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**Lots of Cokes, But No Smiles**  
An 18-wheeler filled with Coca-Cola products and a Toyota Land Crusier were involved in an accident on Hwy. 90, Feb. 5. Area residents reported hearing an "explosion" early Monday as soda cans and bottles were scattered all over the highway.

## City's trash fee decided

### Benacci aids aldermen in decision process

To the relief of the taxpayers, city leaders unanimously voted to increase residential landfill fees by only 75 percent, and not the anticipated 150 percent, at a special meeting on Saturday, Feb. 3.

The new fees, hammered out by city officials in a workshop setting, came after two special meetings with mixed results.

At the first special meeting on Jan. 22, the council voted to raise residential landfill fees from \$10 per month to \$25 per month, increase commercial rates from \$6.50 cubic yard to \$8 per cubic yard, terminate the contract with refuse transport company Waste Management, sign a new contract with Alamo 1, close the city collection site to the public and begin providing curb-side trash collection to the city's residents, all effective Feb. 1. This vote was unanimous with everyone in attendance, except for F. Chica Hernandez.

The higher fees were an attempt to meet the astronomical cost increases handed down by Waste Management of San Antonio in October of 2006.

Waste Management, without notice, increased their fees for hauling Brackettville's trash to a landfill in San Antonio from \$5,500 per month to \$15,000 per month.

At a second special meeting on Jan. 30, with all council members in attendance, the resolutions were voted down, 3-2, when Mary Flores and Ponce Padron unexpectedly changed

their votes. Councilpersons Hernandez, Flores and Padron voted against the second reading while Lydia Tipps and Matt Bland repeated their favorable vote.

More than sixty residents, including Gloria Benacci, attended the second special meeting. Many expressed their concerns about their ability to pay the higher rates, but Benacci questioned the fairness of raising residential rates 150 percent and the commercial rates only 31 percent.

Benacci later met with city leaders and submitted a rate schedule of her own creation that reflected a more balanced increase that lessened the burden on the residential taxpayers.

Benacci, who serves as a director for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District, was praised by Mayor Eduardo Esparza for her willingness to help the city during a difficult time.

"I personally want to thank Mrs. Benacci for all her hard work and dedication to the community. She did not have to do this, but it is greatly appreciated. I am sure all the residents of Brackettville would agree," said Esparza.

Although the landfill fees have increased over the last fifteen years, a fact that was erroneously reported by this newspaper on Jan. 25, council members have stated the rates have not reflected the rising costs of fuel and other inflation-affected items.

"We had legislators try to negotiate on our behalf, but they came and told us they had no control over private enterprise. Basically, since we do not have our own landfill, we're at the mercy of these individuals we pay to haul our trash away. We have to pay. If we had a landfill, we wouldn't be stuck in this predicament," said Bland.

The council members worked through each line item and finally voted unanimously to:

- Increase residential rates from \$10 per month to \$17.50 per month, or a 75 percent increase.

- Increase commercial rates from \$6.50 per cubic yard to \$12.35 per cubic yard, or a 90 percent increase.

- Close the collection site on Hwy. 90 to the public, except for Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Only bulk materials (i.e.: couches, mattresses, lumber) will be accepted for a fee.

- Increase the bulk rates from \$6.50 per cubic yard to \$7.50 per cubic yard. All bulk items will be measured and prepaid before entering the collection site.

- Provide curb-side collection of city resident's trash as follows: Commercial trash will be collected on Mondays and Thursdays. Commercial trash includes cardboard, but the cardboard must be kept separate. The city will determine commercial pick up areas for each business. Residential trash

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## Herndon of Spofford celebrates 95 years



The family of JB Herndon is hosting a card shower in celebration of JB's ninety-fifth birthday.

JB was born February 15, 1912, in Barksdale, Texas to George Russell Herndon and Mamie Lacey-Herndon.

Herndon married Lorraine Maize in 1934. They later divorced.

In 1972, Herndon married Jessie (Tootsie) Salmon.

Herndon is a retired rancher. He also worked for Southern Pacific Railroad, was the County Commissioner for Kinney County, Texas for several years and was the Mayor of Spofford, Texas for 25 years.

Herndon's children are Don, Mary Hal, Jack, and the late Jim Herndon, Guy, Danny and JR.

Herndon has been richly blessed with 19 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren and 19 great-great grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to the honoree at P.O. Box 8, Brackettville, TX 78832.

## Medical center accepts generator gift

The Kinney County Memorial Clinic Committee donated a generator to the Brackettville United Medical Center (UMC).

The generator will be used as an energy back up during power failures or in the case of a natural disaster.

Until the donation of the powerful generator, the clinic has simply shut down its operations during power outages.

The clinic committee, under the direction of Committee President Alfred Pena, coordinated with Clinic Manager Rosemary Slubar to also make some much needed repairs to the parking lot.

Kenneth Everett of Kenneth Everett & Sons, a paving company from Pleasanton were contracted to repair and repave the parking lot.

The people of Kinney County own the building and through guidance of the committee, the rent received from UMC and Sweet Pharmacy are used periodically to make building improvements and repairs for the good of community.



Black Top Man  
Kenneth Everett of Kenneth Everett & Sons from Pleasanton repair the parking lot at the Brackettville United Medical Center.

## News BRIEFS

### Annual Valentine Tea

February 11, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Located in the Ft. Clark Atrium Studio (Above the Maintenance Building.)

### Flu Shots

South Texas Urgent Care Center, 3040 E. Main Street in Uvalde (behind Applebees) is now offering flu shots for \$30. For more information call, 830-278-1166.

### Grief Support Group

There is a new grief support group which is meeting the first Tuesday of each month in Slater Hall of First United Methodist Church. All who are experiencing grief are invited to come and support each other in their journeys. Call Pastor Jean Reardon at 563-2823 if you have questions. Everyone is welcome.

### Valentine Dance

A Valentine Dance sponsored by Fort Clark Community Council will be held on Sat. Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Post Theatre. Tickets on sale at RVPark and Adult Center. BYOB and come have a good time. Tickets will also be available at the door. Everyone Welcome!!

### Country Music Opry

The Uvalde Arts Council will be hosting performances by John Conlee, Vale & Alyssa Rodriguez, Liz Talley, and Trey Wilson on March 3, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Opera House in Uvalde. Tickets are \$15 each. Ticket information call 830-278-4184.

### Little League Baseball Organizational Meeting

The Kinney County Little League will hold an organizational meeting for the 2007 baseball season on Thursday, February 8. The meeting will take place at the EMS Building at 6:30 PM. All individuals interested in serving on the Kinney County Little League Board of Directors are invited to attend. The success of our Little League baseball season depends on volunteers from the community who want to help enrich the lives of our youth. Please come join us on February 8.

### Weekend WEATHER

**Friday**  
AM Clouds  
High: 71  
Low: 54

**Saturday**  
Few Showers  
High: 68  
Low: 55

**Sunday**  
Few Showers  
High: 76  
Low: 57

### "FORT CLARK'S IDOL"

A talent show is being added to this year's Fort Clark Festival roster. Fort Clark Springs at Brackettville will host a Talent Show for youngsters 18 and under during the 2007 Fort Clark Springs Festival on March 10. All contestants will be required to perform at Fort Clark Springs beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Sat., March 10. Talent should be timed from 3 to 5 minutes maximum. Judges will pick the top ten, who will compete again for First, Second and Third places during the afternoon. There will be prizes for First, Second and Third, with a Certificate of Participation to be awarded to all contestants. Contact Charlene Simmons at 830-563-3070 or email: wychar@sbcglobal.net for information.

### Quilt Exhibit

An exhibit will be at John Nance Garner Museum, 333 North Park St. Uvalde, Texas. February 6 through March 17, 2006, call 830 278-5018 for more information.

### Community Council of Fort Clark Springs

Change of Meeting Place for February Meeting. The February 10, 2007 Meeting of the Fort Clark Springs Community Council will be held at the Post Theater at 10 a.m. Candidates that are running for the Fort Clark Board of Directors will be invited to present their qualifications and philosophies at the meeting. There will be a forum led by Diane Daniels. Candidates will be given a time period for their formal presentation. After the candidates finish that portion of the forum, the audience will be allowed to

### Elks Charity Golf Tournament

March 3at the Fort Clark Springs Golf Course, Brackettville, Texas. Shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m., 4 person team, it will be scramble format. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, third and fourth place teams.

### School Holiday

Brackett I.S.D. will be observing Presidents Day on Monday Feb. 19, 2007, class will resume the following day.

### 7th Annual Rotary Club Benefit Golf Tournament

Fort Clark Springs Golf Course will be hosting the 7th Annual Golf Benefit Tournament on Saturday, February 17, 2007. Proceeds fund Rotary Scholarships for Brackett I.S.D.

## Editors PLOG

I was sitting in a city council meeting this past Saturday and my ears perked when I heard an ambulance speed by. My reporter's mind automatically thought it had to be a car wreck on Hwy. 90. This is sick, but true. People love pictures of car crashes! We all love the bad news. Rack sales go up with the bad news, but if I put something about kids in school doing great on the front page - rack sales stay the same.

Little did I know my own father was in the ambulance that whizzed by, made me feel kinda' guilty later for having thoughts of higher rack sales. But I am honest with myself. I can tell the truth to myself and accept it - even if it's painful.

My dad is fine and I want to thank those of you that stopped in the office to check on him. He's back home and upset that he missed dinner with the grandkids.

(For those of you who don't know - my dad had a little accident on his skateboard - no this is not a typo - I do mean skateboard - like wide as a surfboard with big knobby tires and a digital remote.)

