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Kinney County Is Home To Dora Sandoval - Happy Birthday!

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**Kinney County
4th of July
Weekend
Celebration**



Saturday July 2

LINE UP FOR PARADE
9a - 9:25a
at Ann St. and E. Wolf Alley, City of Brackettville All entries welcome!

PARADE BEGINS
9:30a
Down S. Ann St. in City of Brackettville, turn left on Highway 90, right to Ft. Clark entrance

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM
10:15a
Honors all active military featuring Lt. Col. Mike Land, Chief of Flight Safety 47FTW, Laughlin AFB
Don't miss this!

4H HAMBURGER PLATE SALE
11:30a - 12noon
\$6.00(\$5 advance) at the NCO Club, Ft. Clark Springs

MUSIC AND A MEAL
7:30p - 8p
Music by Elizabeth Hodges and friends, sausage wrap and lemonade concession by 4-H Club at Butcher Block/Empty Saddle, Ft. Clark Springs

FIREWORKS DISPLAY
9p
At the Butcher Block/Empty Saddle, FCS (Personal fireworks permitted **only** if donated to firework display team to set off) FCS will have an open gate for the day. All Nonmembers, please park at Rendezvous Park (to the right of the guard shack) and walk up to the Empty Saddle.
Parking at Service Club for handicapped

REUNION DANCE
9p - 1a
Kinney County Civic Center. Tickets sold at the door. Great music for all!

EXTRA BONUS
The Kinney County Historical Commission invites you to visit our historic courthouse and Filipino Museum from 1-4 pm today. Please enjoy our Historic sites!

**SUNDAY
JULY 3RD**

Residents of Brackettville and Kinney County are invited to a special service and celebration of patriotism, on Sunday, July 3, 9 am at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort and Henderson Streets, overlooking the swimming pool. Come and join fellow Christians in singing "old" favorite hymns of faith. Join us in praying for our country, our leaders and for peace. Everyone is welcome.

BURN BAN
NO PERSONAL FIREWORKS

Commissioners accept audit; County has no debt

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

Kinney County commissioners accepted the annual outside audit at their Regular meeting on June 27.

Certified Public Accountant Wayne R. Beyer, of Pleasanton, conducted the audit for budget year October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

The county began the budget year with approximately \$1.2 million in reserve and ended the year with approximately \$756,169 in reserve. The decrease in the amount of the reserve stems from the shut down of the Kinney County Detention Center in October, 2009. The center was forcibly shut down by the US Marshal Service after a correctional officer helped an inmate escape. The prisoner was captured in January, 2010, but the county lost significant revenue when it was not allowed to house Marshal detainees for nearly four months. The county has since has since recouped its losses and its reserve balance is approximately \$900,000, according to information provided by court.

Beyer stated he was given all the documents he needed from

the various departments and stated the county was debt free and had a good amount in reserve.

The commissioners voted to accept donations made by residents and local businesses in support of the School Street Paving Project that began Monday, June 20. Sections of Fulton, Fort and Thomas streets were selected to be paved after the county received special permission to use \$110,000 in left over grant money from the Spofford paving project for a project in Brackettville, however, the cost of the project totaled \$130,000. The county and city contributed \$20,000 but \$10,000 was still needed. In a matter of days the money was pledged and Contractor AE Hiller & Sons got right to work. At press time, the county had received more than \$16,000 in donations and donations, small and large, are still being pledged. The additional money will be used to address drainage issues in front of the Ag Building and pave portions of Ellen and Thorn streets.

Judge Tim Ward and commissioners Dennis Dodson, Woody Massingill and Joe Montalvo were all in attendance. Commissioner Pat Melancon was absent.



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - Kinney County Commissioners along with Judge Tim Ward hold the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin that will be on sale on Saturday, July 2, at the Courthouse.

Sheriff's auction takes in \$24K

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

Kinney County Sheriff LK Buddy Burgess hosted a vehicle auction on June 11, and garnered \$24,250.

The vehicles were either seized by sheriff's department or abandoned in the county by the owner. Thirteen vehicles were sold, including eight from forfeitures and five considered abandoned.

The sale took place at the Kinney County Detention Center on Hwy 131, and Sheriff Burgess said a, "nice size crowd," was in attendance.

Forfeitures:
● 1999 Ford Explorer sold for \$750
● 2004 Chrysler Sebring sold for \$3,800

● 1998 Ford Explorer sold for \$400
● 2003 GMC Truck sold for \$2,000
● 2001 Ford Taurus sold for \$900
● 1999 Chevy Truck sold for \$4,600
● 2004 Chevy Truck sold for \$3,100
● 1998 Ford Expedition sold for \$450
Abandoned Vehicles:
● 1997 Ford Expedition (4x4) sold for \$1,000
● 2001 Ford Ranger sold for \$3,000
● 1997 Chevy Blazer sold for \$1,350
● 2000 Ford Truck sold for \$1,100
● 1997 Dodge Truck sold for \$1,700

A walk I will always remember



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly By Maria Terrazas Sparks - Wendall Sparks, of Brackettville, takes a walk with his daughter Chloe before he was deployed to the Middle East for another tour of duty. Sparks' wife Maria is employed by Fort Clark MUD.

Rickshaw Allie promotes kindness



By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

Allie The Rickshaw Man Stevens stopped in Brackettville on his way to Florida on June 27.

Stevens, a Marine Corp Veteran, is pulling a custom made rickshaw from California to Florida in order to bring awareness to the needs of military veterans, but also to hi-light the day to day acts of human kindness has experienced during his travels.

After the loss of his wife several years ago, Stevens turned over his business to his children and went fishing. He spent the months after that living on a pier and as he slept, people would leave him food and money. Although he did not have a need for the gifts and shared them with others, he was

humbled by the kindness of strangers.

It was on that California pier that the rickshaw idea came alive. Stevens said there was a restaurant at the end of the pier and since motor vehicles were not allowed, he converted a horse carriage into a rickshaw, or a two-wheeled, human powered cart, and began to transport people from one end of the pier to the other. After watching Stevens one evening, a man commented that Stevens had probably broken a world record for walking with a rickshaw. Stevens said he looked it up, but walking back and forth on the pier did not qualify, but he says that is when he decided to set out and create the record for walking with a rickshaw.

Stevens first set out to walk

from Oceanside, California to Las Vegas, Nevada to create the record. He later broke his own record with a walk from Oceanside, California to Tombstone, Arizona. Now for a the third time Rickshaw Allie is out to walk 4,000 miles from California to Florida. Stevens started in September, 2009, and stays for a few days in every town he passes through and says he has been again so humbled by the hospitality he has experienced from the so many different people.

Stevens is camping out with the Linda Fernandez Family in the Kickapoo Trailer Park in Brackettville and plans to participate in the parade on July 2.

Visit www.rickshawroadtrip.com to read of Stevens' adventures.

