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Flores family celebrates twenty crazy years

Krazy Chicken owners, Juan Manuel and Yolanda Flores will celebrate twenty years in the restaurant business, in Brackettville July 4.

Flores opened his family food restaurant in the old Gateway Hotel located on Highway 90, in 1987. A year or so before the Gateway burned to the ground; Flores moved his restaurant to its current location inside the Stop N Shop gas station on the corner of Highways 90 and FM 334.

"I am proud to say that because of the support from the community over the years, we have been able to raise our family in Brackettville," said Flores.

The Krazy Chicken is known for its famous "Jackson" break-

fast taco. The taco's combination of ingredients was not revealed during the interview, but Flores did say that it was named after a U.S. Border Patrol Agent, Wayne Jackson, once stationed in Brackettville.

The Chicken's supper favorites include an extra large chicken fried steak, pepper steak or fajita plate.

"We just want everyone to know that we are so thankful to them. We have seen the boys and girls in school grow up and now they have children of their own," said Yolanda Flores.

In celebration of their platinum anniversary, the Krazy Chicken will be offering a free cup of coffee or tea to its customers on July 1.



Krazy For Chicken

Yolanda and Juan Manuel Flores celebrate twenty years in the restaurant business in Brackettville.

Soldier revisits Fort Clark



L.B. Breland

L. B. Breland, formerly Private First Class Breland, recently journeyed to Fort Clark Springs, the place where his military service began.

Breland, part of the 122nd Cavalry Regiment in 1940, toured the Fort with his wife Connie, two of his daughters Jane Dry and Bobbie Walker and Bobbie's husband Ronnie.

The retired Texas Eastman employee fondly recalled his time at the Fort and as he sat in

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Gold Hard News

SSgt Kyle Partlow, New York Air National Guard reads The Brackett News at McMurdo Station in Antarctica. Kyle is part of the Partlow Family of Fort Clark Springs. See Photo Contest details in the Briefs below.

Small town paper wins big

At the Texas Press Association's (TPA) summer convention at the Crown Plaza Hotel in San Antonio, *The Brackett News (TBN)* was awarded top honors for its thirty-two page hunting guide.

In October, 2006, five thousand copies of the annual special section was distributed throughout the region. *The Hunter's Guide* included state hunting regulations, articles from hunting professionals and brush hunting safety tips.

The TPA's "Better Newspaper Contest" was judged by a panel of journalists from the Arkansas Press Association. The out-of-state professionals hailed Brackett's guide as, "Great information and hunting source. Covered it all! Great Job."

The Brackett News Editors Leigh Volcsko and Allison Taylor were on hand to accept the engraved plaque, as well as a second place prize for Volcsko's tongue and cheek editorials, known as the "Editor's PLOG or Paper Log".

"I knew the paper had a good chance in the special sections, but the recognition for the editorials was a shocker. Our stories about the water board always create quite a stir, but the PLOGs, hands down, generate the most response. Lots of eyebrows definitely go up every week, but I am only writing down what most people are secretly thinking," concluded Volcsko.

According to *texaspress.com*, 187 newspapers submitted 1,914 entries in this year's newspaper contest. The newspapers were broken down into 10 divisions based on circulation.

The newspaper was also critiqued for its newswriting and photos. In overall quality of writing in *TBN*, it received good marks and positive feedback from the judges. The paper also received positive comments on its photography.

The TPA was formed in 1880, and today consists of nearly 525 newspapers from across the state and is a powerful advocate for the newspaper industry. Large dailies and small weeklies, like this publication, enjoy the strength of a combined 4.1 million newspapers in circulation.



What? We Won?

TPA Publications Manager Pauline Word, right, offers congratulations as Brackett News Editor Leigh Volcsko, left, accepts the award for best special section at the 2007 Better Newspaper Contest, Division 10.



Fire Bells Ring At Alibi

From Left: Christie Dodson, Brackettville Volunteer Fire Chief Leo Luna, Alibi Owner Ray Reyna and Shirley Davis. Luna is accepting a \$500 donation from The Alibi Lounge for training and equipment. Reyna often hosts fundraisers and makes donations for the betterment of the volunteer organization.

News BRIEFS

Office Closed Put Trash Out On Time

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Office will be closed on Thursday, July 5th, 2007.

