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Kinney Co. Chamber Pageant Contestants 2009



**Miss Contestant** Serentiy Gammill



Miss Contestant **Roxane Gomez** 



Miss Contestant Brooklyn Gose



## **City council passes GAAS audit** City Mgr. Garcia sets the stage for city to receive grants

**By Katie Brown** Staff Reporter

Brackettville Regular meeting Dora Sandoval. on May 12.

Alderwoman Mary Flores,

Two women were sworn in The oaths of office were admin- Standards, or GAAS. as coucilmembers at the City of istered by Kinney County Clerk

Flores was then unanimously be done in accordance with cordance with Government Acreappointed as Mayor Pro Tem. Generally Accepted Auditing counting Standards Number 34

qualify for grants and TAP ing smaller cities until 2004/ Roberto Carter, CPA, of Leal funds. The report spanned sev-& Carter P.C. presented the au- eral months and included sev- for organization-wide statements was re-elected and newcomer dit report for the fiscal year end- eral reconciliations of the books based on a full accrual basis Nancy Mendoza replaced out- ing September 31, 2007. Ev- in order to bring them into re- rather than a fund accounting going Alderman Ponce Padron. ery five years a full audit must cent GAAS standards and in ac-

which was implemented in By doing so the city can 2003, but did not start affect-

2005. The new format provides basis; helping city governments to better assess where they stand, their financial condition and how they did as far as profit and loss.

Using this format, Leal & Carter P.C., took the books and reconciled them to a beginning balance. The most obvious discrepancy was a decrease of \$167,000 in the net assets of the General Fund and an \$188,000 increase in the net assets of the Utility Fund. Carter stated that it stands to reason that money was taken from the General Fund continued on page 5

**Black bear** baby boom?

By Leigh Volcsko A Kinney County Sheriff's Department Linebacker reported seeing a trio of black bears on Rural Route 693 on May 1 at 9am.

The report states a large black bear followed by a smaller, younger cub, who was followed by another large bear traveled, "from west to east, crossing through the fence and absconding into the brush."

The officer tried to photograph the bears, but was not able to activate the in-car camera system quick enough to capture the event. The officer did exit his vehicle and locate a paw print

Texas Game Warden Rob

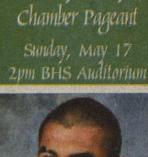
The bears are a protected spe-

Bear sightings should be re-

ported to the Kinney County

Sheriff's Department at 830-563-

2788.



Kinney County



Mr. Contestant Moises Gonzalez



**Colton Simmons** 



Jr. Mr. Contestant Charlie Adam Resendez





selected by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the first round of the National Football League draft last month, but what the world does not already know is some of Hood's biggest fans live in the quiet, frontier town of Brackettville. Texas.

Hood, nicknamed "Ziggy" as a toddler by his grandmother Julia Payne, of Brackettville, was named District 3-4A Defensive Player of the Year as a senior at Palo Duro High School in 2005 in Amarillo and was a member of the National Honor Society, says the NFL's official

MISS CONTESTANT Harmony Pettett



Miss Contestant Maribel Rivas



Jr. Miss Contestant Siarra Falcon



Jr. Miss Contestant Shannon Gammill



Jr. Miss Contestant Heather Knox



Jr. Miss Contestant Shelby Schuster

website. At the University of Missouri

in 2007, "Hood was named All-Big 12 Conference honorable mention. The weak-side tackle started all 14 games, coming up with 49 tackles (30 solos). Despite constant double coverage, he finished third on the squad with five sacks and had a careerhigh eight stops for losses. He caused three fumbles, recovered another and broke up five passes."

Video clips and photographs depicting Hood flashing his signature smile as he accepted his black and gold Steelers jersey internet, but in Brackett, Hood's pictures are proudly displayed on the endtables of his extended family members.

Hood's mother, Nellie Payne of Canyon, graduated Brackett High and was the head cheer- By Katie Brown leader and homecoming queen. Hood's uncle, Oscar Payne,

of Brackettville, has attended as many of his nephew's games as possible and was there to cheer him on at the Alamo Bowl last year in San Antonio. Hood gave his Uncle Oscar his commemorative wrist watch that was presented to each of the Missouri team members.



Courtesy Photo Oscar Payne with his favorite Steerler Ziggy Hood



### Happy Hoola-Girl Photo By Leigh Volcsko

have recently blanketed the Dalylah Lopez, 7, of Sonora was recently visiting her grandparents, Jerry and MaryJane Aultman, at Fort Clark Springs and enjoying the outdoors.

## **SOE: A Deer Story**

### Staff Reporter

Michael Stroff IV was raised in North Carolina and is the owner of a professional hunting outfit based in Kinney County.

