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Smitty's Place - Up In Smoke

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

Above: The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department battled against strong winds on Saturday, Feb. 24, as a raging fire destroyed an abandoned pole barn on Hwy 90. The barn was filled with flammable liquid tanks that repeatedly exploded as they were exposed to the heat.

Right: Dianne Woods Olvera, visiting family in Brackettville, captured this photo of the heavy smoke created by burning tires. The smoke at times obstructed traffic on the highway.



Courtesy Photo by Dianne Woods Olvera

Blaze turns barn and old bus to ash

On Saturday, Feb 24, a fire, believed to have been started by a downed electrical wire, destroyed an abandoned pole barn located on Hwy. 90, west in Brackettville.

City resident and volunteer fireman, Jeff Luna, reported a budding fire to the Kinney County Sheriff Department (KCSO) at 3:29 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

The building, surrounded by more than 40 old school busses, was filled with heavy machinery, car batteries, tires and various flammable gas tanks.

The tanks, exposed to the heat and flames, exploded thunderingly and drew in dozens of spectators from across the county.

A thick cloud of smoke from burning tires, also stored in the barn, billowed high above the scene and obstructed traffic on Hwy. 90 for more than one half hour.

Immediately attending to the

fire were members of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD).

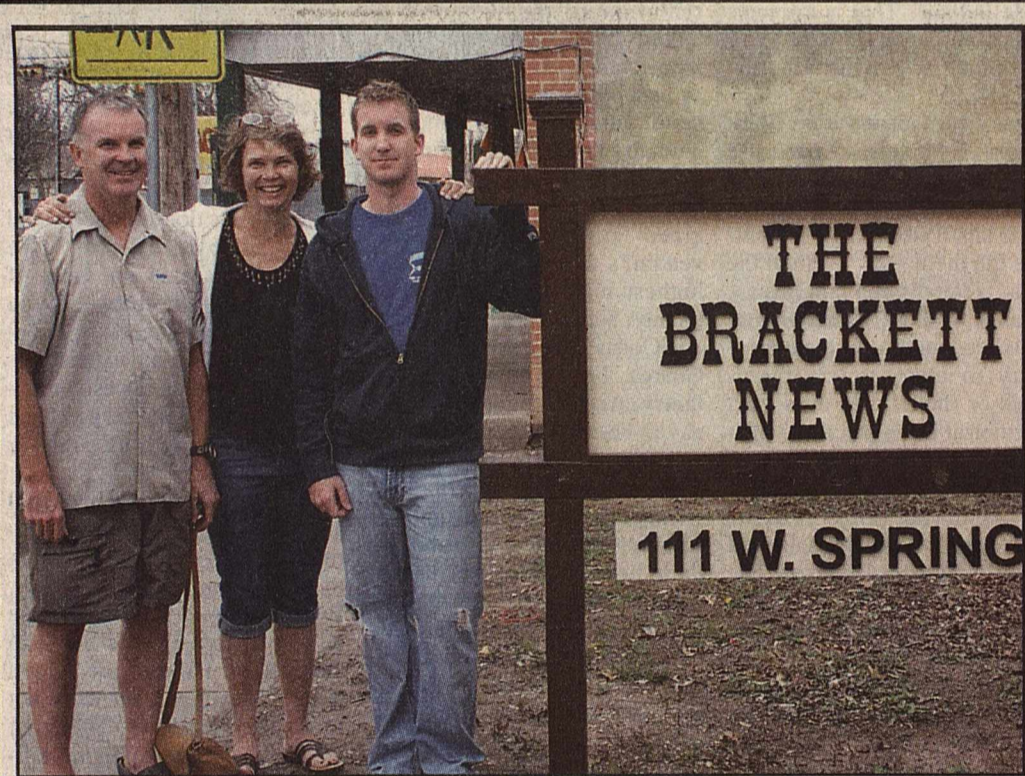
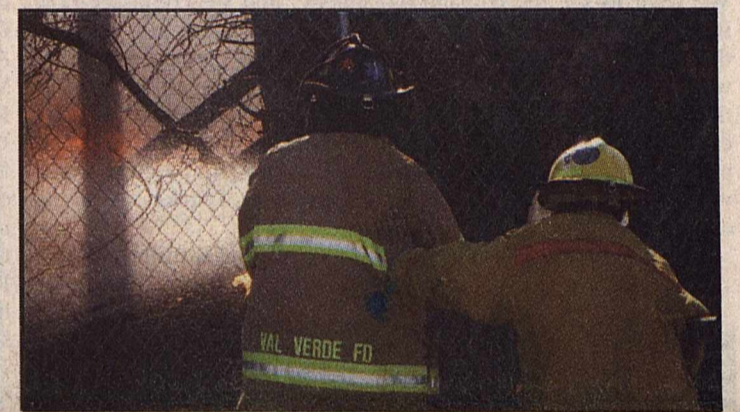
Within two hours, about a dozen firemen and several ordinary citizens, with bandanas tied over their faces, were able to get the fire under control.

BVFD was later assisted by one tank truck and one brush truck from the Val Verde Rural Volunteer Fire Department.

Central Power & Light, owners of the downed electrical wire, were contacted by KCSO, but linemen from Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. were at the scene to disconnect power.

The wire, hot with electricity, was draped across the westside alley and prevented fire trucks from entering the site from the north.

Luna stated he believes the strong winds caused the electrical wire to fall and spark some dry grass, but expects that area fire marshals will investigate the matter further.



Meet The Bracketts

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

From Left: Jim, Pat and Ian Brackett of Parksville, British Columbia, Canada recently made a visit to Brackettville. Jim Brackett, interested in the history of the town, spent the day looking for information related to his name and for a good coffee shop. History he found, but a Starbucks he did not!

Mestas takes queen title

Nicole Mestas was crowned queen at the Universal Royalty Pageant on Saturday, Feb. 24, in San Antonio.

Mestas gleaned a beautiful crown for the title and five trophies for Best Portfolio, Best Dressed, Best Composite, Most Photogenic and Miss Congeniality.

The young beauty is no stranger to winning, as she recently took the title for Mini Miss Del Rio and holds other titles across the state.

The baby beauty will enter into competition Mar. 3, at the Universal Sweethearts National Pageant in Houston.

Mestas is currently sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Guillermo Leos of M's Tires, in Brackettville, Paige Weatherby of Paige's Gifts, in Brackettville and Claudia and Sammy Lopez of Intermind Connection-Dreams of Crowns, of Del Rio.

Mestas, a pre-kinder student at Brackett ISD, is the daughter of Debra and Ruben, of Brackettville.



Homegrown Beauty

Courtesy Photo

Nicole Mestas, a pre-kinder student at BISD, was crowned queen at the Universal Royalty Pageant in San Antonio. Mestas is the daughter of Debra and Ruben, of Brackettville.

News BRIEFS

McNamara Pottery

John McNamara's pottery is on display at The Brackett News Office, 111 W. Spring St. The public is welcome to view and even purchase these unique art pieces.