In order to keep fuel expenses down, the City of Brackettville is requesting that citizens put their trash out by 8am on the day of collection. If the trash is not on the street when workers pass by, the trash will be not be collected until the following week.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday	Scattered TStorms	High: 85 Low: 70
Saturday	Isolated TStorms	High: 88 Low: 72
Sunday	Scattered TStorms	High: 88 Low: 72

Community News

TBN wishes to inform the public that it does not charge to print Obituaries, Engagement Announcements, Quinceanera Announcements or other like events. Wedding Announcements are subject to charge. TBN encourages the public to place their announcements in the paper by contacting 830-563-2852, or tbnews@sbcglobal.net

Vacation Bible School

First Baptist Church of Brackettville has scheduled Vacation Bible School for July 16-20, 2007. The theme is SonForce Kids, A Spy Adventure. Please save medium sized plastic peanut butter jars/lids and discarded CD's for Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church, Brackettville. Just drop them by the church office Monday-Thursday or hang them on a door knob anytime.

Gold Star/Blue Star Salute

The 4th of July Parade Committee will honor and recognize Mothers and Wives of "currently serving" military personnel on Wednesday, July 4, 2007. This year we salute you, for the sacrifices you have made to make and endure while your loved ones so proudly serve our country during the war on terror. We wish to honor and recognize you in their name, therefore, would you, the Mothers

and Wives of currently serving military personnel please contact Bob Nelson, Howard Wakefield or Matha Padron so that we may salute you, the Gold Star/Blue star Mothers.

Photo Contest!

It's that time again. TBN's Second Annual Photo Contest starts now! Contest Rules: Individual(s) or (things) in photo must be holding The Brackett News and the banner (title) must be clearly displayed. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the most original photo, most comical photo, for the photo taken the greatest distance from Brackettville and new category for this year...Famous person holding TBN. All submissions will be printed in TBN as space will allow. Photos submitted are subject to unlimited use by TBN. Staff members (and/or their immediate family members) can submit photos, but are not eligible to win. The deadline for submission will be September

28, 2007. Prizes and winners will be announced in the October 25, 2007, edition of TBN. Name, Address and Phone number must be included on each submission. Submit your electronic photos to: tbnews@sbcglobal.net. Subject line PHOTO CONTEST. No limit per person on submissions.

Buffalo Hair

The Old Quarry Society and The Bank and Trust of Brackettville proudly sponsor "Buffalo Hair", a play by Carlyle Brown, to be presented on Friday, June 29th 2007 (ONE NIGHT ONLY!!) at 8pm in the Fort Clark Springs Amphitheater (under the stars). The Tour Cast from the Buffalo Soldiers national Museum in Houston will be performing. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available from any Old Quarry member, at the Admin Bldg. or Adult Center at Fort Clark, or by calling (830) 563-5709. A picnic hamburger or hot dog supper will be served to the cast and the public in the Swim Park at Fort

Clark from 5-7pm on Fort Clark for \$5.00 each. Drinks will also be available for sale. This is a full evening of entertainment for a minimal price. Come join us!!

BVFD Raffle

Look for the TRUCK! It's a raffle!!! Splash Town Family Season Pass for 3, plus a \$50 gas card to get you to S.A. 1 ticket for \$2 or 3 Tickets for \$5. Want one? Contact or ask any Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department member. Donations are always welcome! Contact Fire Chief Leo Luna @ 830-765-3001.

Red Hatters Sign-up

Sign-up for "Red Hatters" will be available on July 2, at FCS Adult Center and is open to ladies from Brackettville and Fort Clark. The July 18, luncheon will held at Rose Jenkins' home in The Oaks. Balry Registration is recommended as seating is limited.

Letter to the EDITOR

Boerschig well injected with dye

On May 16th, at 11:10AM, dye was injected into a John Boerschig well approximately 5 miles northwest of town off highway 674. 10 gallons of Optical Brightener, followed by approximately 2400 gallons of water was used. The area where the well is located is related to the Las Moras draw.

Previous dye sampling still indicated dye in the 2 Shahan ranch locations. The EAA estimates the dye is still traveling between 500-1000 feet per day but no other location has been confirmed to date. Sampling now has been changed from weekly to every 18 days beginning June 12th. Additional dye injections are anticipated. Sampling is still being witnessed by the 2 KCGCD consultants.

Jack Boxell
KCGCD Engineer

Editors PLOG

You are now reading an award winning editorial. Can you believe it?

Sarcasm wins!!!!

For those readers who normally read Page 2 first, I will let you know that your humble editors, me and Allison, accepted two awards this past weekend at the Texas Press Association's 2007 Better Newspaper Contest. One for the best Division 10 Hunters Guide and the other for the PLOG!

I have many, many people approach me week after week about the PLOGs.

