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COMMUNITY NEWS

Local Governmental Meetings

The Brackettville City Council will meet on Tuesday, April 15 at 6pm in the City Annex. The Kinney County Commissioner's Court will meet on Monday, April 21 at 9am in the County courtroom. BSD Board of Trustees will hold a Board meeting on Monday, April 14 at 6:30 pm in the Central Office board room.

Old Quarry Play Cancelled

Due to circumstances beyond our control, including cast and family illness, the production of "Funny Money" scheduled for April 4 and 5 has been cancelled. If you already purchased a ticket, please return to the person or place where it was purchased for a refund. If you have any questions, please call 563-3070 or 563-9229. The Old Quarry Society sincerely regrets the need to cancel this play and we hope you will continue to support us in next year's season.

Golf Cart Drawing to be Held

The drawing for the golf cart and trailer will be held on Sunday, April 6, 2008 at 10:15 a.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Pastor Lafrenz will do the drawing of the lucky person. All are welcome to be present for the drawing, however you do not need to be present to win. The winner will be notified by phone or mail and will be published in next week's paper.

Rabies Clinic

The City of Brackettville will be hosting a Rabies Vaccination Clinic Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at City Hall located at 119 W. Spring Street. All other shots will be available. Please call Joe Kelly at 563-2412, for more information.

Send Beauty to the Desert

The goal is to brighten the day for some female soldiers serving in the Middle East. To sponsor gifts, contact one of these MK consultants for more details. Alana Flurry, 563-9453; Yvette Clementz, 830-488-1488; Jenifer Harris, 830-968-7397; Allison Taylor, 563-2852 or Paige Weatherby, 563-9134.

Benefit for St. Jude's Children's Hospital


The greeting cards you receive during the year are needed to help benefit the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Only the front of the card depicting any and all occasions is needed. For details, call Vada at 563-9377.

Domestic Violence Prevention

BCFS Families For A Future will be offering FREE parenting and youth workshops. For more information please call Raquel Torres or Marie Broadhead at 830-762-2788 or toll free 877-441-4188. Meals and childcare services will be provided FREE of charge.


Weekend WEATHER

Friday

 High: 81
Low: 49


Mostly Sunny/Windy

Saturday

 High: 83
Low: 53

Sunny

Sunday

 High: 89
Low: 57

Sunny

Holloman elected to FCS Board

Fort Clark Springs held 37th Annual Meeting

The 37th Annual Membership meeting of the Fort Clark Springs Association was held on Saturday, March 29, 2008. The meeting was called to order by Board President Larry O'Keeffe. Jeff Janca, Pastor of the First Baptist Church delivered the invocation, followed by the Pledges of Allegiance.

Vice President David Palmer welcomed those in attendance and introduced the board members, candidates for the board and staff members. The minutes from the March 31, 2007 Annual Meeting were read by Secretary John Carlson and approved as written.

Treasurer Felix Cerna presented the financial report and introduced Randy Galloway of the CPA firm, Hardin and

Newsome of Del Rio, who provided a more in-depth report of the financial status of the Association.

Interim Director of Operations, Genell Hobbs delivered the State of the Association report, outlining various projects that had been completed the past year, and those that are upcoming, and expressed appreciation to all the volunteers who had so generously given of their time and money to provide for the betterment of the Association.

Larry Sofaly, Manager of the Fort Clark Municipal Utility District advised that there would be no MUD election in May, as there were only 3 positions to be filled and no one signed up to run for the positions, except the

incumbents. He explained there would be a MUD election in November relating to a bond issue for street work and painting of one of the water towers.

The various standing committees were recognized by Cerna who explained the guidelines for each committee and thanked them for their hard work and dedication.

Hobbs recognized Joe Cabello and presented him with the Employee of the Year award. He had been an outstanding employee who has worked in the maintenance department for a little over 14 years.

Hobbs also presented Nancy Frerich with a 25 year service award, expressed appreciation to her and noted this was the 20th

year she has been responsible in coordinating the barbecue meal following the meeting.

Director Sam Holloman presented the Member of the Year award to George Nickolay, who has been a member since 1998, and involved in many volunteer projects, not only with a group but also individually. Holloman thanked Nickolay on behalf of the Board of Directors, the employees and members of the Association for his contributions.

Vice President Palmer expressed appreciation to Sam Holloman, who was appointed to the board in November, for his service to the board and membership since that time. Palmer also recognized Nolan Brandt, who resigned from the board in October, and expressed appreciation to him for 4 1/2 years service on the Board of Directors.

Hobbs also recognized the first member of Fort Clark Springs Association and the first President of the Board of Directors, Tommy Seargeant, who explained his involvement throughout the years, not only at Fort Clark but also in the community.

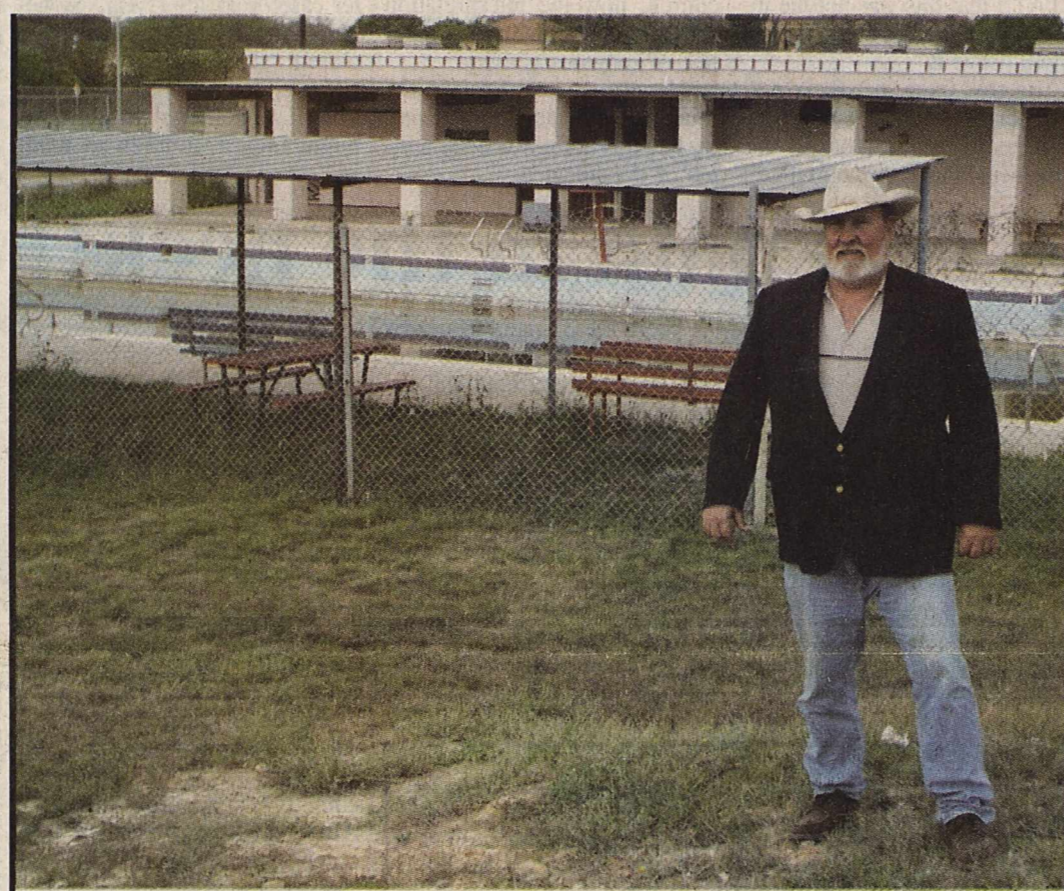
Carlson then introduced Pat Bowers of the CPA firm, Glen Graf and Bowers of Del Rio who read the results of the election and announced that Sam Holloman was elected to the board for a 3 year term and the proposition to increase the regular assessments by \$3.00 per month was defeated.