Brothers In Arms



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News Weekly - Wade Salmon and John Daniels reunited at the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association Juneteenth Celebration on June 18 in Brackettville. The pair served in the US Army in Vietnam and had not seen each other in 30 years.

Letter To The Editor:

Either thirty-six (36) Texas counties have been rain soaked or "common sense" has taken a "leave of absence". Kinney County is one of the thirty-six (36). According to Sunday mornings news (6-26-11), on three TV networks (Fox, ABC, and NBC); two hundred and eighteen Texas counties have declared a "Fireworks Ban", due to excessive dry conditions. San Antonio has accessed a two thousand dollar fine for violations. The fire and police departments are hopeful that the San Antonio citizens exercise obedience to the ordinance and not put the city and neighborhoods at risk.

At the June 18th FCS's board meeting (one member a Brackettville city official) was questioned about Kinney County's burn ban and the upcoming July 2nd fireworks display at FCS, putting Fort Clark's historical buildings at risk. The reply was a "special exception" had been made by the city/county/4th of July committee for a "go ahead" plan for FCS and to ban "private fireworks". The FCS's board also stated that in January, which means a future protest should be voiced in January 2012. Who knows the forecast in July 2012? Kinney County may experience a "gully washer".

Most people (myself included) love fireworks displays, under the proper safe conditions and an appropriate location (not near FCS's maintenance department, with up to 1,000 gallons gas stored) and mixing fire with dry grass isn't "common sense".

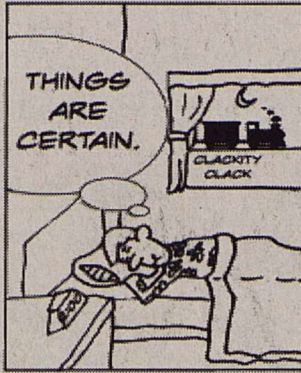
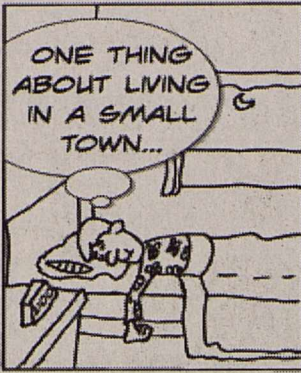
According to history, Nero "fiddled" while Rome burned, which leads to one to believe he was "bonkers" and out of touch with reality. The people who scoff at the "what ifs" are flirting with the "when" becoming an actuality.

What is too late? FCS members were told that to ban fireworks on July 2nd is too late for now. This was stated on June 18th and today is June 30th. What? July 2nd has not arrived and people with "common sense" should think of "prevention" rather than "intervention". Is there a rancher in the area who will offer his or property for a "Fireworks display"? If so, let the 4th of July committee know immediately.

For those who don't recall the law of probability which under scrutiny the probabilities, possible become actualities. Is FCS an accident about to happen? Maybe- maybe not, but risking an "up-in-smoke" event is not a "common sense" decision!

Woody Hornburg

Small Town Tom



Mike Barnhouse



Work toward your own Financial Independence Day



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

On July 4, we shoot fireworks, attend picnics, watch

parades and otherwise celebrate our nation's independence and the many freedoms we enjoy. But as you go through life, you'll find out how important it is to work towards another type of freedom — financial freedom. That's why you need to put strategies in place to help you work towards your own Financial Independence Day.

And there's no way to "sugar-

coat" this task, because it will be challenging. In recent years, a combination of factors — including depressed housing prices, rising health care costs, frozen or eliminated pension plans and the financial market plunge of 2008 and early 2009 — has made it more difficult for many of us to accumulate the resources we'll need to enjoy the retirement lifestyle we've envisioned. In fact, the average American family faces a 37 percent shortfall in the income they will need in retirement, according to a recent report by consulting firm McKinsey & Company.

But now that we've gotten the "bad" stuff out of the way, let's turn to the good news: You can do a great deal to work towards financial freedom during your retirement years. Here are some suggestions that can help:

Save and invest more. Obviously, the younger you are, the greater the benefit you'll get by increasing your savings and investments. But whatever your age, you'll find that it pays to save and invest more. During difficult economic times, of course, it's not always easy to boost your savings and investments, but try to find ways that are as "automatic" as possible. For example, whenever you get a raise, increase your 401(k) contributions, which come directly from your paycheck. And whenever you get a "windfall," such

as a tax refund, try to use part of it for your IRA or another investment account.

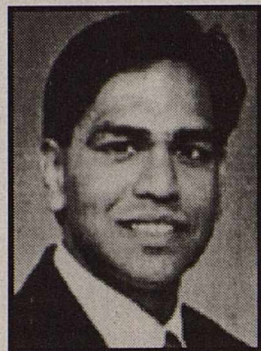
Rebalance your portfolio. It's always a good idea to periodically rebalance your investments to make sure they are still aligned with your goals and risk tolerance. But it's especially important to rebalance as you get older and you near retirement. At this stage, you'll want to decrease the volatility in your portfolio and lock in what gains you've achieved, so you may want to move some (but certainly not all) of your more aggressive investments into less volatile ones.

Cut down on debts. It's easier said than done, but anything you can do to reduce your debt load will free up money to invest for your retirement. Work diligently to pay off whatever debts you can and examine your lifestyle to find areas in which you can reduce spending.

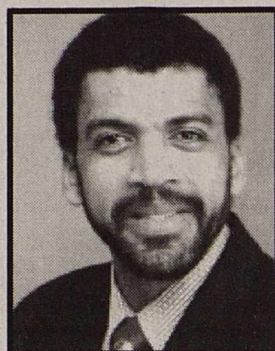
Consider working part-time during retirement. Many Americans are now living longer and enjoying happy, healthy retirements. In fact, the concept of "retirement" has changed so that it now includes any number of activities — including part-time work in a completely different area from one's previous career. If you are willing to do even a little part-time work during your retirement years, you can greatly reduce the financial pressures you may face during this time of your life.

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By Barbara Plyler

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Jack says: The most overlooked component in you RV can be the house battery. When you are plugged into electricity or running your generator, the battery in a sense is boiling. The power converter works to change the system back to 12 volts. Your appliances with the exception of the A/C have 12 volt systems and need that battery hydrated. I would check the house battery/batteries at least once a month for fluid. The age of the battery does not matter. When a RV comes in for repair of water heater, furnace or refrigerator we check the house battery first and always recommend using a RV/Marine battery.