Michael IV's great-grandfather was born in Poland, as was his grandfather Michael Stroff II. In fact Michael II landed a bomber plane at Fort Clark in 1939, long before his grandson would ever drive through the front gate and was an Olympic diver in Hawaii when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. Michael II became an officer and a pilot; he was shot down over France and was a prisoner of war. Later he fought in Korea and Vietnam, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and serving his country for 37 years. Following in his footsteps, his son Michael III served in the Marine Corps and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Unlike military service, hunting does not run quite as deep in the family. Although Michael II was not a hunter, his great uncles were. They often took Michael III with them, thus developing in him a passion for the sport. While still in the Marines Corps and stationed at Camp Lejuiene, Michael III purchased a 300 acre shooting complex including a gun shop and archery shop with rifle, pistol and shotgun ranges. At the same time, with other friends in the Marines, Michael III started hunting lodges in different parts of the country. Being somewhat of an entrepreneur, he would buy an inferior piece of property and turn it into a first class hunting operation. Then, he would turn around, sell it and start another. He did this several times, actually only owning two such operations at the same time, one in North Carolina and one in South Carolina.

During these years, Michael IV was a teenager and he loved spending his summers working in the North and South Carolina locations. When he went away to college his father sold the South Carolina operation and purchased the lodge in Maine that he still owns today. Michael IV finished college, earning his major in Management of Outdoor Recreation Facilities with a minor in Wildlife. Although Mike and his father always did everything together, and still do, Mike IV had a desire to return to South Carolina and start a place of his own. He acquired Black River Plantation at Manning. It was during his six years at Black River that different television shows wanted to come and film hunts with him. It was also during this time that he started his own television show, Southern Outdoor Experience, TV.

While still living in South Carolina Mike started visiting Texas for a month or so at a time, leasing ranches and conducting hunts; bringing his show out west. He fell in love with the big deer of south Texas, the quantity and the ability to harvest large numbers of quality animals. So, when he sold the Black River Plantation he came out here. "From an outfitting standpoint, the success rate is much higher here. Back East with a great operation, a well managed piece of property, you'd run about a 60 percent success rate to harvest a nice buck. Here, we virtually run 100 percent because of the density of deer; and most of these places, with the exception of Fort Clark, are very well managed and they have a high quantity of quality animals."

"We (Fort Clark and S.O.E.) are not trying to make Fort Clark a hunting destination," said

at the fenceline to confirm his Queen of Queens Mya Garcia



Queen of Queens Jenna Musgrave



Queen of Queens **Tyler** Schuster



Little Miss Morgan Knox



**Tiny Miss** Mia Garcia



**Tiny Miss Julee Reyes** 

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## LETTER to the Editor

### Response to Editorial By Leigh V. Published May 7, 2009

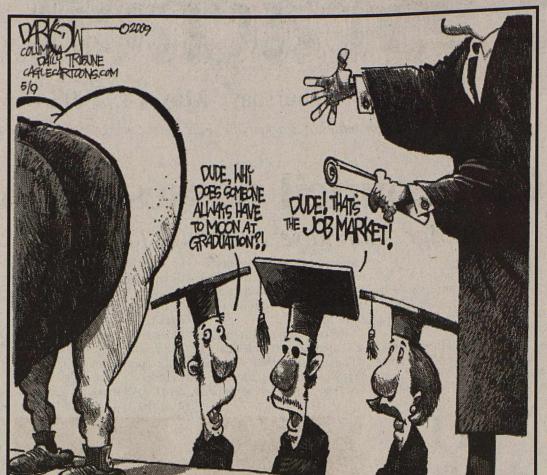
### Mrs. Volcsko:

I too went to the Board Meeting Tuesday night. If all you found newsworthy was 80 sweaty people and got upset at the women who were at the meeting, you didn't pay much attention as what was being said at this meeting. You missed the point that the majority at the meeting didn't want the contract terminated. You didn't mention that it brought out that Mr. Dorris was locked out of the Duck Inn and had to cut off the lock to get access to said building. There was no comment on the question if there were any damages caused to FCSA by the Duck Inn not opening until May 1. I guess you couldn't hear or paid no attention to Mr. Keyes comments that drew boos and (his following statement). Or Mr. Keyes saying that if it was a lie that the president of the board Larry O'Keefe had a meeting with Mr. Dorris as to the plans for the Golf Pro Shop. Then the President of the Board stood up and stated hid did in fact have a meeting with Mr. Dorris. I guess none of the above is newsworthy or for unknown reasons your writing of the meeting left out the above and are bias.