Carlson officially swore in Sam Holloman as a director.

Following announcements and adjournment, the organizational meeting was called to order by O'Keeffe. New officers were elected: Larry O'Keeffe, President; David Palmer, Vice President; John Carlson, Secretary and Felix Cerna, Treasurer.

After the meeting, a barbecue meal was held at the Service Club.

Information for this article was submitted by FCSA.



Doug Davis Introduces Himself To His Party

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

Commissioner Precinct 3 Republican Candidate Doug Davis introduced himself to his party at the county convention March 30. Davis said he will make getting the county's swim park reopened a priority.

Davis details political platform

Republican candidate for County Commissioner Precinct 3, Doug Davis introduced himself to his party at the Kinney County Republican Convention on March 30.

Davis, a local rancher, spoke to crowd at the Grey Wolf Lodge on Fort Clark Springs and said if he is elected he will, "get the county pool open". Davis also said he believes the county and city should work together to improve the condition of the roads, improve and increase law enforcement and continue to maintain fiscal re-

sponsibility.

"I believe the county should have money in reserve," said Davis as he noted the county's outside auditor Wayne Beyer recommended the county have three months of operating expenses or one million dollars on hand. Davis explained the county currently has 1.4 million dollars on hand and if they do not plan to re-invest the surplus, over \$440,000, into the community, the county should cut the people's taxes; a statement that brought about a loud round of applause from the audience.

The convention, a first of its kind in the county in many years, was led by County Republican Party Chairman Dr. Kent Lowery. During the meeting, Lowery asked the audience what local issues he should take to the state convention in Houston this summer and the responses included the high rate of teen pregnancy the county is currently experiencing, the importance of family values and the poor condition of our roads and infrastructure.

State Republican Executive Committee Senate District 19

Representative Darrel Brown was the guest speaker and encouraged the audience to get involved and develop a strong party in Kinney County. Brown shared his political experiences in Bandera County and gathered a few laughs at the expense of a few high profile Democrats.

"We know there are Republican candidates that run as Democrats because they feel that is the only way to get elected in small towns like this, but we can change that," said Brown.

BISD students score well on TAKS Reading

By Allison Taylor
Managing Editor

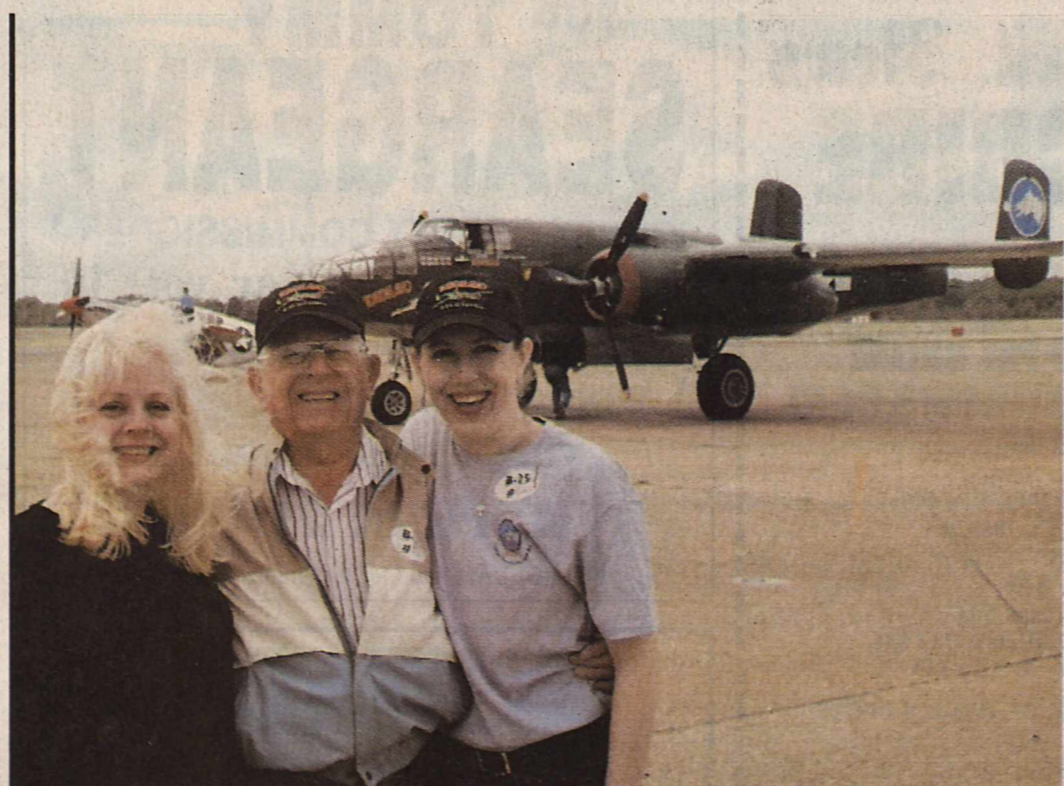
Students took the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) reading test on March 5 and passed with flying colors.

Third and Eighth grades were 100 percent passing and fifth grade was 87 percent passing.

13 children in third grade had a commended performance and 11 children in fifth grade also had a commended performance.

According to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) website, a Commended Performance means the student performed at a level that was considerably above the state passing standard and showed a thorough understanding of the knowledge and skills tested.

Fifth and Eighth grades will take the Math TAKS test next week.