Band Plate Sale

Tiger Band BBQ Plate sale (\$5.00 per plate) Sunday, March 4th from 11am to 2 pm at the Shahan Park. Plate includes barbeque chicken, pinto beans, spanish rice, potato salad and bread. (Pre) Tickets are being sold by any Junior High or High school band student. For more information or to buy tickets contact Pam Hale 830-563-5432 or Sylvia Torres 830-765-4158. Support the Tiger Band!!!!

School Calendar

Friday 03/02: Baseball Tourney @ Three Rivers TBA Saturday 03/03: Boys baseball Tourney @ Three Rivers TBA Monday 03/05: Boys Golf Harper Longhorn Tourn. @ Hidden Springs Golf Course 9am Shotgun. JH Tennis @ Nueces Canyon Tuesday 03/06: Softball @ Dilley 6pm, Girls Golf Tourn @ Hidden Springs Golf Course in Harper 9am Shotgun Thursday 03/08: Baseball Dilley Tourney TBA, High School Track @ Carrizo

Springs, High School Tennis @ Brackett. Friday 03/09: Boys Golf Uvalde Coyote Invitational @ Uvalde Memorial Park Golf Course, Progressive start. Boys Baseball Dilly Tourney TBA, Junior High Track @ La Pryor, High School Tennis @ Brackett. Saturday 03/10: Boys Golf Uvalde Invitational @ Uvalde Memorial Park Golf Course 8:30 am Shotgun, Boys Baseball Dilly Tourney TBA.

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Quilt Exhibit

An exhibit will be at John Nance Garner Museum, 333 North Park St. Uvalde, Texas. February 6 through March 17, 2006, call 830 278-5018 for more information.

Elks Charity Golf Tournament

March 3 at the Fort Clark Springs Golf Course, Brackettville, Texas. Shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m., 4 person team, it will be scramble format. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, third and fourth place teams.

Country Music Opry

The Uvalde Arts Council will be hosting performances by John Conlee, Vale & Alyssa Rodriguez, Liz Talley, and Trey Wilson on March 3, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Opera House in Uvalde. Tickets are \$15 each. Ticket information call 830-278-4184.

City Council Election

The first day to file an application for City Council Place 1, (position currently held by Ponce Padron) and City Council Place 3, (position currently held by Mary Flores) was Feb.12. The last day to file is March 12, at 5pm at City Hall.

Relay for Life

Organize a Team and Be a Part of the 2nd Annual Relay for Life April 28th-29th. The theme this year is be a super hero against cancer by raising money for research to beat cancer. Please contact Angie Steelman at 563-5142 for more information on forming a team for Relay for Life.

2 Days Later

For a second year in a row, the Country Gospel Singing Group called "2 Days Later" is back in Brackettville and will be sharing and leading in the Worship Services at First Baptist Church this Sunday Morning at 11:00. First Baptist Church is located at 301 North Ann Street. For more information please call 563-2245.

Charity Cake Walk

Relay for Life Teams Aloha I and Aloha ATPE will be sponsoring a fundraising cake walk March 4, at 1 pm in the school parking lot. The public is asked to support the teams as they raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Arts Council Of Eagle Pass

The Arts Council of Eagle Pass will be presenting Simplemente Lara at the C.C. Winn Auditorium at 7:30 pm on Saturday March 17, 2007. General Admission is \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the follow-

ing locations: The Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce (830) 773-3224, Davis Used Cars & Parts, Inc. (830) 773-2812 and The Herring Law Firm, PC (830) 757-5879.

Annual Rummage Sale

First United Methodist Church will hold its annual rummage sale beginning at 9 AM on Friday, March 2nd and continuing from 9 AM to noon on Saturday, March 3rd. The sale will take place in Slaton Hall across the street from the church building on James Street and the clinic. There are many bargains, and all the money raised goes into the Church's Outreach fund.

Bike Raffle

The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a Bike Raffle. Three Prizes! Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Donations are welcome. The Drawing will be Sat., March 10.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday Mostly Sunny
High: 74
Low: 43

Saturday Sunny
High: 68
Low: 38

Sunday Sunny
High: 69
Low: 41

Letter to the **EDITOR**

Free Gilmer

TBN story printed Jan. 25, 2007

We believe the prosecution of Deputy Gilmer was the result of the Mexican Policy of getting every unemployed and unemployable Mexican out of Mexico and into the U.S.

One of their strategies is to dilute and weaken our enforcement efforts on the border.

The manner in which they do this is to intimidate our judicial system into prosecuting any case involving a Mexican citizen, regardless the merits of the incidents.

I know of several officers and private citizens who have paid the price, either through civil or criminal courts.

Each case was influenced by the Mexican governments involvement and intimidation.

The acquiescences of our lawmen and prosecutors especially federal prosecutors, shaving the desired effects they wanted.

Our law agencies have been greatly restricted and become passive in their efforts.

At the same time the illegals and smugglers are more aggressive and confrontational.

It doesn't make sense to spend all this money to secure the border then to leave a gaping hole in it by crippling our law enforcement.

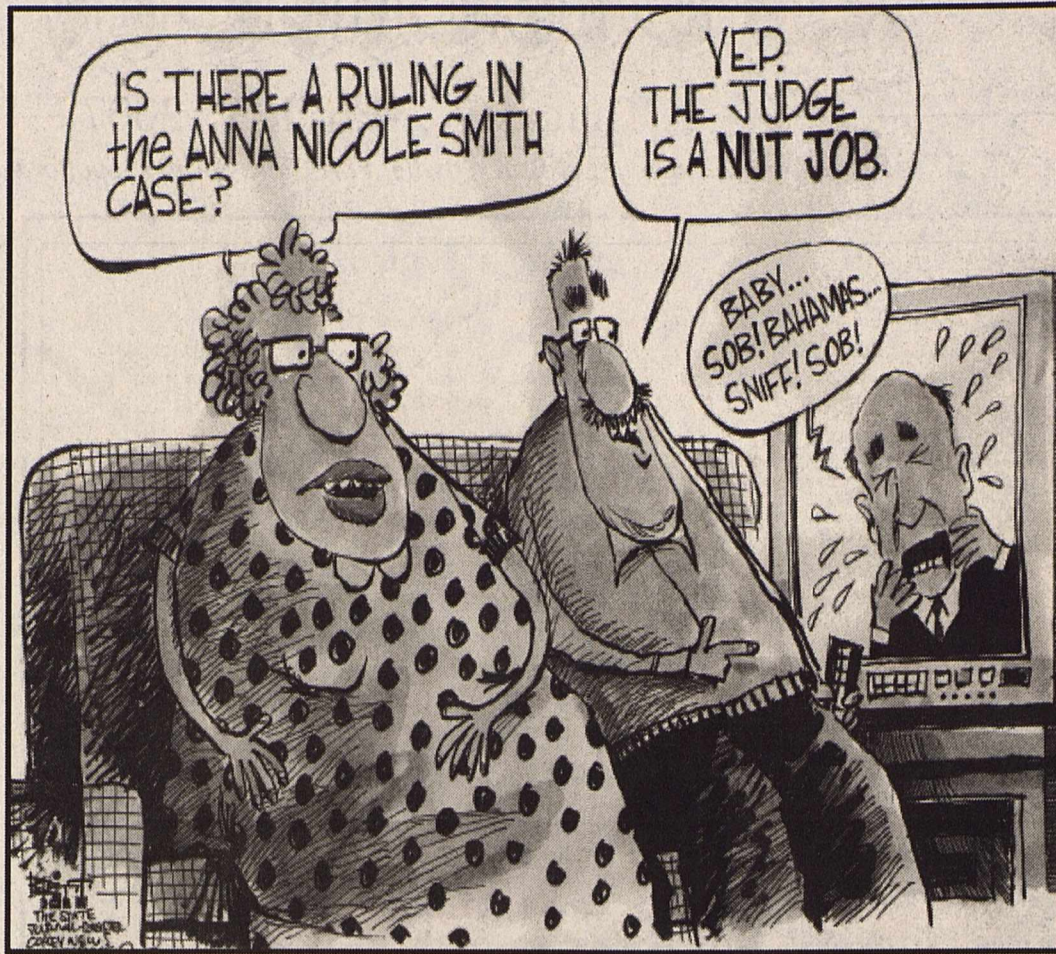
I never thought Mexico, or any country, would make our border policies and in effect open up a big gap in our border.

