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Community News

CITY HALL HOURS CHANGE
Beginning May 1st, 2010 City Hall will no longer be open during the noon lunch hour except on the 1st, 20th and end of the month.

JONES E/I EVENT CALENDAR
Jones Elementary/ Intermediate School Events for May 3rd - 7th: May 3rd - 7th - Teacher Appreciation Week
4th - 3rd Grade Field Trip
5th - 6th Grade Field Trip
6th - National Nurse's Day

4-H ARCHERY PROJECT
Archery practices will begin April 25th and proceed on Sundays: May 2, May 16, and May 30 at 2:00 pm at the 4-H Shooting Range. For more information call 830-563-2731. John Paul Schuster is the project leader and certified coach.

PAGEANT RESCHEDULED
The Kinney County Mr/Miss Pageant has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 29, at 2 pm at the BISS Auditorium. We apologize for any inconvenience. Registration has been reopened! New deadline to receive registration form is May 14, Deadline to turn in registration is May 19. Please contact Pam Hale at 830-563-5432 for any questions or to receive a registration form.

EMS WEEKLY REPORT
The week of April 18- April 24: Kinney County EMS responded to a total of 14 medical calls. Seven of the calls were transported to area hospitals, including one airlift to San Antonio.

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT
Workshop Date set for May The Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Kinney County will be having a Predator Management Workshop on May 10 at the Civic Center in Brackettville. Mark Mapston of the Texas Wildlife Services and Justin Henefy of the State Health Department will be on hand to present and answer questions. This workshop is meant to educate area ranchers and the community on the physical evidence and biology of predators including coyotes, bobcats, birds of prey, and feral pigs. There will also be different control alternatives, and a presentation on predators as vectors of zoonotic disease. This workshop has been set for 8am to 12pm. If you have any questions or would like more information about this workshop contact the Kinney County Extension Office at 563-2442.

FAMILY PROGRAM
Wish Parenting came with instructions? Well help is on the way. Parenting classes are now available for parents of all ages each Monday afternoon from 4:30 -7:00 pm at your Public Library starting March 8, 2010. Food and drinks are provided along with games and activities, come join the fun, share some ideas and learn some good tips on how to communicate better with your children. For more information contact: Sarah Terrazas @ 563-2884.

NEWSPAPER OFFICE RELOCATING
TBN will be moving the office effective May 1. The office will be temporarily located at my home. We will accommodate you and pick up information as needed. Our address will be changing but our commitment to the this fine community will not. If you need to contact the office, 830.563.2852 or 24-hour number-Leigh Volcsko at 830.563.7721.



Grand jury hands down indictments

The Kinney County Grand Jury handed down only a few indictments during their April session.

Arnulfo Garcia was indicted for possession of cocaine, less than one gram, but within 1,000 of a playground on February 12,

of this year.

Dioncio Olivares was indicted for felony driving while intoxicated (DWI), with prior felony convictions for the same offense. Olivares was arrested for DWI in Kinney County on October 29, 2009, but had been

previously convicted of DWI in July, 1998, and March, 1992, both in Cameron County.

The grand jury also issued an indictment for a burglary of a building, but the warrant had not been returned at press time, so the name is being withheld.

Two other cases were heard by the grand jury, but the charges were reduced and the cases transferred from the 63rd District Court to county court.

