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Mayor calls for leash law enforcement Water tower project expected to begin soon

Mayor Eduardo Esparza and Mayor Pro-Tem Matt Bland, both adamantly expressed their dissatisfaction with city pet owners that allow their dogs to roam the streets at the regular city council meeting Jan. 9.

Bland informed council members of a complaint made by a city resident regarding a pack of dogs that killed his young son's show rabbits that were caged and hidden away inside a deer blind during the pre-dawn hours on Tuesday.

According to the resident, they were awakened by wild squealing noises around 3 a.m. Recognizing the sound, the homeowner rushed to his backyard to find a pack of at least five dogs, including a basset hound and big white lab, violently toying with the rabbits. The owner peppered the dogs with a pellet gun to drive them away, but the damage had already been done. The loss for this one incident is estimated to be around \$260.

Other reports received by this newspaper describe the constant noise nuisance these dogs reek over sleeping residents, the killing of various other livestock animals, trash cans being knocked over and the fear these dogs have acquired a "pack mentality" and now kill for sport.

The city leaders vowed to crack down on the loose dogs and issued a warning to city pet owners to keep their dogs contained or be prepared to face fines in accordance with the

City's established ordinances. The council, with the recommendation from Senior Project Manager Paul Boedeker of TRC Engineers, voted unanimously to award the contract for building a new water tower to Maurice Rihn Construction of Castroville.

Rihn and three other companies submitted proposals for a 50,000 gallon ellipsoidal elevated tank and/or alternate proposals for a 250,000 gallon standpipe.

The construction budget for the project was limited to \$221,000, as described in the 2004, grant awarded to the city by the Middle Rio Grande Development Council (MRGDC).

Bids for the elevated tanks ranged from \$309,000 to nearly \$400,000, all significantly higher than the allotted budget, but the standpipe proposals ranged only from \$229,600 from Maurice Rihn Construction to \$348,697 from Tank Builders, Inc.

A standpipe looks similar to a grain silo, but uses a pump to push water up into a pipe and then gravity to push it out into the water system.

Rihn Construction was highly recommended by MRGDC representative Carl Esser.

Esser stated he had personally surveyed projects recently completed by Rihn in Real County and along the Nueces River and assured the council

that Rihn would do a good job for the city.

The original deadline for completing the bid process was extended late last year, but the actual construction of the tower must be completed by June.

The much needed replacement of the pump and motor at the existing booster station on Thorn and Sweeny streets was also awarded to Rihn Construction.

According to City Secretary Bonnie Mayes, this will stop the sudden interruption of water services to city residents when the current motors break down.

Rihn bid \$18,700 on the project. Water Treatment Construction of Bryan bid \$23,300, and Premium Water Services bid \$28,685.

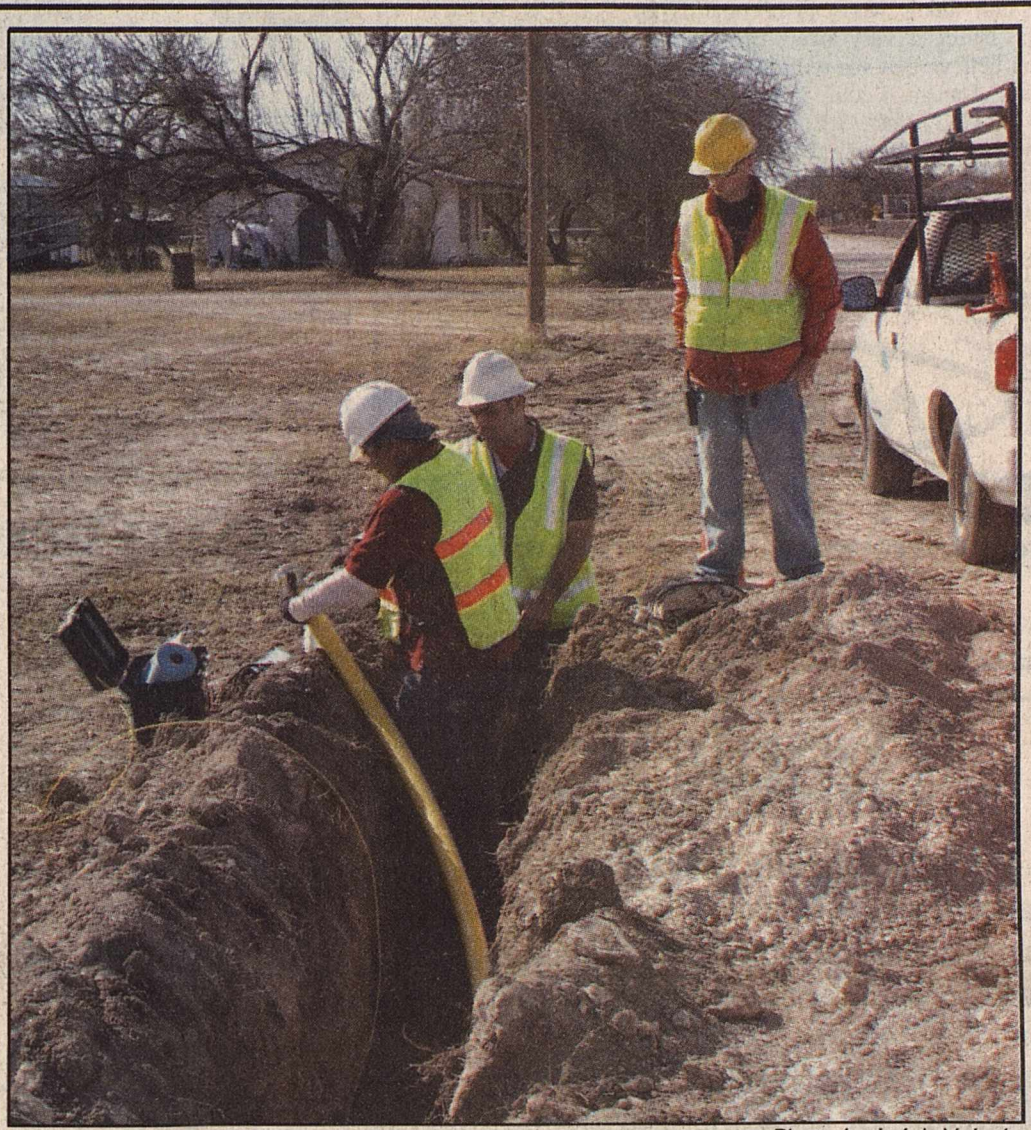
This work project is being funded under a 2005 grant awarded to the city by the Office of Rural Community Affairs.

The same grant will also fund a third project to make the necessary electrical improvements to the booster station.

Chaparral Electric Co., Inc. of Natalia was awarded the contract with the low bid of \$9,688.

After a nearly an hour in executive session, the council voted unanimously to terminate the employment of Raul Mata and hire Frank Valenzuela and Adam Vergith as general maintenance employees.

The council also voted to begin the interview process for hiring a municipal judge.



Pennies for Heaven
City maintenance employee Adam Vergith (standing) works with contract specialists Adrian Rodriguez (left) and David Sifuentes to replace gas lines along Fort Street.

