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Red Hatter Limited
 Red Hatters Limited alert! The September 5th luncheon at Hattie Berleth Lodge across from FCS's Adult Center, is scheduled at 12:00 noon. Ladies from Brackettville, Del Rio, Uvalde, and FCS are urged to sign-up at the Adult Center by Sept. 3rd for a gourmet meal and the yesteryear experience of elegance.



BISD Calendar
 Thursday Aug. 30 JV Football v. Dilley @ Home, Friday Aug 31 v. Dilley @ Dilley v. Volleyball Bronte Tourney Saturday Sept. 1 Cross Country @ Uvalde, Volleyball Bronte Tourney Cont. Monday Sept. 3 Holiday Tuesday Sept. 4 FJV/V Volleyball v. Comfort & Uvalde @ Uvalde 6/7 pm, JH Volleyball B/Av. Sabinal Home 5pm PTO meeting @ Auditorium 6pm.



Trophy Pics
 LAST CHANCE! TBN is looking for the best hunting photos for its Award Winning Hunter's Guide. If you have a photo of a great kill or a story about the one that got away, submit it to the paper: tbnnews@sbcglobal.net or drop by 111 W. Spring. Deadline for photos, stories and reserving ad space is August 31.

Photo Contest
 Get your newspapers and cameras ready - The 2nd Annual TBN Photo Contest is underway! 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. Submit photos to the newspaper 111 West Spring Street, P.O. Box 466 Brackettville TX 78852.

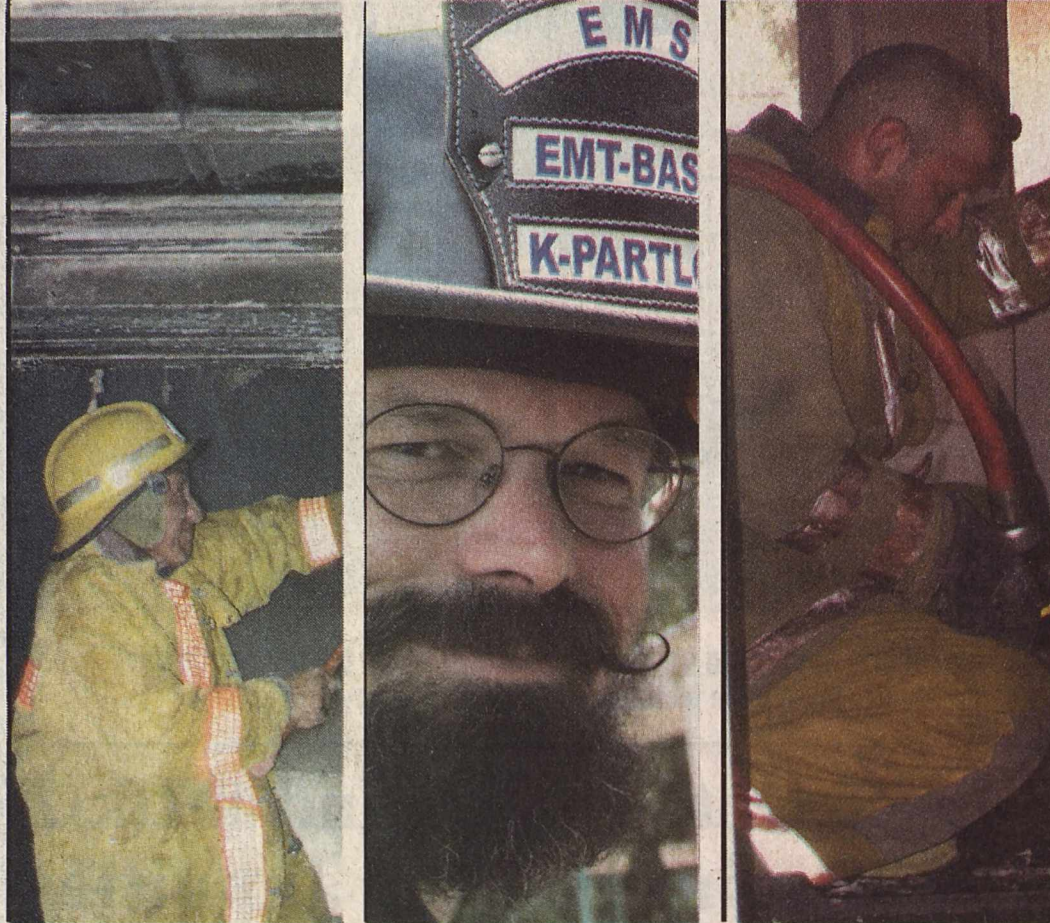
Weekend WEATHER

Friday
 High: 88
 Low: 71
 Scattered T-Storms

Saturday
 High: 85
 Low: 70
 Scattered T-Storms

Sunday
 High: 87
 Low: 70
 Scattered T-Storms

Stove Fire Destroys Home 509 West Rose Alley



Photos By Leigh Volcsko
 From left: Brackettville Volunteer Fireman Joe Luna works to put out a fire called in by a city maintenance worker. Second Photo: Kinney County EMT Kurt Partlow gives a smile as the scene was secured and no injuries were reported. Third Photo: Brackettville Volunteer Fireman Nathan Luna inspects an area in the kitchen where a gas stove is believed to have caused the fire to ignite. Below: The victims wait to speak with officials after the fire.