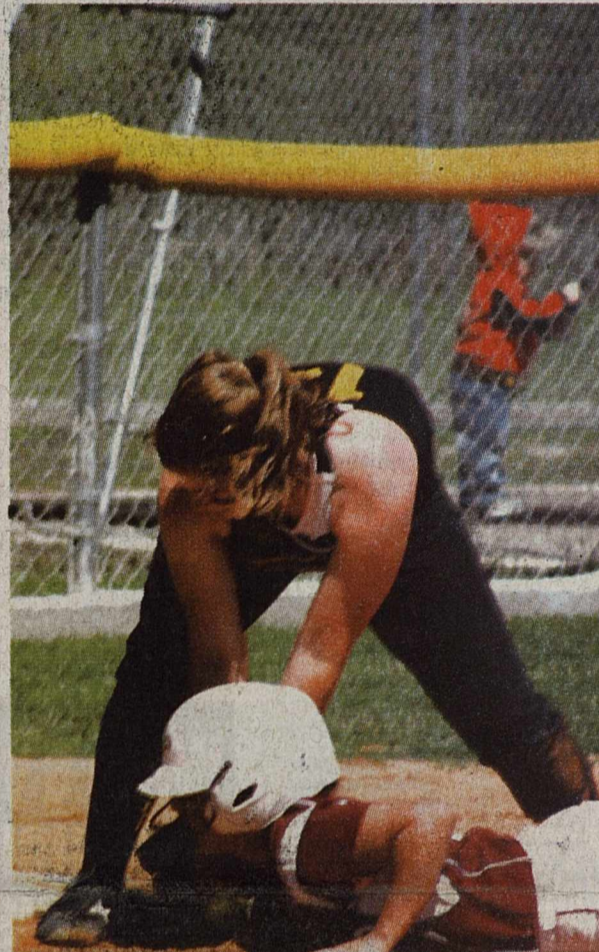
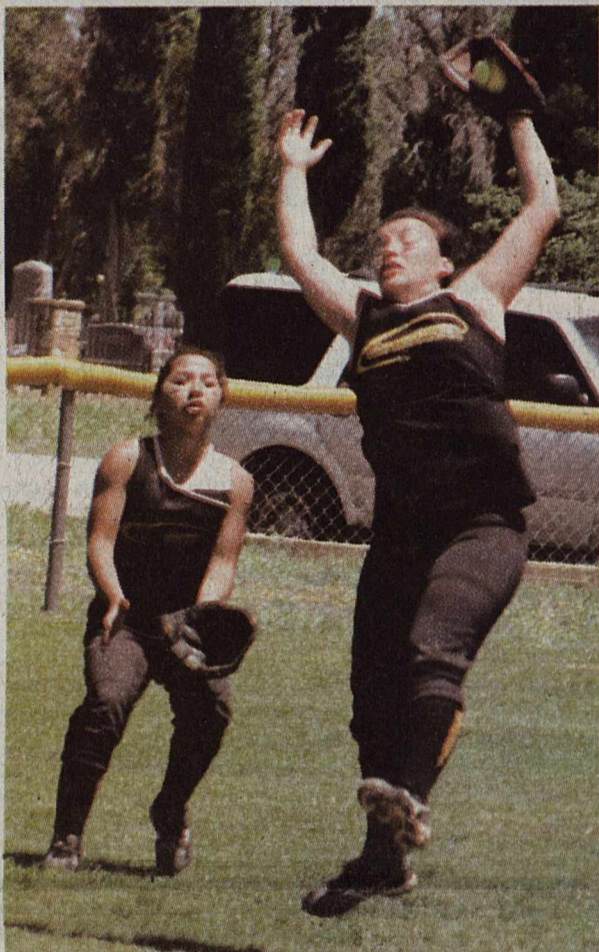
Armando Estrada, charged with felony family violence in September, 2009, will now face

a lower charge of Family Violence Assault, Class A.

Casey Joe Harris, originally charged with felony burglary in January, will now face the lower charge of Theft, \$50 - \$500.

The grand jury meets three to four times per year and is comprised of residents from Kinney County.

Tigerettes named bi-district champs



Brackett News Photos By Ashley Sandoval - Pictured at left: Amanda DelBosque makes the catch while teammate Amanda Herrera backs her up. Center: Elena Molinar gets the hit. Far Right: Paige Nowlin at third base sends another girl to the dugout.

Submitted By Coach Lindsey Kunz
Brackett won three games this week to earn a spot in the state softball playoffs.

On Wednesday, April 21, the Tigerettes defeated D'Hanis by the score of 3 to 2. Leading the offensive attack was sophomore Amanda Herrera with three hits and 1 RBI. Senior Katryna

Swilley earned the win on the mound, while also driving in the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

On Saturday, April 24, Brackett hosted the Lady Bulldogs from LaPryor in a must-win situation for the Tigerettes. A win for the Tigerettes would force a district playoff with LaPryor and force a double-

header. Brackett began the game slow and errors gave LaPryor a 4-0 start before the Tigerettes answered in the 4th inning and never looked back defeating the Lady Bulldogs by the score of 9 to 4. Herrera and junior Celina Calvillo aided the Tigerettes offensively by combining for 7 hits and 3 RBIs. The winning pitcher was again

Swilley. In game two, Brackett jumped out to an early lead by taking advantage of LaPryor errors and strong hitting performances. The final score was 9 to 3, with Brackett taking the win and the state playoff spot. Senior Lila Molinar, Junior Paige Nowlin, and freshman Priscilla Aguirre led the attack

with 3 hits each, with Nowlin batting in 3 runs. Swilley earned the win, while Aguirre stepped in the top of the 4th to earn the save for the Tigerettes.