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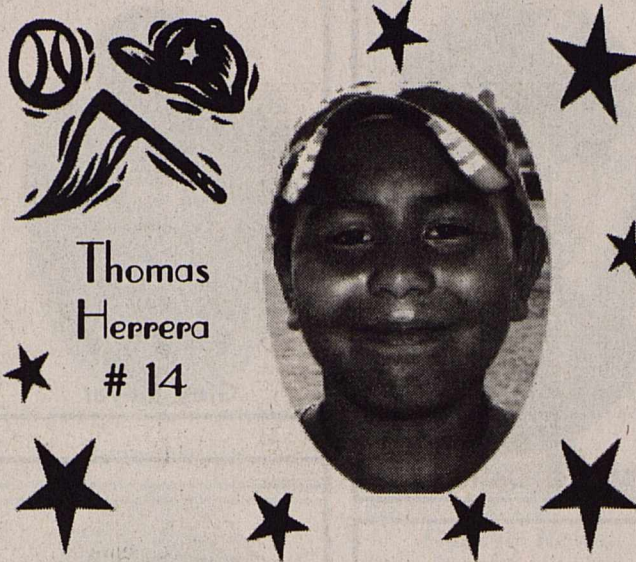
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Michael Falcon Jr.
#2

Position: Shortstop
Parents: Michael Falcon and Louisa Vasquez
Favorite MLB Team: LA Dodgers


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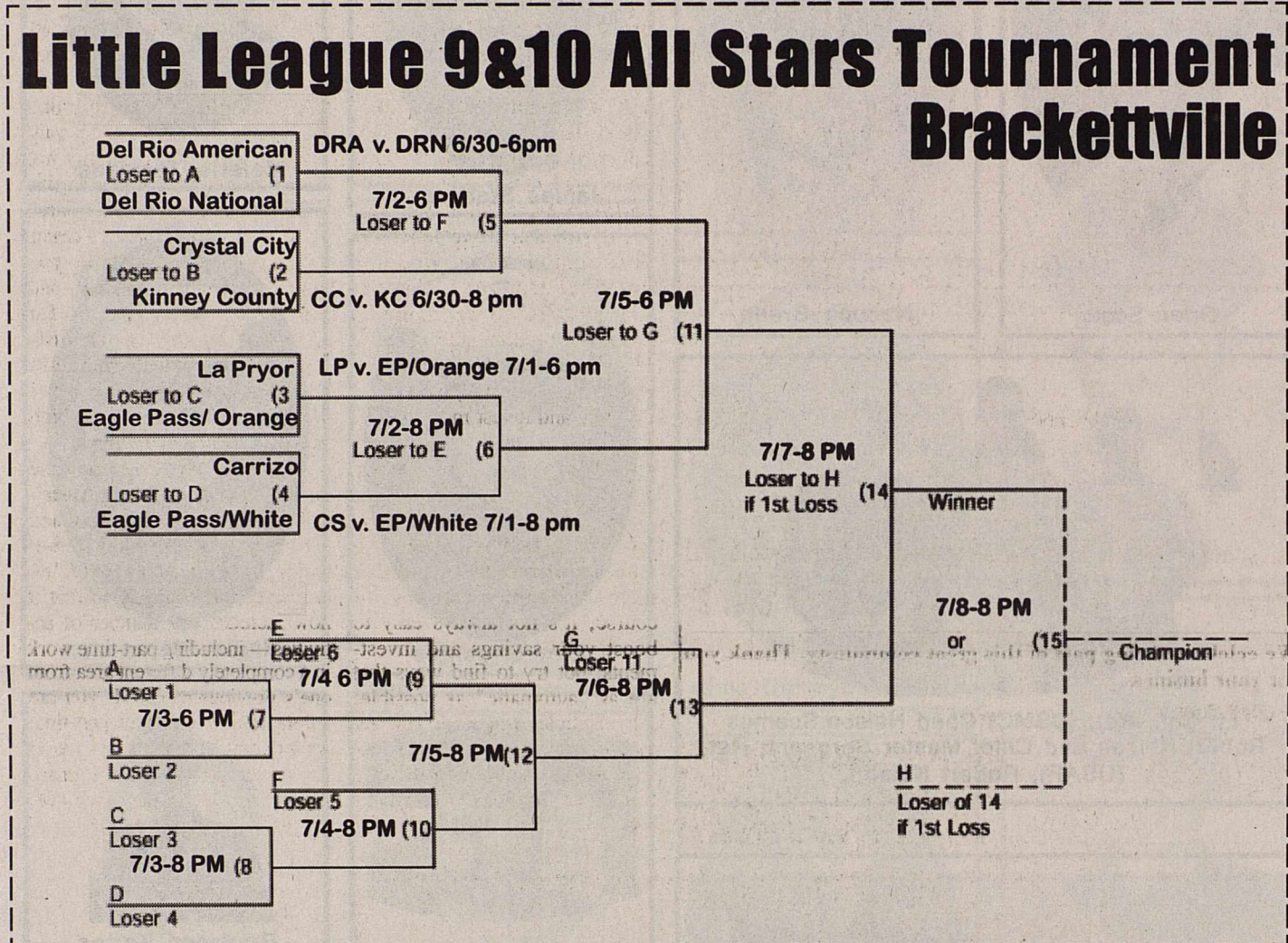
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Javier Valdez Jr.