I do however want to give special thanks everyone at EMS, KCSO and Fort Clark RV for coming to my dad's aid. He took a powerful blow to the head, but is expected to make a full recovery.

### Reality Check

I was sitting with BuJean (my step-mom) in the waiting room at Wilford Hall in San Antonio quietly waiting for word on my father. Across the room were two ladies that were already in the room when we sat down a few minutes earlier. Suddenly one of the ladies picks up her cell phone, dials a number and tells her daughter that her dad just died.

The room was small so I couldn't help but hear every word, I could even hear the woman on the other end of the cell phone fall apart.

I put my chin to my chest because the tears were filling my eyes and I knew I couldn't hold them back a second longer. I was crying for this woman and for a voice on a cell phone.

The woman later told me that her husband knew that he wasn't going to make it through his surgery and died before he ever got into the operating room.

### Life is precious.

It could have been me on the other end of that cell phone.

Leigh V.

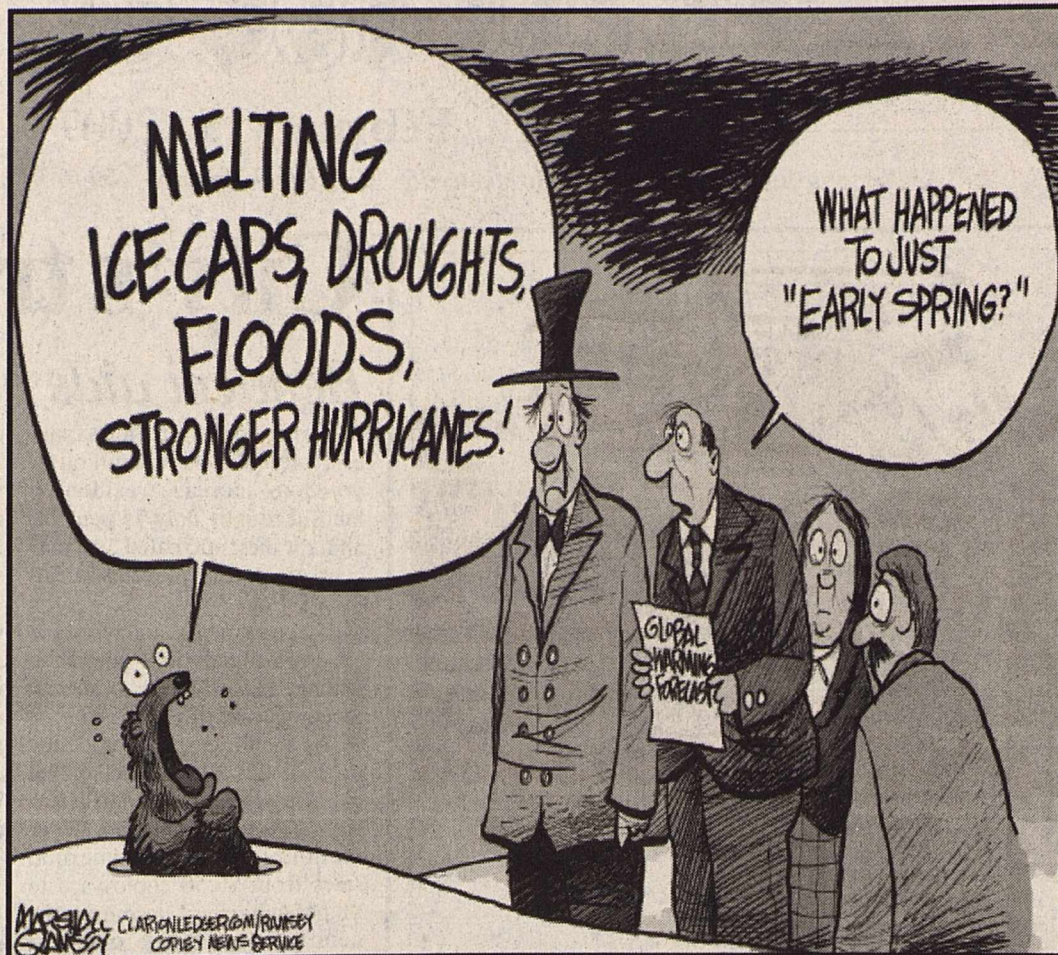
## City to collect trash at curb

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will be collected on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Tuesdays, all residential trash will be collected from Ann Street to the East. On Wednesdays, all residential from Sweeney Street to the West. Residential trash to be picked up must be placed on the city street side of property/in front of house - not inside private property or in alley ways. All garbage must be bagged, no loose garbage will be collected.

The customers are responsible for keeping all garbage bagged for sanitary purposes. Trash needs to be out on the curb by 8 a.m. the day of pick up.

Saturday's meeting was originally part of a motion set forth by F. Chica Hernandez on Feb. 1, and was to be held at 6 p.m. The meeting was later rescheduled to 3:30 p.m. to accommodate City Attorney Eddie Morales, Jr.



## A view from Iraq

Following President Bush's national address and troop increase, I thought it was a good idea to let you all know what the perspective is over here. I'm tired of hearing the media's skewed version, the politicians squabbling over what they read in a report, and the average ill-informed American ranting about things he knows NOTHING about.

I've been over here a couple of months now, and I've learned more about this country than a year's worth of watching CNN. I've sat in mission briefs with Colonels, talked with village elders, had tea with sheikhs and even played with the kids. I agree with the President. We need more troops and we need to take greater action.

There are 3 major factions here. The Sunnis, Shiites, and Kurds. The Shiites are in the majority, but Saddam was a Sunni, so he kept the Shiites in check. Everyone hates the Kurds, who represent several religious sects, including some who are Christian though in the vast minority. The Kurds received the brunt of Saddam's murderous tyranny. Now that Saddam is gone, the Shiites have taken control of Baghdad. The largely peaceful Sunnis are now the victims of radical Shiite terrorism. So the young Sunni men, who can no longer go to work and support their families, do what all young men would do. They join the Sunni militias and battle the Shiites. And thus the country sits on the brink of civil war.

But this war is between them. The violence is sectarian. They largely do not concern themselves with the U.S. troops. The insurgents who battle the Coalition Forces are from outside the country. And the biggest problem down here isn't the insurgents. It's the politicians. The local politicians. Even though the country is controlled by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, downtown Baghdad is controlled by radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. The Shiites follow al-Sadr and thus the Prime Minister does what al-Sadr says. Think of it as if a warlord controlled New York

and blackmailed the President into diplomatic immunity.

When 1st Cav came here in 2004, they took downtown Baghdad (known as Sadr City) by force. It cost many lives, but after a year, we held an iron grip on the largest insurgent breeding ground in Iraq. The insurgents were afraid of the Horse People, and rightfully so. But when 1st Cav left, al-Sadr influenced the Prime Minister to kick out the Coalition forces from that area of Baghdad. He said the Iraqi military forces could hold the city. But all that happened was al-Sadr regained control of his city, and it is now a heavily guarded fortress. A place where insurgents and terrorists can train and stockpile arms. And we cannot go back in because the Prime Minister won't let us. Our hands are tied.

So where does al-Sadr get his backing? From Iran and Syria. Iran supplies him with money and Syria supplies the terrorists. The insurgents that battle the Coalition Forces are from Syria, Somalia and dozens of other places outside of Iraq. Iraq is literally a terrorist breeding ground. They actually have terrorist and sniper schools here. Why not? They train by teaching them to attack the military forces here. There is no better target practice. They even have factories in Sadr City to build bombs. Both Iran and Syria have openly proclaimed their number one goal in life is to destroy the great Western Devil and the little Western Devil (America and Israel). Iran wants to control Iraq to further this purpose. Al-Sadr will get to "run" the country and live like a king, but in reality Iran will pull the puppet strings. Iran will have access to thousands of radical Shiites who will do whatever al-Sadr tells them to. And Iraq will be used as a breeding ground for terrorism. Terrorism that will be targeted directly at America, Israel, Britain and any other democratic country who allies themselves with freedom. The Iraq Study Group advised we should let Iran and Syria help with rebuilding? Bravo to President Bush for striking that idea down and vowing to keep those two countries out of Iraq.

So how do the Iraqi people feel about everything? Of course they don't want the Americans here. But they would far rather have us here than the Iranians. My platoon visited an average Sunni village on a patrol a few days ago. Their only source of income was to farm, as they could not go to the city to work for fear of violence. Many of the young men had already run off to join the militia

for no other reason than to feed their families. They had no school or hospital near them and the community was dying. The village elder's granddaughter was very sick and I was able to treat her. Afterwards he invited me and my Platoon Leader to sit in his house and have tea with him, and we talked about the situation.

The people want peace. The Shiites kill the Sunnis because al-Sadr tells them to do so. The Sunnis fight back because they have no choice. They are glad Saddam is dead (Sunnis or not), but do not want to replace him with another dictator in a politician's clothes (which is what al-Sadr will become). And more than anything, they don't want Iran in charge. Many innocent Iraqis will die if this happens. These are the words that came out of the elder's mouth:

"We do not want America here, and America does not want to be here. But you cannot leave because the militias control the country. America must use the might of its giant army and sweep through, root out and destroy the militias. Then Iraq can be free and you can leave."

What appears to have finally happened within our diplomatic community, is that the Prime Minister finally realizes that his days are numbered. If al-Sadr remains, he will be kicked to the curb. So he is about to allow us to reenter Sadr City, root out and destroy the enemy. A dramatic troop increase will allow us to do this. And the Horse People are back and ready to finish what they started over 2 years ago.