Next action for the Tigerettes will be on May 6, 7 or 8 in the Area round of the state playoffs. Brackett received a bye in the first round to automatically earn the Bi-District Championship.

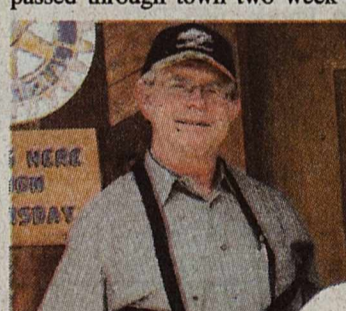
Fort becoming popular birding stop

For the second week in a row, a birding tour group made an overnight stay at Fort Clark Springs to try and catch a glimpse of Kinney County's rarest resident, the Tropical Parula.

Birding tour group Penfeathers, of Tomball, led by Bill Goloby, brought a group of bird enthusiasts on a four-day Edwards Plateau tour.

The group, tipped off by local bird watcher Louisa Stone, lay in wait in a remote area to see a Tropical Parula, but unlike last week's group, they never saw the bird.

The Field Guides group that passed through town two week-



Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko - Bill Goloby of Tomball, Nina Sitra of Sugarland, Laurie Williams of Houston, Joann Raine of Houston and Judy Behrens of Pearland completed a birding tour of Fort Clark.

ends ago, were able to see a male Tropical Parula and listen to him

singing for nearly an hour. Field Guides leaders also reported they

had hoped to see a female be drawn in by the male's musical talents, but did not.

From the Fort, the Penfeathers plan to visit Kickapoo Caverns State Park, Kerr Wildlife Management Area, Frio Bat Cave and the Lost Maples State Natural Area before returning to Houston tomorrow.

The Fort stated in the last five years, the number of birding groups utilizing the property and the hotel has increased. Three bird watching groups have taken advantage of the Fort's amenities this year and one more is scheduled in May.

Alamo Village still accepting visitors

Submitted By Alamo Village

THE BAD NEWS
With the passing of Texas icon Virginia F. Webb Shahan, the family closed Alamo Village to the general public in order to reconstruct management and reassess goals.

THE GOOD NEWS
A decision has been reached to allow visitors in to see and photograph the world-famous movie set built for John Wayne's 1960 epic film THE ALAMO and used in so many other classic motion pictures.

While Alamo Village will no longer offer shows, souvenir shops or food services, all museums and displays will be available, and "town marshal" Rich Curilla — historian on all things Alamo, Alamo Village and Alamo movies — will be on set

for questions. By calling 830-563-2580, arrangements can also be made for:
• GROUP TOURS
• SPECIAL EVENTS
• PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY
• MOTION PICTURE

PRODUCTION
Starting May 1, 2010, visitors will be admitted at the following times weekly: Thursday - Friday - Saturday 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.
Admission for adults will be \$10 and children under 6 are free. Only cash will be accepted.



Photo Courtesy To The Brackett News - Former employees of Alamo Village ready for a show last year.

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Publishers PLOG

Ok, we finally moved into my kitchen. I love being able to walk ten feet from my bed and be at work. I just want to say thank you to everyone for their patience during this time of transition. It's not only a time of transition in my professional life, but it is a time of transition in my personal life. I have not shared too much about that, and I don't plan on it either, but from what I understand there are a few people out there that seem to know more about my personal life than I do and if you call me, I'll give you their phone numbers and you can ask them whatever you want to know. My only interest has been to shield my children from the firestorm and I want to thank those of you who made it worse for them by popping off with all your sixth hand knowledge of my life. Keep up the good work.