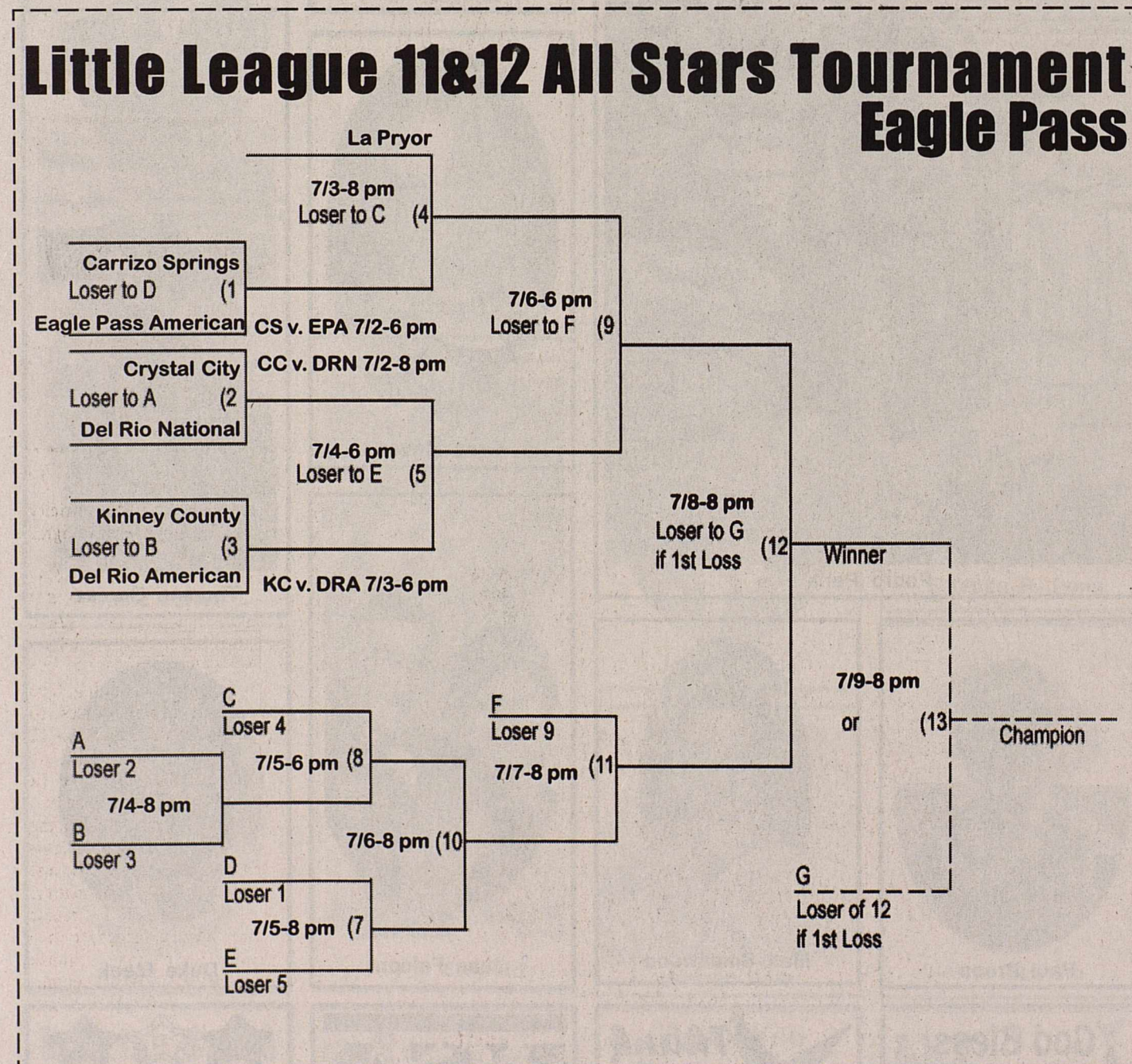
Position: Shortstop
Parents: Javier and Lucy Valdez
Favorite MLB Team: TX Rangers



All-Star flag presentation



Leigh Jenkins and Isauro Rivas presented Kinney County Little League President Isauro Rivas with an American Flag for the All-Star tournament that begins June 30. The flag has been flown by the 52nd Expeditionary Flying Training Squadron over the skies in Iraq and certified by George Cynhamuk, Lt. Col. USAF. Old Glory was given to the Little League by Brackett News Weekly Owner-Publisher Frank Castillo, an Army Veteran and presently in the Airforce Guard, is currently on a civilian assignment for the T-6 Texan Program.