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

2007 LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12: 2 p.m. Rabbit Classes 4 p.m. Steer Classes 4:30 p.m. Meat Goat Doe Classes 5:30 p.m. Commercial Ewe	Lamb Classes 6 p.m. Swine	Noon BBQ Lunch/Cake Contest Judging 1:15 p.m. Stock Show Awards Presentation 2 p.m. Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale
	SATURDAY, JANUARY 13: 8 a.m. Market Lamb Classes 9:30 a.m. Market Goat Classes	



From left: 4-Hers Abby Gutierrez, Haley Smith, Nevada Payne and Marisol Aguirre work together to ready the Kinney County Civic Center for the livestock show Jan 12 & 13.

NWS installs weather station at Fort Clark

The National Weather Service (NWS) installed a weather station at Fort Clark Springs (FCS) Dec. 5, 2006.

Hydro Met Tech Dennis Cook arrived on the scene with thermometer and rain gauge in hand and within hours had the equipment assembled and online.

Cook was assisted FCS maintenance employees Mike Villarreal and Jesus Pena.

The new weather station gauges are located behind the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Building just inside the gates on FCS.

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Fort Clark liaison to the NWS is Victoria Isaacs.

Isaacs records the gauge readings every morning at 8 a.m. and electronically submits them to NWS.

The information collected is then made available and used by television meteorologists and weather enthusiasts everywhere.

Visit www.nws.noaa.gov for more information.



Weather Man
National Weather Service Hydro Met Tech Dennis Cook recently installed a weather station on Fort Clark Springs.

News BRIEFS

Livestock Show

Kinney County Livestock Show Friday, January 12th through Saturday, January 13. BBQ at Noon on Saturday, January 13, Civic Center. 4-H will selling breakfast tacos.

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.

this week. Report rain gauge readings from your part of the county by phone 830-563-2852 or by email: tbnews@sbcglobal.net. Please include your address!

Tuesday 01/16: Ladies Golf at 9 a.m., Architectural Comm. Meeting at 9 a.m., 500 Cards 6 p.m. at Adult Center. **Wednesday 01/17:** Men's Golf at 9 a.m., Aerobics at 9 a.m., Tap Dance at 10:15 Post Theater, Stitching from 1-3 at RV Park, Dominos at 6 p.m. Adult Center. **Thursday 01/18:** Couples Golf at 1p.m., Stitching from 1-3 p.m. at the Adult Center, Ceramics from 1-3 p.m. at the Adult Center, Lion's Club Mtg. 6:30 p.m. at Julie's Rest.

ment, Jr. High Girls and Boys A & B Teams Basketball vs. Leakey at Leakey 5 p.m.

Chili Cook-off

Fort Clark Festival Committee will be hosting their 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off Jan. 22 at noon. Needed: People to cook chili and lots of people to sample it all! Tickets available soon at the RV Park and Adult Center. Lots of food and drinks and good times. All interested chili cookers should call Darlene at 830-563-3081 for more information.

Holiday Closings

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the following will be closed:
City Hall
Brackett ISD
County Offices

County Jail Plaque Dedication

Kinney County Historical Commission will be hosting a dedication ceremony for the Kinney County Jail Building Friday, Jan 19, 408 S. Ann Street (Nutrition Center).

Calling all Breast Cancer Survivors

CHEER would like for any breast cancer survivor to contact at 563-5528. Their services are needed on January 23, when the mobile mammography unit will be in Brackett. See Page 4 for more details.

Fort Clark Calendar

Thursday 01/11: Garden Club 9:30 a.m. at Adult Center, Couples Golf at 1p.m., Stitching from 1-3 p.m. at RV Park, Ceramics from 1-3 p.m. at the Adult Center, KC Chamber of Commerce Mtg. 7 p.m. at Adult Center. **Friday 01/12:** Aerobics 9 a.m., Stitching 1-3 at RV Park, Men's Bridge 1-5 in Adult Center, Bingo 7 p.m. Shafter Hall. **Saturday 01/13:** Community Council 10 a.m. at Shafter Hall, Festival Meeting 11 a.m. Shafter Hall, Art Studio open from 1-4. **Monday 01/15:** Par 3 Scramble at 9 a.m., Wood Carvers at 9 a.m. Unit 37, Aerobics at 9 a.m. at Post Theater, Art Studio 1-4, Potluck 6 p.m. at Service Club.

Grief Support Group

There is a new grief support group which is meeting the first Tuesday of each month in Slaton 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.

Recorded Rainfall

0" of rain recorded at The Brackett News Weather Center

Weekend WEATHER

Friday

AM Showers
High: 70
Low: 59

Saturday

Scattered T-showers
High: 71
Low: 52

Sunday

Mostly Cloudy
High: 64
Low: 34

Letter to the **EDITOR**

Congratulations

Congratulations to all the elected officials and to the citizens who elected Narce Villarreal for the JP position in the April 11, 2006 run-off.

The unofficial results (4/13/06-Pct.1 thru 4) in the Brackett News show that she is the favorable one in all precincts. She is of high morals and even though she does not have a college degree, she has demonstrated that she is well liked, intelligent, understanding, honest and will be fair to all who will come in contact with her.

I do not believe that she will become a bully. Bullies are insecure individuals who can become as mean and as ugly as their looks. Narce is very aware of our Heavenly Fathers' judgement day. I believe that she will do a good job as a J.P. But I could be wrong. I mean, I could be wrong but I do not think so.

I ask God to help ALL public servants to learn to be like Jesus in all their actions. God Bless all of them and God Bless all the men and women in the armed forces. Keep them and their families in your daily prayers.

Oralia Esparza-Jackson
Former Brackett Resident

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Thank You

We want to thank everyone in the Newspaper for all their hard work. We want to thank everyone who donated money for the award. We want to thank our family Tony and Diana Flores. Mike and Glinda Flores, Ida Ortiz and all our grandchildren. As a family we all work together.