If we leave now, it will be a failure for democracy. Iran will control Iraq and the end result will be more terrorist attacks on America. The American people don't want soldiers dying over here, but it is better than American civilians dying over there. Do NOT forget 9/11. They will do it again. The moment we loosen our grip on the noose, they will do it again. And the only way to root out the evil here is to stop beating around the bush, increase troops and destroy the insurgents once and for all. The Iraqi government cannot do this on their own. The Iraqi security forces are inadequate for this task. We are the only ones who can stop Iraq from becoming a haven for terrorism and fear.

Feel free to share this with whomever wants a real soldier's opinion about the war.

SPC Bryant "Doc" Shurley  
2/5 Cav, 1 CD - Iraq  
TRUTH is Unchangeable, No Matter What is Politically Correct

## Consider benefits before changing jobs

If you are thinking of switching jobs - especially in mid-to-late career - you'll want to pay careful attention to the benefits offered by your new employer. At this stage of your life, you've got a lot to protect.

For starters, you'll need to take a close look at your new employer's retirement plan. If your new job comes with a 401(k), find out when you'll be eligible to contribute, if there's an employer match and if the match also applies to "catch-up" contributions you can make after age 50. You'll also want to find out if your new plan will accept a rollover of your old 401(k). If it does, and if you like the investment options that come with your new plan, you may want to make this move.

In any case, if your new job does offer a 401(k), take full advantage of it. Contribute as much as you can afford and increase your contributions whenever you get a raise. Look carefully at your investment options and spread your money among them in a way that reflects your risk tolerance, long-term goals and time horizon. And no matter how much you like your new job, don't "overload" your 401(k) plan with company stock - a downturn in your employer's fortunes could drag its stock price down for quite some time.

Of course, not all companies have 401(k) plans. If your new employer offers a "defined benefit" plan - the traditional pension that pays benefits based on years of service - you'll want to ask a lot of questions about the plan's solvency. As you may know, many pension plans are currently underfunded or face other major problems. If you are concerned about a potential new employer's financial status, you might want to visit the company's Web site and search under "investor information" for documents such as the annual report and filings with the Securities & Exchange Commission.

Beyond Retirement Plans Your new employer's retirement plan isn't the only benefit you'll need to evaluate when weighing a job offer. You'll also want to consider the following:

-Disability insurance - Have you ever thought what would happen to your family and your long-term financial goals if you became disabled and couldn't work? Disability insurance can help protect you against this risk. Some employers offer short-term disability coverage as an employee benefit. But if your former employer offered disability insurance, and your prospective new employer doesn't, you may have to purchase your own coverage.

-Life insurance - Some employers also offer life insurance as an employee benefit. Even if you are not that far from retirement, life insurance can play an important part in your financial strategy, so the presence or absence of an employer-backed life insurance policy is a factor you'll want to consider before taking a new job.

A new job may offer you more money and the chance to do work that you will enjoy. But before you make the move, take a close look at the benefits package - it can play a big role in your comprehensive financial strategy.

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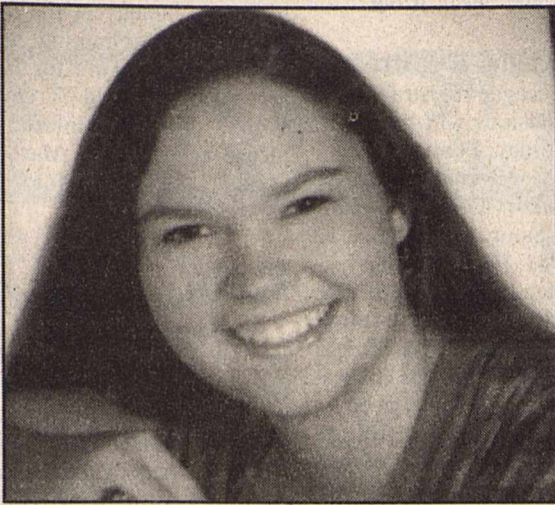
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## BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Class of 2007



#### Alison Carroll

**Name:** Alison Carroll  
**Aunt:** Patricia Taylor  
**Uncle:** Frank Taylor  
**What Are Your Plans After Graduation?:** I plan to attend Texas A&M University in Kingsville and live with my cousin Jessica. I plan on majoring in Communications.  
**What Teacher Influenced You The Most?** Probably Coach Hutch. I have never like history, learning about it or anything. This year in Government and Economics I find that I ENJOY learning. I look forward to that class more than I do any of my others.  
**What Do You Think You Will Miss The Most After You Graduate?** I will miss hanging out with all of my friends and working with the Relay for Life. I will probably join another one in Kingsville, but I will miss this one too.



#### Samantha Davis

**Name:** Samantha Davis  
**Mother:** Sandra Davis  
**Father:** Larry Davis  
**Siblings:** Shaun Davis  
**Family:** Maternal Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith of Blanco; Paternal Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Mike and Sherry Evans of Del Rio.  
**What are your plans after graduation?** I plan to attend Texas A&M Corpus Christi and major in Pediatric Nursing.  
**What teacher influenced you the most?** Coach Hutch has been my Government/Economics teacher this year. He has made politics and government easier to understand for me. He has opened my eyes to the world, and that is something that I will be continually thankful for.  
**What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate?** I will miss all the fun times I have had with my fellow classmates. All the laughing and joking around is what made high school fun. I will be sad to see us go our separate ways, but hopeful that we will all be very successful.

## J.V. GIRLS BASKETBALL UPDATE

Submitted by Coach B. Schroeder

The Brackett High School Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Team ended their season with a home game on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2007. This game really summed up the season, as it was one of the heart.

For some girls, it was their first season as high school players, for others it was a second season as a JV player, but either way it was a time to learn to play as a team.

We lost our first game of the season to Rocksprings, but ended our season with a comeback win over Nueces Canyon for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this year!

Our over-all record was 9 wins 4 losses.

In District play we finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 4 wins and 1 loss.

In looking back over this year's season a few of the high points might be:

\*Becca Mann winning All Tournament Player for the Carrizo Springs Tournament

\*First place team finish at the Nueces Canyon JV Tournament

\*Hard fought comeback loss to Charlotte after time had expired in regulation play...Brackett 33 Charlotte 34

\*Hustle and determination full court press...Nydia Talamantes, Cheyenne Billings, Summer Allen

\*"Twinning" on the court...Nena and Lila Molinar

\*Whimey Gum moving down full-court on a fast break to ignite the team...and scoring on the lay-up

\*NO "You want me to play what position?"...Ivy Garcia and Amanda Flores

\*Tough backside rebounding by Veronica Talamantes

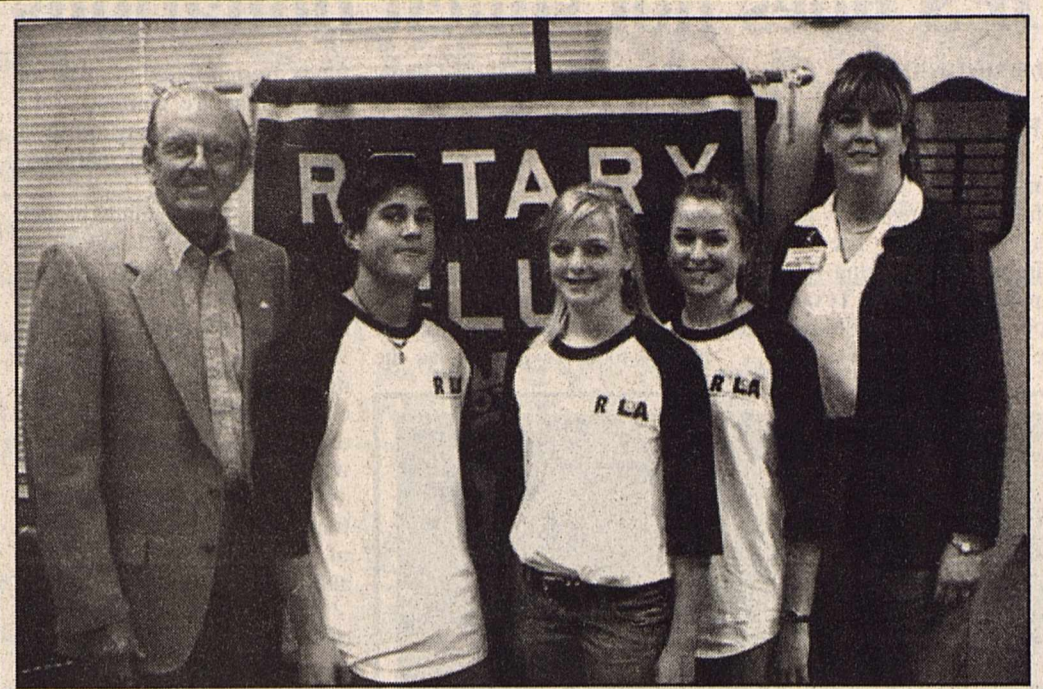
\*Ashley Stephenson, Ashley Shadwick, and Amanda DelBosque supporting the team effort despite the lack of playing time.

\*Our comeback victory in our final game to Nueces Canyon after being down 9-0 at the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, to win Brackett 33 Nueces Canyon 28

I think everyone contributed to this season's success, as it took everyone to practice and play whether on or off the bench.

The following girls ended the season as part of the 2006-2007 JV team:

Summer Allen, Ashley Stephenson, Veronica Talamantes, Amanda Del Bosque, Becca Mann, Lila Molinar, Amanda Flores, Nydia Talamantes, Nena Molinar, Cheyenne Billings, Ivy Garcia, Whitney Gum and Ashley Shadwick



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Courtesy Photo

## Cornelius, Davis and Gonzalez attend RYLA

Submitted by Paula Renken

The Brackett Rotary Club sponsored Lauren Cornelius, Meghann Davis and Alex Gonzalez as representatives from Brackett High School's junior class at the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards weekend.