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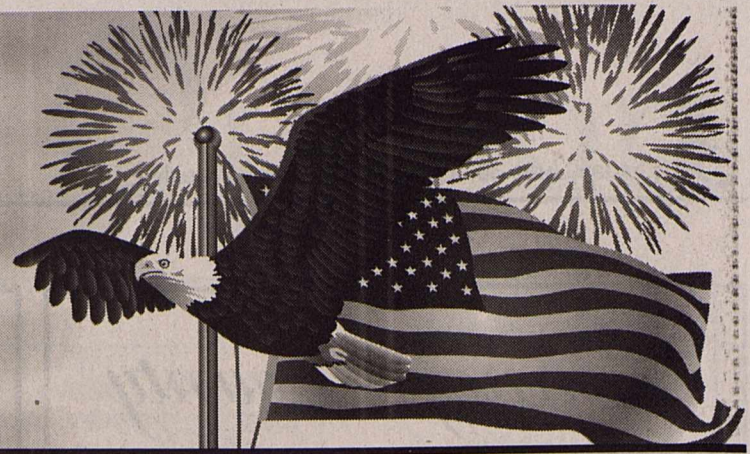
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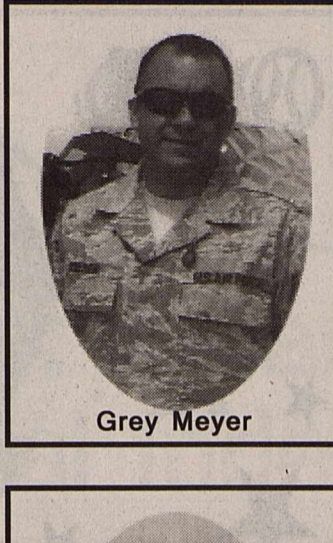
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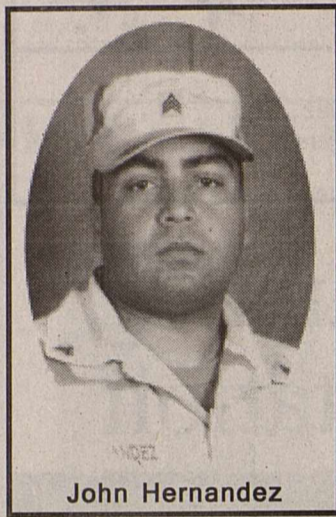
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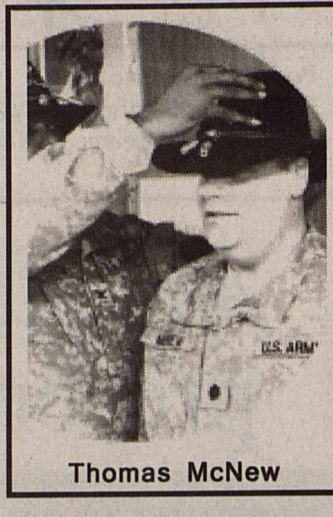
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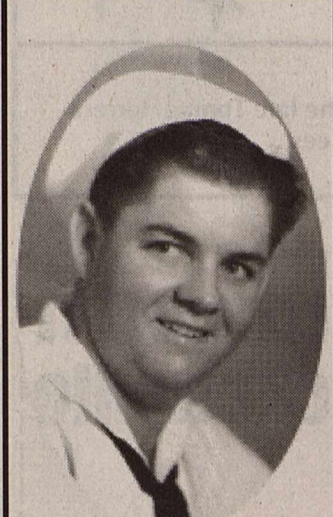
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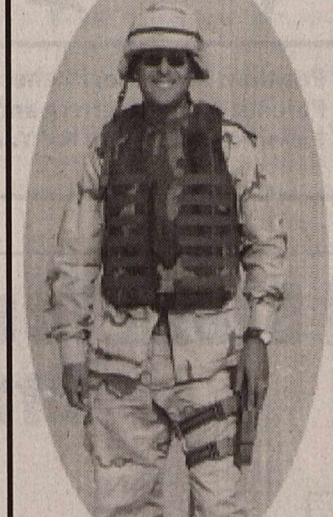
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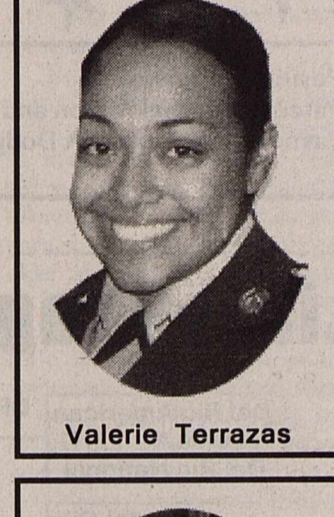
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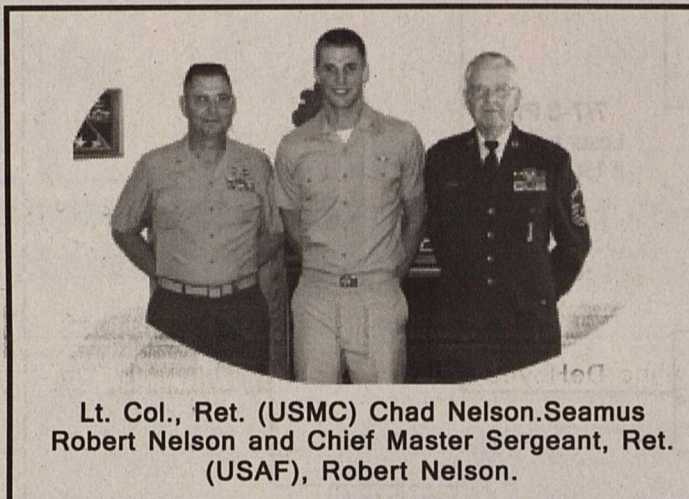
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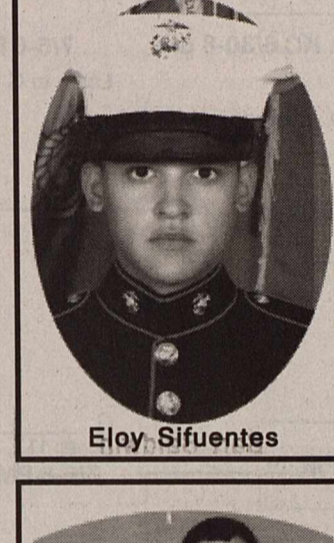
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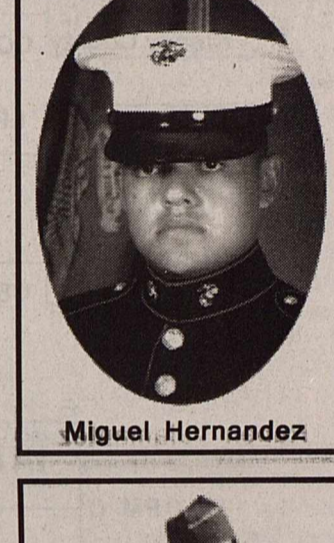
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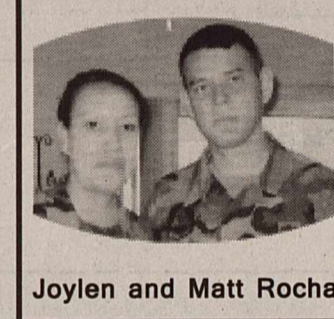
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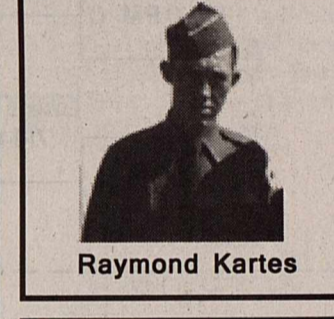
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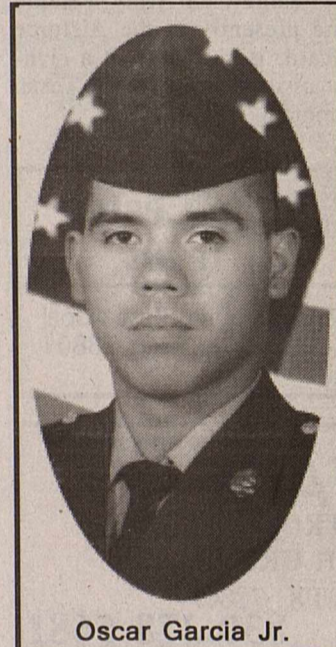
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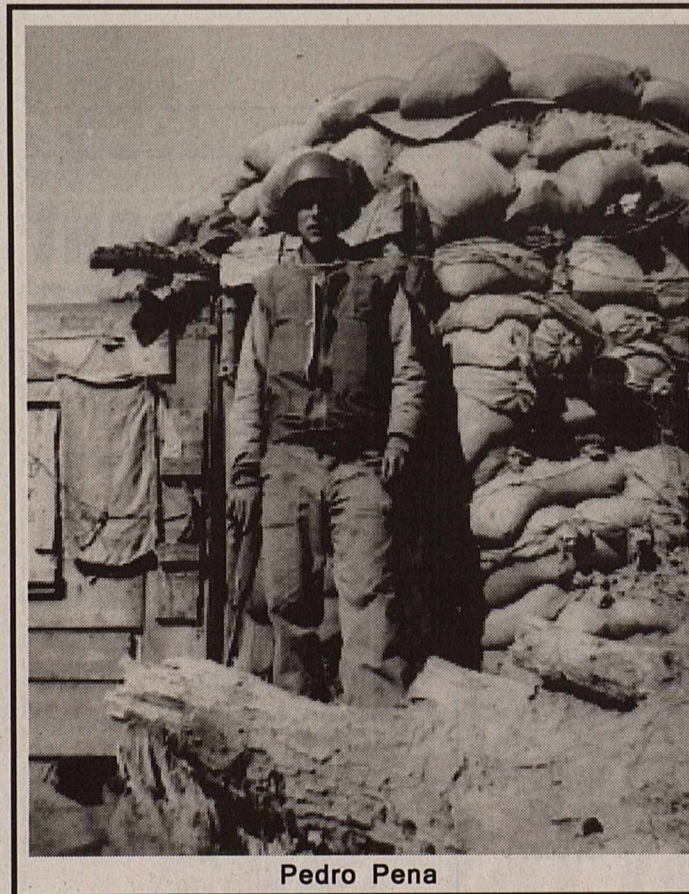
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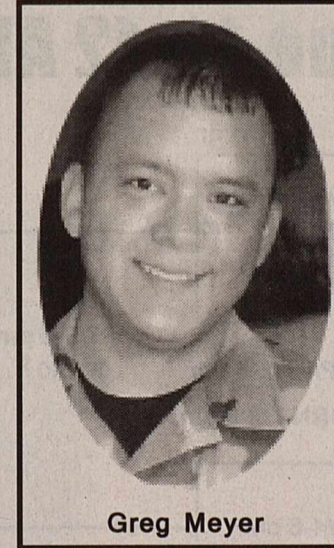
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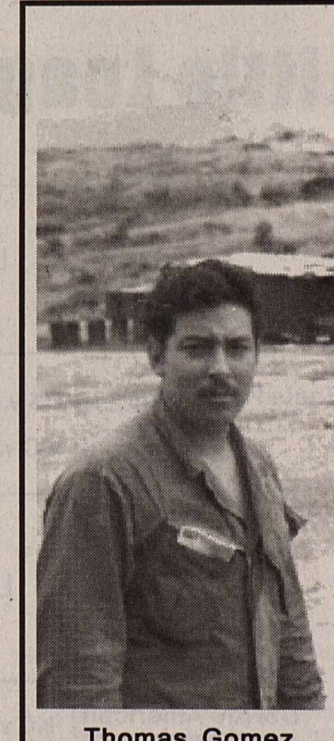
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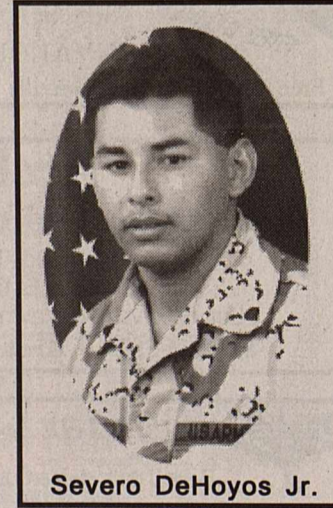