New BISD Teachers



Eileen Allen
6th Grade Math

Local youth survives near drowning incident

Family wants to know the names of the 'angels' who helped save her

What started out as family quality time at a popular water spot on the Nueces River, nearly ended in a family tragedy for a local seventh grader.

On August 26, a girl, whose family prefers her name not be publicized at this time, was playing and swimming at what is widely known as the "19 Mile Crossing", just off highways 334 and 55 in Uvalde County, when she nearly drowned after an accidental fall close to a culvert.

According to the victim's family, the river was flowing over the old bridge on Sunday and a small whirlpool had formed above the openings to the large pipes. The culverts were built underneath the road

to prevent the river from impeding traffic before a new higher bridge was built.

The girl, wading along the edge of the road, lost her footing and was suddenly drawn underneath the rapidly moving water.

The pre-teen immediately tried to save herself by grabbing onto the outside edge of one of the pipes. Knowing that her strength was giving out she managed to reposition herself so she would go through the pipe head first. Once inside, the youth discovered she was trapped because it was clogged by brush and other debris.

The girl said she was panicking and was close to giving up when she felt "arms" around



Amy Hammerle
6th Grade Science & Social Studies

County officials file pay grievance

After a ten percent decrease in pay in 1996, and then only minimal increases since 2000, County Clerk Dora Sandoval, Constable Bobby Guidry, Tax Collector-Accessor Martha Padron, Justice of the Peace Narce Villarreal, County Treasurer Janis Floyd and Sheriff L.K. Burgess filed a grievance against the County and requested the annual pay for each of these positions be increased by \$7,500.

In a regular meeting on August 20, the commissioner's court, led by Judge Johnny Fritter, voted to randomly select a panel of nine registered voters to hear the grievance made by the six of the twelve elected county officials.

County Attorney Tully Shahan explained the Grievance Committee would allow the six officials to make their case for the proposed increase and then, based on the outcome of the vote, could make their recommendations to the court. If less than six of the nine panel members voted in favor of the request for salary increases, then the court would not be required



Christie Palmer
5th Grade Reading

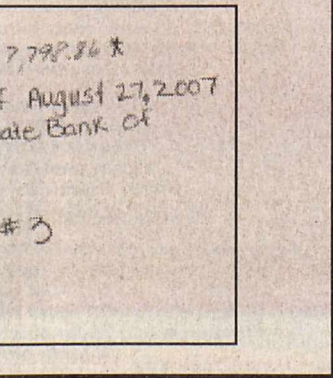


Sage vs. Snake

Courtesy Photo
 Sage, 14, visiting his father Jon Rockow over the summer holds a 5 and a half foot, 8 rattle - rattlesnake that met his fate on the Bass Frontier Ranch.

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001	CLERK	322,542	08/27/07	PAID
002	CONSTABLE	22,509	08/27/07	PAID
003	ATTORNEY	32,542	08/27/07	PAID
004	TAX COLLECTOR	25,400	08/27/07	PAID
005	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	28,765	08/27/07	PAID
006	COUNTY TREASURER	25,400	08/27/07	PAID
007	COUNTY SHERIFF	34,091	08/27/07	PAID
008	COUNTY JUDGE	40,986	08/27/07	PAID
009	COMMISSIONER PRECINCTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4	111,426	08/27/07	PAID

Exhibit #3
 Six Kinney County Elected Officials were successful in pleading their case before the Kinney County Grievance Committee for a \$7,500 pay adjustment on August 27, 2007.



April Rogers
2nd Grade Reading

Letter to the EDITOR

I just finished reading the article about the BISD TAKS Scores and how the Science Scores were the reason Jones Elem. is rated Unacceptable.

