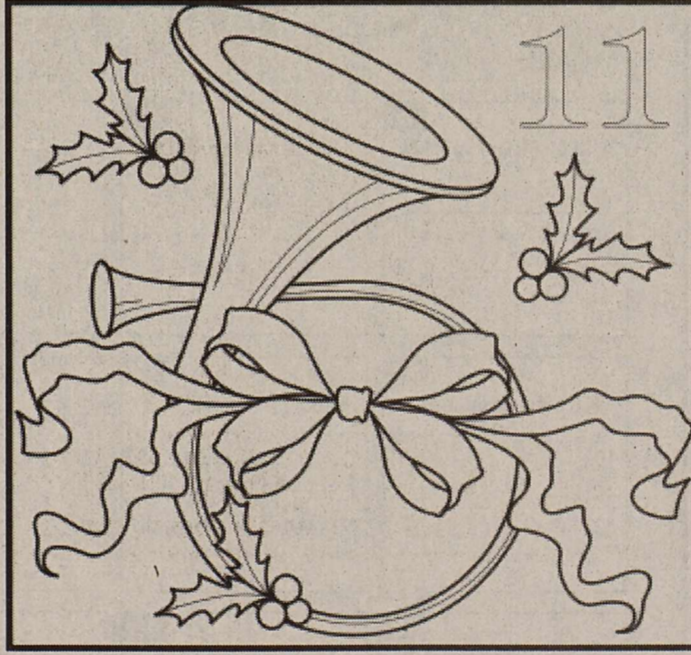
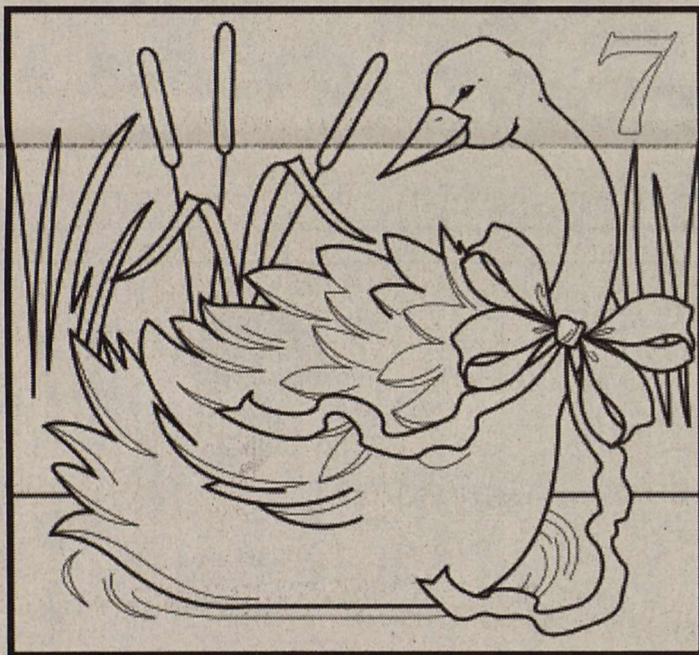
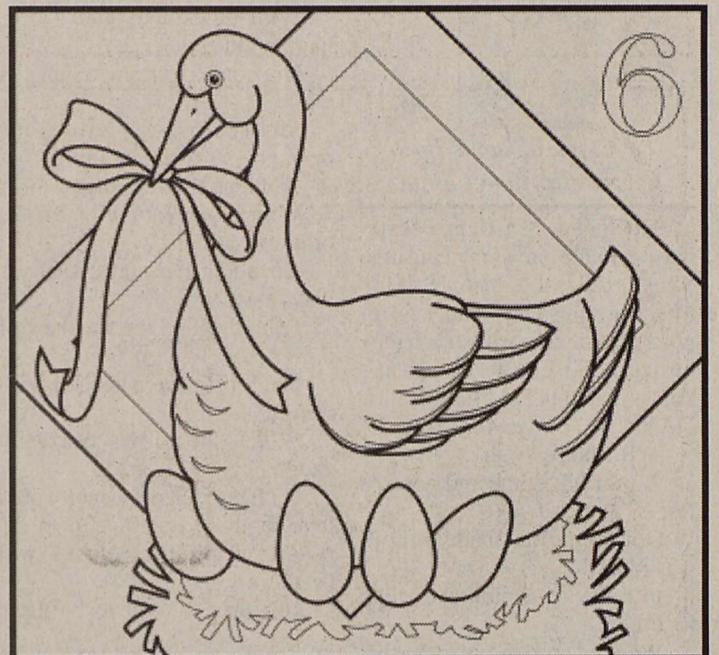
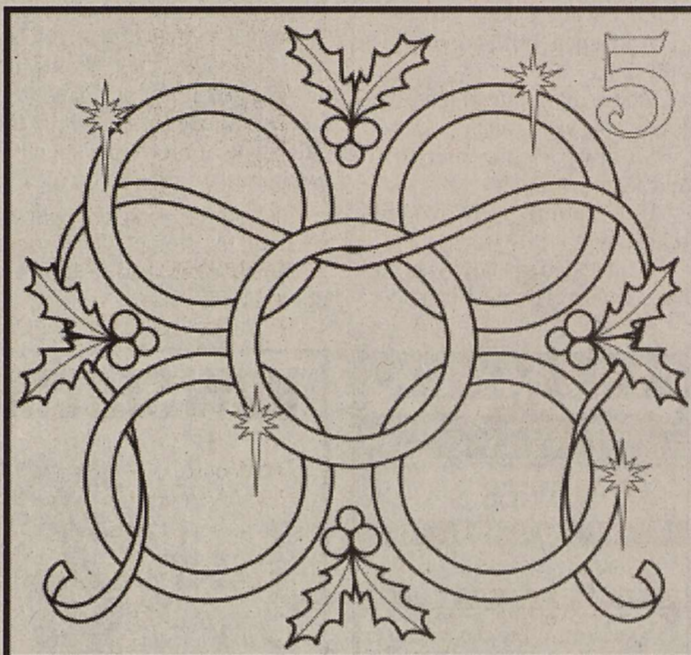
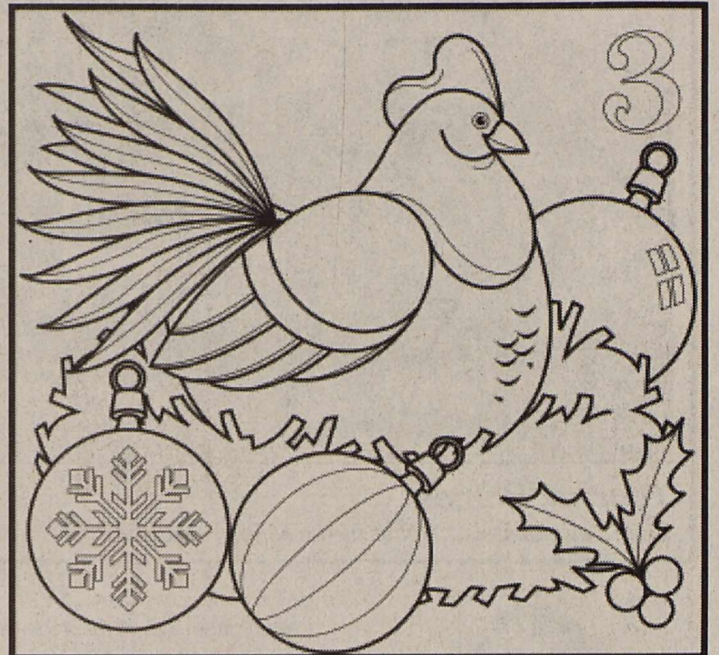