Most people just pat me on the back or whisper to me how they feel the same way, so in some ways I feel the people of this community are giving meaning and power to what I am brave enough to write down.

Others ask me if I'm scared about getting my house burned down. I say no, but there's that little tickle in the back of my head that says, "Would someone in Brackett really burn down my house?" If you're laughing, call me right now and tell who I should look out for....

Sometimes a point needs to be made, and too, too often the people, the voters can't seem to get the politicians boot off of their necks long enough to say it out loud. Sometimes, and Brackett has this reputation all over the state, our leaders operate in a less than open manner (notice how politically correct I was in that statement?).

Stop voting for those who wish to do nothing more than collect a paycheck from the county or the city. Start INSISTING your leaders fight for you the voter and taxpayer. What improvements have been made since the last election? Ask yourself this and answer it at the polls.

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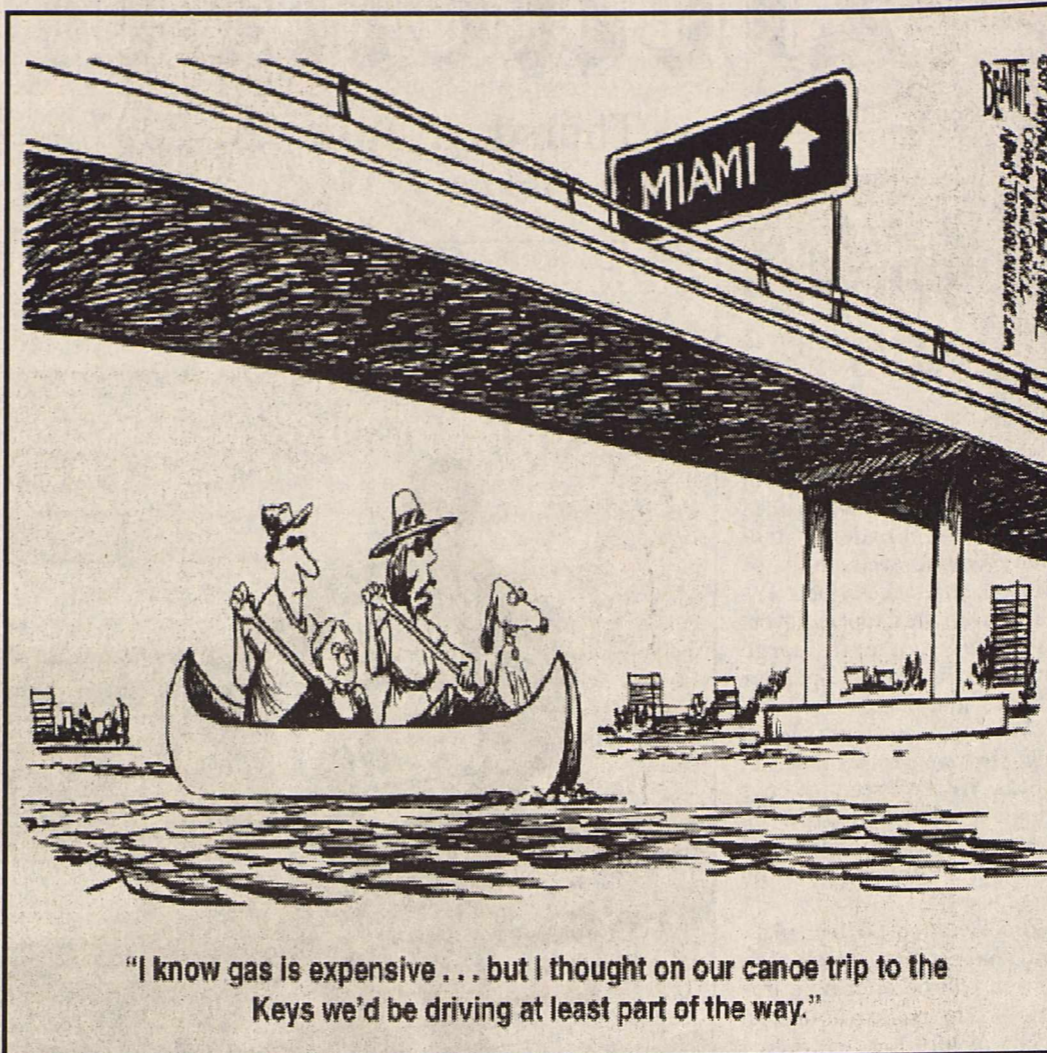
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Closet Mumblings



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Our journey through life starts with our first breath and it ends with our last one. Since our birth we have packed many bags for our trip. We are born naked but then we have to put clothes on our bodies.