Thank you,
Tommy and Carmala Flores

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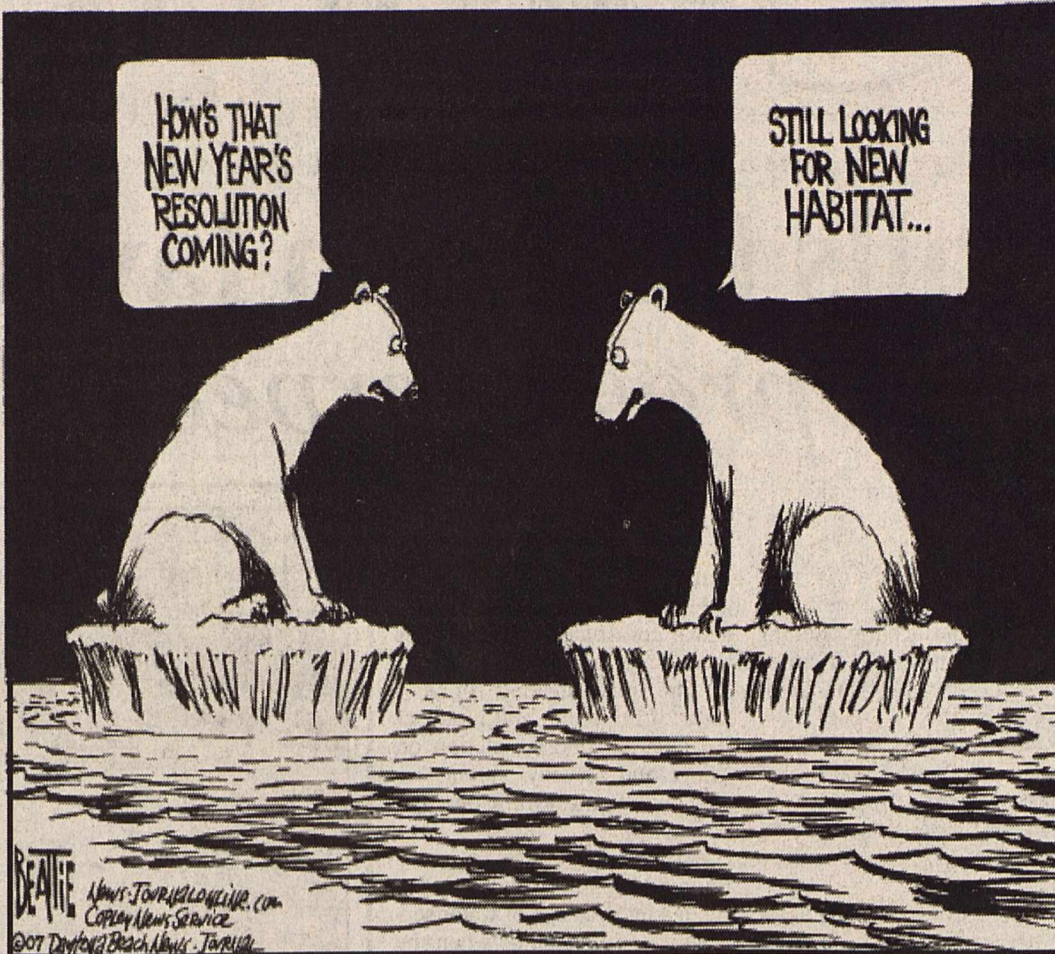
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Do you need to establish a trust?

During your working years, if you save money diligently and make wise investment choices, you have a good chance of enjoying a comfortable retirement.

But will you be taking proper care of your family after you're gone? The only way to answer that question is to do proper estate planning - and trusts can be a key element of your estate plan.

How do trusts work? As the grantor of a trust, you set up the rules and appoint a trustee, who manages the trust and its assets.

You and other donors then fund the trust with securities and other assets.

The trustee collects these gifts and invests the money according to the rules of the trust, which will also determine the trust's beneficiary - the recipient of the trust's proceeds.

Different trusts have different objectives. When you design your estate plans, you may well need more than one trust. Here are some of the most widely used ones:

Revocable Living Trust - A revocable living trust can help you leave assets to your heirs without going through the costly, time-consuming - and public - probate process. When

you set up a revocable living trust, you can control your assets during your lifetime and determine how they will eventually be distributed to your heirs.

You could, for example, have money distributed to your children or grandchildren in installments, over a period of years. Plus, a properly established revocable living trust will carry out your wishes if you become incapacitated.

Bypass Trust - If you're married, you can leave an unlimited amount of assets to your spouse, free of estate taxes and without using up any of your estate tax credit.

But if your spouse then dies with an estate worth more than the federal estate tax exemption - \$2 million in 2007 - his or her estate would be subject to the estate tax.

Unfortunately, your original estate tax credit was unused and, in effect, wasted. Basically, a Bypass Trust allows both spouses' estate tax exemptions to be preserved, to the benefit of the surviving spouse and, ultimately, the children.

Special Needs Trust - If you have a family member with a disability, you might want to think about a Special Needs Trust. People with mental or

physical disabilities can hold an unlimited amount of assets in a Special Needs Trust (sometimes called a Supplemental Needs Trust) without having the assets count against eligibility for certain governmental benefits, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, vocational rehabilitation and subsidized housing.

QTIP Trust - If you're married for a second time, but want to make sure your children from your first marriage are protected, you may want to think about a QTIP (Qualified Terminable Interest Property) Trust.

A QTIP trust enables you, as grantor, to provide for your surviving spouse and also maintain control of how the trust's assets are distributed once he or she also dies.

Of course, trusts are complex instruments, so you should work with an attorney, in addition to a tax adviser to make sure you are using the right type of trust and then consider a financial professional for funding it with the appropriate vehicles. By using trusts wisely, you can leave a legacy that benefits everyone.

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Pelosi power

By Nathan Tabor

January 4, 2007 may be remembered as the date when Nancy Pelosi became queen for the day.

There she was on network television. There she was on cable television. Surrounded by grandchildren. A baby in her arms. But, despite the warm-and-cuddly photo op, Pelosi and crew were not celebrating motherhood, or even grandmotherhood. They were lauding and applauding power, pure and simple.

Pelosi giddily proclaimed, "The Democrats are back." These are the words not of someone acting as Speaker of the House, but as a strictly partisan person. For all the talk of bipartisanship, the Pelosi operation is a Democratic ship.

But, before long, distress calls may be heard, as the ship sails into troubled political waters.

Right now, Pelosi and her

sidekick, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, are trying to get a great deal of mileage out of the war in Iraq.

In fact, Reid, a Nevada Democrat, was quoted as saying, "No issue in our country is more important than finding an end to this intractable war."

With characteristic Democratic bravado, Reid then intoned, "Completing the mission in Iraq is the President's job, and we will do everything in our power to ensure he fulfills it." But how exactly are the Democrats going to accomplish that feat? My guess is that they will simply try to attack every military move the President makes.

That loyal opposition strategy may work for a while, but, sooner or later, voters are likely to come to the conclusion that the President and his military advisors are for more capable of running a war than a San Francisco liberal in a designer suit.

For the first time since 1994, Democrats have complete control of Congress. We're told it's a new day on Capitol Hill—but is it, really?

Can you really be called a party of change when an old war horse like Senator Edward Kennedy is hailed out to become a committee chairman?

Rather than bringing us fresh ideas, Democratic leaders seem to simply be offering us more of the same old liberal agenda.

Perhaps Rep. John Boehner, an Ohio Republican, said it best when he stated, "Republicans will hold the incoming majority accountable for its promises, and its actions." So will voters. They'll remember Pelosi's promises to end the "culture of corruption" in the halls of Congress.

If there is even the hint of scandal in the offices of Democratic leaders, chances are voters will abandon the Democratic ship and board the craft marked GOP. It's important, too, that Democrats remember that a Republican still controls the White House. And he wields a tool more powerful than Pelosi's gavel—the veto pen.

Thank goodness there is someone around to remind Pelosi that even the queen for the day is not all powerful.

To be an effective leader, she'll have to be willing to work with those on the other side of the aisle—as well as the guy on the other side of Pennsylvania Avenue. If Pelosi becomes too brash, it could touch off a feud even worse than the Rosie O'Donnell—Donald Trump fight.