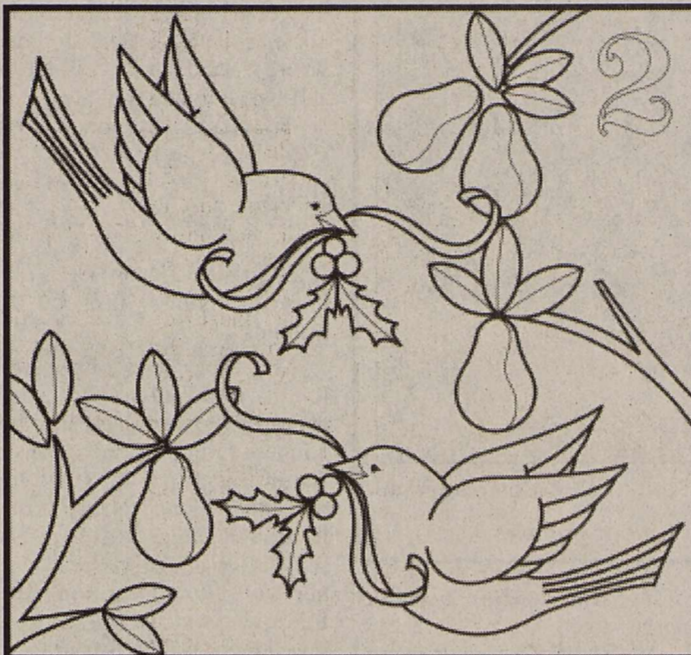
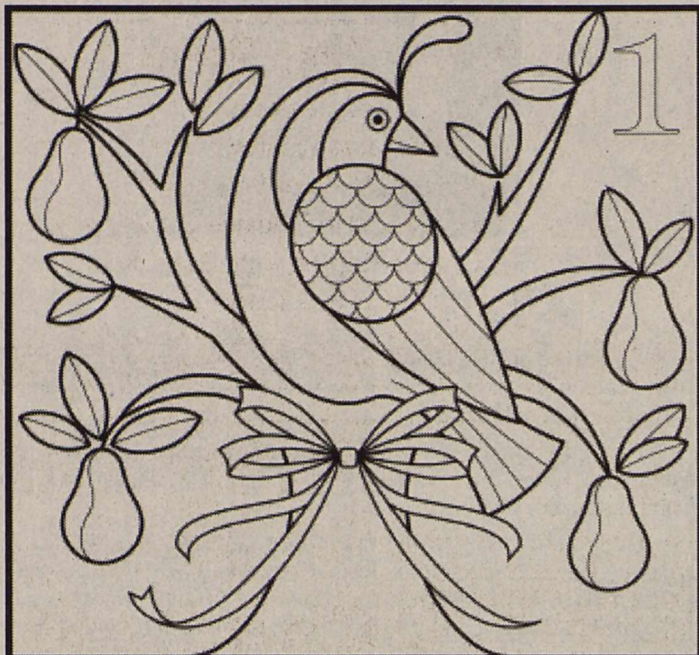
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Rotary Welcomes Exchange Student