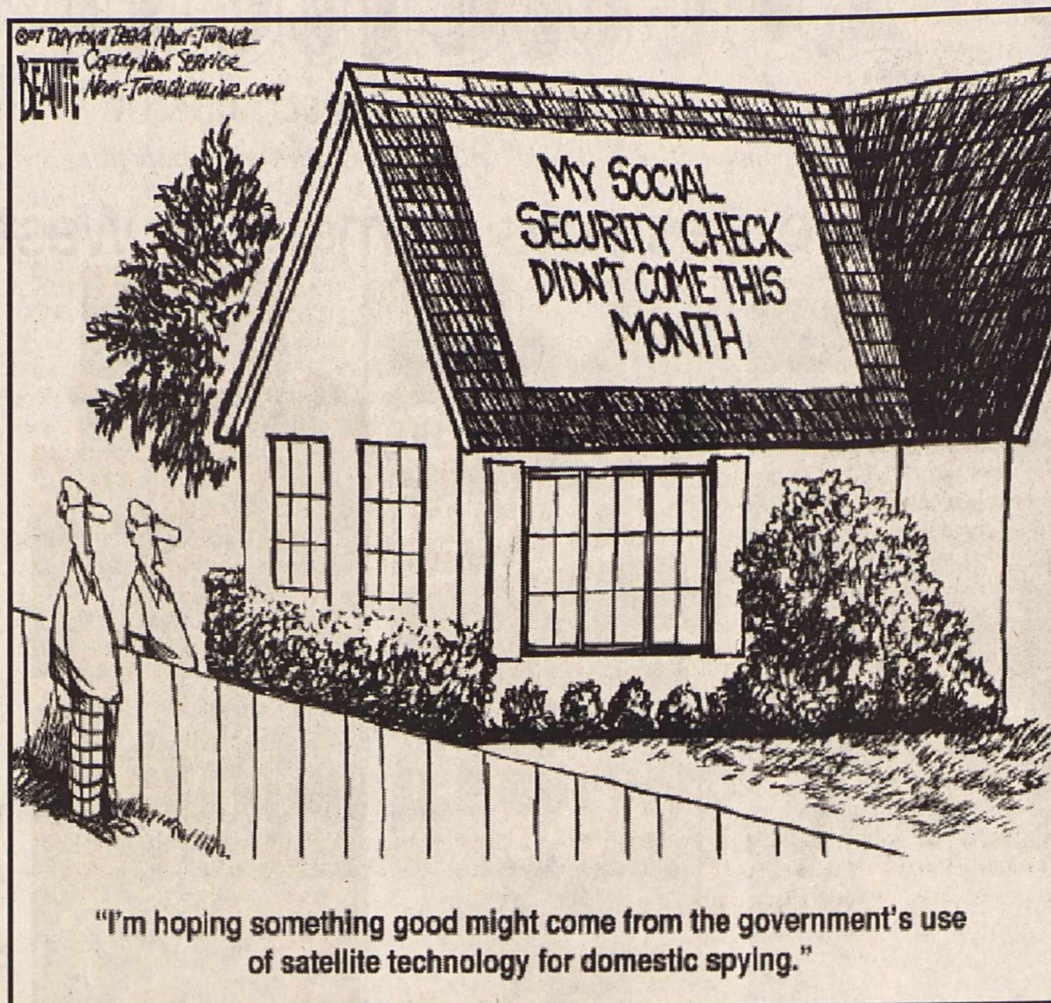
I was last years 5th Grade Science Teacher. Essentially I am the sole reason that the Science Scores were so bad because students only take the Science test in 5th Grade for Elementary School.

Since we moved to Minnesota I am not sure what the district has planned to bring up the TAKS scores for 5th Grade Science. Students cannot pass the Science TAKS Test in 5th Grade when they have had very little Science in K-4th Grade. When students get to 5th Grade the Science teacher is faced with teaching 5 years worth of Science in 7 months before the TAKS Test in April. You do the best you can to try to prepare them for the test but in this case it wasn't good enough.

I hope that the district will allocate more money to improve the Elementary/Intermediate Science Lab. and that everyone will utilize it. The Science Curriculum needs to be aligned so that there will be no gaps. Every grade level needs to be held accountability to make sure that the curriculum is being taught. Maybe every Elementary/Intermediate teacher needs to take a Released 5th Grade Science TAKS Test so they can see exactly what 5th Graders are facing. If some of these things can be addressed I believe that things will be headed in the right direction.

Just to make things clear I am not trying to point fingers at anyone. I have taught other TAKS Grades so I know every grade level is faced with their own challenges. I hope that everyone can work together and that 5th Grade Science will become a strength instead of a thorn for BISD.

Mandy Edgar



Driving in a fog



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

What happens to us is that when we get overwhelmed our brains keep trying to play catch up and in the process, this brain frenzy short circuits our actions. Now don't get me wrong we are working like crazy but we don't seem to be accomplishing much because we are trying to do too much too fast.

We can even feel the CHAOS start to build. So why don't we stop the avalanche before it comes sliding down on top of us! It is because we think if we just keep juggling we can keep all those balls in the air. We are not perfect and let's face it, we are never going to be. But that is just fine with me. I don't have to be perfect to be loved. My home does not have to be perfect to be lived in. Housework done incorrectly still blesses my family. I can do anything for 15 minutes! What doesn't matter, just doesn't matter!

When you feel the pressure start to mount then that is the time to let off some of the steam so you will not explode and the avalanche suffocate you! I can hear you now! "HOW DO I DO THAT!"

Let me tell you what I do when I start to feel overwhelmed. I stop dead in my tracks when I first realize that I am beginning to feel antsy and SIT DOWN!

Then I take a few deep breaths and get out a piece of paper. Automatically my heart rate slows down and that antsy feeling subsides. The reason it is hard for us to recognize that we are feeling overwhelmed is because we have been living on adrenaline most of our lives. We have to practice slowing down when we feel antsy instead of speeding up! Think of it this way. You are going to love this one.

When you are driving and you see a problem way up ahead; do you drive faster to get there quicker. No you slow down and become more cautious. Imagine that all of a sudden you are driving in a fog and you can't see where you are going. You have to slow down. Now you can't just stop (crawl in bed) on the highway because there will be a major pile up (the house will fall apart). You have to proceed slowly and cautiously; being aware of everything going on around you. You even turn off the music so you can concentrate more. If you have a phone call you ignore it. Your mind has to be focused. That fog represents what is going on in our heads when we are trying to do too much at one time!

We can do this with our driving! So let's start practicing it with our race though our day. Your day doesn't have to be one pile up after another!

Slow your brain down by sitting down with a piece of paper. Put on some calming music and examine what is happening to you. Ask yourself these questions.

Have I had any food today? Have I had any water? Am I angry? Am I tired? Am I dressed to shoes? What are the priorities? Write them down on your paper and put first things first. Set your timer for 5 minutes and take care of yourself so you can think.