These clothes tell our history; from the baby shoes we took our first steps, to the dress we wore to the prom, our wedding dress and then to the pregnant clothes we wore when we gave birth. I'll wager that your closet recounts many of the chapters of your life.

Our closets are filled to overflowing. Each time we open our closet door we have a conversation with those clothes.

If the truth be known we actually wear only a few items in our closet. The rest are there to beat us up and pretend to rescue us. Our clothes have a way of making us feel bad.

Just think about your wedding dress that no longer fits your body. What are your first thoughts? How could I let this happen to me? I looked so good that day.

Then I want you to think about how you starved yourself to death to fit into that dress in the first place. Why do we do this to ourselves? Why can't we just be happy with ourselves just like we were? We were trying to fit into an unrealistic picture that only stays with us for that fleeting moment.

Those nasty conversations go on each time you walk into your closet. If it isn't about a wedding dress it is about another favorite outfit that you paid good money for that is too tight. It is time for us to quiet these beratings and get on with our flight without feeling guilty.

There is an easy way to banish these voices from your head; get them out of your closet and only keep items of clothing that you absolutely adore and feel like a million bucks in when you wear them. Decluttering your closet is not going to kill you; in fact it may just save your life. It is time we packed for our journey. Our closets are no longer going to stand in our way of traveling light and enjoying our trip.

Most of us only wear about 10% of the clothes we have stashed in there anyway. Let's lighten our load and get rid of those nasty voices once and for all; Out of sight, out of mind! We can do this.

First we need to look at the clothes we truly love because we feel good in them. This goes for your shoes too. Pull those out of your closet one at a time and think about the words you hear in your head when you have them on.

Now put them back in your closet and pull out something that does not give you the same feeling. If the item of clothing makes you feel bad, evokes feelings of guilt in you or you just don't like it; then put it in the give-away box.

If you have changed careers and no longer have to get dressed into suits then donate them so others can start their new jobs and look nice. Let me warn you. Going through your closet is difficult because of all the stories that you clothes dredge up. This is why I only want you to spend 15 minutes at a time doing this. Do not spend hours; this will make you feel sick. Bless yourself by being kind to you.

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Why Should You Invest? Here are Five Good Reasons



Emily Cooper

We love lists. We want to know the 10 best pizza places in town and the 10 worst dressed celebrities at the Oscars. We long to find the top 10 movies of the year and the 10 most popular songs of the century. We want to know about the richest people in the country and the cheapest brunches in our city. In short, the list of lists could go on for a long time, but there's always room for one more - so let's look at the Top Five Reasons to Invest.

Here they are, in no particular order of importance:

1. **Investing can help you enjoy a comfortable retirement.** Most people need at least 80 percent of their pre-retirement income to maintain a similar lifestyle during retirement. You'll get some of your retirement income from Social Security, but it almost certainly won't be enough. To help meet your retirement income needs, you'll need to invest regularly, both through your employer-sponsored plan, such as a 401(k), and through an IRA and other individual investments.

2. **Investing can keep you ahead of inflation.** Over time, even a low rate of inflation can severely erode your purchasing power. For example, suppose you currently earn \$50,000 per year, and you assume a 4.0 percent inflation rate for the next 30 years. At that point, you would need to earn the equivalent of more than \$162,000 per year just to keep the standard of living you have today. If you want to stay ahead of inflation, you will unquestionably need to invest. And you'll need to keep in mind that, when it comes to battling inflation, not all investments are created equal. Fixed-income vehicles, such as Certificates of Deposit (CDs) and bonds may be excellent choices for providing you with stability of principal and current income, but, over time, only stocks have significantly outperformed inflation. Consequently, you will need at least some stock hold-

ings in your portfolio if you want to protect your long-term purchasing power.

3. **Investing can help you prepare for emergencies.** If you need a new car, or you face an unexpected - and large - medical bill, where will you get the money? By setting up an emergency fund of six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, and investing the money in a liquid vehicle with strong protection of principal, you can help prepare yourself for life's bumps in the road.

4. **Investing can help you realize your dreams.** If you want to someday travel the world, own a vacation home or even open your own business, you'll need sufficient financial resources - and that means you have to save and invest throughout your working life. By following a disciplined investment strategy and working with a professional financial advisor, you may be able to someday turn your hopes into reality.

5. **Investing can help you leave a legacy.** You work hard all your life - but you're not doing it all for yourself. If you have a family, you want to be able to leave something behind. You may also want to support a favorite charitable organization. To be able to leave a financial legacy when you're gone, you'll need to invest - while you're here.