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Rotary Club President, Glen White welcomed Jeffrey Mahl of the Del Rio Rotary Club and Rotary Exchange student, Sylva Vachovcova from Trest, Czech Republic, at the regular noon luncheon Thursday, November 30th. Mr. Mahl introduced Sylva who charmed the Rotary members with her portrayal of life in her home country and how delighted she was to be an exchange student in Del Rio.

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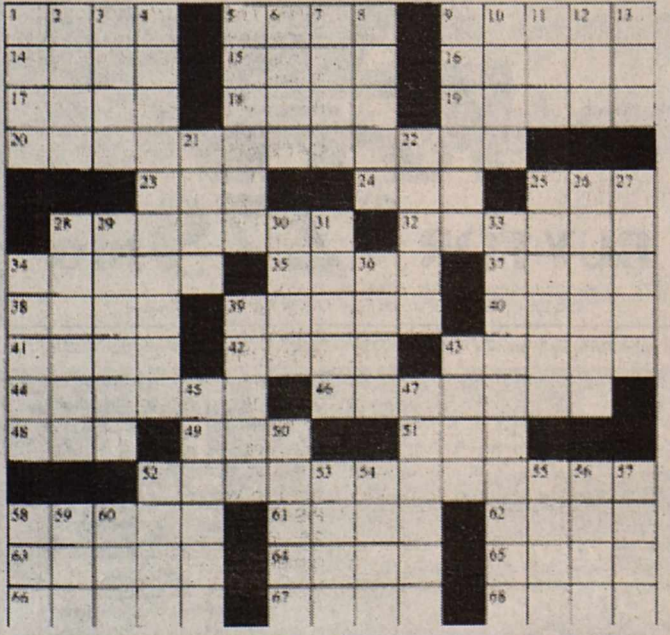
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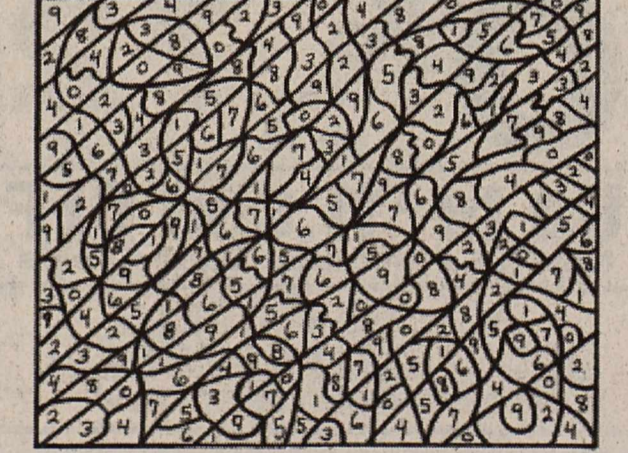
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Extend across
5 Sassy one
9 Lacking freshness
14 Capital city
15 Gambler's destination
16 Bed item
17 Particle
18 From Libya to Egypt
19 Della
20 Elegant desserts
23 Kitchen item
24 Bark
25 Refreshing spot
28 Hotel employee
32 Note
34 FDR's mom and others
35 Hair division
37 River in Italy
38 Run
39 Transparent pieces
40 Fasteners
41 Word with nurse's or teacher's
42 Archaic
43 Item made of animal parts
44 Company
46 Counseled
48 MMM
49 Suffix for old, bold or ood
51 Insect
52 "How are you?" and "Isn't the weather lovely!"
58 Paragon
61 Outer coat
62 Black
63 Weapon
64 Icelandic literature
65 Place with many trees
66 Go into
67 Whiskered animal
68 Layers of earth
DOWN
1 Flat piece
2 Type of bread
3 Fun... become wild
4 Identifying markers
5 Out of
6 Exhausted
6 Artificial's opposite
7 Handle
8 Hotsy-totsy
9 Abrade
10 Digits
11 "Maria"
12 Man's nickname
13 Homonym for "air"
21 Currency
22 Brae wear
25 1 of 13 on Old Glory
26 Wrote
27 Got out of bed
28 Silver-white element
29 Disintegrates
30 Semi-gracious stone
31 Black-and-white creature
33 Wall hangings
34 Word with up or back
36 Clarinet
39 Sheriff's team
43 Do a beautician's job
45 Check cashier
47 Destructive one
50 Weight allowances
52 Gait
53 1 of 8 on an octagon
54 "partridge in a pear tree."
55 Of an Asian nation: pref.
56 ___ out a living; got by
57 Wee, tiny and minute: abbr.
58 ___ de France
59 Rather
60 Ending for absorb or depend