From the meeting I find that a question should be asked by the newspaper was if FCSA was in breach of contract by keeping the Duck Inn locked and the Inn not cleaned out for Mr. Dorris' possession before March 1. Or that FCSA did not send a 15 day notice that Mr. Dorris needed to have the Duck Inn open within 15 days or be in breach of contract. These are questions that your newspaper should be asking in filling your obligation to the public. This is just my humble opinion and two cents worth. **Garland Young** 

Thank you for the kind letter. TBN did not report on the lock situation with Mr. Dorris as we were unable to confirm all the facts prior to printing, however, during the meeting Interim General Manager Genell Hobbs stated Dorris never asked her for the keys, therefore we can accept her word or develop our own meanings for the phrase "locked out". -Leigh V.





## Support your local fire fighters

the duct work.

As I was making the phone WLOS. call to 911, Michele put the dog leashes on our three dogs and I tried to find the cats. Cats run doing a segment on preparedand hide when there is a com-

motion opened up the back door and they ran outside to safety. Michele took the dogs to her

It was a fast moving storm. grabbed my computer bag, purse, phones and pearls and headed to my car.

lights. Then the fireworks and lenses and put them in his to do when they hear it? car and moved the John Deere We had one clap of thunder and we knew we had been hit room.

we heard the thunder because Department and First Respond- your smoke alarms and carbon money is used for qualified ers had arrived. We have been blessed! Our Emergency Prepared- lint? the arcing of electricity within ness action plan worked. I would make sure Robert had not been calm and knew where the dog's leashes were. Everyone is safe! doesn't have that Beautiful Clean smell but it was clean and I was dressed almost to shoes. My foot was soaking in The noise kept going. Rob- Epson Salt but my shoes were ert went out into the storm to right there. While I was waiting turn the generator off. The noise for the fire trucks to leave I stopped but we still had smoke called our insurance company

back of the basement. He a good thing I was dressed begrabbed our fire extinguisher, cause by the time the Brevard told me to call 911 and then Fire Department left a van \$94 billion in investment losses. emptied the extinguisher around pulled up the driveway. It was according to a survey by the

They wanted an interview. I had been at the station last week ness for their morning show.

When I looked at what time I grabbed the kitty treats and the strike happened I noticed it ing that continued endowment they came quickly. I still could was my favorite number, 11:11. declines could lead to financial not catch them but Robert I know that this is God's way of aid cutbacks. Obviously, you going to come out of this.

quickly? Can your children hear those future college bills: the smoke alarm in the middle

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## Time to boost your college savings?



Emily Cooper

Do you have school-age children? If so, the end of the school year means that your kids are now one year closer to college. That means you have even more incentive to launch a college savings strategy which is essential these days.

During a tough economy, states are scrambling to meet budget shortfalls. As a result, state legislatures may be forced to scale back their support to public colleges and universities. which in turn may raise their tuition.

Furthermore, college endowments have been hit hard by the and Robert saw the fire at the and reported the incident. It was financial crisis; from July through November 2008, endowments suffered more than our local television station, National Association of College and University Business Officers and Commonfund Inc.

Private colleges and universities, which are especially dependent on endowment income, are slashing budgets and warnsaying that something good is can't control the economy, state legislators' actions or the for-I want you to have peace tunes of endowment funds. But car and I closed my computer, too. Are you prepared for a fire? here are some things you can do Can you get out of the house to help prepare yourself for

Contribute to a Section 529 Robert grabbed his camera of the night? Do they know what savings plan. In a 529 plan, you invest money in specific securi-Have you tested them? Do ties, managed by professionals. Gator out of the garage to make you have a place outside to meet Contribution limits are high, and up so that everyone can be ac- all withdrawals are free from fed-By that time our Brevard Fire counted for? Have you tested eral income taxes, as long as the





Team Yankees -Angel Figueioa. Te Erick Domenech,





Team Diamondb Pinales and Doug Brinker, Tony Zar



Flores. Team mer J.T. Rosas, Roma

### Katie Brown, Reporter www.mybrackettnews.com

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### the lightning sparked something much worse.

You never know when light-

The loud noise we heard was electrocuted.

We could not figure where the noise was coming from. I told Robert to turn off the power to the house at the breaker box. That's when the generator kicked in.

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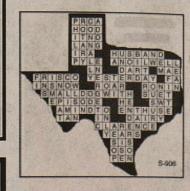
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to make sure our house was safe.

For more help getting rid of fects of volatility. your CHAOS, check out her Selling book, Body Clutter published by Fireside.