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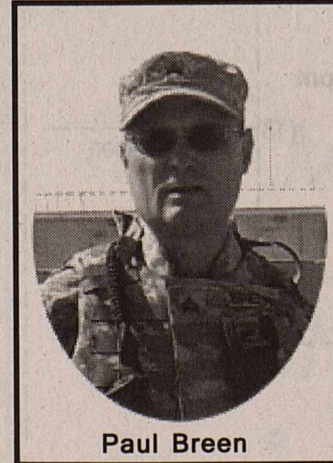
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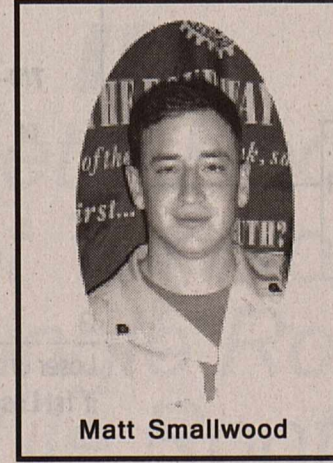
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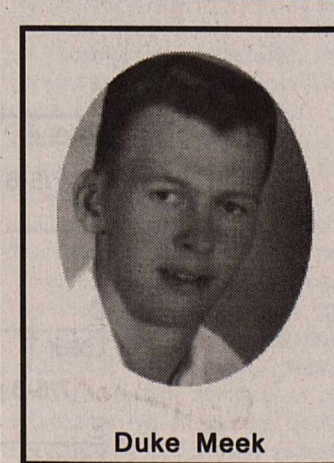
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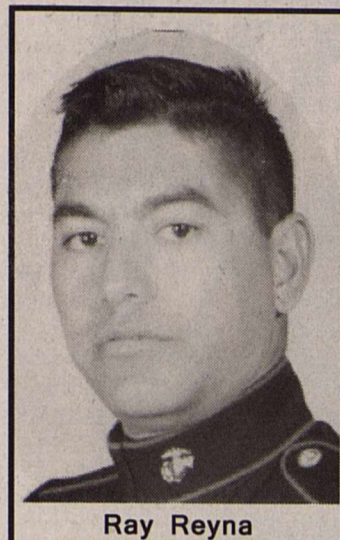
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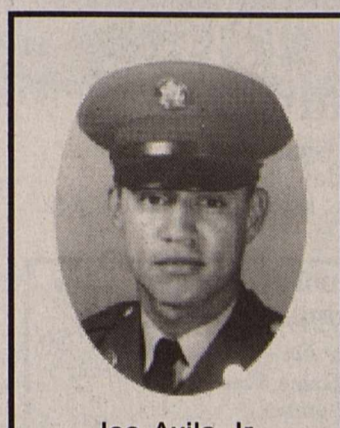
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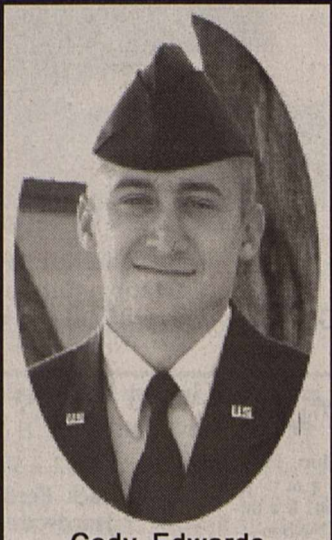
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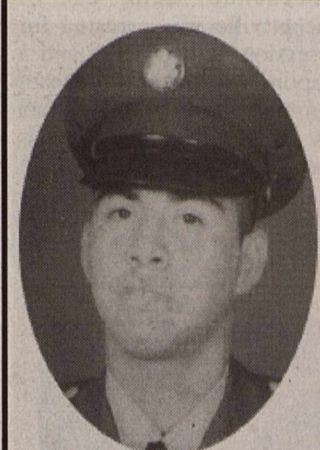
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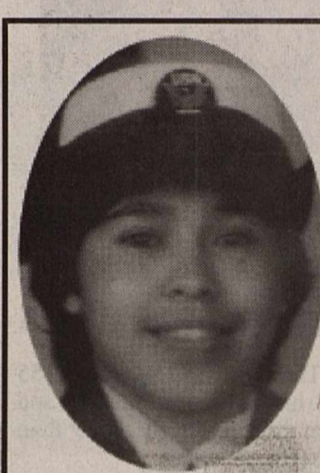
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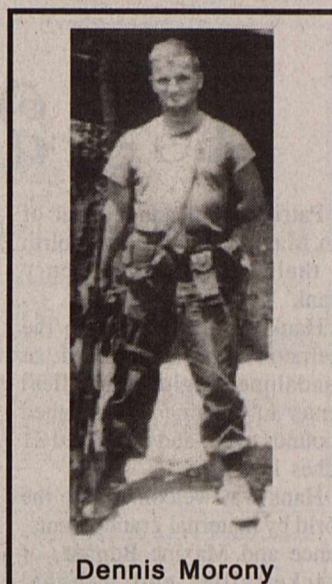
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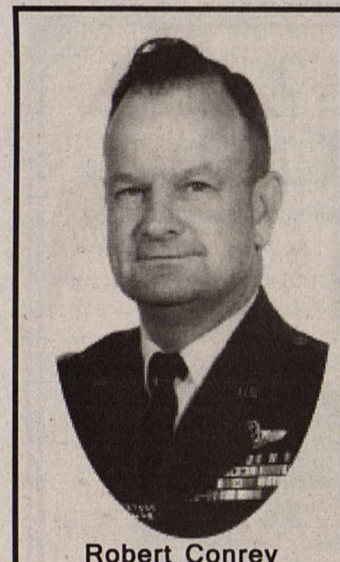
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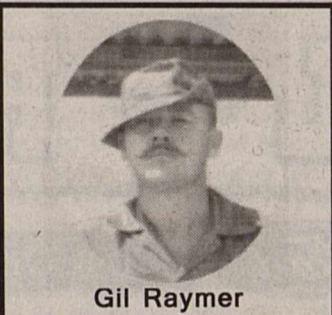
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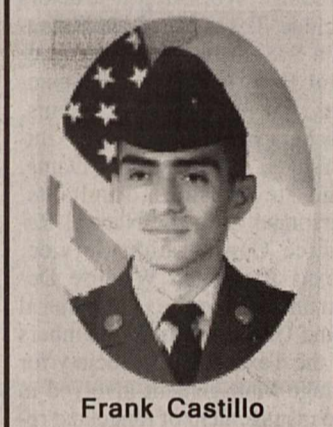
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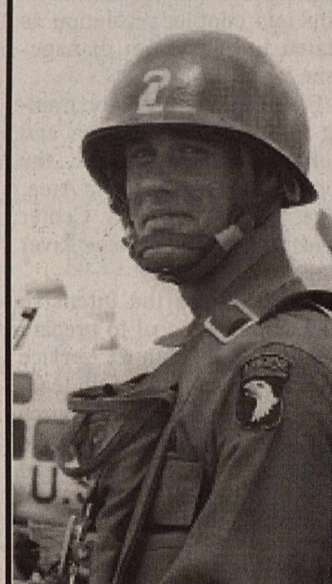
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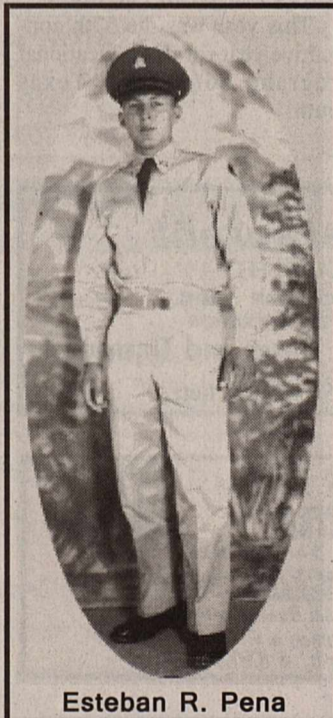
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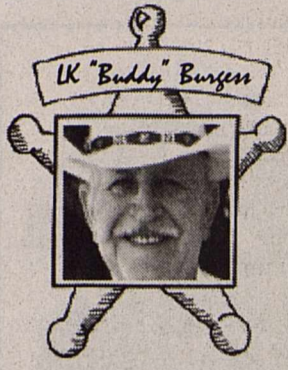
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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday June 20