So, there you have them - five very good reasons to be a lifetime investor. And the sooner you start, the better.

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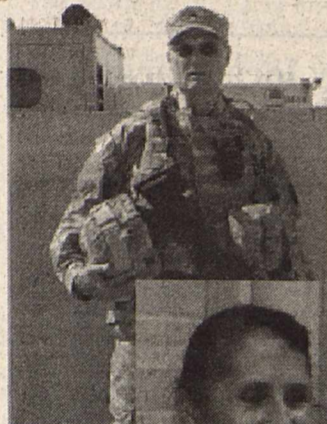


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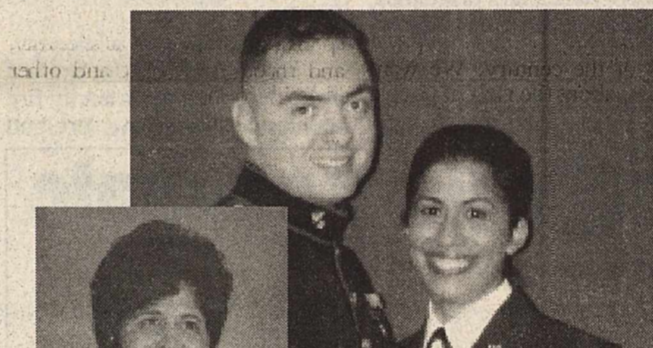
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Local student a winner in RGECEC essay contest

The Cooperative Advantage
By Meghann Davis
Editor's Note: Meghann Davis, winner of the Rio Grande Electric Co-op Essay Contest, authored this original piece. TBN is printing the essay in its entirety.

"No employer today is independent of those about him. He cannot succeed alone, no matter how great his ability or capital. Business today is more than ever a question of cooperation." — Orison Swett Marden.

According to the New World Dictionary, "cooperative" is "the association of a number of people in an enterprise for mutual benefits." This definition directly reflects what the Rio Grande Electric Coop is all about. Unlike large businesses and corporations who are intent on earning a profit, a coop focuses on providing quality service for its members. Every member is also part owner, which offers each member an equal say in how the coop can best serve everyone as a whole. Not only does this system give every person a chance to voice his opinion, but also evenly shares the responsibilities and diversifies the ideas and suggestions put forth which, in turn, strengthen the coop.

The cooperative business model has been in use since at least the 1930s. Its long-standing use alone proves how effective and resilient a system it is, but its principles reinforce that even more. Although coops can serve non-rural individuals, they have mainly been used for rural purposes. I have lived on a ranch my entire life and have been able to enjoy all of the benefits electricity has to offer because Rio Grande Electric Coop provides that service. Any time power goes out or a storm threatens the electricity lines, the Rio Grande crew is out to fix the problem as soon as they are needed. This kind of commitment to the job is exactly what makes a coop an ideal business mode. It gives the customer, and member, precisely what every consumer wants: excellent service at an affordable price.

If a large electric company were to be the only source of electricity in rural counties, many of the rural inhabitants would not be able to use electricity; and if they were able, they would have to pay exorbitant bills. This, of course is understandable because a company must receive a profit from what it puts into its services, and more money would be necessary to extend those services to rural areas. A coop, on the other hand, is more concerned with taking care of each member by providing superior service and, in the end, simply breaking even instead of scoring a profit. Another reason a coop's affordable prices are beneficial to farmers or ranchers is because those individuals are self-employed. Self-employed people do not have the time to worry about whether they will receive quality service in return for their payment. With a coop, a rancher does not have to worry as much about receiving that service because it is a coop's main purpose to supply services that are favorable to maintaining his way of life.

Unfortunately, there are not enough businesses in America that are shaped to fit the cooperative business model. If there were, people would be able to receive much better service for the money they paid into it. Furthermore, customers could also be better served if their suggestions were valued as much as they are in a coop. In fact, America could be a better place with more coops in place because people would be able to work together as a group to reach a common goal. Unlike a corporation, a cooperative business is a personal and friendly way to serve its customers who are members as well. When a business cares about its members and offers excellent service on reasonable terms, those members can enjoy the service, its benefits, and peace of mind. In having a cooperative business that upholds the coop values and principles, the members can always be assured of being treated fairly and of receiving the services that best fit their lifestyle.