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What's

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expenses may be subject to fed-Many home fires start in the eral and state taxes plus a 10 our home. I ran downstairs to give us an A + because we were dryer. Do you have fire extin- percent penalty. In addition, guishers on every floor of your contributions are tax-deductible home and do you know where in certain states for residents We do have a little damage they are and how to use them? who participate in their own but nothing major. The house Can you turn the power off to state's plan. Because tax issues your home? Do you have a for 529 plans can be complex, phone that works when the you will want to consult with your tax advisor.

Of course, if you already ready replaced the fire extin- have a 529 plan, your savings guisher we used and put new one probably took a pretty big hit in Robert's shop. Please support last year and in the first few your local volunteer fire fight- months of this year, as well. In ers! They work hard to save response to the downturn in the financial markets, the IRS has I would like to thank my lo- ruled that, for 2009 only, 529 cal Brevard Firefighters for be- plan account owners can make ing there for us and Michael's investment changes twice in the Dad, Dan Bennett for working calendar year, rather than just to get our power back on, check- once. This gives you more oping our appliances and wiring portunities to rebalance your 529 plan investments in a way that could help reduce the ef-

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Open a custodial account. You can place assets in a custodial account a UGMA or UTMA account for your child's college education. Although your child will own the account as soon as it is established, you have control of it until the child reaches the age of majority, usually 18.

At that point, your child can collect the assets which again can be in the form of almost any type of investment and use the money for college.

Whichever vehicles you choose to create a college fund, start soon. In building your savings to meet the high costs of higher education, time is your greatest ally.

continued from page 1 Mike IV. "We are just" for Fort Clark." He po isn't a noticeable diffe difference." For the n even that many would available with the golf "If I was managing Wh fence guy but that bou many times over that the gene pool. Many o than they should be. will win it every time. fawn times so the doe all the deer. However, them all. If you asked anything. There is abs enough feed to each a make a huge difference about 5 percent of the feed a deer can eat bef watches the feeders to when they have had e In 2000-2001, the W experienced 60 to 80 p cause was actually A population of deer, dro these conditions exist The exact number of because of all the tree Years ago the estimate 18 does per buck. It sl a manner as to keep th because he prescribes down at the onset. Mike IV briefs the hunt times unless the hunte they cannot leave the Some of the blinds ha direction to shoot. Mi residents of Fort Clark Fort, he cannot contro Mike relates how one noise to scare animals Red Bridge area chased were posted indicating IV had to refund the hunters have been ad does not do the respo way. It is also unsafe for all hunting. During This was another caus area at the time were u Endeavoring to condu takes the time to lister every day and did not to the health issues an October 15 through J will return to areas of t will be going to the fe There are many sensiti under cover so as not will again be availabl concerns. He provide being hunted. He will around the hunt dates the General Manager Mike IV has establish resurrected another e outside of town. His r have a baby daughter is bringing in revenue ments that cater to th Clark made \$14,650 2008-2009 deer harv feed, the vehicles and the added expense fro hunts were sabotaged To see Mike IV's show



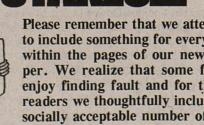
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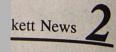
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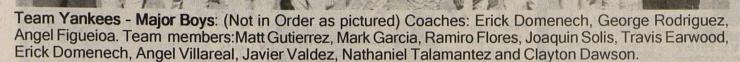
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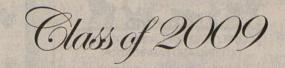


Team Diamondbacks - Major Boys: (Not in Order as pictured) Coaches: Vance Stephenson, Ivan Pinales and Doug Brinker. Team members:Colton Stephenson, Webb Ashley, Jario Pinales, Benjamin Brinker, Tony Zamora, Justin Gallegos, Jeremiah Sandoval, Moses Hernandez and Joey Garcia.



Team Braves - Major Boys: (Not in Order as pictured) Coaches: Adam Sandoval, Joey Castillo and Albert Flores. Team members: Blake Duncan, Christian Quiroz, Julian Quiroz, Jonathon Stafford, Donovan Villareal, J.T. Rosas, Roman Rosas, Alex Calvillo, Aaron Talamantez.

## BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT





**Veronica Talamantes** 

Name: Veronica Talamantes Mother Or Guardian: Blanca S. Talamantes Father Or Guardian: Juan J. Talamantes Siblings: Blanca R., Juan J., Selene What are your plans after graduation? Hopefully go

to SWTJC over at Uvalde. What teacher influenced you the most? The teacher

that most influenced me was Mrs. Ballew. What are you most looking forward to after gradua-

tion? Look forward to seeing the accomplishments I make in life.

What will you miss most after graduation? The quality time I spent with my friends and basketball for sure.