A call came into KCSO in reference to the doors at the motel on HWY 90 being open. A deputy was notified and en route to the location.

Tuesday June 21

A security company called into KCSO in reference to alarm going off at the school library. School security called the SO stating that a window was broken. A deputy was notified.

Wednesday June 22

A call came into KCSO in reference to a suspicious vehicle with no plates. A deputy was notified.

A call came into KCSO to report they hit a deer on HWY 90 going west. A deputy was informed and was en route to a local store to meet the driver.

A woman called 911 in reference to a male individual being abusive towards his wife and kids. A deputy was informed and was en route to the location.

A woman called into KCSO to request a deputy to check on her house because she was told male individuals were going to break into her house. A deputy was en route to the location.

Thursday June 23

Jonathan Justin Chapa, 18, was arrested for possession of marijuana. Chapa was still be-

ing held at press time.

A call came into KCSO from the Border Patrol station, in reference to a male individual a long county road 1572 unable to stand due to a broken leg. A deputy was informed and EMS was dispatched to the scene.

Friday June 24

A woman called into KCSO in reference to some loud music being played and individuals on the premises of the Sr. Apts. after curfew.

A woman called into KCSO to report an individual trespassing on her property.

Saturday June 25

Ezquiel Salazar, 18, of Brackettville was arrested for DWI 1st offense, open container and possession of marijuana. Salazar was released the same day after posting a \$1200 bond.

Avian Pacheco, 18, of Brackettville, was arrested for posses-

sion of marijuana. Pacheco was released the same day after posting a \$1200 bond.

Ernesto Ortiz, 17, of Brackettville, was arrested for possession of marijuana. Ortiz was released the same day after posting a \$1200 bond.

Juan Visamontes, 35, of San Antonio, was arrested for DWI 3rd offense. Visamontes was released the next day on a \$5000 bond.

Jose Luis Jr. Ibarra, 21, of La Pryor was arrested for a warrant and sell of a dangerous weapon. Ibarra was still being held at press time.

Sunday June 26

Fernando Mata, 21, of Brackettville was arrested for possession of marijuana and a weapon, no driver's license, insurance or registration. Mata was still being held at press time.

Happy 40th Birthday!



Ruben Talamantez

Oh, no! Say it isn't so!
"Happy 40th Birthday, Ruben."
God bless you, with all our love, Mom and Aunt Gelnda.

It's a Boy

Patrick and Dana Kellner of San Marcos announce the birth of their son, Patrick Henry 'Hank' Kellner II.

Hank arrived at 1:13 in the afternoon on June 21, 2011, at Guadalupe Regional Medical Center in Seguin. He weighed 9 pounds even, and measured 21 inches in length.

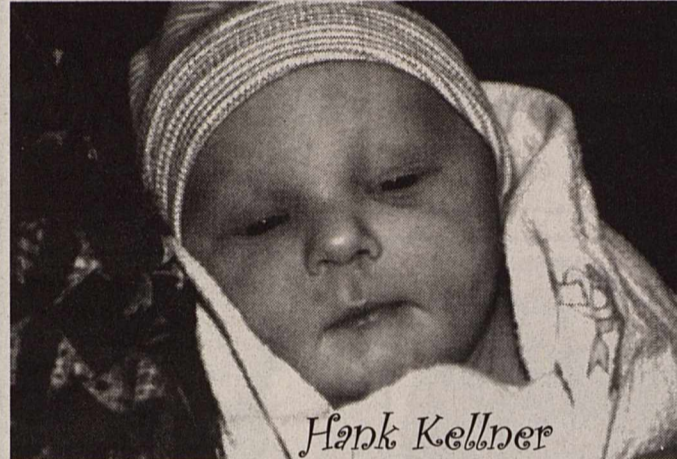
Hank was welcomed into the world by maternal grandparents, Vance and Maxine Bonner, of Brackettville, and paternal

grandparents, Mark and Sara Kellner, of Kyle.

Adela Meyer, of Brackettville, is Hank's maternal great-grandmother.