Hudgens teaches EMT Basic Class

Zavala County holds EMT class taught by local paramedic

Submitted by Bruce Hudgens
Kinney County EMS Director

Kinney County EMS Paramedic Bruce Hudgens was asked by Crystal City and Zavala County to set up and teach an EMT Basic class; This class also included two students from Kinney County, Bonnie Kelley and Mike Partlow. The students have completed all of the didactic portion of the class. The students also participated in field exercises where they put into practice what they learned over the last four months in a mock mass casualty drill.

The students safely conducted vehicle extrication operations involving heavy rescue equipment, triage, treatment and care under mass casualty protocols, and aircraft landing zone operations. They were placed into stressful scenarios to enforce real world practice and procedures.

Kinney County students, Bonnie Kelley and Mike Partlow grades placed them in the top one percent of the class.

This class was taught by Bruce Hudgens, Paramedic Kimberly Martinez, EMT and Coordinated by former Kinney County Paramedic Nathan Collins who now is employed at

PHI AirMedical Texas as a Flight Paramedic.



Rose Named to Dean's List

DALLAS, Texas - Sarah A. Rose, a native of Brackettville, Texas, was recently named to the Dean's List Honor Roll for Dallas Baptist University for the Spring 2007 Semester.

Rose is a junior finance major at Dallas Baptist University and the daughter of Pat and Sharon Rose of Brackettville.

The Dean's List honors those students who maintain a grade point average of 3.75 or above for the semester.

FCS soldier returns

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the shade at the RV Park, he pointed to places where buildings, now long gone, stood full of cavalymen.

Just a teenager when he entered into the military, Breland recalls spending two years on horseback riding the rugged country between Fort Clark and Del Rio.

Breland was shot while serving on the Fort, but he laughed as he described the friendly fire incident. The young Breland

was sitting next to a guy cleaning his gun when it accidentally fired and ended up in his left ankle.

Breland's continued serving his country and as he turned nineteen told his story of being pinned down in the Pacific Islands during World War II.

Breland donated some of his original military paperwork to the fort's museum and said he plans to continue visiting the area.



Stafford Competing in Junior Olympics Photo by Allison Taylor

On June 24, 2007 in Denver, Colorado, Jonathon Stafford won first place in the Colorado State Judo Championship, 26 kilo. Jonathon won third place at the Texas State Competition and fourth at San Jose, California in 2006. He will be competing in the Junior Olympics in San Antonio in July, this will be Jonathon's second year at the Olympics.

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Who says that in this world, there is NO good people. But Mr. Ken Barnett is one of a kind. I will never be able to say thank you enough to him for all the support he gave me.
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Pedro Ortega, day, June 13, 2007 memorial service Abilene Funeral Home, Abilene, Texas. ate family members include his Ortega, III all of Richmond, T. Ortega of Abilene, Aurora Rocha of Ortega of Kat Hernandez both and Ricardo O Sr. and Armando; and numerous preceded in death by Alberto Ortega, Magdalena Cat graveside service

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OBITUARIES

Pedro "Pete" Ortega, Jr.

November 27, 1944 - June 13, 2007



Pedro Ortega, Jr., 62, of Sweetwater, passed away Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital. A memorial service was held at 6 p.m. Friday, June 15, 2007, at Abilene Funeral Home Chapel of Hope, 3349 N. 12th Street, Abilene, Texas. Pedro, lovingly called Beve by his immediate family members, was born November 27, 1944. Survivors include his sons Robert Ortega, Rene Ortega and Pedro Ortega, III all of Sweetwater, Texas; Ruben Ortega and Pedro of Richmond, Texas; Jorge Ortega of Whitney, Texas and E.J. Ortega of Abilene; daughters Elizabeth Ortega of Sweetwater, Aurora Rocha and Crystal Ortega both of Abilene and Becky Ortega of Katy, Texas; sisters Tencha Pena and Diana Hernandez both of Brackettville, Texas; brothers Nick Ortega and Ricardo Ortega both of Brackettville and Mario Ortega, Sr. and Armando Ortega, both of Sweetwater; 17 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Ortega was preceded in death by his wife, Seferina Ortega and a brother, Alberto Ortega. A full mass was celebrated at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Fr. Quang D. Van and a graveside service was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2007.

Manuel M. Fuentes

July 22, 1925 - June 18, 2007

Manuel M. Fuentes, age 81, entered into rest June 18, 2007 in Uvalde, Texas. He was born July 22, 1925 in Eagle Pass, Texas. He was a U.S. Army Veteran. He was preceded in death by his parents Bartolo and Julia Fuentes. Left to cherish his memory is his daughter Lisa Wormser and husband Bruce of San Antonio, Texas. Brothers: Benjamin Fuentes, Ruben Fuentes and wife Joyce. Sisters: Margaret Alcalá and husband Alfonso, Elia Garcia and husband Richard. Also survived by his grandchild, Karen Marie Ledbetter and numerous nieces and nephews.