**Ashley Resendez** 

Name: Ashley Resendez Mother Or Guardian: Marci Resendez Father Or Guardian: John Resendez Siblings: Megan and Amber Resendez What are your plans after graduation? To attend Kaplen Dental Ass. School in San Antonio. What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Stone & Mrs. Hernandez because they always encourage me to never give up. Also that I could do what ever I put my mind to. What are you most looking forward to after graduation? Starting a new life in San Antonio and to get a

career as a Dental Ass. What will you miss most after graduation? I am going to miss my friends & the crazy times we had in high school.

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## **SOE Mike Stroff IV: A Deer Man**

continued from page 1 Mike IV. "We are just trying to get the deer healthy and in check and at the same time generate revenue for Fort Clark." He pointed out that although 160 deer had been harvested on the Fort this year, there isn't a noticeable difference. "We could harvest three times that many and you'd hardly notice the difference." For the number of acres that comprise the Fort there should only be about 300 Whitetail; even that many would be a little stout. However, because of the springs and the abundance of food available with the golf course, the homes and the people who feed them, we can support a larger herd. "If I was managing Whitetail for trophy Whitetail and my ranch touched this (the Fort).....I'm not a high fence guy but that boundary would have a high fence." Mike IV explained the deer are so inbred and so many times over that the genetics are very poor. There are not any outside deer coming in to improve the gene pool. Many of the deer are stunted; six and seven year old deer are thirty to forty pounds lighter than they should be. The Axis deer, by nature, are a bigger animal; but if there is a fight over food, they will win it every time. Mike puts out protein and medicated enhanced feed during the antler growing and fawn times so the does are healthy while nursing. He is feeding at five different points trying to touch all the deer. However, according to Mike IV, with the population so high there is not any way to reach them all. If you asked a biologist whether the feeding was helping, he would reply that it's not hurting anything. There is absolutely no way with the population as high as it is right now that you can get enough feed to each animal. Now if you reduce the population as high as it is high rhow that you can get make a huge difference. Right now, if Mike puts 800 pounds of feed in a feeder and it's free choice, only about 5 percent of the herd will get any. The feed has an inhibiter in it, salt, so that it limits the amount feed a deer can eat before it has to go for water, giving others a chance to feed. In the summer time, Mike watches the feeders to see which animals are coming up; it is the Axis deer that are getting the feed and when they have had enough and leave the feeder, you might see the occasional Whitetail.

In 2000-2001, the Whitetail wipeout was thought to have been caused by anthrax. Some ranches experienced 60 to 80 percent total kill of the deer population. Mike IV says the research showed that the cause was actually Arterial Worm which is more easily manifested in areas where there is an over population of deer, drought conditions exist and the deer are stressed due to a shortage of food. All of

these conditions exist on the Fort today. The exact number of deer on the Fort is not known because, "you cannot fly the place;" meaning that because of all the trees and shrubbery you cannot see them from the air, Mike IV said. Years ago the estimate was twenty six does to one buck. Mike estimates that today there are about 16-

18 does per buck. It should be two and a half to three does per buck. Mike is managing the hunt in such a manner as to keep the number of bucks to does in the right proportions. The key word is "managing" because he prescribes which animals can be taken, with a hefty fine for not adhering to the guidelines set down at the onset.

Mike IV briefs the hunters before each hunt. Foremost, he stresses safety. Weapons are unloaded at all times unless the hunter is in the blind and actively hunting. If the hunter harvests a deer and it runs off, they cannot leave the blind to track it until their guide arrives. They must remain in the blind at all times. Some of the blinds have only one window so that it faces a certain direction providing the only safe direction to shoot. Mike is adamant in stressing the safety issues and is sensitive to the concerns of the residents of Fort Clark. However, although he directs the actions of the hunters he allows to hunt on the Fort, he cannot control the actions of some of the residents.