Then use your timer to keep you focused. I call it a 15 minute day! It is kind of like crisis cleaning for your head. I take my list of priorities and start at the top and spend 15 minutes on that one. It doesn't matter that it is not finished then I set my timer again and go to the next item on the list. I do this three times then I sit for 15 minutes and collect my thoughts and rest at the same time. After timer goes off; I start again!

Are you feeling overwhelmed right now? Try this! It doesn't matter if you are at work or home? Your timer eliminates the fog in your head! Use it!

Are you ready to FLY in a Fog-free area?

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone who remembered us in prayers, cards, flowers, and food during our loss. Special thanks to St. Mary Magdalene Church, the Guadalupanas, Sunset Funeral Home, Dr. Antonio Cadena, and all who cried with us, laughed with us or simply just spent time with us. God Bless you.

The Family of Leonel Garcia

MISTAKES



Please remember that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our newspaper. We realize that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

"Maxed Out" on IRA and 401(k)? Consider insurance, annuities



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

Many people rely on their IRAs and 401(k) plans to help them pay for their retirement years - and for good reason, because IRAs and 401(k)s are excellent retirement-savings vehicles.

But once you reach the point where you are contributing the maximum amount to your IRA and 401(k) each year, what else can you do to build resources for retirement? You might want to consider annuities and cash value insurance.

Fixed and Variable Annuities

When you buy a fixed annuity, the insurance company puts your funds into fixed income investments, such as bonds.

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period, the insurer adjusts the guaranteed interest rate upward or downward. These guarantees are backed by the claims paying ability of the issuing insurance companies.

If you'd like the potential to earn more than you can receive from a fixed annuity, you might want to consider a variable annuity.

When you purchase a variable annuity, you place your money in various accounts that can be made up of stocks, bonds and other securities.

You choose how to allocate your investment dollars, based on your risk tolerance and time horizon. (Keep in mind, though, that this investment is called "variable" for a reason; your account balance will fluctuate along with the financial markets, and there's no guarantee you will get back all your principal.

Furthermore, fees are associated with each variable annuity benefit. With either a fixed or variable annuity, you won't pay taxes on your earnings until you begin taking withdrawals.

Be aware though, that if you are younger than 59-1/2 when you start taking withdrawals, you will have to pay a 10 per-

cent tax penalty in addition to ordinary income tax on the amount withdrawn. Apart from tax deferral, annuities offer at least one other key benefit: flexibility in taking your payments.

You can accept distributions as a lump sum, spread them out over a certain number of years or create an income stream for the rest of your life - or even your life and that of your spouse.

Cash Value Insurance

When you buy permanent insurance, also known as "cash value" insurance, part of your premium pays for the death benefit (the amount that goes to your beneficiary), but some of the payment goes to help build cash value - and this money grows on a tax-deferred basis, similar to annuities, your traditional IRA and your 401(k).

You can choose from a variety of cash-value insurance policies.

In building cash value, some of these policies rely on variable investments, such as stocks. Consequently, your cash value will fluctuate over time, and, as is the case with variable annuities, you could lose some or all of your principal.

However, you can also choose varieties of cash-value insurance, such as whole life or universal life, that typically pay guaranteed rates of return.

The guarantees of these products are also backed only by the claims paying ability of the issuing insurance company.

To access your cash value, you can cancel or surrender your policy (although, if you surrender it within a few years of purchasing it, you may have to pay surrender charges) or you can borrow from your policy and either let the remaining cash value pay the interest or pay it back yourself.

Ultimately, you can provide a significant boost to your retirement savings by investing in annuities and cash value insurance. So, give them some consideration once you've hit the "ceiling" on your 401(k) and IRA.