I've been getting a lot of calls from Fort and Brackett people about sex offenders living in Kinney County. I'm on it and I will be reporting what I can over the next several weeks, but for those of you concerned, just get on the Texas DPS website and look it all up. Its your right to know who lives here and its your responsibility as a parent to be up to date.

Last week I printed a letter to the editor. Once again I was surprised by the number of calls, emails and comments I received about it. I like printing letters, even if they are not so flattering to me because it definitely keeps you humble and in check, but some of you felt I should have responded or defended myself, and to you I say only this....Consider the author, laugh and then move on to all the important things in your lives like washing the cat. Five years ago, that letter would have made me so mad, but now with thicker skin and a little darker paint on my hair, I laugh b/c the for the people that have sworn for at least the last three years that I was going out of business, here's this week's paper. Read it and enjoy. Next week's paper will be out on May 6, then May 13, then thru July, then on into 2011 and if you're still flapping your mouth about being "glad when I'm gone", I'll still be here the week after that. I might be "stupid", but I guess I'm not that push-over you thought I was, huh? I'm here for the people of this ENTIRE community and not just one select group, or to prove how popular I can be in the sunset of my life.

Still here, but just in the kitchen baking a cake for my kids and writing for the paper while I wait.

Don't forget to check out Brackett News on Facebook.com. We have some photo albums that include all the pictures we take at an event, not just the best ones we actually publish. Take care.

If you need us, our number is the same: 830.563.2852 or email: tnews@sbcglobal.net.



Declare Your "Financial Arbor Day"



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

The national celebration of Arbor Day happens on the last Friday of April, although some states have designated other dates for their own Arbor Day observances. Over the years, Americans have planted millions of trees on this day, improving the environment, reducing erosion and leaving an invaluable gift to future generations. But the concepts behind Arbor Day can also be transferred to other realms — such as investing. So this year, why not take steps to establish your own Financial Arbor Day?

Here are some ideas to consider:

- **Plant some "seeds."** Even the mightiest trees started out small — and the same is true of the portfolios of many successful investors. If you're just beginning to invest, consider putting whatever you can afford, however minimal, into an IRA and a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you've been investing for a while but still need to move closer toward your goals, you may have to seek out some new fields of opportunity and invest in them.

- **Nurture the "roots."** To grow, roots need to be fed through water, oxygen and minerals. Once you've planted the seeds of your investments, they need to be nourished, too. For example, once you've opened a 401(k), try to boost your contributions whenever you get a salary increase. Also consider fully funding your IRA until you've reached the annual limits.

- **Seek out variety.** If you look around your neighborhood, you will likely find many different types of trees. And that's a good thing, because when Dutch elm disease or some other ailment strikes one type of tree, you and your neighbors still have others that can thrive. The same principle applies to investing: If an economic downturn or some other event primarily strikes one type of asset, and most of your money is tied up in that asset, you could run into trouble. That's why you should diversify your investment dollars among stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit (CDs), Treasury bills and other securities. While diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect against loss, it can help reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio.

- **Be patient.** When you plant a seed, you know it will take many years for your efforts to reach fruition. Over time, your tree will lose some branches and bark, and it will be buffeted by heavy winds, scorching sun and driving rains. However, if it has a strong set of roots, it can survive and grow. You need to show the same patience with your investment portfolio, because it, too, will face a variety of challenges over the years, and at times it may appear beaten down. But if you follow a consistent strategy, supported by a mix of quality investments that reflect your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals, and if you have the patience and discipline to ride out downturns, you can help yourself reach your objectives.

When people use their shovels and hoes on Arbor Day, they can create something that will literally last a lifetime. And the same thing can happen when you declare your own Financial Arbor Day — so get out your investment "tools" and get to work.

The Texas Perimeter Hike Part 8



The Texas Perimeter Hike by Smatt

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By Smatt

"In a way, all of us have an El Guapo to face someday. For some, shyness might be their El Guapo. For others, a lack of education might be their El Guapo. For us, El Guapo is a big, dangerous guy who wants to kill us. But as sure as my name is Lucky Day, the people of Santa Poca can conquer their own personal El Guapo who also happens to be the actual El Guapo." - excerpt from The Three Amigos

While I was passing through the quiet town of Enochs, a truck with three men pulled

over beside me. Having clearly been elected the spokesperson, the nearest fellow used a sublime mixture of eloquence, subtlety, and wit to address me in conversation. His command of the English language was great, his words delicately chosen.