Baker Takes A Ride Back In Time

Courtesy Photo

Fort Clark resident, Art Baker, center, rode in a B-25 Bomber plane with his granddaughter Jody Burks, right, in Tyler Texas on March 26. Baker flew combat missions in the South Pacific in a similar B-25 plane. Baker says flying is like riding a bicycle, you never forget how. He was able to ride up from the the pilot and co-pilot.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Children's Miniature Garden Contest

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club at Fort Clark is having a Children's Miniature Garden contest at their annual Flower Show on Sunday, April 6. The contest is for children in grades K through 5th grades. Gardens may contain flowers, herbs, cactus - use your imagination! Container size is limited to 2 foot by 2 foot, or smaller. Miniature gardens should be brought to the Flower Show for display and judging. Call 563-2010 with any questions.

Letters to our Troops

If you would like to send out a postcard or letter to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan please contact Bonnie Frerich at 563-5372. Letter and notes are the most requested since it boosts their morale and reminds them that the are not forgotten.

Income Tax Information

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program will begin offering services to qualified individuals and families in the Middle Rio Grande region this month. For more information call the Workforce Center nearest to you or dial 211. You will be directed to the appropriate Workforce Center. The Middle Rio Grande Development Foundation in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service, the Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board, the Middle Rio Grande Development Council and four community-based coalitions are sponsoring these free services to qualified individuals.

TXDOT Trash-Off

(AUSTIN, Texas)—The Texas Department of Transportation is issuing a call to all Texans to volunteer for the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, which occurs April 5. During Trash-Off, volunteers across the state will clean roadsides, parks, waterways and neighborhoods. "Until every Texan uses a litterbag in their car and refuses to litter, there will always be a need for Trash-Off," said Doris Howdeshell, Travel Information Division Director for TXDOT. "Because of the prevalence of litter, we consider Trash-Off one of the best events to help bring people together to clean up our roadways. In fact, we'd love to double last year's turnout, so we're asking everyone to volunteer and bring a friend." Adopt-a-Highway volunteers are at the heart of Trash-Off, and TXDOT encourages all people to join their local community's efforts by registering at www.DontMessWithTexas.org and clicking on Get Involved, Programs, then Trash-Off. TXDOT also provides free vehicle litterbags for Texans, and if each Texas litterer put only six pieces of trash in a litterbag each year, Texas would be litter-free. The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is the largest one-day statewide cleanup event in the U.S. and is co-sponsored by TXDOT and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB). The event brings together KTB volunteers and Adopt-a-Highway groups from across the state who clean up their communities on one designated day. The annual Trash-Off is now in its 22nd year.

ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS

**April 8, 2008
Runoff Election
7am to 7pm
Pct. 1:
EMS Building,
401 S. Ellen St.
Pct. 3:
Senior Citizens
Apartments,
600 W. Spring St.**

Publishers PLOG

Teen Pregnancy in Brackett

Here's another topic that we are avoiding and if you get your feelings hurt, then this PLOG is just for you....

Brackett High girls are getting pregnant at an alarming rate. How many young girls in Brackett High are pregnant?

If you said one you're wrong and if you said ten you're wrong, but it's some where in the middle, but closer to ten.

The girl: If you are a pregnant teen in Brackettville, I have some questions for you: Why are you pregnant? Why? Did your parents not speak to you about sex? Did your school not offer sex education classes and seminars? What did that boy say to you that would convince you to have a sexual relationship with him without ANY sort of protection? Please, for the love of God, tell me exactly what he said so I can tell my daughter what to listen out for! Would you recommend your situation to your friends. "Hey friend, get pregnant at age 16 or 17. It's GREAT! Don't listen to your priest about having sex outside of marriage, don't listen to your parents when they NO sex whatsoever, don't listen to the sex ed teacher when they say that taking the pill prevents pregnancy and using condoms prevents pregnancy (and some of the diseases you teenagers are passing around to each other like Skittles). Do you think a boy's attention will fill the gap your absent FATHER left behind? Do you enjoy the sex so much that you'd put your future success in life in the trash to be with a guy that has no desire to raise a kid with you. Did you really think that "hoping" you wouldn't get pregnant would be enough to prevent you from having a baby? Or did you just want to have a baby? How do you plan on paying for this baby? Do you have a job and health insurance? Or did you have to sign up for WIC and Medicaid? Where will you live? Will you live with your parents or get a government apartment? Are you going to finish high school? Is a college degree out of the question? Who will watch your child so you can work? Your mother or grandmother? What skills do you have? Can you type? Can you operate a computer? Can you flip a burger? What will you do? Will you have to depend on the government "benefits" to get by? Think I am 16... What will become of me and this child when I am 26, 36 and 46? Will this child live to age 18 on welfare? Do not think that just because politicians are telling you welfare is good that the rest of the world is not looking down on you, believe me, even your friends and family are talking about how you can't get it together and get off the system. Having UNPROTECTED sex outside of marriage is stupid at any age.

Parents: just because you had your child baptized in church and you've told them not to have sex and they're telling you they're not having sex doesn't mean they are not having sex. Don't be an idiot. You cannot pray your kids out of having sex. You cannot "hope" your kids out of having sex. What you can do is start having some really blunt talks with your kids - WAAAAAY before they even start thinking about the opposite sex. If your kid, at any age, asks you where babies come from - don't just say "God". Don't say "ask me again when you're older". Don't use Barbie Dolls. Kids aren't as dumb as you think. Use some scientific terms and explain it on a level they can understand. If you don't know how, get your pastor to help you or look it up on the internet. When you shut a kid down because they asked you a legitimate question about their bodies or sex, you are closing a door on them and they're not going to ask you the next time. Think about it... Who do you want answering sex questions YOU or some snot-nosed kid in PE? I was told the magic number is 8. Eight years old to 8th grade. After that kids will not ask their parents anything about sex, drugs or rock n' roll if they think you're not going to be honest with them. I can only hope my own teens are going to listen to my words of advice. I am blunt with them about sex. I think the word condom comes out of my mouth at least once a day. "Use a condom, now eat your salad."

The School: The school is NOT responsible for keeping your daughter out of the maternity ward. Sex education starts at home. If you were an unwed mother, then you should be doing everything you can to figure out why you ended up pregnant and then doing everything short of sitting between your daughter and her young boyfriend at the movies to prevent her from getting pregnant. The school should do everything they can to encourage these girls to finish high school if they are pregnant and the counselors should also be introducing them to college counselors that will help them get into a program where they can get a college degree and support themselves. BUT the FAMILY and the CHURCH both need to stop being big fat wimps and start talking about sex. Get some professionals in there and not some whacko that just wants to be important.

Community: Stop telling our kids "Don't have sex"!!!! Guess what? It's not working! Kids ARE having sex. Tell our kids to make smart choices. And when we have a child that has slipped through the cracks - then the community should not shame the baby, shame the young parents for not making a smart choice, but support the child so they can have a good life, BUT do not make it easy for the young people. Make these young people care for their own children!!! Tell the young people that unless you're sitting a classroom or at work - this baby belongs to you!