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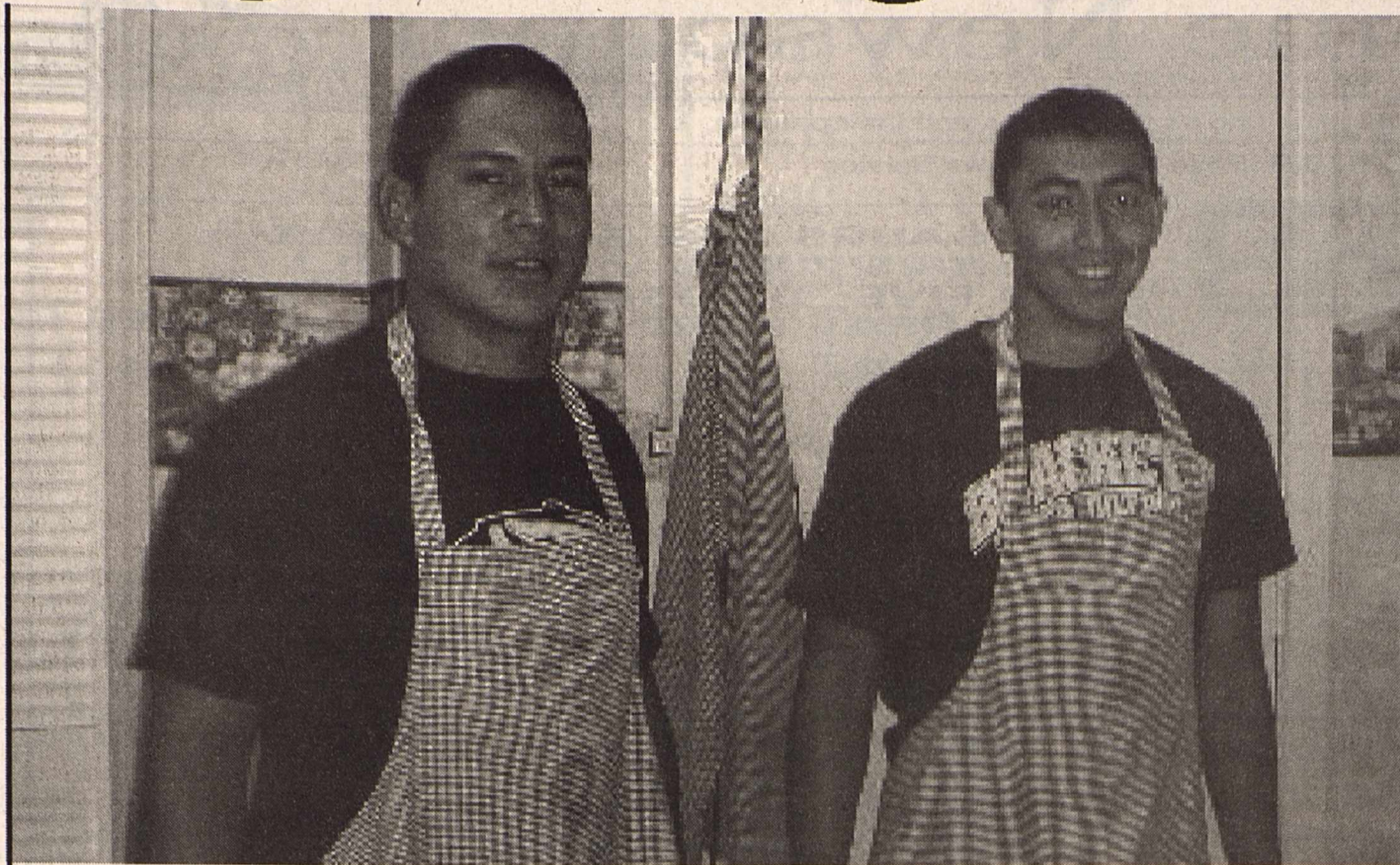
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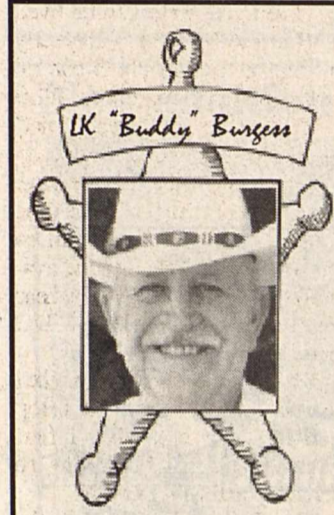
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Returning To School On A Full Stomach

Courtesy photo

A volunteer group of high school students, along with Home Economics Teacher, Yolanda Rueda fixed breakfast for all of the secondary staff last Thursday morning August 23. All the meals were cooked to order - plus a few extras.



Kinney County Sheriff's Report

ing the individual to leave. A deputy was en route.

8:20 pm A local woman reported two individuals arguing in the alley behind her house. A deputy was notified and en route to the location.

Sunday, August 19
9:30 pm A 911 caller reported a reckless driver on Ann St. weaving from one side of the street to the other. A deputy was informed and en route.

10:13 pm John Edward Flores, 22, of Brackettville was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Flores was released on a \$1,200 PR Bond.

Monday, August 20
12:49 am A local woman reported someone had hit her vehicle and left. A deputy was notified.

7:20 am TXDOT reported a

vehicle ran through a fence on Hwy 90 West. A deputy ordered a tow truck to pickup the vehicle

Tuesday, August 21
1:36 am A local man reported he was walking down Ann St. drunk and wanted to turn himself in, before he did something he regretted. A deputy was sent to check on the individual.

1:45 am Manuel Reyes, 26, of Brackettville was arrested for public intoxication. Reyes was released the following day on time served.

2:42 pm A local woman reported a male and female in a yellow pickup were driving around knocking on doors asking people "very personal questions". A deputy was dispatched and checked on the individuals who were cleared. The individuals were vacuum cleaner sale repre-

sentatives.

11:20 pm Theresa Elsey Arechiga, 50, of Austin was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Arechiga was released on bond.

Wednesday, August 22
John B. Fledge, 39, of Jamaica Plain, MA was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Fledge was released two days later on a \$1,200 bond.

9:10 am A 911 caller reported a residential break-in. Deputies were dispatched to the residence.

Thursday, August 23
7:40 am Maverick County reported following a black BMW to the county line. It was reported that the driver was intoxicated and headed to San Antonio. Border Patrol reported later having the individual in custody. A deputy was dispatched.

Peña honored on Dean's List



Regina Ann Peña, a 2006 graduate of Bay City High School was placed on the Dean's List at The University of Alabama for her academic performance in the 2007 Spring Semester.

Regina is a public relations major in the college of communication and information sciences and is part of the university honors program.