"What the hell are you doing?" he asked.

We talked, the four of us, about what I was doing. After covering the basics of food, water, and shelter, our talk turned to El Paso and the US-Mexico border. Like chips at a Mexican restaurant, a border story is usually followed by another and another, each one as hot as the last.

I remember one about a friend of theirs, a hunter. The guy got in his deer blind early one morning, felt something different in the small space, but didn't want to shine a light to see what it was. When the sun came up and his luck ran out

with wild game, he turned his attention to the object he had felt earlier. It was a metal box, though he hadn't remembered leaving it. He lifted the lid, then shut it. The box was filled with cocaine.

I don't vouch for the tale's authenticity. But the men touched upon a fear that's been getting closer and closer ever since I left Corpus Christi. To borrow Lucky Day's words, El Paso had become my El Guapo.

Fast forward to a few evenings ago. My panhandle tour in its final days, I walked out of the plains and into the desert landscape of West Texas. I camped out underneath a mesquite tree on a slope slightly beneath the level of the road. As the sunlight faded and a plethora of bugs and birds made a few last minute flights, I waited for the sky to fill with stars. Then I saw headlights.

At an intersection I had passed not half a mile prior, a car stopped. The driver could have been doing anything — consulting a map, picking up his cell phone, looking for a tissue in the backseat of the car — but with the veil of a dozen border stories clouding my vision I could think of only a single explanation: drugs.

When another vehicle approached in the distance, the car in question took off. The driver didn't peel out, but he seemed intent on making a getaway. I ducked down as he passed. It had the feel of a close call, and though nothing had happened, I left early the next morning.

I continued south to the lower left of the panhandle, trying to find the corner marker. What I found instead were the remnants of a survey site, a pile of cement chunks marked by a fading sign. Hidden in the jumble, I noticed something more, a canister. Good lord, it was even covered in camouflage tape. I reached for it, unscrewing the lid slowly.

No coke. It was a geocache, a hobby-box for "treasure" seekers, filled with the signatures of people who, like me, were looking for the corner. I signed the register and left.

The way I've acted, you'd think I was already on the Rio Grande, but it's actually a couple of weeks away. These infamous border tales which currently share an edge with my imagination will soon be very real. My name's not Lucky Day either. I will be careful; I will be quiet; I shall overcome my fear.

Smatt is the penname of S.Matt Read. A writer, inventor, baker, and hiker, he is currently hiking the entire outline of the state. Follow his adventure here and at www.texasperimeterhike.blogspot.com and www.twitter.com/perimeterhiker.

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 2. _____ jumped over the Moon.
 3. full Moon makes _____ act crazy.
 4. _____ in the Moon is looking down at us.
 5. Moon is a romantic _____ in the night sky.
 6. Moon has been walked on by only 12 _____

Yeah, yeah, yeah! So I've got the glamorous job of hosting this week's page. Pay attention to everything I have to teach you about the Moon so I'm not wasting my breath. And NO, I won't repeat myself.

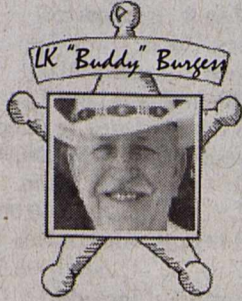
Most nights you can look into the sky and see the Moon. People have always studied and wondered about the Moon. We have written about it in our poems, songs and stories. Even though people have flown to the Moon and walked on it, the Moon is still mysterious.

"Moon" begins with the letter "m." Can you find and circle at least 6 words that begin with "m"?

The Moon follows a path around the Earth. This path is called an orbit. It takes about 27 days for the Moon to go around the Earth. As the Moon follows the path around the Earth it is also turning or rotating itself. It turns once each trip. As the Moon moves and "changes" in the sky people keep track of it. The Moon has been used to tell when holidays fall and when it is time to plant or harvest fields. Look on a calendar to find out if it tells when we will see the next full moon.

Hey! Some of these aren't real.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



A woman went to the sheriff's office and requested to speak to a deputy. The woman was having problems with another woman.