I write these things because I care and not because I think I am better than you. I was you. I am you. I don't want anymore young girls to be like us.

Make smart choices girls or I'll see you pushing your baby stroller down Ann Street because you can't afford a car.

Leigh V.

PS I don't think you have to be 18 to buy condoms or pregnancy tests. Which is worse?

One Nation under God

Part 1 of 4
Submitted by Joe Robinette

Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 21:11-14. Decisions of a Country Leader can bring destruction upon a country.

I. Over the last 50 years, the U.S. has experienced a decline in morality that staggers the imagination. Why? I would like to discuss one of the major contributing factors.

The First Amendment states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

II. Recent History: In 1947, in the case of Everson vs. the Board of Education, the US Supreme Court FOR THE FIRST TIME ruled that the First Amendment "has erected a wall of separation between church and state. That wall must be kept high and impregnable."

This was the first time out government began to speak of a separation of church and state by saying this is what our founders wanted, that this was their great intent.

Brethren, I must STRONGLY STATE that this was not the intent of our founding fathers and I will prove it.

In the case of Baer vs. Kormorgan in 1958, one of the dissenting judges wrote in this statement "that if the court didn't

stop talking about such phrases as separation of church and state, this would make people believe that it was a part of the constitution!" This phrase separation of church and state, this would make people believe that it was part of the constitution!" This phrase of church and state does not appear in any of our nation's founding documents.

Liberal rulings continued to decay our standards on June 25, 1962, in the case of Engel vs. Vitale, when the ruling in this case for the first time separated Christian principles from education. School prayer was struck down.

This 1962 case redefined the word church to mean any religious activity performed in public-whereas the previous 170 years, the reference to the word church was strictly defined only as any government authorized or federally established denomination. This was the turning point in the interpretation of the First Amendment. This prohibited public practice of religious activity. No longer was the intent of the First Amendment to prohibit a federally established church, now the interpretation was to prohibit any public practice of religious activity.

Never before in ay of the founding doctrines of our country had this definition been written or documented.

School prayer was the first casualty from this ruling by the Supreme Court which was based on NO PRECEDENTS. The second casualty of this and succeeding rulings was that no religious doctrines could be espoused. This meant that Biblical reference and textbooks would be removed from education. Classic teaching materials such as the Bible Study Course of the New Testament, published for Dallas High Schools in Sept. 1946 were stricken from usable teaching materials. This had been approved and authorized by the Texas Board of Education, April 23, 1946. This had been a credit course toward graduation in Dallas High Schools!

The supreme Court reaffirmed the ban on school prayer and banned school Bible reading on June 17, 1963 in the cases of Abington vs. Schempp and Murray vs. Curlett. In these cases, the court ruled that "If portions of the New Testament were read without explanation, they could be...and had been psychologically harmful to the child."

The trend continued case after case, year after year. Stone vs. Graham in 1980 even declared "that hanging the Ten Commandments on a wall of a school was illegal because it might induce children to read it!"



Emily Cooper

Here's how you can keep business "All in the Family"

If you own a small business, you've got a lot to think about: attracting customers, holding down expenses, keeping up with trends and competitors - the list goes on and on. In short, you do everything possible to make sure your business can support your family. But if you want to keep the business in the family after you're gone, you'll need to prepare a strategy - and the sooner you start, the better.

Of course, you could simply transfer your business to family members through the use of a will. However, the value of your business could help contribute to a considerable estate tax burden for your heirs. (The future of estate taxes is unclear. In 2010, the estate tax is scheduled to disappear - for one year only. Unless Congress changes the laws before then, in 2011 the exemption amount - the amount you can pass to your heirs, free of estate taxes - will revert to \$1 million, with a maximum estate tax rate of 55 percent.)

So, rather than bequeathing your business to family members, how else might you transfer it? You can choose any of several alternatives. Let's look at two of them.

Buy-sell agreements
Suppose you have a child who has shown a great aptitude for your business. You'd be delighted if your child took it over when you were gone, but there's one problem: Your child can't afford to buy you out.

To help your child purchase the company, you might want to establish a buy-sell agreement - a legally binding contract stipulating that, upon your death, the business will be sold to your child, at an established price. To fund the sale of the business, you take out an insurance policy on your life, with your child as a beneficiary. You could choose term insurance, which will be fairly inexpensive, but you also might want to consider "whole life," which has higher premiums but offers the potential to build increasing cash value.

Family limited partnerships
You could also transfer ownership of your business through a family limited partnership. Here's how it works: Well before you retire, you decide to transfer interests in your business to a family limited partnership, creating general partnership shares and limited partnership shares. You hold on to the general partnership shares and give the limited shares to your child.

At this point, you are still responsible for managing the company. And, at the same time, you are reducing your family's estate tax liability because you are removing assets (the limited partnership shares) from your estate. Furthermore, for gift tax purposes, you'll get a "discount" on the value of the limited partnership shares because, as "noncontrolling" interests, they are theoretically worth less to the recipients.

When you die, only the value of your ownership interest will be included in your taxable estate. And your child can then take formal responsibility for running the business.

Get professional help
Both a buy-sell agreement and a family limited partnership are considerably more complex than described here, so you will need to work with an estate-planning attorney before you launch either of these arrangements. Your attorney can also advise you on other business-succession alternatives. Start your preparations soon. Even if you are many years from retirement, it's nice to know you - and your family - will be ready.
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A real pain in the neck!!



Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C., FIAMA

How well your brain is communicating with the rest of your body is what your chiropractor is most concerned about.

There are 31 pairs of nerves exiting from the spine and connection to every organ and tissue in the body.

The nervous system is the body's inborn "Super Highway".

Any blockage or congestion in this communication network causes irritation to the surrounding muscles, bones and nerves.

Pain occurs when the spine can no longer handle this irritation in a normal manner.

The neck is a sensitive are for many people. A chiropractor certified in the Activator protocol can provide an alternative adjustment for the neck.

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For an appointment, please call Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C. in Brackettville at 563-6249. Our clinic is located at #1 Mesquite Alley. We offer acupuncture and accept most insurances.

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BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Class of 2008



Lauren Kelsey Cornelius

Name: Lauren Kelsey Cornelius
Parents: Kris Nelson (Mom), Marguerite Nelson and Robert Nelson (Grandparents)
Siblings: Khara Cornelius at Texas A&M Corpus Christi
What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: This fall, I will attend St. Mary's University in San Antonio, TX. I will major in Political Science and minor in Philosophy. Upon completion of undergraduate school, I will attend law school in hopes of becoming an attorney.
What Teacher Influenced You The Most? My 8th grade GT English Teacher, Mrs. Hatchet has had a profound influence upon my development as a student, as well as an individual. Mrs. Hatchet recognized my original thinking style as a gift, and helped me to excel by thinking "outside the box". Also, Coach Hermanoman had helped me to believe in myself as an athlete. He would always say, "show me something" before a track or cross country meet. This meant a lot to me because I felt that he believed in me. Thank you
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate? I will miss the comfort of having my mom and grandparents near by. They have always and will always be there for me. Thank you and I love you. I will also miss our D.O.G.'s Mickey, Minnie and Pele.