C.E. "Dob" Cunningham
Quemado, Texas

A very impressive action

On Saturday, the 24th, my husband and I were golfing on the par 3 course with a couple visiting us from Sonora. That was the day the wind was extremely strong, the fire alarm went off, and we saw the sky fill with black smoke. We were all concerned about the wind and fire, and decided to see where was the fire. We left Fort Clark and saw the highway blocked. My friend is a volunteer fireman and EMT in Sonora. She was extremely impressed as to how fast the police, firemen and others responded. We went to see the damage on Sunday, and we could see how well the fire was contained. No houses or lives were lost. She said that for a little town, we should all be proud of the houses or lives were lost. She said that for a little town, we should all be proud of the quick action taken. With that strong wind, a major disaster could have developed. But with quick action, more damage was prevented from occurring. She thanks all of you and gives you a very big compliment. I was also impressed. Thanks for taking care of us.

Kathleen Warm
Sitka, AK



Let your light shine!



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Our success in FLYING comes at the heels of two important words: Persistence and Consistency. When we look at our own history we see an inconsistency in how we looked at our housework. You know the old story of stash and dash, crisis cleaning and then crash and burn. This left our homes in shambles after a few short days. Then we would beat ourselves up because of it!

I had to deal with this when I made my final attempt at getting organized in 1999. On January 1st, I spent all day looking at why Pam and Peggy's card file system never worked for very long for me. It was not that it was not a good system; it was, but it was how I did it was the problem. I would go gung ho for several days and then run out of steam. Then the guilt would enter into the equation and I would not want to look at the box and stick it under the counter.

As I examined why their system only worked for a little while; I realized a major factor. I was working too hard and not letting the system to work for me. I had not ever established habits. I only let the cards guide me and it didn't matter what order they were in. If getting dressed popped up at 3 in the afternoon that was when I did it, that is so alien to me now. I also had way too many cards. With my perfectionism, I thought if one card was good then a card for everything I do would be much better. Boy was I wrong. That abundance of cards was overwhelming! I would give up!

Giving up is our lack of persistence. We do this all the time when we say we don't have time or that is too hard. We just throw in the towel and begin to whine, "that too hard, too many emails or she doesn't understand my situation is different." We are persistence in one area of our lives; we hate change. If you are not finding success it is because what you have been doing is not working. Doesn't common sense tell you that you have to change something and try again.

Thomas Edison through trial and error and persistence eventually discovered the filament that would glow in a glass bulb. Every failure for him was one less thing that he was going to have to try! Failures are a good thing. They teach us what not to do the next time. That is if we don't get hung up in our failures and beat ourselves up for them. Use them as a learning experience and keep plugging away.

Every mistake I have made in my life helps me to grow and become wiser! If I had given up I would not have become FlyLady. If we don't learn from our mistakes we are destined to make the same ones again and again! So looking back on that fateful January 1, 1999, I realize that I had never established a habit and I had been too hard on myself. That day I determined that I would be nice to me and practice one habit. Shining my sink was all I had to do for the whole month!

Let's just say I was persistent in my quest to get organized and along with that persistence I used the consistency of doing one thing every day to help me find the peace that I knew was out there! It worked for me and it has worked hundreds of thousands of people as well. When you find something that works you stick with it. We don't try to reinvent the light bulb every time we screw one in a socket; we trust it and don't waste our time trying to improve on it. We are very creative people and we love to do things our way or shall I say try to make better a system. As you establish the basic habits you are going to begin to feel your light shining brightly! You can't skip the most important steps of Persistence and Consistency.

Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts to be Honor Guard Unit for Ft. Clark Memorial

During their January 2007 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Fort Clark Historical Society votes to make the Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts the honor guard unit for the memorial under construction in front of the old Ft. Clark Officer's Club. Conceived as The U.S. Army Unit Memorial by Mr. William Haem (LTC US Army Retired), the memorial fly's the United States Army Flag on a flag pole mounted on the larger of two stone cairns which once held the Administration Sign for the Brown and Root Guest Ranch. Three bronze plaques listing all of the Army units that served at Ft. Clark between 1852 and 1947 are mounted on three sides of the cairn. A fourth plaque listing Medal of Honor winners, who served at Ft. Clark during their career is being researched by Mr. Haem.

The smaller stone cairn is mounted with four bronze plaques listing all of the men who served with the Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts between their formation in 1870 and 1914 when the scouts were disbanded. When ceremonies are held at the memorial, the guidon of the Scouts is inserted into a holder on top the cairn.

The Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts were recruited at Ft. Duncan, Eagle Pass, Texas in 1870 and moved with their families to Ft. Clark, Brackettville, Texas in 1872, where they served with distinction from 1872-1892 and again from 1899 until disbanded in 1914. They were recruited along with members of many other American Indian tribes to lead the U.S. Army to hostile Indians who were unwilling to move to Indian reservations after the American Civil War. They were

enlisted in the United State Scouts and served as an Army Detachment while at Ft. Clark. As one army Officer observed, "It takes an Indian to catch an Indian".

The Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts were elected honor guard unit for the following reasons:

1. Their thirty-three years of service here made them the longest serving military unit to serve at Ft. Clark. Only the 5th U.S. Cavalry with over twenty years of service at the fort comes close to their record.

2. The Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts won four Medals of Honor for valor while serving at Ft. Clark. All of them for saving the lives of their white officers while fighting outnumbered in engagements with renegade Indians. That is the most Medals of Honor earned by any unit of their size in the U.S. history.

It is the intent of the Ft. Clark Historical Society to purchase and install a life size statue of a Seminole-Negro Indian Scout on the small stone cairn to complete the memorial. To fund the statue, veterans and families associated with Ft. Clark or memorialized units have the opportunity to memorialize themselves or their loved ones with a memorial brick inscribed with the name and service history of themselves or a related veteran. The memorial bricks will be used to pave the ground around the unit memorial cairns. The goal is to sell 1,000 memorial bricks in order to complete the project. Donations for the statue, of any size, will accepted by the Society, but each memorial brick will cost \$100.00. Service members to be memorialized do not have to be veterans of the Army, or current resi-

dents of Ft. Clark Springs. Any veteran or family of a veteran who wishes to purchase a brick may do so if they meet any of the following criteria;

a. The veteran served at Ft. Clark between 1852 and 1946.

b. The veteran served in any unit that was ever stationed at Ft. Clark. this would include veterans of WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, or later wars who served anywhere with decedents of the Ft. Clark units listed on the memorial plaques.

c. Any veteran of any of the American armed forces who lives at Ft. Clark or is related to anyone who is was a Ft. Clark Springs resident, or who had an ancestor who served at Ft. Clark.