The annual event was held at the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels on January 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>.

Lauren, Meghann and Alex were nominated by teachers from BHS because of their positive leadership.

The RYLA program is designed for outstanding high school students to help develop qualities of leadership skills and good citizenship, as well as to emphasize the advantages of the free enterprise system.

The three students shared their experiences with Brackett Rotarians on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

They participated in activities that involved communication, problem-solving, conflict management, building self-confidence and self-esteem and the ethics of positive leadership.

Lauren Cornelius is the daughter of Kris Nelson.

She is involved in track, UIL Academics and the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee.

Lauren would like to attend college to be an attorney. Meghann Davis is the daughter of Lloyd and Susan Davis. Meghann is active in basketball, golf and UIL Academic activi-

ties. Meghann wants to attend Texas A & M to become a veterinarian.

Alex is the son of Amador Gonzalez and Benita Villarreal. Alex is active in football, baseball and league soccer. He has traveled to Sweden to play soccer with his league. He would like to attend Texas A & M to obtain a Criminal Justice degree.

## AEIS Public Hearing Scheduled

Monday, February 12, 2007

5:45 p.m., Admin. Central Office

The Brackett ISD will hold a public hearing to explain the Academic Excellence Indicator System of Texas (AEIS). The AEIS report is generated annually for the District by the State to offer comparison of local performance to state averages in the areas of TEKS scores and student attendance.

The meeting will be conducted in a public hearing format. Members of the district's administrative team will present AEIS information and test results from the state. All patrons of the Brackett ISD are invited to attend this hearing, and encouraged to ask questions.

Board of Trustees monthly meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m.

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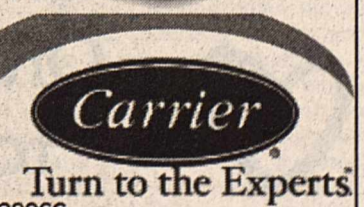
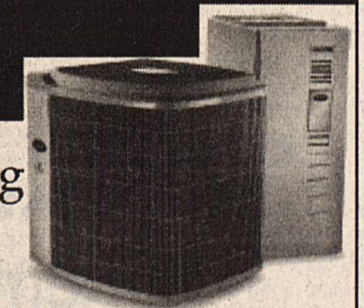
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Mike Moore  
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### Little League Registration

Little League registration for all age divisions will be as follows: Saturday, February 10, 12 PM - 2 PM, HS Gym; Saturday, February 24, 12 PM - 2 PM, HS Gym; Saturday, March 3, 12 PM - 2 PM, HS Gym. The registration fee will be \$30 for one child and \$55 for 2 or more children. Also, please bring a 12-pack of sodas for the concession stand. You will need to bring the child's birth certificate and be able to show proof of residency.

### FCS Adult Chapter meeting

FCS Adult chapter meets this Sunday - camper parents must attend Sunday lunch will be served to members of FCA's Adult Chapter this Sunday, February 11th, at 2pm at Saint Andrew's Episcopal/Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at the corner of Fort and Henderson. Any parent or guardian whose child may be attending FCA Summer Camp this year must attend. The Adult Chapter is made up of an interdenominational group of Christians in Kinney County interested in supporting the work of the High School/Junior High Chapter. You do not have to have a student enrolled in school to be a

member. Students meet every Wednesday night at 8pm at the High School Gym, for prayer, fellowship and service. Parents and adults will also get a preview this Sunday of the rest of the year's programming, including FCA's program for February, which is called "True Love Waits." For more information, please call Rhonda Marquardt at 563.5181 or Carolyn Conoly at 563.3699.

### Relay for Life

Organize a Team and Be a Part of the 2nd Annual Relay for Life April 28th-29th. If you want to have a fun experience and raise money for cancer research to help Kinney County residents, organize a team to participate in the 2nd Annual Relay for Life. The theme this year is be a super hero against cancer by raising money for research to beat cancer. There is probably no one whose life has not been affected by cancer of a relative or a friend. Let's work together to make our goal of raising \$30,000 for fighting cancer. If you cannot be on a team, please support the many fundraisers that will be happening in Kinney County for reaching this goal. Together we can make a difference, and be a super hero against cancer. Please contact Angie Steelman at 563-5142 for more information on forming a team for Relay for Life.

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Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

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Ye are of God little children and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.

1 John 4:1-4  
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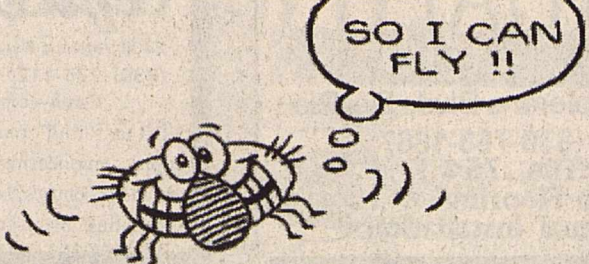


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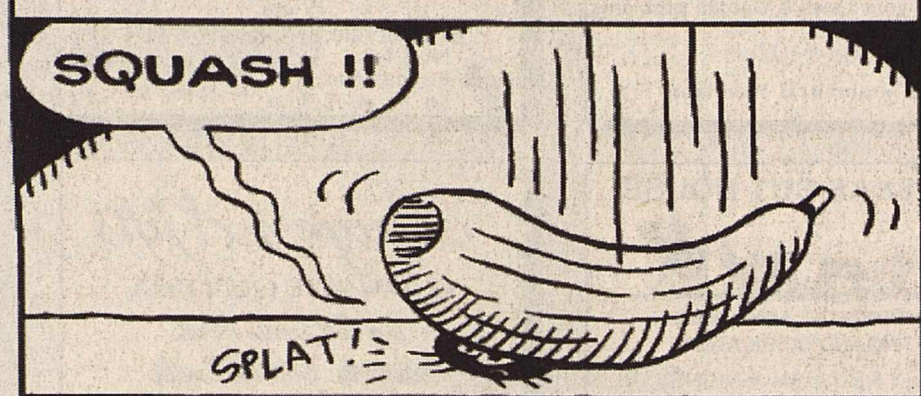
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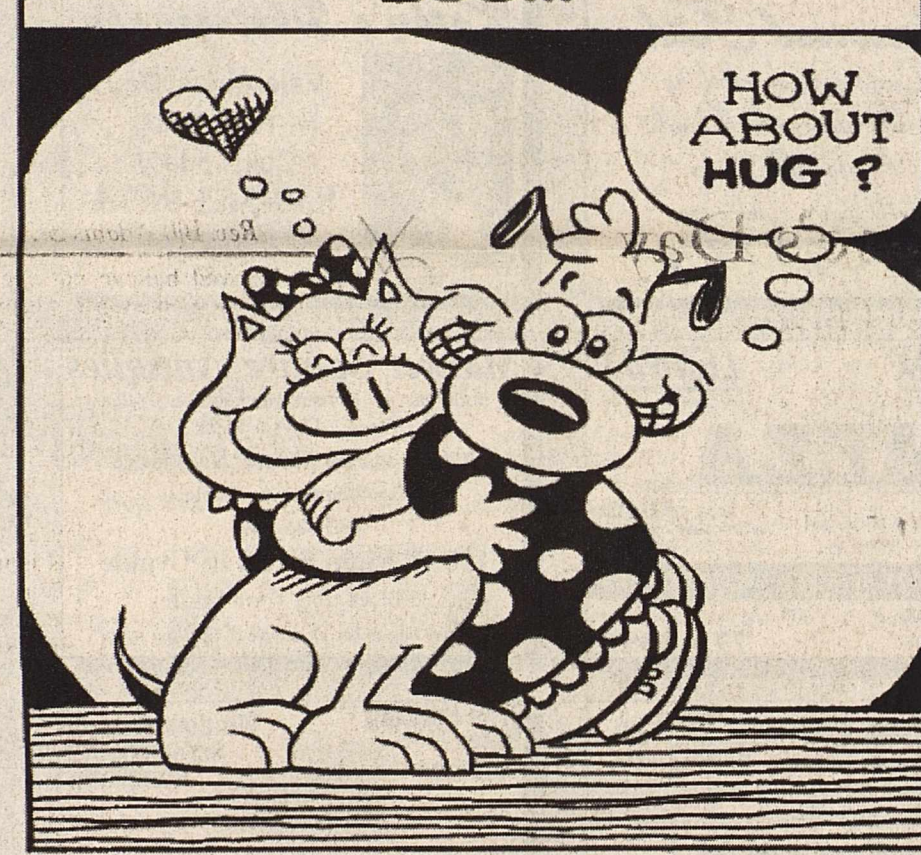
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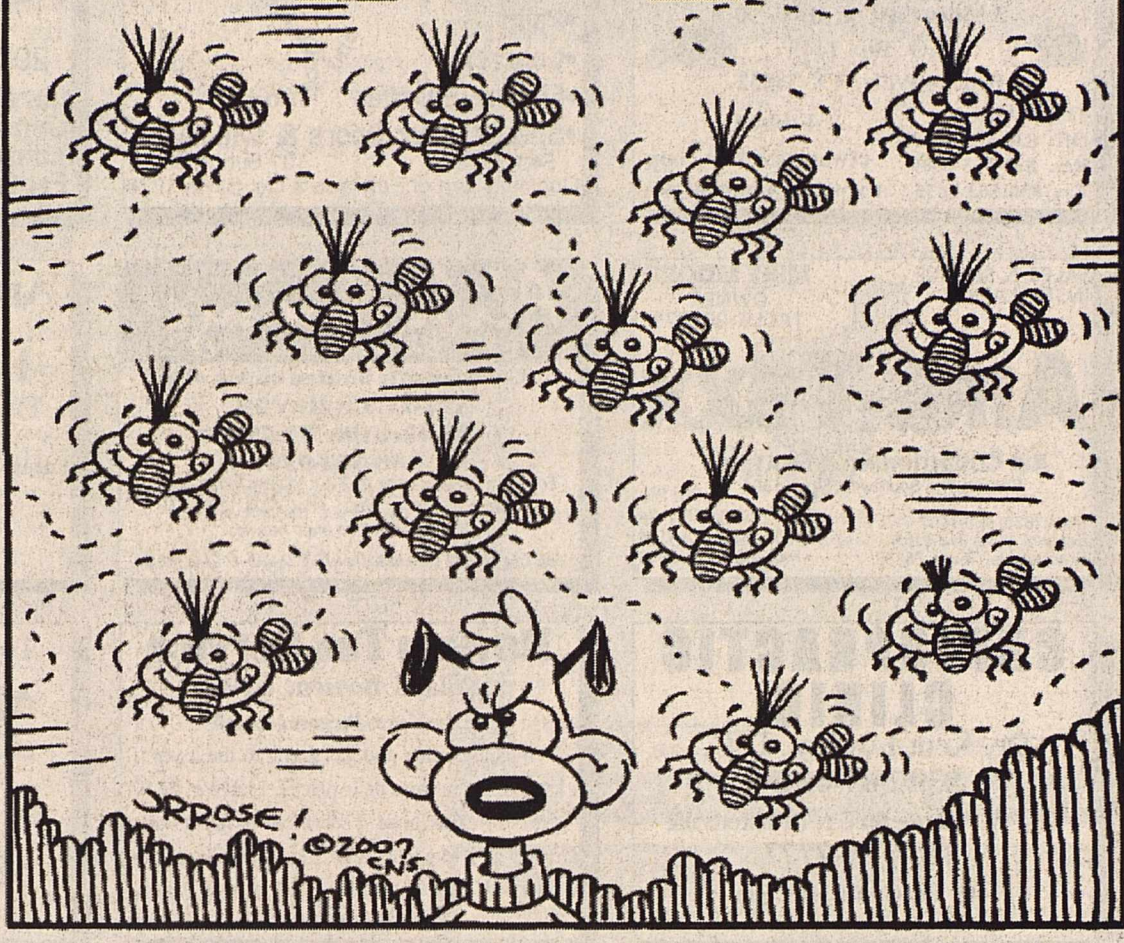
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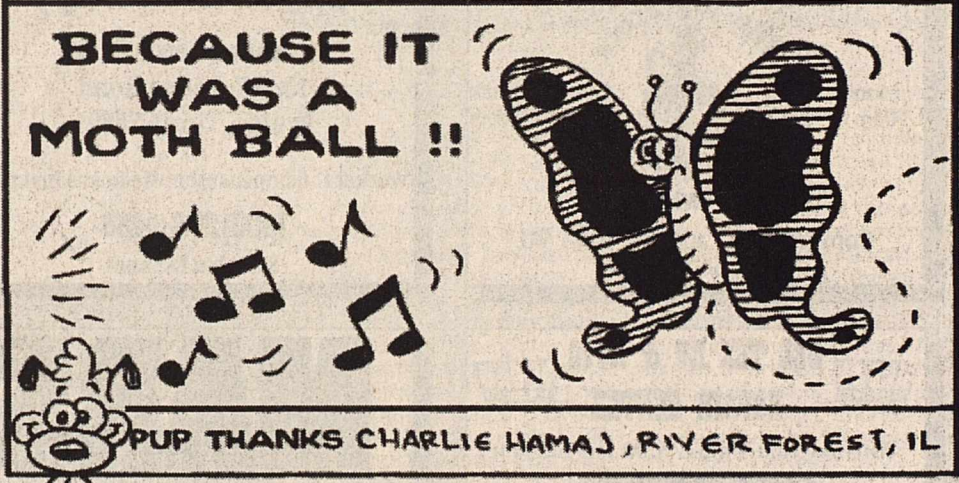