Roland Zamora Jr.

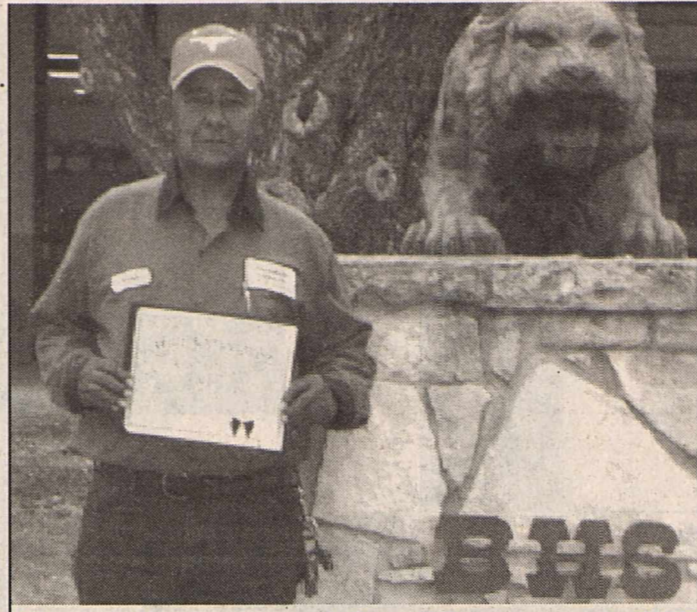
Name: Roland Zamora, Jr.
Parents: Roland Sr. and Lourdes Zamora
Siblings: Tony, Alex, Roland and Orlando Zamora
What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: Texas Tech or Houston and I plan to be a male model.
What Teacher Influenced You The Most?: Mrs. Hernandez, Coach Marquardt and Mrs. Jaso
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate?: Football, lack of responsibility for the real world and being dumb with my friends.



Magaly Talamantes

Name: Magaly Talamantes
Parents: Noe & Leonor Talamantes
Siblings: Abel, Orlando, Omar and Emanuel Talamantes and Rosalinda Morales
What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: work
What Teacher Influenced You The Most?: Mrs. Bruce & Mrs. Hernandez
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate?: My friends and walking through the hallways

Celebrating thirty-five years



Buantello honored for 35 years at BISD

Rueben Buantello was honored on April 1, 2008 by BISD staff in appreciation for his 35 years of service at the District.

Submitted by BISD

Rueben Buantello was presented a certificate of appreciation from school board President Henry Lutz and Superintendent Paula Renken.

Rueben Buantello has been with BISD for 35 years as of April 1, 2008. He was hired in 1972 by Superintendent Marion Wills. For many years, Rueben was a bus driver and custodian. Currently he is a member of the maintenance department as head grounds-keeper and does night security for the district. Maintenance, custodial and central office employees surprised Rueben on April 1, 2008 with an appreciation breakfast for his 35 years of service. A good attitude, is what Rueben attributes as his key to success. He enjoys his job and is considering working until the age of 75; which means 12 more years!

BISD Junior High/

High School

Honor Roll

3rd Nine Weeks

Brackett Junior

High School

"A" Honor Roll

7th Grade: Meghan Flores

"AB" Honor Roll

7th Grade: Vanerick Domenech, Briana Garza, Selina Gerardo, Ethan Justice, Alisha Pina, Jonathan Pinales and Selene Talamantes

8th Grade: Brittany Hale,

Kelli Kennedy, Yanira Perez, Joel Talamantes and Daulton Woodson

Brackett High School

"A" Honor Roll

9th Grade: Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk and Haley Hale

10th Grade: Victor Cantu,

Brooklyn Gose, Jeffrey Sitgreaves and Katryna Swilley

11th Grade: Emily Calk,

Samantha Moore and Laura Swinson

12th Grade: Julie Castillo,

Lauren Cornelius, Meghann Davis, Evelyn Rojas, Gabriella Schroeder, Ashley Stephenson, Bianca Stewart and Gabriela Talamantes

"AB" Honor Roll

9th Grade: Stella Guajardo, Ayland Letsinger, Sahara Rodriguez, Joshua Smith and Erica Villanueva.

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11th Grade: Laura Adams,

Katie Braesicke, Kristina Flores, Serenity Gammill, Veronica Garza, Rebecca Mann, Maribel Rivas, Arlene Roth and Jacob Schroeder

12th Grade: Jesus

Balderas, Travis Bonner, Cesar Cantu, Amber Castilla, Capri Creech, Israel DeHoyos, Alberto Flores, Daphne Hunt, Joshua Kluzek, Bellalynra Talamantes, Anolda Watkins and Jolisa Wright

Brackett golf team advances to Regionals

Submitted by Coach Greg Voyles

The boys Brackett "A" golf team is advancing to Regionals after winning District Champs at the Tournament held in Comfort.

Lane Nowlin placed first shooting a 78, Guy Rigby placed

second shooting an 80, Shaun Davis shot an 81 placing him in third, Sam Childress placed fourth shooting an 83 and Chris Blake shot an 85 placing him sixth. The Brackett "A" team shot a team total of 322.

The Brackett "B" team,

Jonathan Estrada, Damien Falcon, Steven Rodriguez, Cody Kirkland and Tyler McDonald, placed fourth shooting a team total of 392.

Ashley Stephenson placed first shooting an 87 and she will be advancing to Regionals.

Softball girls defeat Charlotte 18-0

Submitted by Coach Lindsey Kunz

The Brackett High School Softball team began district play last week in true Tigereffe form by defeating both Sabinal and Charlotte.

District play officially began on Monday, March 24, with the Tigerettes hosting the Lady Jackets from Sabinal. Brackett quickly

jumped out to a four run lead to take advantage of the game. Sabinal tried to fight back, but the Tigerettes broke the game open in the fourth inning scoring seven runs, fending off the Jacket attack. Three more runs in the fifth inning completed the game due to run rules by the score of 13-3.