Regina is the daughter of Reginaldo and Cecilia Peña. Reggie is a former student and 1972 graduate of Brackett High School. Regina is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Ricardo Peña of Brackettville and the great granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Atanacio "Tania" Peña. Also proud of her accomplishments are her aunts Martha Peña Padron and Rebecca Peña Moore also of Brackettville.

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Kinney 4-H Fun Day

by Junior Club Reporter Haley Smith

It's 4-H time again! Kinney 4-H had its annual 4-H Fun Day on Sunday, August 26, at the NCO Club on Fort Clark Springs. We had a great turn out!

Our Fun Day is a special day where the community can come and see what 4-H is all about. We sign up adult volunteers and all the 4-H members for the new year. We had booths representing all of the most popular 4-H projects. We owe a big thanks to all those who put together booths and answered questions.

We know the weather was a little uncooperative and we are proud of all those who showed up anyway and signed up for 4-H.

We would like to give a special thanks to Smiley Goodloe, and Martha and Ponce Padron for the donation of pizza and water for our Fun Day.

If there are some of you out there that missed this event and want to sign up as a 4-H volunteer or member, please contact the Texas Cooperative Extension Office at (830)563-2442. Our next meeting will be the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet on September 16, 2007 at the NCO Club. The Extension program serves people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. If anyone needs help or knows of someone that needs help in order to participate in a 4-H event, please call the Extension Office.

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By J.R. Rose-Copley News Service

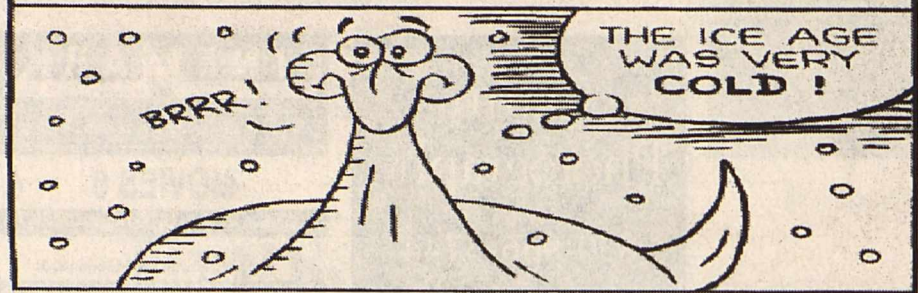
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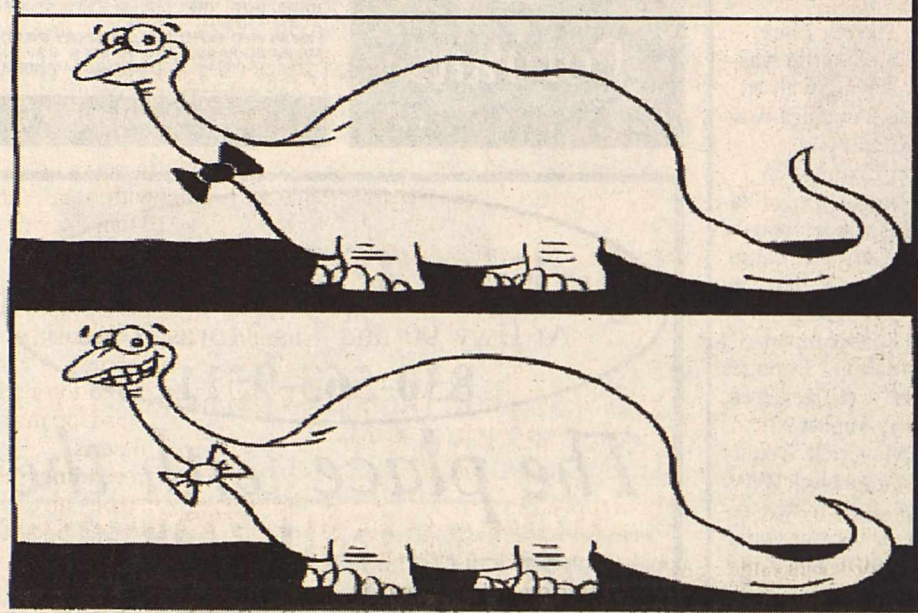
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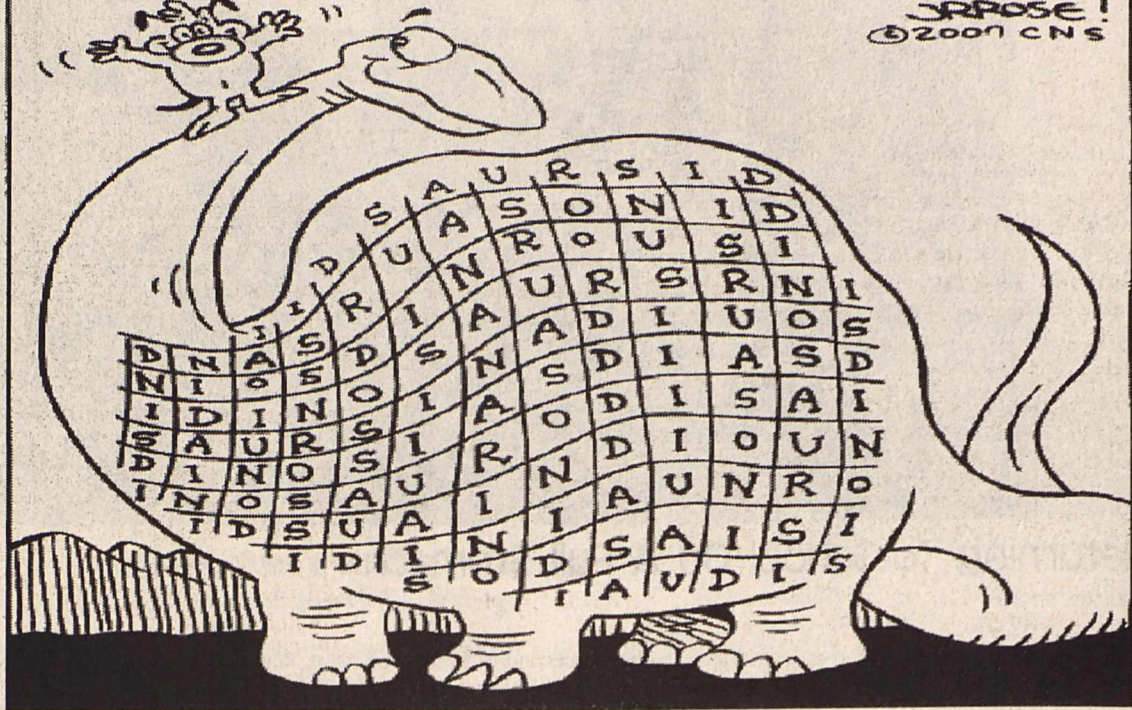