This year, give a gift that lasts



Emily Cooper

The holidays are upon us, which means that it's time to search for those "perfect" gifts. This year, why not add financial gifts to your shopping list? They can make a big difference in the lives of the people you care about.

What types of financial gifts should you consider giving? Let's look at a few possibilities:

• **Contributions to Section 529 plans** - If you have a child (or grandchild) who will be headed off to college in a few years, you may want to contribute to a Section 529 college savings plan. Your contributions may be tax-deductible if you are participating in your own state's plan.

Plus, your earnings and withdrawals will be exempt from federal taxes as long as the money goes toward paying college costs. (However, withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes.)

• **Contributions to an IRA** - If you know a loved one has an IRA, consider making a contribution. Many people don't fully fund their IRA each year - so any help you can give toward that goal will be important.

• **Stocks** - Consider giving shares of a company that produces products or services that are used by your intended recipient.

If you're going to give away some of your own shares, you'll need to know what you originally paid for the stock, how long you've held it and its fair market value at the date of the gift. Recipients of your gift will need this information to determine gains or losses if they decide to sell the stock.

You'll also need to determine if you have to pay gift taxes. You can give up to \$12,000 per year, free of gift taxes, to as many people as you want; over your lifetime, you can give up to \$1 million without incurring gift taxes.

• **Zero coupon bonds** - These types of bonds can make nice gifts if you know that your intended recipient would like to achieve a specific financial goal - such as a new car, a dream vacation, etc. - in a given number of years. You buy a zero coupon bond - usually issued by the Treasury under the name of STRIPS - at a deep discount; when the bond matures, you - or in this case, the recipient of your gift - collects the full face value.

In other words, the accrued interest is paid at maturity, so you - or the recipient - won't receive periodic interest payments. Keep in mind, however, that these "phantom" interest payments will still be taxed as ordinary income each year until the bond matures.

Also, market prices of zero coupon bonds tend to be more volatile than those of bonds that pay interest regularly.

• **Charitable gifts** - You may want to make a financial gift to an organization in the name of a loved one - especially if this person is an enthusiastic supporter of the charity.

Your generosity will be appreciated, and you'll get some significant tax benefits. First, you may get an immediate tax deduction for your gift.

Second, you'll avoid paying capital gains taxes by donating appreciated assets, such as stock or real estate. And third, you'll be removing an asset from your taxable estate.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING INVITATION

WHAT The purpose of this public meeting is to gather public input on the effective operation and performance of the Brackett ISD's special education program through one or more community focus groups that address a set of predetermined questions. This district public meeting is a required component of the new performance-based Texas Education Agency's Special Education Monitoring system.

The meeting will be conducted in a structured format over approximately 2 hours.

Your assistance in sharing this invitation with others in your community who may be interested in attending is appreciated.

WHEN	Meeting Date	Meeting Time
	1/18/07	Registration: 8:30 or 5:30 Meeting: 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. you may attend either meeting Note: All participants should plan to arrive 15 to 30 minutes before the meeting to sign in. Your early arrival for registration will help ensure the meeting can begin on time.

WHERE	City	Location	Phone (for location or registration information)
	Brackettville Texas	Myrtle Higginbotham Hunt Library(School Library)	830-563-2492 ext. 211

RSVP Although RSVPs are not required, your RSVP is requested by 1/11/06 to help us make arrangements for the meeting space, facilitation and organization needed to allow sufficient opportunity for all to participate. You can RSVP to the meeting by:

1. Sending in the enclosed RSVP form, OR
2. Calling Melanie Jones at 830-563-2492 ext 211

If you are unable to register in advance, you are still welcome to attend the meeting. However, please plan to arrive 30 minutes early to the meeting to sign-in.

Special Accommodations

If you will need accommodations for a disability in order to participate in the meeting (e.g. interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternate format), please indicate this need when submitting your RSVP. Requests for special accommodations are required by 1/11/07. We will attempt to meet requests received after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting sites are accessible to individuals with disabilities. Food will be provided and transportation is available upon request.

Meeting questions

During the meeting, your input will be requested on the following questions, which have been developed by the State to gather information on the effective operation and performance of special education programs throughout the State. Input will focus exclusively on these questions:

1. Topic: Effective Communication with Parents The special education program is most successful for students when those involved in the students' education are well-informed about the special education process and its focus on results for individual students. Where do you get most of the information you receive regarding special education?
 2. Topic: Parent Participation One purpose of the IDEA is to strengthen the role of parents and ensure family participation in the education of their children. Within the context of Brackett ISD, how are parents involved in the educational process for their children?
 3. Topic: Student Participation A goal of the IDEA is to have high expectations for students with disabilities and include them in the same opportunities available to all students in the Brackett ISD. Describe how students with disabilities participate and achieve in the school setting in the same ways as students without disabilities.
 4. Topic: Qualified Staff The IDEA establishes qualification and ongoing training requirements related to all educational staff members who provide instructional and related services to students with disabilities. In what ways does Brackett ISD ensure that all staff members serving students with disabilities are certified, knowledgeable, and skilled in their roles?
 5. Topic: Student Support Services An effective school program has supports in place to meet the needs of all students. What are the options available in Brackett ISD to support the needs of struggling students?
 6. Topic: Graduation and Transition Planning The goal of education is to prepare students to live productive, independent adult lives. In what ways does Brackett ISD ensure that students with disabilities are prepared to live as productive adults after leaving school?
- Written input in response to these questions will not be accepted.
For more information on the special education monitoring process, please visit:
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/pmi/spedmon/>
Please Note: The meeting is NOT intended as a forum to resolve specific, individual complaints regarding services you have received. In order for TEA to investigate alleged violations of federal regulations and/or State rules, the complaint must be written and signed.
If you wish to speak to someone at the TEA about a complaint, you can leave a message on the Parent Information Line (1-800-252-9668). Your message will be responded to by a staff member from the TEA Division of IDEA Coordination. More information about the State's complaint process can be found on the web at: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed/medcom/compinfo.html>

Tiger basketball district record 3-0

Brackett Team Statistics (3 games through 1/5/2007)

Player	GP	MIN	FGM-A	SPM-A	FTM-A	REB-O	AST	STL	BLK	TO	PF	CT	C2	C3	C4	PTS
#12 Bonner, Travis	3	64	19-43	0-0	11-21	40-24	2	11	1	10	11	1	0	0	0	49
#3 Nowlin, Lane	3	72	12-40	3-18	8-18	24-13	6	6	0	12	3	0	0	0	0	36
#21 Davis, Robert	3	72	10-28	0-5	2-8	21-10	6	5	1	6	10	0	0	0	0	22
#23 Pinales, Ivan	3	72	5-22	3-10	2-3	11-3	3	2	0	6	7	0	0	0	0	15
#2 Rivera, Stevan	3	32	5-22	2-12	1-3	8-2	2	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	13
#32 Adams, Jr.	3	32	4-16	0-0	1-2	14-6	1	4	0	8	10	2	0	0	0	9
#10 Balderas, Chuy	3	48	2-11	0-6	0-2	5-3	2	1	0	10	3	0	0	0	0	4
#14 Bonner, KJ	2	8	1-4	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
#50 Stephenson, Micha	3	24	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
#55 Cantu, Cesar	1	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
#1 Schroeder, Jacob	1	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	3	88	58-190	8-53	25-57	125-63	22	29	3	68	61	3	0	0	0	149
Opponents:	3	1	49-49	10-10	21-21	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	129

Stats submitted by Coach Charlie Marquardt

Three game stats from the Tigers Vs. Charlotte, LaPryor and Stacey.