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WHY DIDN'T THE BUTTERFLY GET ASKED TO THE DANCE ?



## The Mouse and the Motorcycle

Ralph will take the ride of his life!

**Beverly Cleary**

EXTRA INSIDE

looked hot and tired. They had come from Ohio and for five days had driven across plains and deserts and over mountains to the old hotel in the California foothills twenty-five miles from Highway 40.

The fourth person entering Room 215 may have known he was being watched, but he did not care. He was Matt, sixty if he was a day, who at the moment was the bellboy. Matt also replaced worn-out lightbulbs, renewed washers in leaky faucets, carried trays for people who telephoned room service to order food sent to their rooms, and sometimes prevented children from hitting one another with croquet mallets on the lawn behind the hotel.

Now Matt's right shoulder sagged with the weight of one of the bags he was carrying. "Here you are, Mr. Gridley. Rooms 215 and 216," he said, setting the smaller of the bags on a luggage rack at the foot of the double bed before he opened a door into the next room. "I expect you and Mrs. Gridley will want Room 216. It is a corner room with twin beds and a private bath." He carried the heavy bag into the next room, where he could be heard opening windows. Outside a chipmunk chattered in a pine tree and a chickadee whistled *fee-bee-bee*.

The boy's mother looked critically around Room 215 and whispered, "I think we should drive back to the main highway. There must be a motel with a Vacancy sign someplace. We didn't look long enough."

"Not another mile," answered the father. "I'm not driving another mile on a California highway on a holiday weekend.

Did you see the way that truck almost forced us off the road?"

"Dad, did you see those two fellows on motorcycles—" began the boy and stopped, realizing he should not interrupt an argument.

"But this place is so old," protested the boy's mother. "And we have only three weeks for our whole trip. We had planned to spend the Fourth of July weekend in San Francisco and we wanted to show Keith as much of the United States as we could."

"San Francisco will have to wait, and this is part of the United States. Besides, this used to be a very fashionable hotel," said Mr. Gridley. "People came from miles around."

"Fifty years ago," said Mrs. Gridley. "And they came by horse and buggy."

The bellboy returned to Room 215. "The dining room opens at six-thirty, sir. There is Ping-Pong in the game room, TV in the lobby, and croquet on the back lawn. I'm sure you will be very comfortable." Matt, who had seen guests come and go for many years, knew there were two kinds—those who thought the hotel was a dreadful old barn of a place and those who thought it charming and quaint, so quiet and restful.

"Of course we will be comfortable," said Mr. Gridley, dropping some coins into Matt's hand for carrying the bags.

"But this big old hotel is positively spooky," Mrs. Gridley made one last protest. "It is probably full of mice."

Matt opened the window wide. "Mice? Oh no, ma'am. The management wouldn't stand for mice."

"I wouldn't mind a few

mice," the boy said, as he looked around the room at the high ceiling, the knotty pine walls, the carpet so threadbare that many of its roses had almost entirely faded, the one chair with the antimacassar on its back, the washbasin and towel racks in the corner of the room. "I like it here," he announced. "A whole room to myself. Usually I just get a cot in the corner of a motel room."

His mother smiled, relenting. Then she turned to Matt. "I'm sorry. It's just that it was so hot crossing Nevada and we are not used to mountain driving. Back on the highway the traffic was bumper to bumper. I'm sure we shall be very comfortable."

After Matt had gone, closing the door behind him, Mr. Gridley said, "I need a rest before dinner. Four hundred miles of driving and that mountain traffic! It was too much."

"And if we are going to stay for a weekend I had better unpack," said Mrs. Gridley. "At least I'll have a chance to do some drip-drying."

Alone in Room 215 and unaware that he was being watched, the boy began to explore. He got down on his hands and knees and looked under the bed. He leaned out the open window as far as he could and greedily inhaled deep breaths of pine-scented air. He turned the hot and cold water on and off in the washbasin and slipped one of the small bars of paper-wrapped soap into his pocket. Under the window he discovered a knothole in the pine wall down by the floor and, squatting, poked his finger into the hole. When he felt nothing inside he lost interest.

Next Keith opened his suitcase

and took out an apple and several small cars—a sedan, a sports car, and an ambulance about six inches long, and a red motorcycle half the length of the cars—which he dropped on the striped bedspread before he bit into the apple. He ate the apple noisily in big chomping bites, and then laid the core on the bedside table between the lamp and the telephone.

Keith began to play, running his cars up and down the bedspread, pretending that the stripes on the spread were highways and making noises with his mouth—*vroom vroom* for the sports car, *wh-e-e wh-e-e* for the ambulance, and *pb-pb-b-b* for the motorcycle, up and down the stripes.

Once Keith stopped suddenly and looked quickly around the room as if he expected to see something or someone, but when he saw nothing unusual he returned to his cars. *Vroom vroom. Bang! Crash!* The sports car hit the sedan and rolled over off the highway stripe. *Pb-pb-b-b*. The motorcycle came roaring to the scene of the crash.

"Keith," his mother called from the next room. "Time to get washed for dinner."

"OK." Keith parked his cars in a straight line on the bedside table beside the telephone, where they looked like a row of real cars only much, much smaller.

The first thing Mrs. Gridley noticed when she and Mr. Gridley came into the room was the apple core on the table. She dropped it with a thunk into the metal wastebasket beside the table as she gave several quick little sniffs of the air and said, looking perplexed, "I don't care what the bellboy said. I'm sure this hotel has mice."

"I hope so," muttered Keith.

NIE - Newspapers in Education! Join us as we enjoy this young readers classic...*The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary.