Corky Rogers, of Kerrville, and Gordon and Karen Chidester of Des Moines, IA are paternal great-grandparents.

Proud aunts and uncles include KJ Bonner, Bonnie Kellner, Thomas Kellner, Betsy Vance and Kenneth Green. Hank has one cousin, Liam Post.



Hank Kellner

Gutierrez selected for TTU range management workshop



Roland Gutierrez with his sister Abigail and brother Ramon

to livestock production, wildlife habitat and multiple uses of Texas rangelands.

Leadership training features training on communications skills and conflict resolution as related to ecosystem management.

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Rector states the intensive workshop has a goal to prepare 4-H and FFA youth for service in leadership roles a youth leaders in range and natural resource management for their respective county programs, Clubs and

Chapters.

Range Workshop instructors include Texas AgriLife Extension Specialists, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Scientists, County Extension Agents, teachers from major Texas Universities, ranchers, consultants, land stewardship consultants, personnel from the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas General Land Office and other members of the Texas Section Society for Range Management involved in the management of rangeland resources and youth education.

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OBITUARY

John E. Mcnamara

September 24, 1927 - June 22, 2011

John E. Mcnamara, of Brackettville, TX died Wednesday, June 22, from complications of cancer. He was born on September 24, 1927 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of the late John L. and Marie (Heiser) Mcnamara.

John was a U.S. Navy corpsman during WWII, who later joined the Chicago Fire Department, retiring in 1981. He was an avid fisherman, potter, and gardener who impressed everyone with his boundless energy and zest for life.

He was the loving husband of the late Evelyn (Schomberger) Mcnamara. John is survived by his sons John T. Mcnamara (Jean) of Yorkville, IL, and Dennis Mcnamara (Ana) of Del Rio, TX, and by his daughters Patricia Petteruti (Steven) of East Greenwich, RI, and Jane Fairman (Robert) of Green Bay, WI. 12 grandchildren, including Evelyn Mcnamara of Del Rio, and one great grandchild also survive him.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, July 1, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Rosalia's Church, 2410 S. Bay Shore Drive, Sister Bay, WI.

OBITUARY

Jessie Flo Tenery DuBose

July 22, 1915 - June 23, 2011

Jessie DuBose was born in Kempt, Texas on July 22, 1915. She went to be with our Lord on June 23, 2011, at the age of ninety five years, 11 months. Jessie had lived previously in both La Pryor and Devine and worked as a nurse in Uvalde. She graduated from LVN school in Uvalde in February, 1964. She worked night shifts at both the old Uvalde hospital and the present hospital. She worked the Medical Surgery, ER, and OB departments and helped deliver most of the babies born in Uvalde in the 60's, 70's, and 80's. Because of her training in all areas of the hospital she was able to work wherever she was needed depending on the number of patients in a given area. She was always willing to fill in wherever needed.

In 1993 her son decided it was time someone took care of her for a change and she moved to Pearsall to be near him and his wife. After her son passes away in 2010 her niece and namesake Jessie Lou Neese moved her into her home in Freer, TX. There Jessie Lou lovingly cared for her until death nine months later.

Jessie DuBose was preceded in death by her parents George W. Tenery and Willie Martin Tenery, her husband Bryan I DuBose, her son Bryan Edwards DuBose and grandson Dennis James Robinson. Two sisters and five brothers.

She is survived by her twin daughters, Geneva Jennille Robinson of Brackettville and Geraldine Jeniève Homeyer of Ingram and her husband Rex. Daughter in law Betty DuBose of College Station. Two sisters Elzie Crisp of Artesia Wells and Dorris Kruger of Pearsall. Her niece and namesake Jessie Lou Neese. Eight grandchildren, the first and apple of grandma's eye Pamela Gail Homeyer of Boulder, Co., Gary and Larry Robinson of Brackettville, David Ray Robinson and wife Cindy of Middleburg, Fl., Greg Homeyer and wife Kathy of Montgomery, Deborah Avery and husband Michael of College Station, Catherine Nunn, and Bryan Keith DuBose and wife Nina of Poteet. Twenty great grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, along with many nieces, nephews and life long friends.

Jessie donated her body to science and a memorial celebration of her life will be held on Sunday July 24, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the First Baptist Church 204 S. Walnut in Pearsall, TX. Memorials may be made in her honor to The Arthritis Foundation or the First Baptist Church of Pearsall. 830.563.2363.

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DPS urges Texans to help prevent wildfires

Submitted By Tx DPS

The Texas Department of Public Safety is urging Texans to use caution and avoid situations that could cause wildfires to break out, especially during the July 4th holiday period.

"Although fireworks are a traditional way to celebrate holidays like the Fourth of July, we are urging cities, counties and families to cancel fireworks plans this year," said Steven C. McCraw, director of the DPS. "It's just too dry, and our firefighting resources are stretched too thin to be able to cope with potentially massive outbreaks of fires caused by fireworks."

As of June 19, more than 3 million acres have burned in Texas during a fire season that started last December. Those 10,848 fires had a fiscal impact of more than \$116 million in damage. Two volunteer firefighters—one from Cactus and one from Eastland—died in April while fighting fires. Since Dec. 21, wildfires also claimed 514 homes, while firefighters have saved 16,342 homes.

As the statewide drought continues, concerns are building that even more fires will break out in Texas. An estimated 90 percent of all Texas wildfires are caused by human activity. The greatest

single cause is when burning debris is not properly contained and sparks or burning trash blow into the air.

To help prevent fires:
• Be careful when pulling off a road or driving into a field. Hot catalytic converters can ignite dry vegetation.

• Avoid burning trash. Even a barrel covered with a screen can allow a spark to escape, igniting nearby dry vegetation.

• Do not use fireworks during holidays.

• If you smoke in your car, extinguish cigarettes in vehicle ashtrays. Never toss a cigarette out of a car window, and don't

put cigarettes out on the ground.

• Keep a fire extinguisher and water handy when working outdoors with equipment that gets hot, or involves sparks, such as welding equipment.

• Water down outdoor work areas in advance if possible.

For more information on how to protect your home or ranch from wildfires, see the DPS website at http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/pages/pio/wildfire_awareness.htm and <http://agrifife.tamu.edu/drought/>

For more information on fire danger and advisories, see the Texas Forest Service website at: <http://texasforest.service.tamu.edu>

It's a Girl!



Khloe Reagan Seargeant

Chris and Bella Seargeant are proud parents to baby girl Khloe Reagan Seargeant.

Khloe was born on Sunday, June 19, 2011 in Del Rio, Tx. at 9:36 a.m.

Baby Khloe weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 18 inches in length.

Khloe was welcomed into the world by brothers Ivan Alexander and Jacob Thomas Seargeant; Maternal grandparents Orlando and Aracely Talamantes; Paternal grandparents David and Helen Seargeant; and by many family members and friends.

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