The Best Seat In Town

MOVIES 8

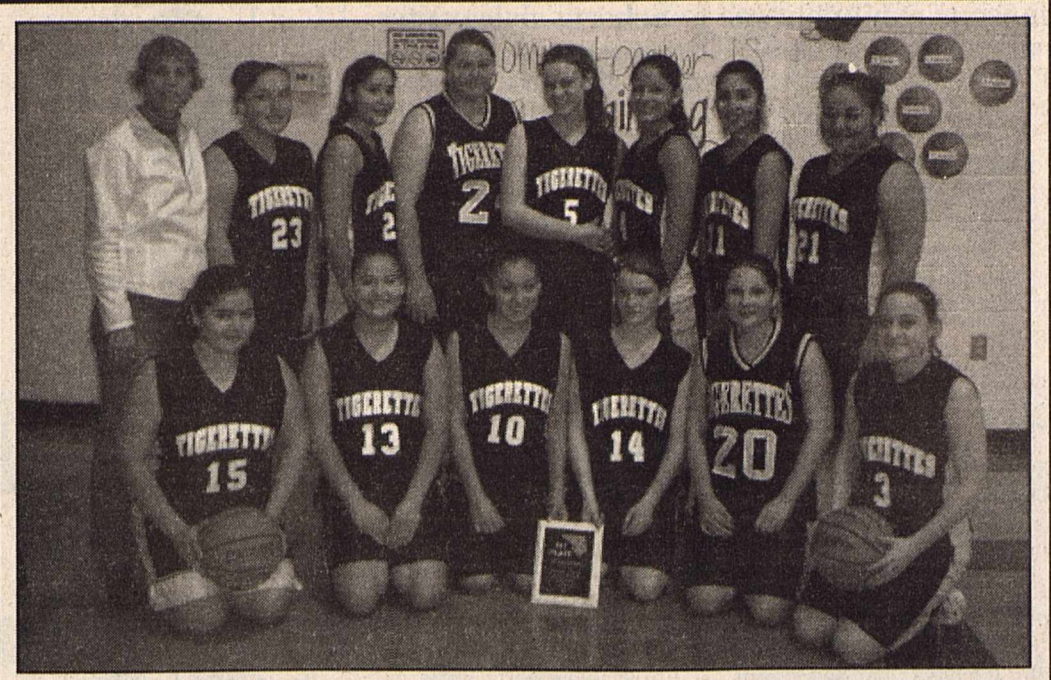
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2007 JV Girls Basketball Team

Submitted by Coach B. Schroeder

The following girls are members of this year's team:

Summer Allen, Veronica Talamantes, Becca Mann, Nydia Talamantes, Lila Molinar, Nena Molinar, Amanda Flores, Cheyenne Billings, Ashley Shadwick, Shaila Schweislow, Ivy Garcia, Amanda DelBosque, Whitney Gum, Ashley Stephenson.

We had a first District game this past Friday, 5th January at home against Charlotte...

Comments: Girls worked hard the entire game, and it was a TEAM effort...it was definitely our best game to date! Final Score: Brackett 40 Charlotte 20

We also played this week-end in the Nuecess Canyon JV Tournament, 6th January

Comments: Our first game was against LaPryor...we played very hard and dominated the game.

Again I think it was an excellent game, where everyone contributed.

LaPryor: 28 Brackett: 44

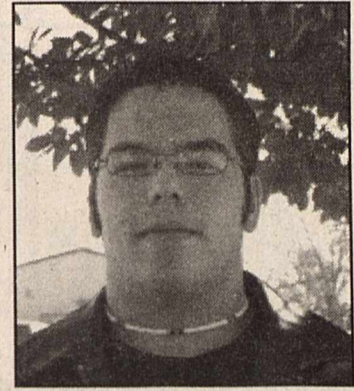
Our next game was against Nuecess Canyon the home team, who had beaten Rocksprings to advance...The girls maintained their composure, working hard the entire game.

Everyone had the opportunity to play, which once again saw Brackett finishing the effort that they put forth, determined to win...

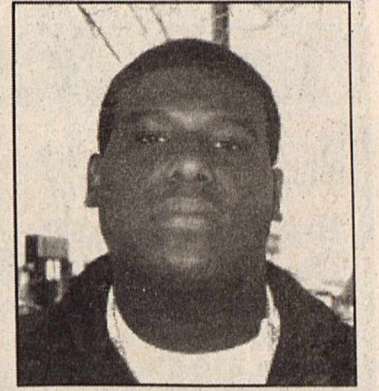
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Our next game is Tuesday, 9th January, AWAY against Nuecess Canyon.

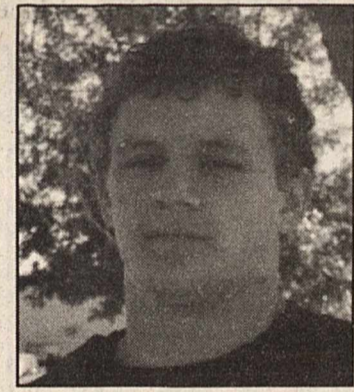
Tiger Football All-District Honors



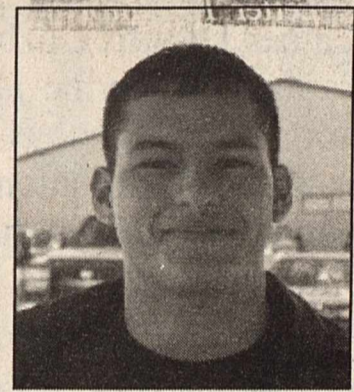
John Moore, SR
1st team defensive line,
1st team offensive line



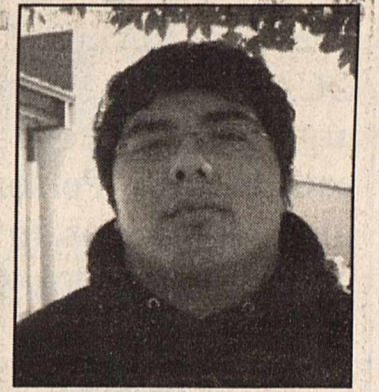
Junior Adams, SR
1st team defensive line



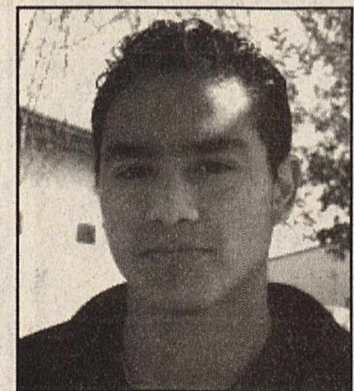
Robert Davis, SR
1st team defensive back