Mike relates how one woman walked out in the woods banging her pots and pans trying to make enough noise to scare animals away from the area being hunted. Another case was cited where a couple in the Red Bridge area chased off turkey that were answering to a turkey call. They chased them past signs that were posted indicating that a turkey hunt was in progress. This created a dangerous situation and Mike IV had to refund the cost of the hunt to those hunters who missed a potential shot. Although the hunters have been advised to be ever aware of their target and of what is beyond it, the resident who does not do the responsible thing by staying out of a given hunt area is putting themselves in harms way. It is also unsafe to hunt on the Fort without going through S.O.E. with whom FCS has contracted for all hunting. During the turkey hunt this Spring, an Axis deer was found shot in the area of the Oaks. This was another cause for concern by FCS residents, but Mike IV explained the turkey hunters in the area at the time were using shotguns and the Axis was shot with a rifle and was not connected to S.O.E. Endeavoring to conduct a hunt that is beneficial to the Fort as well as to the health of our herds, Mike IV takes the time to listen to the concerns of the residents. In the case of one woman who feeds the deer every day and did not understand why the herds needed to be culled, he took the time to educate her as to the health issues and the type of food that would benefit them the most. During hunting season, from October 15 through January 1, 2010, he asks that residents refrain from feeding the deer so that they will return to areas of the Fort where the hunts are being conducted. Otherwise, only the immature deer will be going to the feeders where the hunt takes place and the immature deer will be the ones taken There are many sensitive issues involved with the hunt. Mike IV transports all harvested deer off the Fort under cover so as not to offend anyone. Next Fall, certain areas previously off limits during the hunts will again be available for use by the residents. Mike IV is working with the board to address all concerns. He provides FCS Security with maps and information on a daily basis as to which areas are being hunted. He will put out a schedule in July for the Fall so that anyone who needs to make plans around the hunt dates can do so. Anyone who has an issue they want addressed can take that issue to the General Manager with whom he will meet on a monthly basis.

the General Manager with whom he will meet on a monthly basis. Mike IV has established a considerable investment in our community. Reopening the Beverage Barn resurrected another empty establishment in Brackett. Mike IV and his family have a ranch 20 miles outside of town. His ranch manager's wife runs the Beverage Barn. Mike IV's wife is a teacher and they have a baby daughter who is just 4 months old. He is working hard to build a life here for his family and is bringing in revenue to other businesses such as the Deer Cooler, D&D Hardware and other establish-ments that cater to the hunter. Without having paid out any monies to support the joint venture, Fort Clark made \$14,650 and the motel \$4,100 as a direct result of the hunters S.O.E. brought in for the 2008-2009 deer harvest. Mike IV has hired the guides and supplied the deer blinds, the feeders, the feed the vehicles and the fuel to transport the hunters to and from the blinds all at his own expense and feed, the vehicles and the fuel to transport the hunters to and from the blinds all at his own expense and the added expense from vandalism to his property and the having to refund money to hunters whose hunts were sabotaged by Fort Clark residents cost him over \$4,000 last month alone. To see Mike IV's show, tune in to S.O.E. Hunts on FSN South or on the Sportsman Channel.

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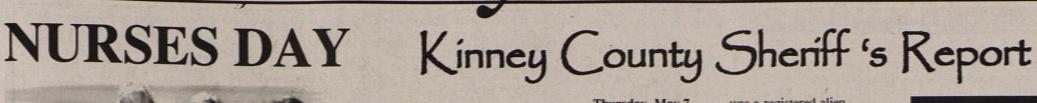
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HISTORY OF NURSES DAY (cardfountain.com) The International Council of Nurses (ICN) celebrates this day since 1965. In January 1974 they accepted the decision that the day will be commemorated each year on the 12 May. The date was chosen as the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale (1820-1910), who is widely considered the founder of modern nursing. Each year, this body prepares and distributes the International Nurses' Day (IND) Kit. The kit contains educational and public information materials, for use by nurses every-

## City audit success

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and transferred to the Utility Fund but as the City had a practice of not reporting transfers between funds it could not be stated positively that is what happened. It would take a "forensic" audit to figure it out and as it is beyond the scope of a regular audit. Bottom line, the General Fund and the Utility funds together

showed total assets of \$4,903,317 and total liabilities of \$877,217, . A good portion of that amount is tied up in infrastructure and equipment. Carter made several recommendations in regards to accounting practices including doing regular fixed asset inventories and following strict monthly accounting of expenses and revenues; keeping records of the different funds separate so as to accurately reflect transfers between funds. Flores thanked the auditor and said that we had a new city manager, Henry Garcia, in it? For more than 100 years, who has made sure that the records are done when they are sup- chiropractic has been getting posed to be. Carter replied that Garcia had provided all the information that they requested.