Tuesday, April 13

A man called to report an orange pickup was speeding on Hwy 131 and refused to stop, a deputy was advised of the situation.

Fort Clark Security called to request a deputy in regards to a boy hitting another boy with a board with nails. The injured boy's father wanted to talk to the other boy's parents about the situation. A deputy was advised.

A Fort Clark man called to report his friend's dog bit him when he went over to his house in Brackettville. A deputy was informed.

Wednesday, April 14

An security company called to report an alarm was sounding off at the school library. A deputy was informed of the situation.

A woman called to report two dogs were on the fence line of her ranch and were trying to get in. A deputy was advised of situation.

An alarm company called to report an alarm was sounding off at the medical supply business in Brackettville. A deputy was advised and reported the door was being fixed.

A woman called to report a red Cube or Flex car at the intersection of Ann and El Paso streets was about to cause an accident. A deputy was informed of the situation.

A man called stating that a silver Dodge truck and a white Tahoe with dark tint were drag racing on Hwy 334. A deputy was advised of the situation.

Thursday, April 15

Wayne B. Rich, 25, of Del Rio, was arrested for possession of marijuana, more than 2 ounces. Rich was released on a \$1,500 bond.

Jose R. Maldonado, 24, of Del Rio, was arrested for possession of marijuana, more than 2 ounces. Maldonado was released on a \$1,500 bond.

A man reported a registered black cow was stolen from the Old Vincent Ranch on Hwy 131, Spofford Road. The cow had an ear tag on it and was last seen on January 26. The fence was cut from the top to the bottom.

Friday, April 16

Gilbert Fernandez, 25, of Wellington, was arrested on an outstanding Kinney County warrant for credit card fraud. Fernandez was still being held at press time.

Suarez Ramon Alfredo, 29, Del Rio, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, third or

more offense. Suarez was released on a \$5,500 bond.

Saturday, April 17

A woman reported a house down the road from her residence was playing loud music and would not let her sleep. A deputy was advised of the situation.

A man called stating that he had hit a deer with his car and was requesting a deputy to the scene to file a report.

Monday, April 19

A security company called to report an alarm going off at the Super S Foods. A deputy was notified of the situation.

Thursday, April 22

A man called requesting a deputy go check on his neighbor who was yelling in his yard. A deputy was notified.

Friday, April 23

Sam H. Graves, 22, of Pyote, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Graves was released on a \$1,200 bond.

A FCS employee called to request a deputy's assistance for possible break-in.

Saturday, April 24

Joel Hidalgo, 42, of Baytown, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Hidalgo was still being held at press time.

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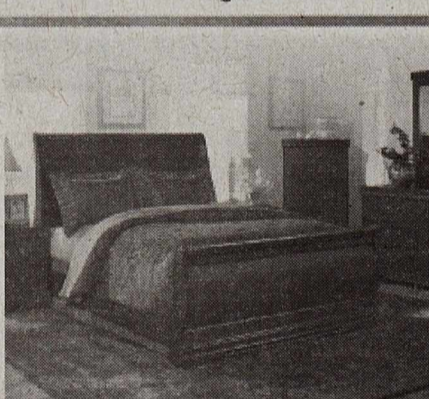
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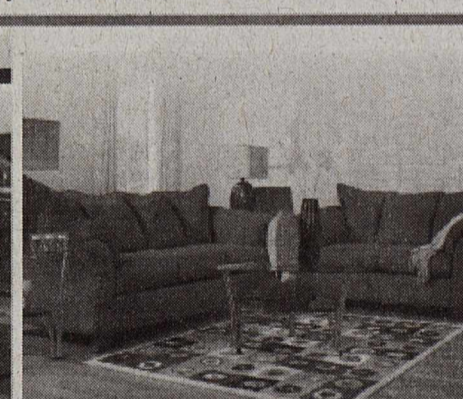
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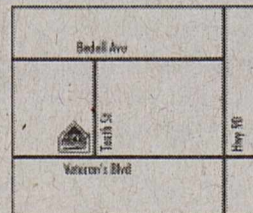


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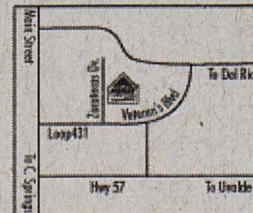


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