With special permission, each week for the next 13 weeks, one chapter of this book will be printed in *The Brackett News*.

Chapter 1  
The New Guests  
Keith, the boy in the rumpled shorts and shirt, did not know he was being watched as he entered Room 215 of the Mountain View Inn. Neither did his mother and father, who both


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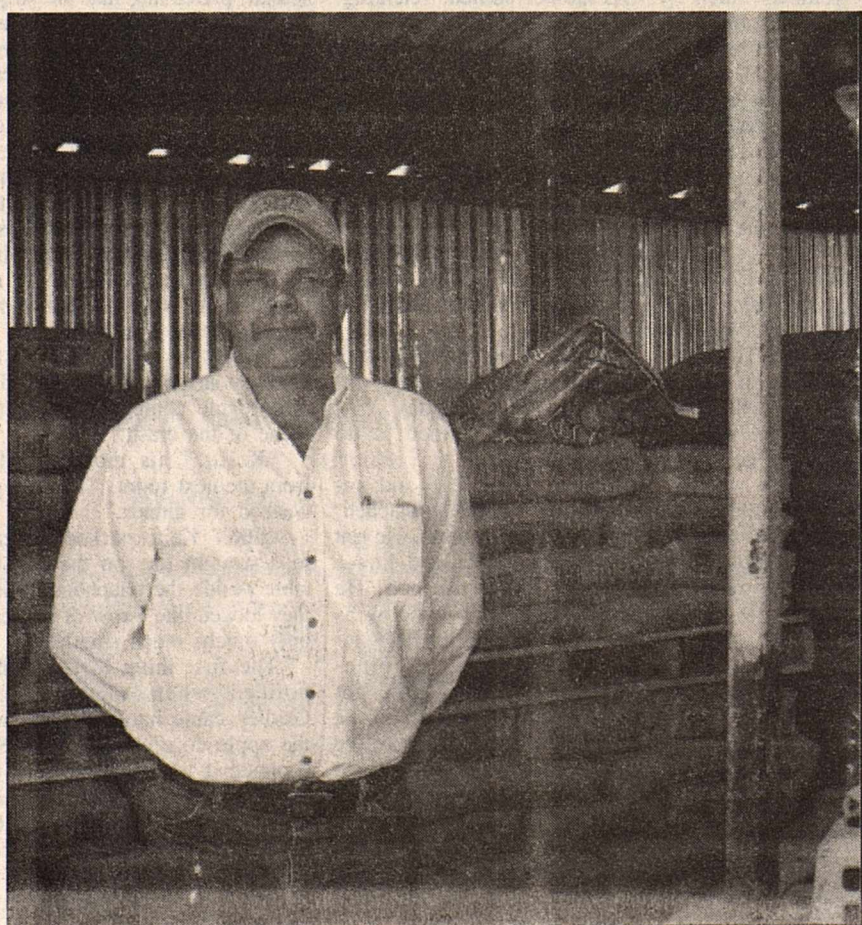
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**Address:** 101 W. Spring  
**Phone Number:** 830-563-2528  
**Owners:** David Mann and Dennis Dodson  
**In Business Since:** Originally part of Peterson & Co Since 1876  
D& D offers a variety of products and services to its customers right here in Brackett.  
With fast and friendly service, the employees at this local hardware store offer lumber, Nutrena Feed, windows, doors, sporting goods - to include firearms and ammo, key cutting, glass cutting, re-key locks, sharpen drill bits cut and thread pipe,  
*Photo: With more than 20 years experience in the hardware business, Dennis Dodson can special order hard to find products.*

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ACT NOW! 21 CDL-A drivers needed. 36-43cpm/\$1.20pm. \$0 Lease NEW trucks. CDL-A + 3 mos. OTR. 1-800-635-8669. Melton Truck Lines.

## FOR SALE

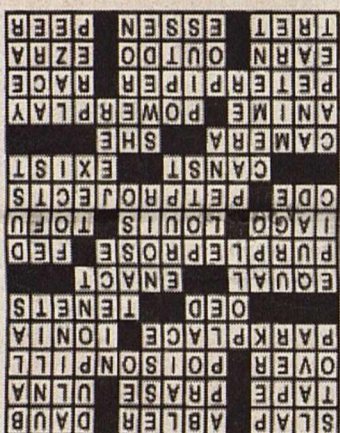
PROPANE TANK 200 gallons 95 inches long, good condition \$275. Call 262-224-6314, Fort Clark.

MARY KAY COSMETICS, Alana Flurry 563-9435 www.marykay.com/flurry

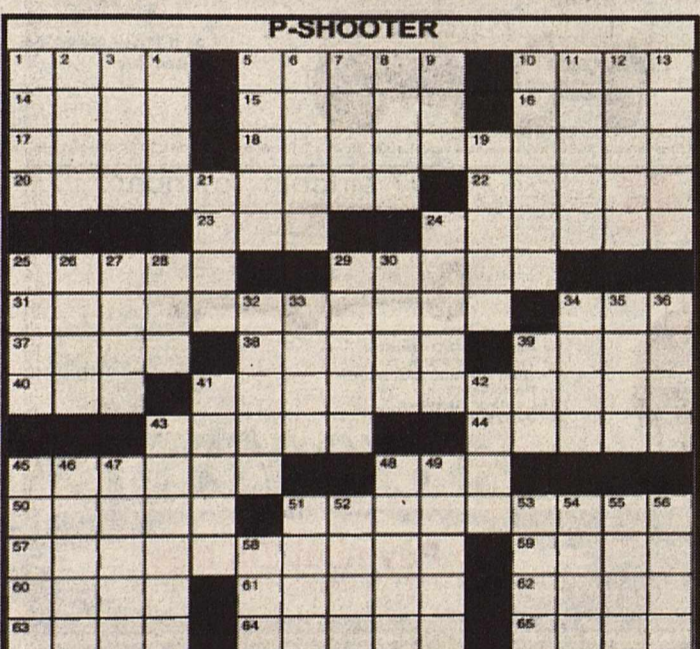
NEW LIFT CHAIR, hunter green. Call 830-563-3112.

COMPLETE OLDSMOBILE V8 engine and transmission, call 830-734-7365

## THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTION



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## O'Rourke Realty

Elsa O'Rourke, Broker (830) 563-2713

Fort Clark Road overlooking parade grounds: 4BR, 4B, 3 fireplaces, wooden floors, fenced, on one membership. PRICE REDUCED.

Fort - The Wagon House: 1BR, 2B, furnished, interesting place. Come and look! PRICE REDUCED!

Unit 1: 2 story townhouse, 2BR, 2B overlooking green area. \$53,000.

Townhouse: 1 level, 2BR, 2B. \$40,000

Townhouse: 2 story, 2B, 1 1/2 B, with tiled patio. \$18,500.

Unit 7: 2BR, 1B. Furnished or unfurnished, \$25,000.

Brackettville: On corner lot near the end of Ann St. 2BR, 3B, large enclosed porch, covered carport, fence in back \$37,500.

Weekend rentals available.

orourke06@sbcglobal.net www.orourke Realty.net

## FOR SALE

86' FORD customized van w/ high top, perfect condition, V8 engine. Any reasonable offer, sell or trade, 306 Crockett St. call Ronnie at 830-734-7365.

TWO MAN 1994 Kawasaki 750 X1 Supersport JET SKI w/ power trim and trailer, \$1,000. Diane Flack leather sofa, dk. green \$300. 50" big screen Hitachi \$500, great sound. Complete cedar pool room set: 6 1/2' cedar bar, 8' liquor bottle rack, cedar pool stick holder, poker table w/ 2 pig skin covered chairs, chess/checker table cedar table, cedar ball rack, pool table w/ balls and sticks, shadow box for shot glasses, \$1,500. On FCS 210-865-0506.

## GARAGE SALE

BIG GARAGE SALE Feb. 9 and 10. 9-5 Unit 27 Fairway Circle.

## HOMES FOR SALE

CUSTOM BUILT HOME! Over 2,000 sq. ft., 3bed, 2 bath, tiled floors, and other extras. Must see! Call 563-9952

I'M MAD...AT BANKS who don't give house loans because of bad credit, problems or new employment. I do, call L.D. Kirk, Homeland Mortgages, (254)947-4475.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

KINNEY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S Court is currently accepting proposals for certain janitorial services to be performed at the Kinney County Civic Center. Interested parties may contact the Tax Assessor/Collector's office located at 501 S. Ann Street for further details.

## LAS MORAS REALTY

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155 Warrior: custom built brick home, 1,900 +/- sq. ft., FP, tiled party room with hot tub, garage & carport, fenced yard, lovely landscaping.

Historic Officer's Quarters Home: 3,000 +/- sq. ft., 2FP, 4BR, 3B, includes darling guest quarters.

Avenida Juarez: neat historic home, 2BR, 2B, large screened porch with fireplace & bar. Lovely landscaping and private setting.

Unit 1: great buy on 2BR, 2B townhome, CHA, pitched roof, private setting, reduced to \$25,000

Unit 14: 2BR, 2B home, recent upgrades, now \$22,500!

Unit 3: spacious mobile home, 2BR, 2B, large room addition, metal roof, carport & storage.

Unit 36: custom built apartment, 1,100 +/- sq. ft., great kitchen, tile floors, + covered RV parking, Reduced!

Unit 34: RV property with efficiency apartment.

Unit 14: Cute apartment with full bath and covered RV parking.