The gentlemen left with the honors of pallbearers will be Henry Fuentes, Joe Maldonado, Ralph Fuentes, Bernie Cervantez, Frank Morgan and Tony Negrete. Visitation was Wednesday, June 20, 2007 from 5PM to 9PM, in Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, Chapel of Remembrance. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held at 7PM. Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, June 21, 2007 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Brackettville, Texas at 10AM.

Interment followed at Sunset Memorial Oaks Cemetery, Del Rio, Texas.

In memory of James and Melba Bader



Original Poems By
Cassandra Jane Gomez

Saying goodbye is never easy
It's the hardest thing to do
But what makes it even harder
In not having the chance to
say it to you.

Yesterday is just a memory
Out laughter was sunny and
bright
Then the clouds started to
gather

For you were no longer in
sight.

No matter what our wrongs
You offered us only love
And then one day you left us
For your new home up above.
We know that you're still with
us

Always in our hearts
Though you are no longer
present

We will never part.
This is written to you in honor
Of all that we did share
We just want you to know
How much we truly care.

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people are always looking for to
finish off their meals.

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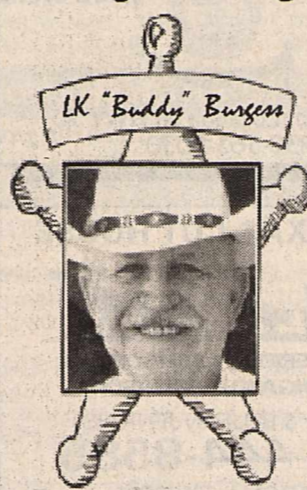


Girl Scouts visit Fire Dept.

Courtesy Photo

In true hero style the Brackett Volunteer Fire Dept. was able to take the heat during a visit from the Brackett Girl Scout Troops 150 and 154. Along with fire personnel and troop leaders were (from left to right) Kimberly Stafford, Mya Garcia, Miracle Garza, Abby Stoffel, Britney Castilla, Nicole Maestas, Kymie Creel, Virginia Guerrero and Kris'tal Cook. Yes, girls, these are our Brackettville heroes!

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, June 18

8:30 am A man called to report that a cow was out on the Hwy 674. A deputy was informed.

1:38 pm A man reported possible gun shots in Unit 1. The constable was informed and enroute to the location.

4:06 pm Manuel Reyes, 26 of Brackettville was arrested for a warrant of a terroristic threat. Reyes was still being

held at press time

6:20 pm Oswald Cortez Delgado, 32 of Del Rio was arrested for possession of marijuana. Delgado was released on a \$1,200 bond.

Wednesday, June 20

9:28 pm A woman reported that she was harassed by a man who was trying to stop her and then threw a beer can at her vehicle when she tried to leave. A deputy was notified of the situation.

Thursday, June 21

9:56 am A man called to report that he had animals on his ranch that did not belong to him. The sheriff was informed of the situation.

6:31 pm A woman reported she was stranded on 334. A deputy contacted the woman to advise her the water was high and they were unable to cross.

Friday, June 22

7:50 pm A star security employee reported a vehicles alarm going off. A deputy was informed.

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- Chewed the fat?
- Mind one's manners
- Rajah's wives
- Printers' measures
- Quivering tree
- Moles
- Herb or mint
- Start of an ear?
- Double dribbler
- Yaw
- Scat queen

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- Gossip
- Frolic
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- More than most
- Williams, of the Yankees
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- Mini-mountain
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Unit 21 - Historic Area. An efficiency apartment newly remodeled. Sleeps 4 people comfortably. Direct TV, w/d overlooks the Park from a very nice covered porch. Nightly, weekly rates available.