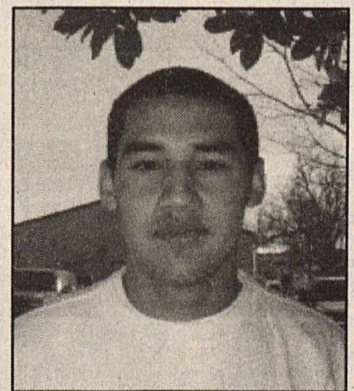
Ivan Pinales, SR
1st team outside linebacker,
2nd team running back



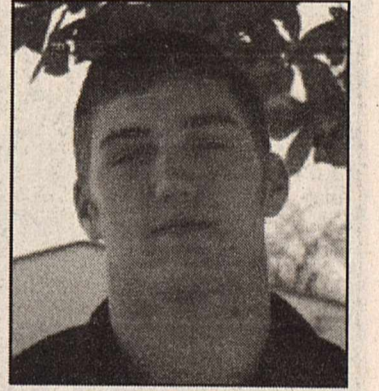
Israel DeHoyos, JR
2nd team defensive line,
2nd team offensive line



Jacob Schroeder, SOPH.
2nd team defensive back,
1st team kicker



Joey Castillo, SR
2nd team offensive line



Travis Bonner, JR
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"This is one of the most exciting exhibits to hit the San Antonio area", Blasing says. "To see the same variety of prehistoric life, our local children would have to travel to Washington, New York, or Chicago."

This exhibit boasts over 200 skulls, skeletons and individual bones, making it one of the largest traveling dinosaur exhibits on earth. It includes dinosaurs from China, Africa, South America, Russia and North America; some of which have never been displayed in Texas. Along with the dinosaur collection will be a variety of other prehistoric life, including prehistoric Mammals, Pterosaurs and Sea Creatures that once lived on our planet. Local fossil collectors will have their collections on display and fossil experts will be on hand to identify any fossils that visitors bring to the exhibit.

The exhibit opens to the public on Martin Luther King Day, January 15, 2007 and runs through January 21, 2007 at the Schertz Civic Center located at 1400 Schertz Parkway Schertz TX. 78154. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Schertz Library.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Uhlhorn, Library Manager, Schertz Public Library at 210-658-6011 or at librarian@schertz.lib.tx.us. To schedule group or school tours, contact George Blasing at george@dinosaurgeorge.com or visit his web page at www.dinosaurgeorge.com.



Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

The Word of the Lord

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Then say I, Ah Lord God! behold I cannot speak; for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me say not I am a child for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and what soever I command thee thou shalt speak.

Be not afraid of their faces for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith in the Lord.

Jeremiah 1:5-8
Praise the Lord!

Kinney County Historical Commission

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Kinney County Historical Commission will convene at 5 P.M. on Thursday, January 11, 2007 in the Kinney County Appraisal District office, 412 South Ann Street, Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas.

Agenda for said meeting:

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes of September 28, 2006 public meeting
3. Receipt of public comment
4. Correspondence
5. KCHC activity report [Chairperson or designee]
6. Deliberation - Nominees for KCHC
7. Deliberation - Heritage Museum Docents
8. Deliberation - Local Marker Program
9. Deliberation - RTHL Monographs and county pamphlet
10. Deliberation - 2007 Proposed Projects
11. Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in closed session, the commission will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Sub Chapter D and E.

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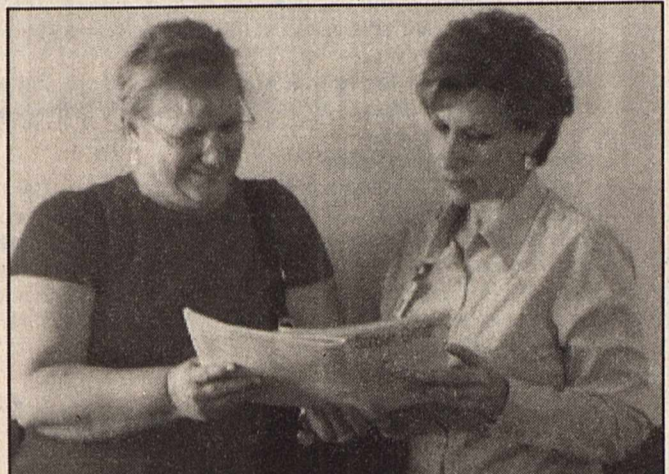
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Thank You

We want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, visits, food, flowers and calls after Cotton's stroke. Your help in our time of need is appreciated very much.

Debbie and Cotton Cummings



Planning for the Mobile Mammography Photo by Allison Taylor

Mobile Mammography Unit in Brackettville

Submitted by Pat Sitzes

Marie Rogers, RN, MSN manager of Christus Santa Rosa's Mobile Mammography Unit was in Brackettville on Friday, January 5th to meet with Pat Sitzes, Executive Director of CHEER to plan for the arrival

of the unit to Brackettville on Tuesday, January 23rd.

Currently the unit is going to do forty mammograms on that day, and it will be parked at the Frontier Baptist Church parking lot at the corner of Ann and El Paso Streets. Scheduling of the mammograms will be done by CHEER.

There will be activities related to breast health inside the Frontier fellowship hall, and each person who has a mammogram will be entered in a drawing for a gift basket, and other goodies which will be given away.

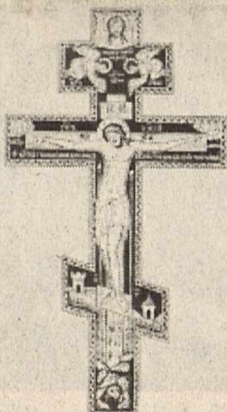
CHEER will be contacting the women who have signed up for a mammogram over the next week.

If you do not hear from CHEER, and you have signed up, please call 563-5528 to inquire about a time.

Christian Orthodox Services

The Very Reverend Father Dimitri Cozby, OCA, will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Persons interested in attending, services or in obtaining information on The Orthodox Church may do so by calling..