Ranches & Small Acreage For Sale  
View listings: www.realestatetxkinneycounty.com

## Historic Fort Clark Realty

Dana Harris & Victoria Isaacs  
Elsa O'Rourke, Broker

FCSA Admin. (830) 563-2493 or 800-937-1590

Unit 1, Lot 55- Beautiful creek front townhouse. Lovely setting for this 3BR2B unique in style..patio with screened porch. Must see to appreciate cozy home, park at your door. \$95,000

Unit 3, Lot 6- 2BR 1B single wide mobile home with furniture, dishes, washer/dryer, well kept place, with covered parking and storage shed. \$13,000

Unit 3, Lot 34- Manufactured home, 2BR, 1B, 2nd roof, covered parking, storage shed, Great shape! Great Find! EZ to maintain. \$28,000

Unit 7, Lots 47 & 48- Cute \$ well maintained 3BR, 2B duplex converted to one unit, corner lot, tile floors, remodeled kitchen, nice yard with sprinkler system and screened porch. \$68,000

Unit 7, Lot 1- Rustic, clean and comfortable 3BR, 1B unit, with circle drive, picnic table, gas grill, washer and dryer, partially furnished, ready to sell. \$47,000

Unit 14, Lots 49 & 50- RV home, with kitchen, laundry and sitting area down stairs with 1/2 bath. Upstairs, a master suite with restroom and closet space galore. Lovingly cared for with ceiling fans, dishwasher, storage shed, fenced yard. \$46,000

Unit 15, Lot 50- 3BR, 2B mobile home, fenced yard, and lots of plants. Some recent remodeling and updates have been started on this home, handyman special with lots of potential. \$22,500

Unit 12, Lot 16- 3BR, 2B beautiful home with tile throughout. Spacious open plan. Eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, and cedar back porch. The home was built with finest quality with lots of extras. \$143,000

Unit 27- 3BR, 2B manufactured home with open floor plan, FP, deck, laundry room and island kitchen, fenced yard, garage. Very nice!!! Golf course is across the street. \$78,000

Unit 27- For Rent/Sale brand new 2BR, 1B manufactured home across from golf course. Nice area! be in on the deal! \$550+utilities and deposits.

Unit 27- Golf course lots looking onto green or fairway with beautiful mature trees. Price starting at \$3500.00

Unit 27- Gold course lot with excellent access to golf course. \$7500.00

Unit 33- The Masters- Condo 1203, second floor, 1BR, 1B, completely furnished on golf course, excellent condition with extras. Great investment or get-a-way home! \$32,000

Your happiness is our success!

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Proposals will be accepted until such time as appropriate proposal(s) are received and awarded. Sealed bids must be labeled "JANITORIAL". Respondents may hand deliver or mail proposals to County Judge, John S. Fritter, Jr. PO Box 348, Kinney County Courthouse, Brackettville, TX 78832. Deadline for proposals is 8:30 am February 20, 2007. Kinney County reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all proposals and to award bid(s) in a manner that is in the best interest of Kinney County.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

SEALED PROPOSALS addressed to the Kinney County Commissioners will be received at Kinney County Court House in Brackettville, Texas until 1:00p.m. on the 5th day of March 2007, for the Spofford Road Improvements. All proposals will then be opened and read aloud. Any bids received after

### Daily Sudoku Puzzle

1	6	2	5	4	8	9		
8		1	3	6				
7		8	5					
			6	7				
		1	3	2				
	3	4						
	5	4		1				
3	7	2		6				
4	2	9	6	1	8	7		

Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

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## Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

### I Spy Mistakes

Which of the following sentences contain mistakes?

1. There is a surprise party for Joe, this Saturday.
2. Can you come, I hope so!
3. The Stanton's are taking Joe to dinner first.
4. He will be very surprised and a little embarrassed.

Answers: 1. No comma needed  
2. Needs to be 'and' instead of 'and a' 'come.'  
3. No apostrophe needed for Stanton's.  
4. No mistakes

## Tejas Properties

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**3BR/2B** in Brackettville \$88,000. Older well MAINTAINED home with fenced yard. Good location, must see.

**Immaculate 3BR/2B**, large fenced yard and storage shed.

**Brackettville:**  
• 7 lots, Spring and Crockett \$31,500.

**THE OAKS:**  
• Lovely, spacious rock home. 2,100 Sq. Ft. 4BR/2B/2. CHA. Remodeled kitchen. Fenced back yard with beautiful trees. Great neighborhood!  
• Beautiful new home overlooking Las Moras Creek. 3BR/2B/2 with office (or 4th BR). Comfortable open floor plan. Tiled throughout.

**49'er:** Great location @ Wainwright/Anderson in unit 27. 2BR/1B with concrete driveway & patio area. Super getaway place. \$35,000

**REDUCED:**  
3BR/2B on 5 acres Kinney Co. Ranch Estates was \$79,900.00 now \$75,000. 600 ft. well, good water.

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING:**  
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**OFFICE: 830-563-2446 Fax 830-563-2699**

## SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WANTED

BISD will hold a **FREE** workshop for anyone interested in substitute teaching, February 14, 2007, 9 AM to 11 AM, in the Central Office Boardroom.

**Requirements:** H.S. diploma or G.E.D., and love of kids.

**Call:** Susan Esparza, Secretary to Supt., 563-2491, ext. 100. This is a required workshop for all substitutes not on the Fall list.

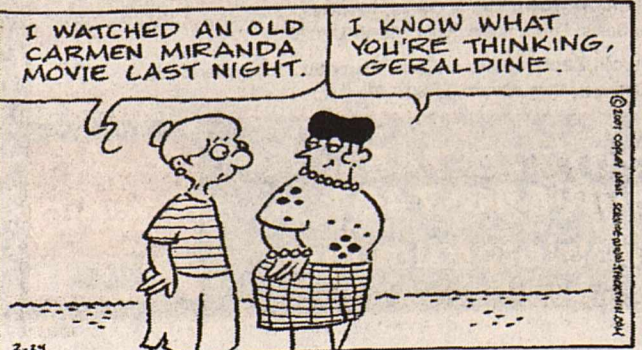
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closing time will be returned unopened. Principal item of construction will be 13,500 tons of new base material furnished and installed and 3,660 tons of hot-mix cold laid pavement furnished and installed. Bidders shall submit with their bids a Cashier's check in the amount of five (5%) of the maximum amount bid, payable without recourse to Kinney County, or a proposal Bond in the same amount from a reliable Surety Company as a guarantee that Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bond and guarantee forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of Contract. Bids without check or Proposal Bond will not be considered. The successful Bidder must furnish performance and payment bonds each in the amount of 100% of the contract price from an approved Surety Company holding a permit from the state of Texas to act as Surety and acceptable according to the latest list of companies holding certificates of authority from the Secretary of Treasury of the United States, or other Surety or Sureties acceptable to the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. In case ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the price of bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof or to reject the bid. Unreasonable or unbalanced unit prices will be considered sufficient cause for rejection of any bid or bids. Plans and Specifications may be examined at the Kinney County Courthouse and at the TRC Engineers, Inc. 505 Huntland Drive, Suite 250 Austin, Texas 78752. Plans and Specifications may be obtained from TRC Engineers, Inc 505 Huntland Drive, Suite 250 Austin, Texas 78752 upon deposit of Forty (\$40.00) Dollars, which is NON-REFUNDABLE. Please make payments payable to TRC Engineers, Inc. Honorable John S. Fritter Jr., Kinney County Judge.

## YOUR HOROSCOPE BY WANDA PERRY

**ARIES** (March 21 - April 19): Let your subconscious guide you to success and happiness. Trust your instincts and discover that a hunch is right on the money.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 - May 20): Your social standing rises. A great time with friends is on tap for you this week. Reach out, play games, share jokes and plan to laugh and love a lot.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 - June 21): In an uncertain situation, wisdom and experience wins. When in doubt, turn to an elder, parent or mentor for advice, suggestions or input.  
**CANCER** (June 22 - July 22): Optimistic is the word that best describes your mood or outlook. Agree to look at the bright side of a dark, dreary situation and unlock the true potential.  
**LEO** (July 23 - Aug. 22): Financial opportunities are all around you during this forecast period. Seek out the best deals or offers for investments. Follow-up on a promising lead.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Partners are supportive, loyal and willing to go the extra mile to offer their assistance. Show them your appreciation in a unique and thoughtful way.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Buckle down, complete your work and get your chores out of the way early in the week. Let thoughts of fun in the sun become the motivation that you need.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Look for an opportunity to participate in an exhilarating creative project. You can expect children or younger siblings to be involved in some way.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): It is time to make an important decision about your home, family or state of residence. A major move or relocation is not out of the question.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You are likely to meet a plethora of new people who could potentially influence your life. Purchase a new address book and make some immediate entries.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Money or security appears to be one of your biggest concerns this week. Look for ways to put your mind at ease and to protect your cash flow.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your self-confidence level is riding high. Make sure that your interests are well represented and that your need to be out front is met.

If your birthday is this week, you will emerge from this cycle with a totally different outlook on life. Be aware of this going in, and strive to be more open and patient with the changes that are asked of you. Look within for guidance or truth, and when you can feel it on a deep, personal level, you are headed in the right direction. Use discipline in planning and avoid deception or over-estimating your abilities.