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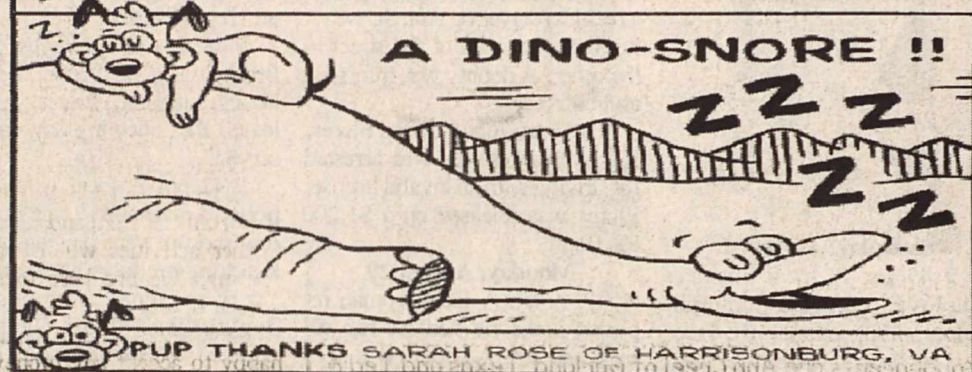
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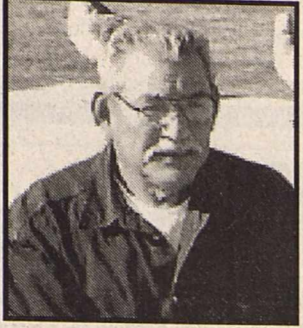
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Adrian Reyes

March 4, 1927 - August 25, 2007



Adrian Reyes, age 80, entered into rest August 25, 2007 in Del Rio, Texas. He was born on March 4, 1927 in San Carlos, Coahuila, Mexico. He was preceded in death his parents Teodoro and Rosa Reyes, also by his wife Francisca Reyes.

Left to cherish his memory is his son Adrian Reyes Jr. and wife Belinda, daughters Ana Belia Reyes, Bertha Reyes, Beatriz Kuhns and husband Thomas and numerous Grandchildren.

The gentlemen left with the honors of pallbearers are: Jesus "Chuy" Hidalgo, Frank Garza, Domingo Villarreal, Lupe Siller, Joseph Daniel Reyes, and Adrian Reyes III. Honorary pallbearers are Jose Luis "Tito" Talamantes, John Reyes, Jake Reyes, and Temo "Popz" Flores.

Visitation were held Monday, August 27, 2007 from 5PM to 9PM in Sunset Brackettville Funeral Home. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was at 7PM.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, August 28, 2007 in St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Brackettville, Texas at 10AM. Interment followed at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery.

CHEER Celebrates One Year Anniversary



Pat Sitzes

The Center for Health Evaluation, Education, & Resources (CHEER) celebrated its one year anniversary on August 29, 2007. CHEER's mission is to provide access to health and wellness activities for Kinney County residents.

This past year CHEER has provided mobile mammography with 43 women participating, breast health education, and cancer-related information to Kinney County residents. On August 23rd, CHEER sponsored the first Back to School Health Fair with many health-related booths from agencies in Del Rio, Uvalde, and Brackettville. Approximately 80 people attended the health fair and 45 immunizations were given. These immunizations insured that these students could start school on the first day of school.

CHEER is looking forward to another year of serving the residents of Kinney County with even more health and wellness activities being made available to the community.

CHEER is located at 103 W. Spring St. inside Carmen's Boutique. Please come and check out the health and wellness and cancer information which is available from CHEER, and watch for further activities which will be coming. We are here to serve you.

As always CHEER would be happy to accept any money donations to help in funding our activities. Donations can be sent to PO Box 706, Brackettville, TX 78832.