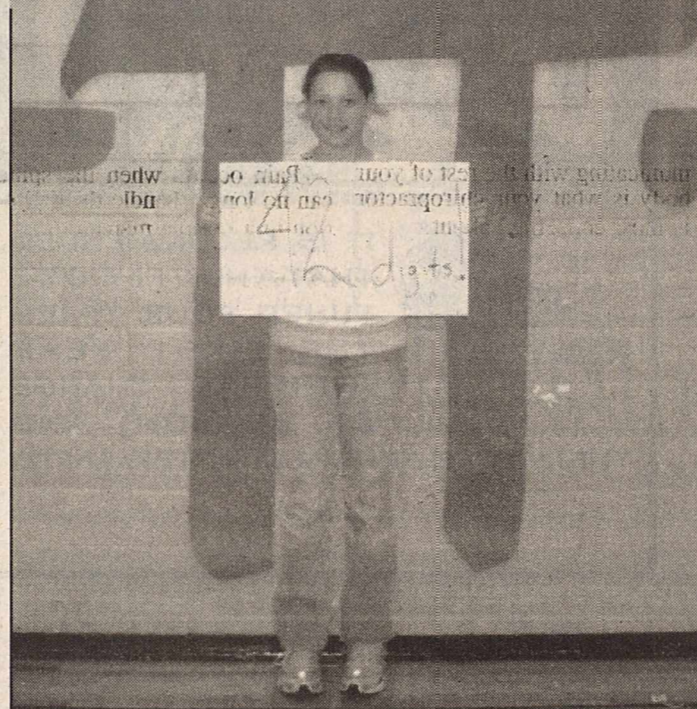
Senior Julie Castillo earned

the win on the mound, while junior Natalie Aguirre completed the final inning to earn the save. Leading the Tigerettes at the plate were junior Bianca Terrazas, Castillo, junior Bianca Martinez, and sophomore Lila Molinar with 2 hits each.

In their second district contest, the Tigerettes hosted the softball team from Charlotte. This game proved to be all Brackett, as the Tigerettes took an eight run lead and never looked back. The ladies scored an additional ten runs in the second to seal the victory by the score of 18-0.

Earning the win on the mound was Aguirre. Leading the hitting attack were Terrazas and freshman Paige Nowlin. Also adding to the Tigerette offense was freshman Marisol Aguirre crossing home plate three times.

Next district action for the Tigerettes is Friday, April 4, as the Tigerettes again host Sabinal.



Allen sets school record

Leslie Allen set the school record for the most recited digits by memory for the number pi, at Brackett's first annual Pi Day.

BHS students advance to regional competition

Submitted by Cindy Brandt

Thirteen Brackett High School students advance from District competition to Regional competition which will be held April 12, 2008 at Blinn Junior College in Brenham. Students competing were:

Accounting Team: Paul Novel, Arlene Roth, Gabby Schroeder and Laura Swinson

Mathematics Team: Emily Calk, Doolie Fernandez, Gabby Schroeder and Laura Swinson

Poetry: Daphne Hunt

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Lauren Cornelius

Social Studies Team: Bryan Calk, Sahara Rodriguez, Jacob Schroeder and Jeff Sitgreaves

Number Sense: Victor Cantu

Students who placed at the

District meet, but will not be advancing to Regional competition are: Katie Braesicke, Computer Applications (Sixth Place); Meghann Davis, Ready Writing (Fourth Place); Victor Cantu, Informative Speaking (Fifth Place); and Bailee Allen, Persuasive Speaking (Fifth Place). The Number Sense Team placed Second at District, but will not advance to Regional competition. Members are: Brandon Allen, Cynthia Bland, Victor Cantu and Doolie Fernandez.

Congratulations to all students who participated at the UIL Academic District meet held in Rocksprings on March 29, 2008. Your dedication and continued hard work continues to pay off as you excel.

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OBITUARIES

Oralia G. Villarreal

August 30, 1942 - March 21, 2008



Oralia G. Villarreal age 65, of Prosser, WA passed away surrounded by her loving family Friday, March 21, 2008 at her home. She was born August 30, 1942 to Ramon M. and Genevieve B. Gutierrez in Spofford, Texas. Oralia was raised and received her education in Texas. On November 20, 1965 she married Raul Villarreal in Texas. In 1967 they moved to Prosser, WA where together have made their home. Oralia enjoyed sewing, quilting and gardening. She loved cooking and spending time with her family and cherished her grandchildren. Oralia is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, Raul Villarreal of Prosser, WA, 2 sons, Daniel Villarreal and wife, Michele of Prosser, WA and Raul Villarreal Jr. and wife, Elsa of Prosser, WA, 6 grandchildren; Jesse, Wade, Gabby, Noah, Emily and Kaelan all of Prosser, WA. She is also survived by her siblings, Ester Cruz of Spofford, TX; Beatrice Solis of Killeen, TX; Luis Gutierrez of Brackettville, TX; Ramon Gutierrez of Brackettville, TX; Roberto Gutierrez of Austin, TX; Carlos Gutierrez of Austin, TX and many cousins, nieces and nephews in the Texas area. She is preceded in death by her parents. Viewing and visitation were held Tuesday, March 25, 2008 from 11:00 A.M. 4:00 P.M. at the Smith Funeral Home, Sunnyside, WA. Funeral Services were Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. at the Smith Funeral Home, Sunnyside, WA with burial following at the East Prosser Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers those wishing to honor her memory may contribute to Lower Valley Hospice.

Dr. Kenneth Stone

January 3, 1928 - March 24, 2008



Dr. Kenneth Stone, age 80, of Plainview, passed away on Monday, March 24, 2008. Funeral services were 2:00 P.M. Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 9th & Columbia St. - Church of Christ in Plainview with officiated by. Interment followed at Plainview Memorial Park under the direction of the Wood-Dunning Funeral Home.

Kenneth Wayne Stone was born on January 3, 1928 to Henry M. and Alta M. (Clark) Stone in Hollis, Oklahoma. He graduated from West Texas High School in Canyon in 1946. Kenneth honorably served his country as a member of the United States Navy from 1946-1950. On August 8, 1952, while attending the University of Texas at Austin, he married Bertha Louise Bruce of Brackettville, Texas.

Kenneth later received his Bachelors' Degree from UT and continued his education at the University of Texas Dental School in Houston. In 1959, Kenneth and Louise relocated to Plainview, where they would enjoy a successful dental practice for over 33 years.

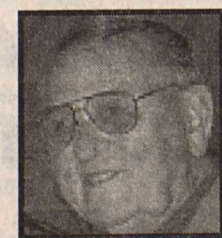
Dr. Stone was a member of the 9th & Columbia St. Church of Christ where he faithfully served as a deacon and a Bible School Teacher. He is preceded in death by his parents, his son Kenneth Lloyd Stone in December of 1976, and a brother, Norman Stone.