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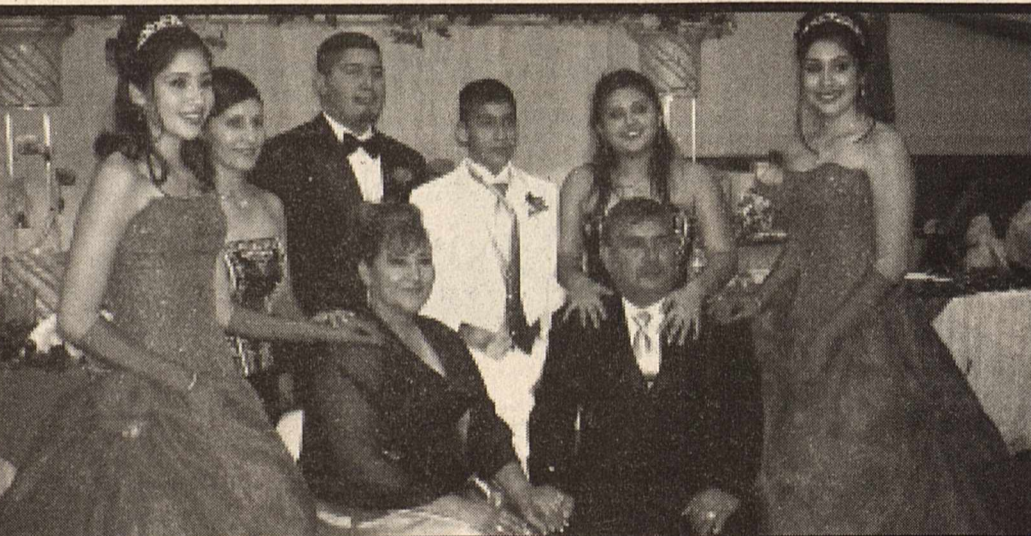
Bible Study Wednesday 7 p.m. (October - April)

Lutheran Church Women 11 a.m. Parrish Hall

(Second Monday of Month)

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PASTOR NATHAN LAFRENTZ 563-9607



We would like to thank everyone for their kindness in giving us cards and gifts in the celebration of our fifteenth birthday. It is greatly appreciated and may God bless you always!

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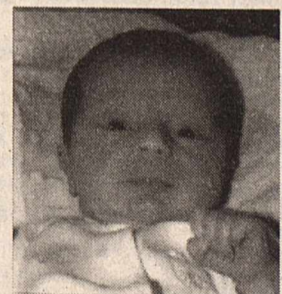
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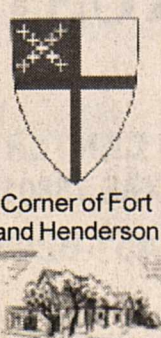
Brotherton's Announce First Grandchild



Dusty and Bonnie Brotherton of Brackettville announce the birth of their first grandchild, Hallie June, December 21, 2006. She weighed five pounds, nine ounces and measured 18.75 inches. Hallie is the daughter of Lindsey and David Kunz of George West. Paternal grandparents are Danny and Lee Ann Kunz of Leming. Hallie is the first great-grandchild of Richard Brotherton of Del Rio.

Thank You

We are most grateful for the gift of family and friends who have been kind and thoughtful during the illness and passing of our loved one. Your words of encouragement, prayers and act of kindness have lifted our spirits, and caused us to smile in spite of our loss. Continue to keep us in your heart and prayers. The Shields Family



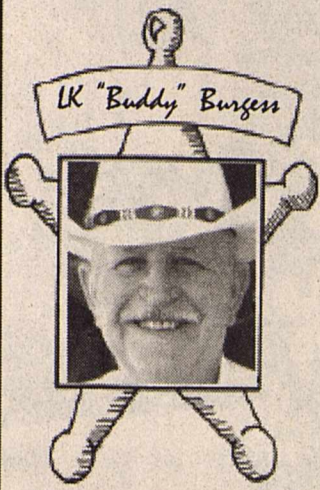
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Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM (October - April)

Reverend Nathan Lafrenz 563-9607

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Tuesday, December 26
9:10 p.m. James Alexander Powers, 21, of Del Rio was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Powers was released the next day on a \$1,500 bond.

Wednesday, December 27
12:40 a.m. Harry Lee Kaufhold III, 36, of Pearland was arrested for driving with intoxicated, second offense. Kaufhold was released the same day on a \$2,500 bond.

Thursday, December 28
3:45 p.m. Jason Nichols, 32, of Dallas was arrested for possession of marijuana. Nichols was released the next day on a \$1,500 bond.

Friday, December 29
4:07 a.m. A local woman reported a vehicle accident 5 miles south of Spofford with no injuries, the vehicle had hit a deer. A deputy was informed.

1:10 p.m. A local woman reported that her neighbors were fighting and their children were in the house crying. A deputy was dispatched to the scene.

Saturday, December 30
12:42 p.m. A woman requested a deputy stating that she had a protective order against the subject and she would like to discuss the matter.

7:25 p.m. The Sheriff's Office was informed that there was an alarm going off at a rancher's residence. The caller called back to in from them to disregard the alarm.

Sunday, December 31
2:42 p.m. A man called to report a vehicle blocking the roadway. The owner was advised of the matter.

7:34 p.m. The Sheriff's Office was informed that there was a stranded motorist on Hwy. 90 west of Brackettville. A deputy was informed and enroute to the scene.

7:54 p.m. A man reported a wallet he had lost at Stop and Shop. Stop and Shop was called and could not find it.

11:53 p.m. A man called stating that he had fallen and needed assistance, he advised that he was not requesting EMS.

Monday, January 1
12:30 a.m. A concerned woman called stating that her neighbors were playing loud

music and were being very loud. She was also concerned that the bonfire was going to spread. A deputy was informed and dispatched.

12:45 a.m. A structure fire was reported at Fort Clark in Unit 2.

1:55 a.m. A man called regarding a reckless man running people off the road. The caller had followed the driver to his residence. The driver approached the caller and was threatening to burn him. A deputy was dispatched and enroute.

8:49 p.m. A local woman called to report a white truck had driven through the fence on Fulton and Beaumont. A deputy was informed and enroute to the scene.

Tuesday, January 2
10:16 p.m. A fire was reported on Hwy 90 East near the Border Patrol checkpoint.

Wednesday, January 3
6:40 p.m. A man called to report that a train was blocking the road out on Hwy 1572. Union Pacific was informed and they were going to take care of the matter.

7:30 p.m. A caller reported that there were two illegals walking on Hwy 277 towards Del Rio. Brackettville Border Patrol was informed of the situation and had the men taken into custody.

7:59 p.m. A woman called to report that a young man was fighting with his mom. A deputy was dispatched.

9:45 p.m. Bernado Cervantez Jr., 19, of Brackettville was arrested for a terroristic threat and resisting arrest. Cervantez had not been released at press time.

Thursday, January 4
5:52 p.m. A local woman called to report there was a broken window at the library. A deputy was informed.

6:00 p.m. A local woman requested to speak with a deputy regarding two young women. The deputy advised her that he would speak with the two women.

6:05 p.m. A local woman requested to speak with a deputy in regards to some individuals. The deputy advised her that he would speak with the individuals.

6:34 p.m. A caller reported that the lights were left on a vehicle at the Kinney County Rd. Dept. An employee was notified of the situation.

7:17 p.m. A woman called to report that her house was on fire at Escodio Estates. Brackettville VFD was advised and dispatched.

7:30 p.m. Jaquin Rivas, 18, of Brackettville was arrested for driving with a suspended license. Rivas was still being held at press time.

Friday, January 5
1:01 a.m. A deputy was requested at the Alibi Lounge. A deputy was informed.

Arts Council update on Cowboy Sunset Serenade tonight

Submitted by Luanne Pendorf

Junior livestock show opens...tonight is the night!

Cowboy Sunset Serenade rides in from Leakey to open the 2007 Kinney County Junior Livestock Show.