Any person making any contribution to the memorial is asked to provide their first name, last name, street address or post office box number, city, state, and zip code, and the amount of their donation in cash or check for our contributors list. If a memorial brick is desired please include the veteran's first name, last name, highest military rank, service (Army, Navy < Marines, Army Air Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard), branch of service (Infantry, Armor, Signal Corps, or navel vessel name, or unit of wartime service); and inclusive dates of service (1942-1945 for example). The service member's information will be inscribed on their brick before it is laid at the memorial.

Any checks should be made out to the Fort Clark Historical Society and annotated "Veterans Memorial Statue." Mail contributions ad documentation to the Ft. Clark Historical Society P.O. Box 1061, Brackettville, TX 78832

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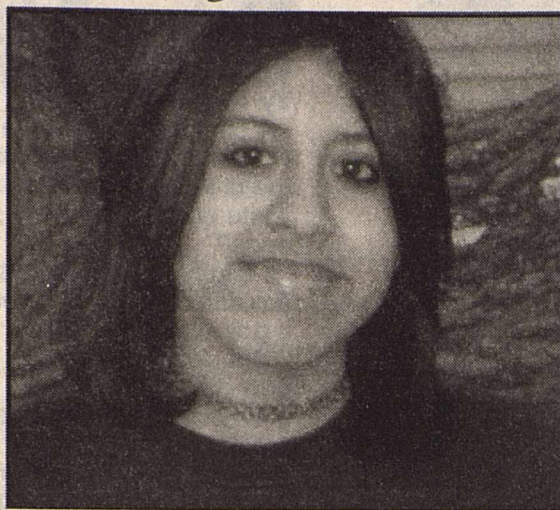
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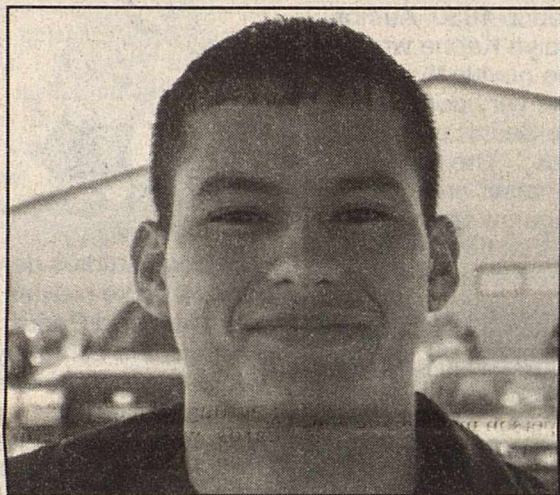
BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Class of 2007



Amanda Rosas

Name: Amanda Michelle Rosas
Mother: Michelle Hernandez
Father: Jr. Rosas
Family: Flip, Celina, Manny; Alex, JT, Roman and Issac.
What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: Going to SWTJC and maybe transfer to San Antonio to design school.
What Teacher Influenced You The Most? Mrs. Rueda, I took some of her sewing classes and I just feel in love with sewing, she really inspired me to design clothes, that's why I want to be a fashion designer, also she is really great at teaching about sewing, cooking, and looking at clothes carefully.
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate? Well, family of course, and my friends and I won't forget my boyfriend, he's always been there for me, I love him always.



Ivan Pinales

Name: Ivan Pinales
Mother: Rocío Pinales
Father: Arnold A. Pinales
Siblings: Arnold Jr., Adam, Jonathon, Jairo, Judith
Family: Grandfather Fidencio Pinales
What are your plans after graduation? Go to college hopefully at UTSA in San Antonio. I would like to major in Criminal Justice.
What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Ballaw because she has pushed me the most to do my work and has helped me alot. She is a teacher I have had all the four years of high school and she has encouraged me through it all.
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate? I will miss family and friends. I will also miss being in sports and being able to compete against others.

KC Little League update

KC Little League is looking for Kinney County's Past Time Little League Players to be honored at the 2007 Opening Ceremonies on March 24th. If you played Little League ball in Kinney County 20, 30, or 40+ years ago, please contact Theresa Quiroz at 563-2235. KC Little League hosts Baseball Clinic for Major League Players (ages 9-12) on March 4, 2007, from 12 noon - 5 p.m., at the KC Little League field. Registration fee is \$5 per child. Camp Instruction by Wayne Benson, includes hitting, fielding, and basic fundamentals. Wayne Benson played 7 yrs. Triple A ball for the Ft. Lauderdale Yankees, where he played in the Florida State League Championship game. Mr. Benson also played 2 yrs. in Mexico and Canada. Come join the fun with Wayne Benson! Last Chance to Register! Little League registration for all age divisions will be as follows: Saturday, March 3, 12 PM - 2 PM, HS Gym. Sunday, March 4, 12

PM - 5 PM, KCLL Field. The registration fee will be \$30 for one child and \$55 for 2 or more children. Also, please bring a 12-pack of sodas for the concession stand. You will need to bring the child's birth certificate and be able to show proof of residency.

TIGER TRACK UPDATE

Submitted by Coach B. Schroeder

We traveled to Uvalde for our first meet Saturday, 24th February, 2007.

Last year our numbers were down on the boy's side of the track program...competing most of the 2006 season with 9 dedicated boys, but this year we have increased our numbers to 26!!!

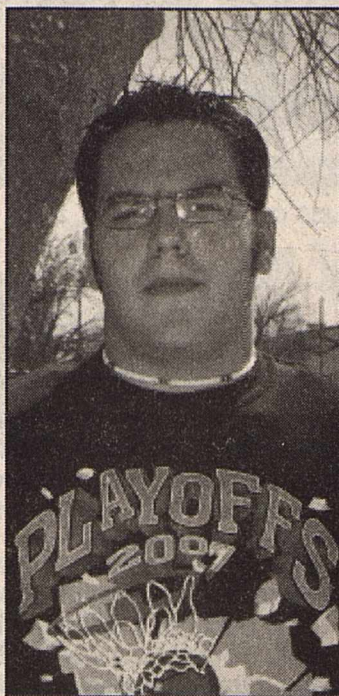
However, while we have had an increase in numbers we also had increased conflicts with other sports...but after our Spring Break Holiday all of these should clear themselves up and we will see more events entered.

On Saturday the following boys competed:

Fermin Villanueva, Albert Flores, John Moore, Moises Gonzalez, Chris Blake, Steven Brinker, Izzy Muniz, Cullen Duncan, Charles Conoly, Raul Rivas, Victor Cantu.

All of the boys gave a great effort, as for many of these guys, it was the first time competing in a high school meet.

John Moore had a good first meet effort taking first place in the Discus with a throw of 124'-3".