He is survived by his wife of over 56 years, Louise Stone of Plainview; his sons, Gary Wayne Stone and wife, Lisa and Darrell Paul Stone and wife, Becky; his brother, Don Stone and wife Ginger; five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Memorial donations in Dr. Kenneth Stone's name may be made to the Westview Boys Home, PO Box 553, Hollis, Oklahoma, 73550

Donald Lee Bell

July 24, 1926 - March 24, 2008



Donald Lee Bell, 81, of Johnson, Arkansas died March 24, 2008 at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville. He was born July 24, 1926 in Wood River, Illinois to James and Lorena Wheeler Bell, and was one of seven children.

Mr. Bell served in the Army during WWII. He was a mechanical engineer throughout his life where he taught at the University of Arkansas, and worked for the Sandia National Labs in Los Alamos, New Mexico. He enjoyed model trains and playing golf. Mr. Bell was a member of both the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts in Rogers.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma Bell, in 2004.

Survivors include three children, Bob Bell of Springdale, Paulita "Pete" Vlastuin and husband Don of Springdale, Dean Bell of Fayetteville; his fiancé, Daisy Roach of the home; two brothers, Richard "Rusty" Bell and wife Loretta of Yantis, TX, Bob Bell and wife Louise of Shreveport, LA; and four grandchildren, Jeff Vlastuin, Daniel Vlastuin, Robert Bell and Deric Bell.

Funeral services were at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 28, at Fayetteville National Cemetery with Pastor Larry Chapman officiating. Military honors will be by Rogers American Legion Post 100.

Visitation was Thursday from 6 to 8:00 p.m. at Heritage Funeral Home in Springdale. The family was present. To sign online guest book go to www.heritageofnw.com.

Bearers will be Jeff Vlastuin, Daniel Vlastuin, Doug Vlastuin, Shaun Chaffin, Al Coakley and Jeff Knox.

Memorial contributions may be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762.



Findeisen Turkey-in Around

Courtesy Photo

Tommy Findelsen from Nacogdoches was the winner of the Spring Turkey Hunt from the Hunters Roundup. Findelsen made one shot, 50 yards away and claimed a bird about 20 pounds, with two beards, one 3' and the other 10" 1/2' and one spur.

Chocolate eclair cake



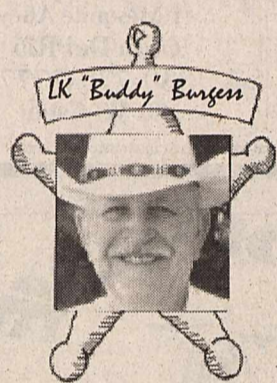
Vada Baldree

1 lb. graham crackers
2 boxes french vanilla instant pudding
1 9oz. tub whipped topping
3 1/2 cups milk
Frosting:
1/2 cups cocoa
2 tsp. white Karo Syrup
2 tsp. vanilla extract
3 tbsp. softened margarine
3 tsp. milk
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
Butter bottom of 9"x13" pan.
Then line with whole graham cracker. Mix milk pudding at medium speed for 2 min, & fold in whipped topping. Pour half of mixture over graham cracker then put another layer of crackers & pour remaining pudding mixture on cracker layer & put another layer of crackers. Refrigerate 2 hours. Mix all ingredients for frosting together & mix well. Spread over crackers. Refrigerate 24 hours. Serves 12.

Cavalry Brigade

Clip-clop, clip-clop are vibrations of the annual migrations to designations north, east and west for "summer time" furloughs. Before Company Z is down to skeleton ranks, "Cavalry Brigade" is given the charge to polish-up, spruce up and cleanup FCS's environment to "curb appeal" specifications. Brigade volunteers are urged to muster on Saturday, April 5, at 9:00 am at Shafter Hall for detail assignments. "Cavalry Brigade's" adorable chef promises a mouth watering specialty for lunch, not to be outdone, the pastry experts plan to provide the same. So the bulletin reads, "Cavalry Brigade meets April 5, 2008, 9:00 am at Shafter Hall."

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Tuesday, March 25
3:09 am A caller reported a white vehicle headed on Hwy 90 west, possible intoxicated. A deputy was informed and was unable to locate the vehicle. Val Verde County was notified

and was also unable to locate the vehicle.

Wednesday, March 26
5:40 pm A possible motorcycle accident on Hwy 674 was reported. EMS was not needed.

Thursday, March 27
4:45 pm A 911 caller reported loud music on El Paso St. A deputy was dispatched.

Friday, March 28
12:46 pm A speeding vehicle was reported on Beaumont St. A deputy was advised.

Saturday, March 29
8:45 am A local woman reported a fire hydrant leaking water and flooded her yard. A deputy notified a city employee. The city requested pictures of the hydrant, because it appeared the

hydrant was hit.

8:45 am A local resident reported a loose cow on Hwy 90 east about three miles out. A deputy was trying to find the owner.

4:44 pm A local resident reported her house was broken into. A deputy was informed.

7:13 pm Loose cows were reported on Hwy 131. A unit was advised.

8:15 pm A red four-wheeler was reported driving fast on E. Louis St. and Sheedy. A unit was advised.
10:35 pm Uvalde PD requested aid to report damage to property, a cone at the checkpoint station was run over.

UVALDE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

April 2008 Outpatient Clinic Calendar

You are encouraged to select a physician from the Active Medical Staff of our Hospital. See the staff listing at the bottom of this ad