A motion was made and carried regarding Ordinance 2009-05-14 Regulation of Food Establishments states that any food service establishment, retail food store, temporary food establishment, mobile food unit and/or roadside food vendor, that provides food to the public must operate with a valid permit and all food handlers must provide documentation from a licensed medical physician stating they tested negative for Salmonella tyhi, Shigella spp, E. coli and Hepatitus A. A food establis operated solely by a nonprofit organization, is exempt from the permitting requirements of this ordinance, but they are not exempt from compliance with state rules. The ordinance also sets forth the fee schedules for permits requiring food establishments to submit for review any plans for construction or remodeling prior to any work done; causes for suspension or revocation of a permit and any remedies. This ordinance goes into effect June 12. A motion was made and passed to amend Ordinance #33 Occupation License adopted November, 1928. This requires any person, firm or corporation to pay a license fee in order to carry on or operate any calling, trade, profession or occupation in the city. This license is granted by City Hall for the duration of 12 months from the date of issuance for a fee of \$45 per year. This license must be displayed conspicuously in the place of business. Any licensee without a permanent place of business must carry it with them and be able to present it when requested to do so by any officer of the city. The license must be obtained before commencement of business and it cannot be assigned or transferred. This ordinance goes into effect June 12. The council went into Executive Session to discuss matters regarding the Personnel and Employment status of Chief of Police Thomas Nemia. Upon reconvening, the Council made and passed a motion to extend the probationary period of Chief of Police Thomas Nemia for another 45 calendar days. Garcia reported a request for a grant for law enforcement has been approved and will be pushed forward to be reviewed for funding. This request will equip police officers and a police vehicle or two depending on the amount funded. He also received word that the City qualifies for funding directly from the Stimulus money for law enforcement that will provide for and equip a police officer for two years. A qualification for this Stimulus is that the City will make provisions to employ this police officer at the end of the two year period and be able to show how the City will fund that. The deadline to file the application for that funding is June 18, 2009. Garcia brought up a bill from Texas Municipal League (TML) that was for unpaid premiums. TML provided healthcare to City employees several years ago but for some reason the premiums were not being paid. The original bill was for \$38,000 when TML, with legal assistance, made an agreement with the City of Brackettville to pay it off. Up until two years ago the City had been paying on it little by little. Garcia wrote a check for \$11,000 to pay it off and get it off the books. Unknowingly, he was still \$800 short. PML was grateful for the payment and said that they would set up healthcare insurance for the employees if the City so desired. Garcia will do some research to see if it could save money over their present plan. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. All members of the City Council were present.



### Tuesday, May 5

8:05pm A man called to report some kids were going in and out of his neighbors house and no one was there. A deputy was notified of the situation.

9:08 pm A woman called requesting a deputy to assist her. She dropped her nightly medications and needed help. A deputy was informed.

Wednesday, May 6 1:22am Sentry Security called to report the alarm going off at the high school in the main lobby. A deputy was notified of the situation.

9:10pm A man called to report the school zone lights were flashing.

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11:19pm A woman called stating she was having problems enroute. with her boyfriend. She stated they were driving home and he punched the vehicle, pulled the emergency break and almost made her wreck. A deputy was notified of the situation.

Saturday, May 9 9:30am A man called to re-

brother's residence because he was causing disturbance. A deputy was dispatched. 11:26 am DPS called to re-

port a hit and run accident that occured in Del Rio and the truck friend. involved was heading towards Brackettville. A deputy was dispatched.

5:45pm A caller reported a was advised of the situation. man wearing a red shirt and grey Monday, May 11 pants and looked like he was lost. The caller was concerned because it was too hot. A deputy was informed of the situation.

6:50pm A Brackett Border Patrol agent called to report a man walking on Hwy 131. The deputy said the individual was walking to Piedras Negras and bond.

was a registered alien. Sunday, May 10

5:40am A Super S employee drove to the sheriff's office to report the store had been broken into during the night. A deputy was

9:34am A woman called stating she did not want her husband at her residence because her daughter was coming over and did not want any promblems with the family. A deputy was notified of the situation.

1:41pm A man called stating port a disturbancce and re- he was going to meet ex- girl-quested a deputy to go over his friend at the FCS on Bliss Circle and would like a deputy to be there. A deputy was notified and requested for the individual to stop by the Sheriff's Office before meeting with his ex-girl-

7:47pm A man called to report a reckless driver going from side to side on Hwy 90. A deputy

Monday, May 11

1:06am FCS security requested a deputy to go to the Fort Clark gate. A deputy was informed. 3:00am John R. Handyside,