Fermin Villanueva made it through the prelims and advancing to the finals in the 200m run, where he placed 5th.

Our next meet is Thursday, 1st March at LaPryor.

We will have boys competing in both Varsity and Jr. Varsity.

Our first meet of the Junior High Boy's track season will be this Friday, 2nd March in Del Rio.

TIGERETTE TRACK UPDATE

Submitted by Coach Dusty Brotherton

Varsity girls track team were the Champions at the Uvalde track meet on Saturday, Feb. 24.

The 400 meter relay team placed first with, Brook Gose, Daphne Hunt, Bianca Stewart and Sam Moore running for a time of 54.5.

The 800 meter relay team placed first with Stewart, Moore, Bianca Terrazas and Harmony Pettett running with a time 1:58.3. The 1600 meter relay team placed first with Stewart, Hunt, Katie Braesicke and Bailee Allen running with a time of 4:40.4. In the 3200 meter run, Pettett placed third with a time of 14:18.

In the high hurdles, B. Allen placed second with a time of 18.2 and Becca Mann placed fourth with a time of 18.3.

In the 800 meter run, Hunt

placed third with a time of 2:45.5. In the 400 meter run, Braesicke placed first with a time of 68.4.

In the Int. hurdles, B. Allen placed third with a time of 53.4 and Mann placed fourth with a time of 55.5. In the 200 meter run, Moore placed first with a time of 28.7 and Terrazas placed fourth with a time of 30.5.

In the 1600 meter run, Pettett placed fourth with a time of 6:19.

In the Shot Put, B. Allen placed first by throwing 30' 7 1/2". In the discus, Bianca Martinez placed first by throwing 94' 11" and Allen placed third throwing 81' 1".

In the triple jump, Hunt placed second, Terrazas placed third and Gose placed fifth. In the long jump, Moore placed second. In the high jump, Stewart placed first jumping 4'10" and Moore placed second jumping 4'8".

Rummage Sale

United Medical Center's Parking lot
 Hosted by: The Antibodies
 Sat. March 3, 2007
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Eggs Are Eggs, Whatever Color!
By Pickle

A customer asked me the other day, "What's the difference between white eggs and brown eggs?" I told him, "The colors are different," and we had a good laugh. But, really, that is the only difference. White chickens lay white eggs and brown eggs come from "brownish" chickens. The largest producing chicken species for white eggs is the white leghorn. So, we get a lot of white eggs. Some people say brown eggs are healthier than white ones. The Egg Nutrition Center in Washington, D.C., says the color of the shell has nothing to do with egg quality, flavor, or nutritional value.

Explore Your Family Tree!

By Juniper
Does your family have a "family tree?" If you are a squirrel, then you have a "family tree." "Squirrel." "Family tree." Get it? But the family tree I am talking about is a listing of your ancestors and relatives — your parents' parents, and their parents, and their parents. In some middle and junior high schools, students in history classes have to make family trees as assignments. This is not only a good idea to make history personal for every student, but it's a great way to learn more about your extended family. Several years ago, I started a family genealogy (jee-nee-OL-uh-jee) project to find out more about my ancestors. "Genealogy" is the study of family and history. My great-grandfather (my grandfather's father) was a mystery in our family. The family had heard he was an orphan

in New Orleans and left the orphanage to join the Confederate Army during the Civil War. But, the story goes, because he was so young (16), the army would not make him a soldier, or even a drummer boy. So, rather than go back to the orphanage, he marched north until he ran into a Union Army unit — and became a drummer boy! Was the family story true? I wanted to know more about this interesting relative! After months of research on the Internet, writing letters to various government and private agencies and groups (church records, Census reports and city documents), here's what I learned about my great-grandfather: He left a Catholic orphanage in 1863 and joined the 9th Connecticut Brigade. His father's name was George, his mother's name was Josephine, and his two brothers were named George and Constance. His entire family probably died in a yellow



fever epidemic (a sickness carried by mosquitoes) in 1850 when my great-grandfather was almost 4. In the Army, he served as a drummer boy until the end of the war and his unit was in six battles. I even found his name in a book written in 1903 about his Army unit. For more information on how to start your own family tree, check out various Web sites, including ones like www.tribalpages.com.

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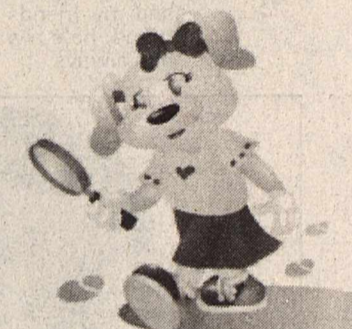
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Sassi Girl Detective!

By Sassi
I think I'm going to be a detective when I grow up! Detectives are cool because they solve puzzles and mysteries by snooping around their neighborhoods and gathering important clues. That would be the perfect job for someone like me who loves adventure! I have been reading a series of books about Nancy Drew, the most famous girl detective in America. Sixteen-year-old Nancy and her friends solve mysteries in their hometown of River Heights, and the stories are very exciting. Her father, a lawyer named Carson Drew, sometimes helps her, but he always warns

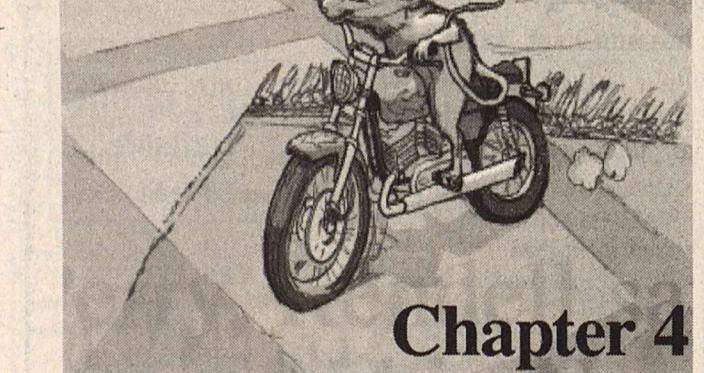
her to be very careful! The first Nancy Drew mysteries were published in 1930. Author Carolyn Keene wrote three novels that became very popular: "The Secret of the Old Clock," "The Hidden Staircase" and "The Bungalow Mystery." At that time, most detectives in books and movies — and real life — were men, so girls were very happy to read about Nancy's bravery and crime-solving talents. Boys also enjoyed Nancy's stories because they were so well-written. Several more Nancy Drew mysteries were published over the next seven years. By 1937, the girl detective had become so famous that



Hollywood studios decided to make movies about her. And Parker Brothers, the company that makes games like Monopoly and Clue, even sold a Nancy Drew Mystery Game in 1957. Today, there are more than 100 Nancy Drew mysteries for kids like us to read. You can find them lined up on the shelves at your school or public library.