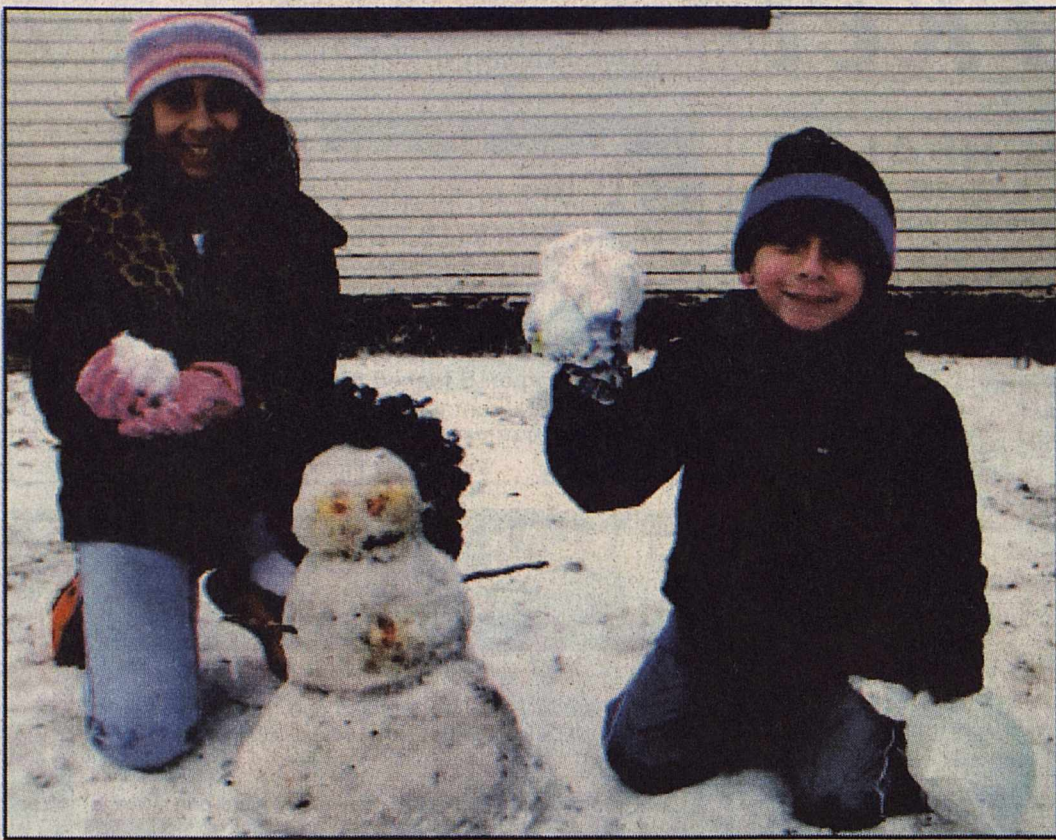


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<p><b>'07 F150 Reb Cab</b></p> <p>4.2L V6, A/C, AM/FM/CD 17" Steel Wheels, 40/20/40 Cloth Seats</p> <p><b>Sale Price \$15995</b></p> <p><b>Additional \$500 College Rebate</b></p> <p><b>Automatic Transmission</b></p> <p>(G)</p>	<p><b>'07 F150 SuperCrew XLT</b></p> <p>4.6L V8, Speed Control, 17" Alum Wheels, Fog Lamps, Power Package, 40/20/40 Seating</p> <p><b>Sale Price \$22995</b></p> <p><b>TX/OK Package</b></p> <p><b>or \$229/mo</b></p> <p><b>NO CHARGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Running Boards</li> <li>• 6 Disc CD</li> <li>• 2 Tone Paint</li> <li>• Keyless Entry</li> </ul> <p>(H)</p>	<p><b>'07 Expedition XLT</b></p> <p>5.4L V8, 18" Alum. Wheels, 6 Disc CD, Running Boards, Captains Chairs, Keyless Entry</p> <p><b>Sale Price \$28995</b></p> <p><b>Save \$3595</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3rd Row Seating</li> <li>• Dual Air</li> </ul> <p>(I)</p>

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<p><b>CAR OF THE WEEK</b></p> <p><b>2004 LINCOLN LS</b></p> <p>Leather Seat, Sunroof, 6CD Changer, Power Seat, Low Miles PY600750</p> <p><b>\$16995*</b></p>	<p><b>TRUCK OF THE WEEK</b></p> <p><b>2005 FORD SUPERCAB</b></p> <p>Auto Trans., Til, Cruise, 6 CD Changer, Chrome Wheels UNB03050</p> <p><b>\$14995*</b></p>	<p><b>SUV OF THE WEEK</b></p> <p><b>2006 CHEVY EQUINOX LT</b></p> <p>CD Player, Air Cond., Alum Wheels, PW, PL, Til, Cruise, Low Miles NF584860</p> <p><b>\$18995*</b></p>
<p><b>98 Cadillac Deville</b> Leather Seat, PW, PL, Cassette Player, Alum Wheels U6742787 ..... <b>\$6495*</b></p> <p><b>01 Ford Crown Victoria</b> PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, CD Player, Alum Wheels UX120921 ..... <b>\$7995*</b></p> <p><b>02 Dodge Intrepid SXT 4DR</b> Chromed Wheels, CD Player, Auto Trans., PW, PL, Cruise, Tilt UH229089 ..... <b>\$7995*</b></p> <p><b>03 Chevy Malibu</b> Auto, Trans, V6, Air Cond., Tilt, PW, PL UM633274 ..... <b>\$6995*</b></p> <p><b>06 Ford Taurus SE</b> Auto Trans., PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, Air Conditioning, CD Player PA225930 ..... <b>\$10995*</b></p> <p><b>03 Dodge Durango SXT</b> Air Cond., CD Player, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, Custom Wheels UF584860 ..... <b>\$11995*</b></p> <p><b>03 Ford Explorer XLS</b> Auto, Air Cond., PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, CD Player, Only 35k Miles UZA94705 ..... <b>\$12995*</b></p> <p><b>04 Ford Supercab STX</b> Auto Trans., Tilt, Cruise, Alum Wheels, CD Player, V6 UCA03092 ..... <b>\$13995*</b></p> <p><b>03 Jeep Wrangler</b> Air Cond., Tilt, CD Player, V6, Alum Wheels UP364473 ..... <b>\$13995*</b></p> <p><b>05 Dodge Dakota SLT Club Cab</b> PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, Alum Wheels, CD Player, NS237608 ..... <b>\$13995*</b></p> <p><b>02 Chevy Avalanche Z66</b> CD Player, Alum Wheels, Leather Seat, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise UG355418 ..... <b>\$15995*</b></p>	<p><b>MANAGER'S SPECIAL</b></p> <p><b>2003 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE GT</b></p> <p>Only 23k Miles, Air Cond., PW, PL, CD Player, Alum Wheels, 1 Owner UE155192</p> <p><b>\$13995*</b></p>	<p><b>06 Ford Escape XLT</b> Auto Trans., PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, Only 10K Miles, 6 CD Changer PKC74294 ..... <b>\$16995*</b></p> <p><b>04 Ford F150 Supercrew</b> Auto, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, CD Player, Alum Wheels, Only 18K Miles UKB74134 ..... <b>\$17995*</b></p> <p><b>06 Mercury Montego Premier</b> Leather, Power Sunroof, 6 CD Changer, Alum Wheels, Power Seats, Low Miles PG618588 ..... <b>\$18995*</b></p> <p><b>05 Lincoln LS</b> Leather Seats, CD Player, PW, PL, Cruise, Tilt, Alum Wheels PY642939 ..... <b>\$18995*</b></p> <p><b>05 Jeep Rubicon 4x4 V6</b>, CD Player, Air Cond., Trailer Tow, Alum Wheels, Winch NP313119 ..... <b>\$19995*</b></p> <p><b>06 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT</b> Auto, AC, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, Bucket Seat, Alum Wheels, CD Player PFA69120 ..... <b>\$20995*</b></p> <p><b>04 Chevy Tahoe LS</b> 3rd Row Seat, Dual Air Cond., Alum Wheels, Tilt, Cruise, PW, PL, CD Player UR157425 ..... <b>\$20995*</b></p> <p><b>06 Ford E350 15 Passenger Van XLT</b> Dual Air Cond., PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, Auto Trans PDA43595 ..... <b>\$20995*</b></p> <p><b>06 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4</b> PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, CD Player, Alum Wheels PUA63753 ..... <b>\$21995*</b></p> <p><b>2005 Lincoln Town Car</b> 1 Owner, 19k Miles, Leather Seats, Power Seats, Alum Wheels UY629072 ..... <b>\$21995*</b></p> <p><b>06 Lincoln Zephyr</b> Leather Seats, Power Sunroof, Power Seat, 6 CD Changer, Alum Wheels, PR607957 ..... <b>\$24995*</b></p>
<p><b>Ford • Lincoln • Mercury CERTIFIED Vehicles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 115 Point Inspection</li> <li>• Full Tank Of Gas</li> <li>• 2 Keys &amp; 2 Remotes</li> <li>• 6yr/75,000 Mile Warranty</li> <li>• Carfax Vehicle History Report</li> <li>• Floor Mats</li> </ul> <p><b>5.9% For 90 Days</b></p> <p><b>ALL CERTIFIED VEHICLES ARE A 90 MONTH PURCHASE!</b></p>		
<p><b>2006 FORD TAURUS SE</b> Auto, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, Alum Wheels PA225930 ..... <b>\$10995*</b></p> <p><b>2006 FORD FOCUS ZX4</b> Auto Trans., Air Cond., PW, PL, CD Player PW197139 ..... <b>\$11995*</b></p> <p><b>2006 FORD FREESTAR</b> Dual Air Cond., PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, CD Player, PBA41011 ..... <b>\$13995*</b></p> <p><b>2006 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS GS</b> Auto Trans., Air Cond., Til, Cruise, PW, PL, Alum Wheels FLX657380 ..... <b>\$14995*</b></p> <p><b>2006 LINCOLN TOWNCAR</b> Leather Seats, CD Player, Alum Wheels, Dual Air Conditioning Controls &amp; More PY626127 ..... <b>\$23995*</b></p>		

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