Little league receives donation for stolen goods

photo by Tara Eckenrod

Dennis Harris, representative from the Del Rio VFW Post 8552 and the Ladies Auxiliary along with Alibi Lounge Bar and Grill owners, Ray Reyna and Shirley Davis, donated \$500 to Kinney County Little League representative Teresa Quiroz to help replace the stolen supplies from the snack shack last month.

Luscious tempting dessert



Vada Baldree

Cloud topped biscuit

- For the biscuit:
2 1/2 cups flour
1/4 cup sugar
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1 stick butter (cold) cut into 1/2 inch pieces
8 oz. cold cream cheese, cut into 2 inch pieces.
3/4 cup buttermilk, plus more for brushing.
*raw sugar for sprinkling
For the filling/topping:
4 pints, or approx. 4 cups fresh berries to thawed frozen berries
3 tbsp. sugar

2 cups whipped topping
Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Make biscuits by combining dry ingredients well.

Cut in butter using 2 knives or potato masher until largest pieces are the size of a pea.

Add cream cheese in the same manner as the butter.

Add buttermilk and mix together well. Gently knead dough into a ball and cover with plastic wrap and let rest in fridge at least one hour or overnight.

Divide the dough in half. Working with one portion at a time on lightly floured surface, pat into disk, then roll into a 10 inch round, transfer to baking sheets lined with parchment paper over tops & sides.

Remove any loose sugar from parchment paper. Bake until dough has risen slightly and is golden brown, 12 to 15 min. If bottoms are browning too quickly, turn oven down to 400 F. Do not remove cookies until

cooled.

If desired, while cookies are still warm and before removing, using a very small cookie cutter, you may cut a design in one of the cookies and remove cut piece carefully with a small paring knife.

When ready to serve, combine the berries with sugar and let stand about 10 min. to blend well.

Place one biscuit on serving plate, place berries on cookie, top with whipped cream then another layer of berries.

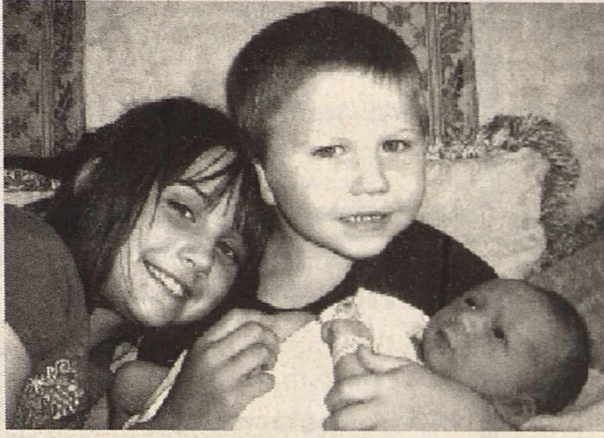
You may choose to top with second biscuit instead of making two separate deserts.

If so, when spreading the whipping cream, be sure to spread it evenly over bottom cookie as to support the second cookie when placed.

For final decoration, you may place a few large, well shaped berries on top.

Happy Eating!

New addition to Creel family



Big sister Kymie and big brother Kristopher are proud of their new brother Kamron Luke Creel, born Aug 2nd weighing 6lbs 7oz. Proud Parents are Ricky and Julie Creel, grandparents are Ann Creel of Garland, Texas and Ted & Carolyn Ellison of Byhalia, Mississippi.

Just in Case you're feeling down..



Original Poems By Cassandra Jane Gomez

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I'm alive today only because he never give up on me.

When in despair and feeling down I know that He is there.

To soothe my heart with His

Holy Spirit and tender loving care.

He is a God of mercy, and the God of my salvation who bears His cross for me on Calvary, without any fuss or hesitation.

He hear's and answer's when I call to Him on bended knees and when I struggle with matters pertaining to my life. He leads me out with ease.

I thank Him daily for the blessings He bestow on me each day and for that special gift that He's given me, the one that I could never ever repay.

Which is the gift of eternal life in heaven..

Put your trust in the Lord



Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me I was in distress have mercy upon me and hear my prayer. O ye sons of men,

how long will ye turn my glory into shame? How long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing. But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him. Stand in awe, and sin not commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

Psalms 4:1-5 Praise the Lord

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Brackett I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, September 10, 2007 in the Trustee Board Room, 400 N. Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Table with 2 columns: Tax Type and Proposed Rate. Maintenance Tax: \$0.9700/\$100. School Debt Service Tax: \$0.0600/\$100.

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Table with 2 columns: Expenditure Category and Percentage Change. Maintenance and operations: 0.00% increase. Debt service: 0.00% increase. Total expenditures: 0.00% increase.

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

Table with 3 columns: Category, Preceding Tax Year, Current Tax Year. Total appraised value of all property, Total appraised value of new property, Total taxable value of all property, Total taxable value of new property.

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

Table with 5 columns: Rate Type, Maintenance & Operations, Interest & Sinking Fund, Total, Local Revenue Per Student, State Revenue Per Student. Last Year's Rate, Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service, Proposed Rate.

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levies with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Last Year, This Year. Average Market Value of Residences, Average Taxable Value of Residences, Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value, Taxes Due on Average Residence, Increase (Decrease) in Taxes.

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 85 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$0.9821. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$0.9821.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Table with 2 columns: Fund Type and Balance. Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s): \$1,000,000. Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s): \$0.

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