The Mouse and the Motorcycle

By Beverly Cleary



Chapter 4

NIE - Newspapers in Education!
Join us as we enjoy this young readers classic...*The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary. With special permission, each week, one chapter of this book will be printed in *The Brackett News*. Did you miss the first three chapters? Click on "NIE" on www.thebrackettnews.com. Chapter 4
Keith
Ralph did not know how much time had passed before he was awakened by the lamp on the bedside table shining down on him. He squeezed himself into the tiniest possible ball, wrapped his tail around his body, and tried to make himself as thin as the apple core.
"My motorcycle!" shouted the boy the very first thing. "Somebody stole my motorcycle!"
Oh-oh, thought Ralph. It won't be long now.
"Nobody stole your motorcycle," answered the boy's mother from 216. "It's around someplace. You just mislaid it. You can find it in the morning. You had better get ready for bed now."
"No, I didn't mislay it," insisted the boy. "I put it right here on the table beside my sports car."
"You'll find it someplace," said his mother, not much interested. Boys were always losing things.
While Ralph cowered behind the apple core, Keith opened the drawer of the bedside table and slammed it shut. He jerked back the bedspread, yanked the pillows off the bed, and threw them back. Then he got down on his hands and knees and looked under the bed and the table.

Ralph wrapped his tail more tightly around his body. Here it comes, he thought.
The boy's face appeared in the opening at the top of the wastebasket. Ralph's heart raced like a motor.
"Ha," said the boy to himself. "Here it is. I wonder how it got there." His hand came down into the wastebasket to seize the motorcycle and lift it out. Still leaning over the wastebasket, he examined the bent handlebar and the chipped paint. "That's funny," he remarked aloud. "It must have rolled off, but I don't see how it could."
The boy did the natural thing for a boy to do. He looked into the wastebasket again. Ralph closed both eyes tight and waited. He wished he had not eaten so much of the apple core. If he had not been so greedy, the core would have been thicker and he would have been thinner.
"Hey!" whispered the boy, obviously very much surprised. "How did you get in here?" He was careful to keep his voice lower than the sound of the breezes in the pines outside the window.
Ralph did not move. He was grateful to the boy for not touching the apple core even though it was really no protection at all.
"Psst!" whispered the boy. "Are you asleep?"
Still Ralph remained motionless except for a slight quiver of his whiskers, which he was unable to control. The boy was silent, but the mouse could feel the rhythmic drafts of his breathing. The boy must be thinking, but what was he thinking? That was what was worrying Ralph. "No," said the boy to himself. "No, it couldn't be."
Couldn't be what? wondered

Ralph, who was beginning to feel cramped from crouching behind the apple core.
"Hey, wake up," whispered the boy.
That was the last thing Ralph wanted to do.
"Come on," pleaded the boy. "I won't hurt you."
Ralph considered. After all, what did he have to lose? If he stayed in the wastebasket, he was almost certain to get dumped into the incinerator. He might as well come out from behind the core. If he did he might find some opportunity to escape. Cautiously he moved his head from his paws and opened one eye. The boy was smiling down at him. Encouraged, Ralph opened the other eye and lifted his head.
"That's the stuff," encouraged the boy. "Now come on. Tell me, did you or didn't you ride my motorcycle off the bedside table?"
This took Ralph by surprise. He had not expected the boy to guess what happened. "Well, yes. I guess you might say I did," confessed Ralph, rubbing his aching muscles.
"I thought so." Neither the mouse nor the boy was the least bit surprised that each could understand the other. Two creatures who shared a love for motorcycles naturally spoke the same language. "That must have been some accident. Did it hurt much?"
"Oh, some," answered Ralph with a display of bravado. "Anyway, I didn't exactly ride it. I really coasted off. The telephone rang and startled me. Now how about getting me out of here?"
"Just a minute," said the boy.
"How did you get up here in the first place?"
"Climbed, stupid. On the telephone cord." Ralph instantly regretted his rudeness. He had better watch his tongue if he expected any help in escaping from the wastebasket.
"Oh, of course," said the boy apologetically. "I should have thought of that myself."
At that moment there came a quick knock on the door to Room 215 and the rattle of a key.
"Help!" cried Ralph. "The maid! Don't let her see me!"
Before the boy could do anything, the maid burst into the room. "Oh—excuse me." She seemed surprised to see a boy kneeling by the wastebasket. "I've come to turn down the bed."
"That's all right," said the boy quickly. "I can do it myself. Thanks, anyway."
"Thank you," said the maid, backing out of the room. Ralph knew she was not anxious to waste time turning down the bed. As soon as

she finished her duties she was going out to the parking lot to meet a busboy, a college boy whose job was clearing tables in the dining room.
"Whew! That was close." The boy seemed every bit as relieved as Ralph.
"I'll say," agreed the mouse.
"Keith," called his mother from 216. "Are you getting ready for bed?"
"Sort of," answered Keith.
"You'd better come in our bathroom and take a bath," said his mother.
"Aw, gee, Mom, do I gotta?" asked Keith.
"Yes, you do," said his father.
"And don't forget to brush your teeth," said his mother.
"I won't," promised Keith. Then he whispered to Ralph, "You just lie low. I'll hurry and take a bath and get into bed and turn out the light and after Mom comes and kisses me good night, we can talk some more."
Lie low indeed! Ralph was indignant. He couldn't lie much lower if he wanted to, and he certainly did not want to sit around waiting to talk. He wanted to get out of that wastebasket. Once he was out he would see about talking, but not before.
Ralph could hear the boy splashing in 216's bathtub and then hastily brushing his teeth in 215's washbasin. After this there was the sound of a suitcase being opened and clothes dropped on the floor. The boy hopped into bed and to Ralph's relief, the light was turned out. In a moment Mrs. Gridley came in to kiss her son good night.
"Night, Mom," said the boy, sounding as if he were already drowsy.
"Good night, Keith," said his mother. "It looks as if we are going to have to stay here for a few days. Your father refuses to budge."
"That's OK," muttered Keith, giving the impression he was almost asleep.
"Good boy," said his mother. "You're a good sport."
"Good night, Son," said the boy's father from the doorway between the two rooms.
Keith did not answer. Instead he breathed slowly and deeply, and as Ralph thought, a bit too noisily. There was no sense in overdoing things.
As soon as all was quiet in the next room, the boy swung his legs out of bed, fumbled around in his suitcase, and shone a flashlight into the wastebasket.
Almost blinded by the unexpected light, Ralph held his paws over his eyes. "Hey, cut that out!" He could not remember to be polite.