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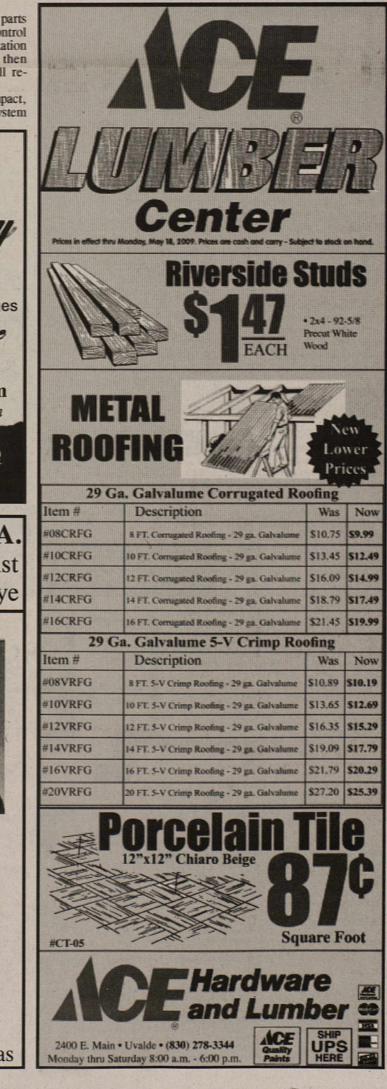
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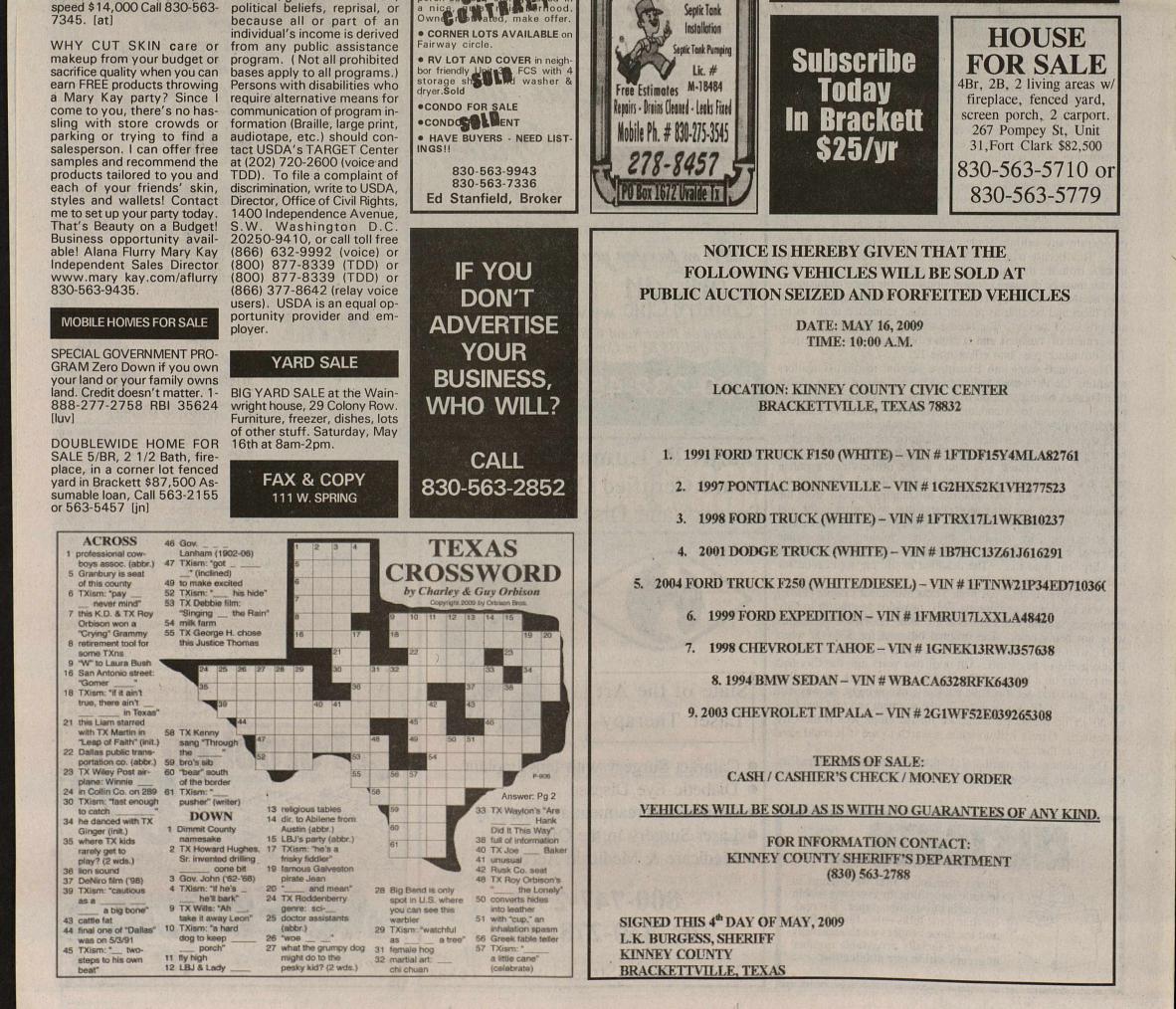
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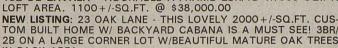
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