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YOUR HOROSCOPE BY WANDA PERRY

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Enjoy spending quality time with loved ones or family members this week. Discuss your plans or goals with your elders and welcome their wisdom and support.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Communicate with siblings or peers on some important issues. Review or evaluate an upsetting incident from the past and strive to set the record straight.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Expect a reasonable amount of good fortune in the financial arena. Focus your resources and set sail on a prosperous venture that is destined for success.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Pick a personal project and get excited, inspired and motivated to make it happen. Set your sights high and embark upon the ultimate quest.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Clear the decks and make room for future endeavors. Apply your energy toward completing an old, pet project that has held you back for far too long.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Friends will prove to be your greatest allies. Join forces with a devoted group of committed comrades and steer a common cause to success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): There will be moments when you will feel like you are on top of the world this week. Do not let arrogance or overconfidence diminish your accomplishments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Connect with the teachers, mentors or counselors who are well-informed and can impart great lessons. Keep an open mind and enhance the learning experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): This should be a highly creative and productive week. Secure the necessary tools, supplies or information and attack an assignment with determination.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You might benefit and perhaps profit through a variety of different partnerships. Seek out experts from your fields of interest and cleverly pick their brains.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A great leader goes the extra mile and does whatever it takes to get the job done. Roll up your sleeves and set an example for your fellow co-workers.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Relax and let your heart lead the way in a romantic dilemma or social situation. The goal is to be able to look back without no regrets or misgivings.

If your birthday is this week, make an effort to balance your dreams against reality during the coming year. Pay extra special attention to relationships and strive for an even and fair exchange. Communicate your thoughts and ideas with an emotional edge and passionately get your point across. Work through limitations in finances and set new goals for fiscal achievement.

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HOW DO THEY MAKE GLASS?

Believe It or Not, It All Starts With SAND

By Ivan the Scientist

Here's a fact: Glass is made from sand!
Can you believe it? Of course, sand is not the only substance used to make glass. You also need soda (no, not that kind of soda! It's a salt-like substance), lime and a lot of heat.
Legend tells us that a Roman seaman, preparing to cook an evening meal on a beach, set cooking pots on top of stones that contained a special salty mineral called "natron" (soda). As the fire heated the stones

and sand below, a strange liquid began to flow. It then hardened as it cooled. This is the origin of manmade glass.
While many experts believe a primitive form of glass was made more than 4,500 years ago, potters heated sand and minerals to make glass bowls and drinking cups around 1,900 years ago. About a thousand years later, one clever artisan (there's that word again!) managed to form a glass tube through which he blew a bubble. He invented the first "blowpipe," which gave rise to a whole new



industry: glassblowing.

Today, most glass is pressed into shape by machines, but there are still old-fashioned glassblowers in all parts of the

country. They make beautiful glass pieces using nothing more than sand, some minerals, fire, their imagination ... and lungs full of air!

I Can Do It!

Kids with Disabilities Win in Lots of Sports

By Christi

Almost one in seven people has some kind of physical or mental disability. But a handicap doesn't mean that you cannot accomplish great things. Franklin D. Roosevelt, for example, was a polio victim and became president of the United States.

But sports is one field in which the handicapped were shut out for many years. This changed in 1968, with the advent of the Special Olympics. A national meet for 1,000 athletes was held. From those small beginnings, the Special Olympics now attracts more than a million handicapped children and adults from around the world, who participate in a year-round program of recreation and sports. In the Special Olympics, the emphasis is on competing and completing a task — not on winning. In the Special Olympics, there truly are no losers.

I compete in both summer and winter events, training very hard to be the best I can be. One sport in which I excel is downhill skiing. This is a fast, breathtaking event that meets my need-for-speed personality. I wrecked a lot in the beginning, but now I can ski with confidence — and I even beat a lot of other skiers who are not physically disabled.

My dad, Crash, always wants me to reach for any goal I choose. But he also says I don't have to be so competitive. He knows excelling at things, when others think I can't, is what's fun for me. I don't like to lose at anything.

Best of all, by competing — win or lose — I know I am a winner in life.

FIND THE ALPHABET!

SEE IF YOU CAN FIND ALL THE HIDDEN LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET!

Write in the letters you find

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff
Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll
Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr
Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx
Yy Zz

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

By Bubbles

Ice cream is often called "The Great American Dessert." While many people think it's an American invention, Europeans actually introduced it to the world.
Ice cream evolved from the iced beverages and fruit ices that were popular in early medieval times, some of which probably contained milk or cream. People back then used to cool drinks in ice and snow that contained salt. It's possible that inexperienced cooks overcooked some of these punches, and flavored ice was discovered. Frozen fruit-flavored ices are described in European history books, and frozen ices remain more popular in continental Europe than in the United States and Canada.

The United States, however, is the undisputed leader in ice cream production. The industry grew pretty slowly until about 1900, when manufacturers made only about 25 to 30 million gallons per year. Annual production of both soft and hard ice cream has increased continuously since then, and America now produces more than 1 billion gallons. If you do the math, you'll see that each person in the U.S. eats about 19 pounds of ice cream each year!



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