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3 Dr. Randall Bell Pulmonary Disease 1-830-278-6251 ext. 1430 Dr. Gregory Freeman Cardiologist 1-210-614-5400	4 Dr. Flavio Alvarez Nephrologist 1-830-278-5386
7 Dr. William McQueen ENT 1-830-278-2422	8	9 Dr. Lawrence Widman Electrophysiology 1-210-615-9500	10 Dr. Carlos Morales Pulmonary Diseases 1-210-616-9999 Dr. Michael DeGaetano Nephrologist 1-830-278-5386	11 Dr. Flavio Alvarez Nephrologist 1-830-278-5386
14 Dr. Mauro Ortiz Cardiologist 1-210-614-5400	15 Dr. William McQueen ENT 1-830-278-2422 Dr. Jose Quinones Pediatric Cardiologist 1-800-242-0008	16 Dr. Fernando Triana Cardiologist 1-210-614-5400	17 Dr. Randall Bell Pulmonary Disease 1-830-278-6251 ext. 1430	18 Dr. Flavio Alvarez Nephrologist 1-830-278-5386
21 Dr. William McQueen ENT 1-830-278-2422	22 Dr. Teresa A. Hospers Pediatric Cardiologist 1-800-697-7008 Dr. Michael DeGaetano Nephrologist 1-830-278-5386	23 Dr. Walter W. Strash Podiatrist 210-829-8770	24 Dr. Carlos Morales Pulmonary Diseases 1-210-616-9999	25
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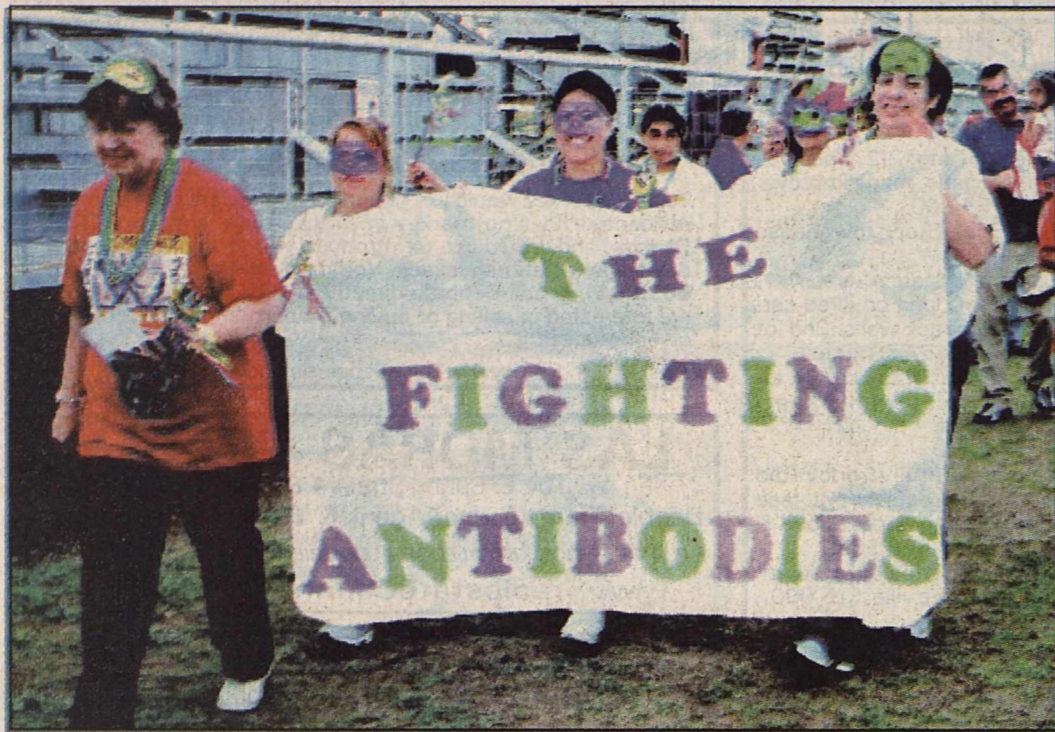
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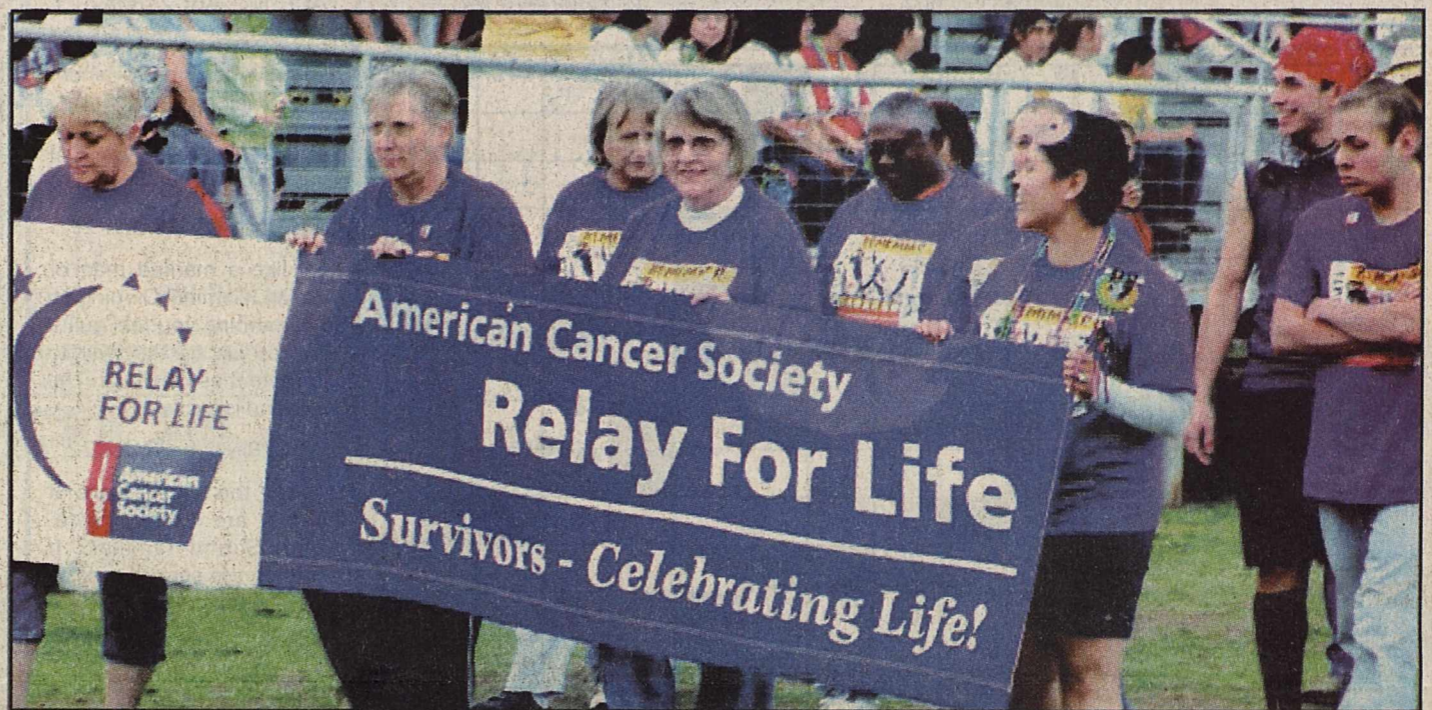
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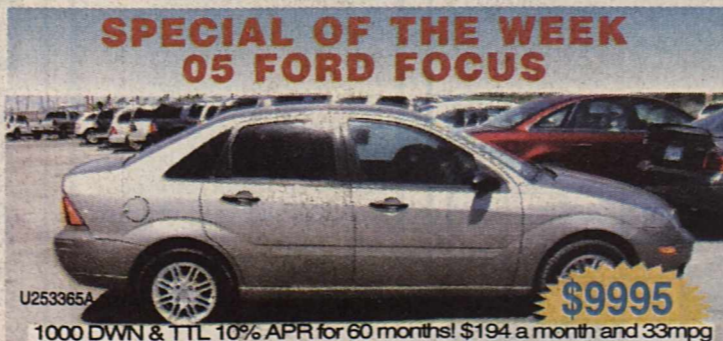


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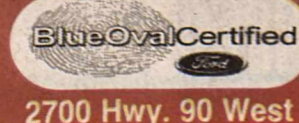
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