"Oh—sorry." The boy laid the flashlight on the bed, where its beam shone across the wastebasket rather than into it.
"That's better," said Ralph. "Now how about getting me out of here?" As an afterthought he added, "Please."
The boy ignored the mouse's request. "How would you like to ride my motorcycle?" he asked.
Ralph's heart skipped a beat like a motor missing on one cylinder. The mouse-sized motorcycle really would run after all! And there was one thing certain. Since the motorcycle really would run, the boy could not expect him to ride around the bottom of a wastebasket. "Sure," Ralph tried to sound calm. The important thing was to get out of this prison. He braced himself, dreading the touch of the boy's hand on his fur.
To Ralph's surprise, the boy did not reach in and grab him. Instead, he slowly and gently tipped the wastebasket on its side, permitting Ralph to walk to freedom with pride and dignity.
"Thanks," said Ralph, genuinely grateful for this consideration. "I believe you're OK."
"Sure I'm OK," said the boy, setting his motorcycle down beside Ralph. "Did you think I wasn't?"
"You never can tell," Ralph put his paw on the handlebar of the motorcycle. "It's a real beauty. Even with a bent handlebar. I'm sure sorry about that."
"Forget it," said the boy reassuringly. "It won't hurt much. The motorcycle will still run."
Ralph threw his leg over the motorcycle and settled himself comfortably in the seat.
"Perfect! Just perfect!" The boy was obviously delighted that his motorcycle was just right for a mouse.
Ralph could not have agreed more heartily. It was perfect—except for one thing. He did not know how to start it.
"Well, go on," said the boy. "Ride it."
Ralph was ashamed to confess his ignorance. "I don't know how to start it," he admitted. "It's the first motorcycle I have ever had a chance to ride."
"You have to make a noise," the boy explained matter-of-factly. "These cars don't go unless you make a noise."
The answer was so obvious Ralph was disgusted with himself for not knowing without asking. He grasped the handgrips and, fearful lest his noise be too squeaky, managed a *pb-pb-b-b*. Sure enough, the motorcycle moved. It really and truly moved across the threadbare carpet. Ralph was so excited that he

promptly forgot to make the noise. The motorcycle stopped. Ralph started it again. *Pb-pb-b-b*. This time he remembered to keep on making the noise. He sped off into a square of moonlight on the carpet and found a good threadbare spot without any bumps.
"Look out for your tail," said the boy. "Don't let it get caught in the spokes."
"Thanks for reminding me," said Ralph, causing the motorcycle to stop. He started it again and steered with one paw while he reached back with the other, caught up his tail, and held the tip safely against the handlebar. It was a glorious sensation, speeding around on the carpet, freely and noisily and, most of all, fast. Ralph discovered that if he made the noise fast, the motorcycle speeded up. If he slowed the sound, the motorcycle slowed down. He promptly speeded up and raced around in the rectangle of moonlight, where he made another discovery. When he ran out of breath, the momentum of the motorcycle carried him on until he could take another breath.
"Gee, you're lucky," whispered the boy.
In order to answer, Ralph had to stop. "I am?" It had never occurred to him that a mouse could be luckier than a boy.
"You sure are." The boy spoke with feeling. "My mother would never let me ride a motorcycle. She would say I might break a leg or something silly like that."
"Well, if you want to come right down to it," said Ralph. "I don't suppose my mother would be exactly crazy about the idea." He began to have an uneasy feeling that he really should be getting back to the mousehole.
"Anyway," said the boy gloomily, "it will be years and years before I'm old enough to ride a motorcycle, and then when I am old enough my mother won't let me."
Ralph really felt sorry for the boy, hampered as he was by his youth and his mother.
"Go on, ride it some more," said the boy. "I like to watch."
Pb-pb-b-b. Ralph started the motorcycle again and rode around in the moonlight once more, faster and faster, until he was dizzy from circling, dizzy with excitement, dizzy with the joy of speed. Never mind the danger, never mind what his mother thought. This was living. This was what he wanted to do. On and on and on.
"Lucky," whispered the boy with envy in his voice.
Ralph did not answer. He did not want to stop.

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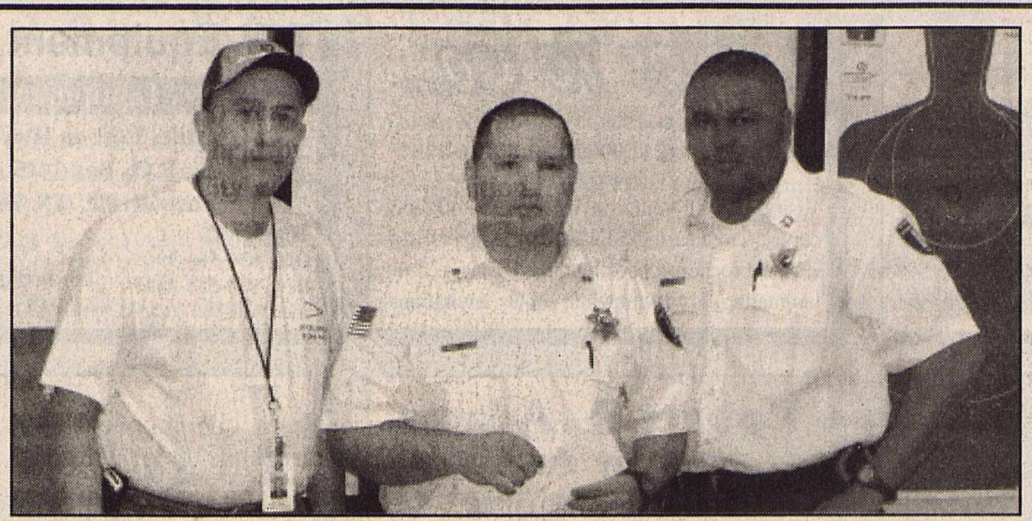
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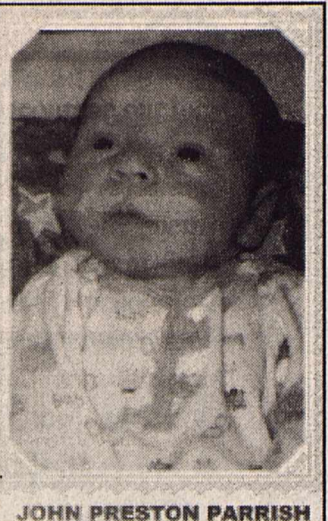
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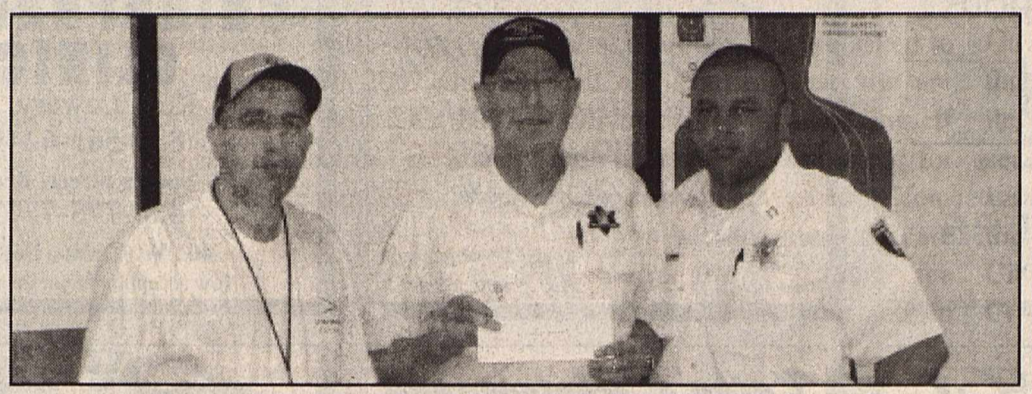


KC Detention Center Supervisor of the Month
 Sergeant Daniel Lopez was named January's "Supervisor of the Month" at the Kinney County Detention Center. According to Assistant Warden Rodriguez, "Sergeant Lopez has been with us since the beginning. He started out as a Correctional Officer and was promoted to Sergeant. He is very detail oriented and supervises his shift very effectively in accordance with facility policies and procedures." Pictured with Sergeant Lopez (center) are Assistant Warden Joe Rodriguez (left) and Captain Dywane Rose (right).