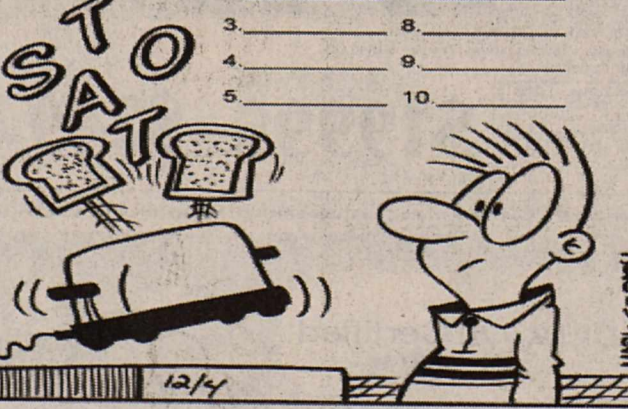
Mystery Mosaic
DIRECTIONS: TO REVEAL THE MYSTERY MOSAIC PICTURE, DARKEN ALL PIECES NUMBERED 1, 5, 6, and 7.



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WORD PILE By Mark Szorady
COMBINE THE LETTERS TO MAKE TEN WORDS. EACH WORD CONTAINS AT LEAST THREE LETTERS.

1. _____ 6. _____
2. _____ 7. _____
3. _____ 8. _____
4. _____ 9. _____
5. _____ 10. _____



ANSWERS: OAT, CATS, SAT, TOAST, TAT, TATS, SAT.

SUDOKU
Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.
The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.
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Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
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		7	3					2
2	3				5			7
		1		9				
1				2		6	9	
	2	9		8	4			
	8	4						3
				6		7		
4			8				6	5
	1				2	9		

Photos of the Week

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Don't miss the run-off!

Here's why

Your vote will determine your future. Henry Bonilla and Ciro Rodriguez have opposite records on the issues that matter most to you. Vote in this upcoming special election and make your voice heard.

On Taxes

Henry Bonilla voted **against the Death Tax** and for **cutting income taxes and the marriage penalty tax**. Ciro Rodriguez voted the exact opposite on every issue, and even voted eight times against lowering the marriage penalty tax.

On Terrorism

Henry Bonilla voted to **create the Department of Homeland Security** and to **fully fund those agencies fighting terrorism**. Ciro Rodriguez voted against strengthening our borders two weeks after 9/11.

On Private Property

Henry Bonilla has consistently voted to **protect private property rights** and is **pushing a law that stops government from seizing your land for special interests**. Ciro Rodriguez supported seizing private lands in West Texas, and voted to keep you from stopping government land seizures.

Early voting ends Friday, Dec. 8
Election Day is Tuesday, Dec. 12

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