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KC Detention Center Employee of the Month
 Correctional Officer John Bealefeld was named January's "Employee of the Month" at the Kinney County Detention Center. According to his supervisor, "Officer Bealefeld has shown great knowledge of his assigned post and has shown to take great initiative and pride in his work. He has always gone beyond the expectations of his job description." Pictured with Officer Bealefeld (center) are Assistant Warden Joe Rodriguez (left) and Captain Dywane Rose (right).



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 Cassandra Jane Gomez

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Submitted by Woodie Hornburg
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Owner: Ray Reyna

In Business For: 2 Years

Type of Business: Sports Bar & Grill

Services: Pool tables, dart machine, juke box, full bar, mixed beverages, giant screen TV, Special DJ appearances 1st and 3rd Saturdays, Hall available for private parties, Restaurant open Thur - Sat after 5pm, Large dance floor, Lighted and all paved parking, good, friendly, efficient staff and Pizza available daily - call in and order one tonight!

Photo from left: Bartender Tiffany Janson, Ray Reyna and Shirley Davis welcome customers at the Alibi. "We appreciate the community's support over the last two years," said Reyna.

Classified Market

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compassing Val Verde and Kinney Counties. TxDOT is proposing the four year TIP and is requesting input from the public on these roadway improvement projects. This public meeting will be held at Del Rio Civic Center Cotton Wood Room, 1916 Veterans Boulevard, Del Rio, Texas. The meeting will begin at 6 pm on March 20, 2007. Please note the viewing of exhibits will begin at 5:30 pm prior to the public meeting. If you have any questions or comments please contact Melissa D. Montemayor, District Advanced Transportation Planning Director at (956) 712-7456.

EL DEPARTAMENTO DE TRANSPORTACION del Estado de Texas (TxDOT) tendra una audiencia publica para discutir el Programa de Mejoras de proyectos de Transportacion (TIP) que abarca los condados Val Verde y Kinney. TxDOT esta proponiendo el programa TIP para los proximos cuatro anos y requiere su aportacion en estos proyectos de mejoras de nuestras carreteras. La audiencia publica se realizara en la oficina Cotton Wood Room del Centro Civico en 1916 Boulevard Veteranos en Del Rio, Texas. La audiencia comenzara a las 6:00 p.m. el dia 20 de Marzo. Los mapas estaran en exhibicion a las 5:30 p.m. antes del inicio de la audiencia publica. Si tiene alguna pregunta o comentarios, favor de comunicarse con Melisa D. Montemayor, Directora de Planeacion de Transportacion en el Distrito de Laredo.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

April 4, 2007 for construction of certain water system improvements, at which time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. The principal items of construction are **Booster Station Modifications and water system valve replacement with all necessary appurtenances.** Bidders shall submit with their bids a Cashier's check in the amount of five (5%) of the maximum amount bid, payable without recourse to the City of Brackettville, Texas, or a Proposal Bond in the same amount from a reliable Surety Company as a guarantee that Bidder will enter into a contract within ten (10) days after notice of award of Contract. Bids without check or Proposal Bond will not be considered. Attention is called to the fact that not more than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Office of Rural Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The City of Brackettville reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. In case ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the price of bids, the City of Brackettville reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof or to reject the bid. Unreasonable or unbalanced unit prices will be considered sufficient cause for rejection of any bid or bids. Plans and Specifications may be examined at the City Hall, Brackettville, Texas 78832 and at TRC Engineers, Inc., 505 East Huntland, Suite 250, Austin, Texas 78752. Plans and Specifications may be obtained from TRC Engineers, Inc., 505 East Huntland, Suite 250, Austin, Texas 78752, (512) 454-8716, upon deposit of Form (\$40.00) Dollars, which is **NON-REFUNDABLE.** Please make payments payable to TRC.

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Unit 3, Lot 34- Manufactured home. 2BR, 1B, 2nd roof, covered parking, storage shed, Great shape! Great Find! EZ to maintain. \$28,000

Unit 7, Lots 47 & 48- Cute \$ well maintained 3BR, 2B duplex converted to one unit, corner lot, tile floors, remodeled kitchen, nice yard with sprinkler system and screened porch. \$68,000

Unit 7, Lot 1- Rustic, clean and comfortable 3BR, 1B unit, with circle drive, picnic table, gas grill, washer and dryer, partially furnished, ready to sell. \$47,000

Unit 14, Lots 49 & 50- RV home, with kitchen, laundry and sitting area down stairs with 1/2 bath. Upstairs, a master suite with restroom and closet space galore. Lovingly cared for with ceiling fans, dishwasher, storage shed, fenced yard. \$46,000

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TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Your friends or associates are likely to bring you luck or good fortune. Surround yourself with individuals who exert a winning attitude and energy.
GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): The sky is the limit in the world of business or professional pursuits. Believe that you can achieve whatever you desire and go all out to make it happen.
CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Study, along with hard work, pays off in a big way. Keep your nose to the grindstone and be diligent and thorough in the pursuit of your goals.
LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): This is a great time to follow up with investment ideas. Make an appointment to meet with your broker, tax preparer or financial consultant as soon as possible.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Don't allow little disagreements to undermine or harm a close relationship. Give your partners ample opportunity to express themselves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Practice walking a straight and narrow line in work-related matters this week. Embrace discipline and stick to a tried-and-true method of communicating.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Relax and uncover a world of creative or artistic magic. Trust that inspiration will guide you to the perfect place of discovery and enlightenment.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Vow to nurture and protect your loved ones from harm or disappointment. With security and patience, they will eventually open up to you.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Gather all the facts connected to a contract or agreement before pledging your support. Take time to read the fine print.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Avoid rocking the boat financially this week. Do your homework, stick to your budget and refuse to overpay for an appliance or domestic item.
PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): A personal appeal can be very effective. Put your heart into making a presentation and state your case with passion and emotional fortitude.

CHANGING FORTUNES

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COPY NEWS SERVICE By Charles Preston

ACROSS

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5 Long, deep cut
9 A bit crazy
14 Luau entertainment
15 Lotion ingredient
16 14 Across greeting
17 Golf bag item
18 Enrage
19 Allude, with to
20 Was treated roughly
23 Lobster eggs
24 Brief distress signal
25 Knitted blanket
29 Into the sunset
31 Male sib
34 Swimmers' raft
35 Preserve
36 Adolescent
37 Reversed circumstances
40 Barely manages
41 Ages and ages: var.
42 Soothing ointment
43 Embarrassed
44 "Do ___ others..."
45 Wall or Sesame
46 Likely
47 Be obligated

DOWN

1 Tory rival: Brit.
2 Continental currency
3 Garden spot
4 Pet fish home
5 French waiter
6 Similar
7 Flat fish
8 Pay attention to
9 Mimic
10 Butter substitutes
11 Soy product
12 Next
13 Football measure
21 Furious
22 Plus

25 Next
26 Stroke of luck
27 Pierced with a tusk
28 ___ Christian Andersen
29 Yippee!
30 Neck and neck
31 Attractive woman
32 "Superman" actor Christopher ___
33 Beginning
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Nest Heads
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