At 7:30 tonight at the Civic Center, performers Frank Roberts, Joe Wells and Linda

Kirkpatrick will entertain the audience with western music and poetry that sets the stage for the livestock competition this weekend.

Tickets will be available at the door tonight: \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

Arts Council Elects 2007 Officers and Plans June Student Theatre Workshop
Christie Palmer and Leisha

Ashley will lead the Kinney County Arts Council in an ambitious arts program this year.

Assisting the co-presidents will be vice president Dee Dee Brown; secretary Mona Miller; and treasurer Joy Ralston.

The Arts Council's major focus for 2007 will be a theatre workshop presented by Montana's Missoula Children's Theatre during the second week

of June.

Parents and students mark your calendars and look for updates about this week-long program that will involve up to 75 students from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Workshop participants, working both on stage and backstage, will present "Cinderella" complete with sets and costumes.

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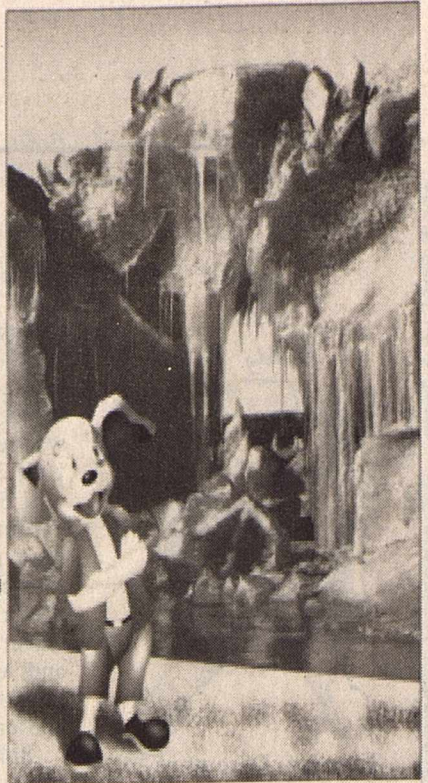
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Did You Make a Resolution?

I Did - and I Have Help!

By Crash

OK, now, it's time to be honest!

How many New Year's resolutions did you make?

And how many have you broken already?

A lot of people use the beginning of the year as a time to make resolutions to help them in life. For example, I made a resolution to lose weight and I've already lost two pounds.

I usually put on a little extra weight during the holidays. The good food and the great desserts make it really hard for me to not eat more than I should.

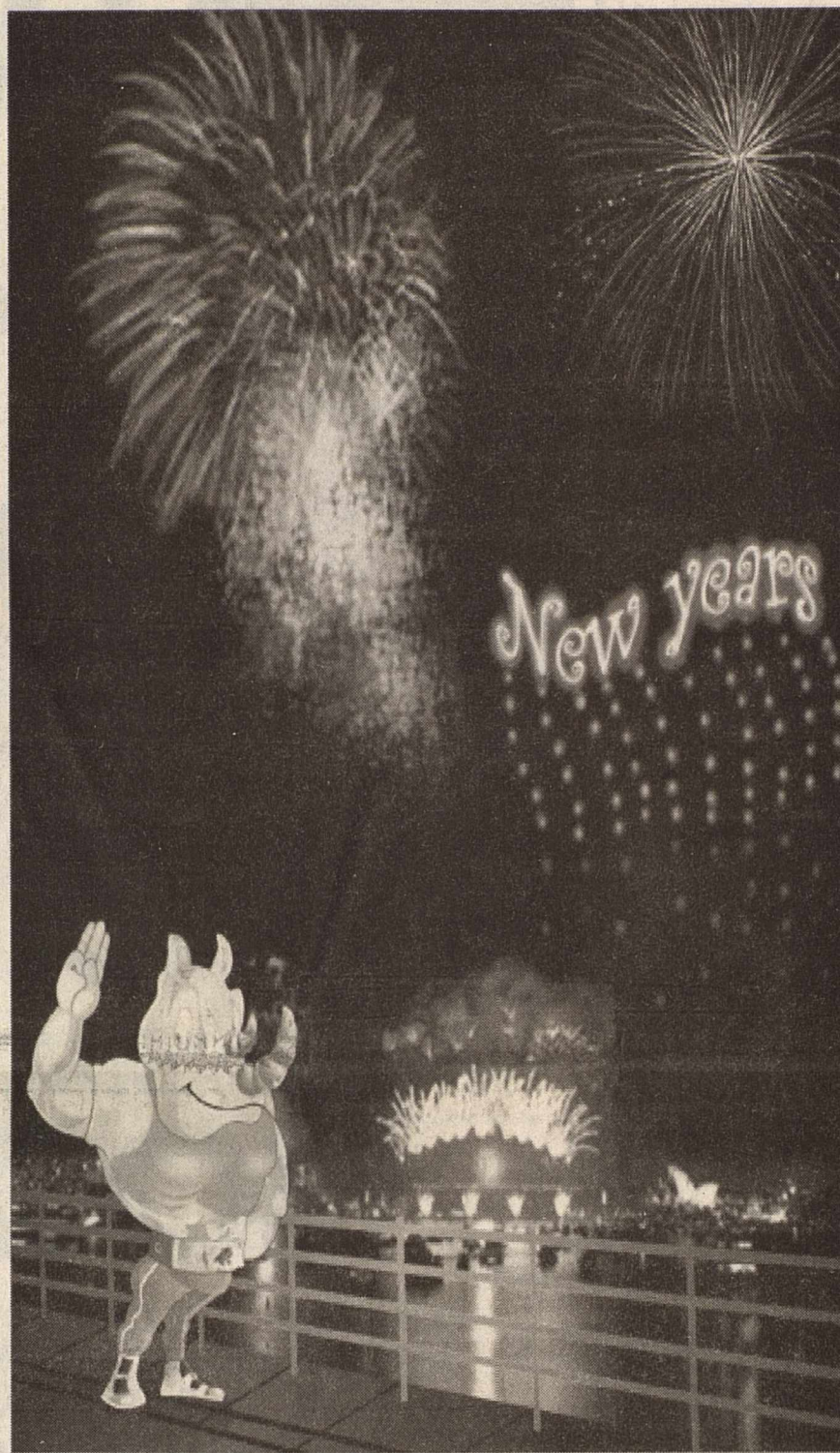
The hard part about keep-

ing a resolution is — well, to remember it and then keep it over time. I want to keep my resolution and keep losing weight until I get rid of 10 pounds. Think I can do it?

I know I can do it because I know the value of exercise and I've got a secret weapon to help me — Christi! She asked me what my New Year's resolutions were. I told her and she said she would help. The other night, I went into the kitchen to get the last piece of cherry pie (my favorite!) and it was gone!

Christi, who knows how I love cherry pie, had given the last piece to Tracer. I guess she was helping me keep my resolution to lose weight.

But I really wanted that piece of pie.



How Do ICICLES HAPPEN?

By Stack

One of my favorite things to look for during the winter is icicles.

I like to see how long they get and how pretty they can be as the ice turns different colors in the sunlight.

icicles are strong symbols of winter. You know, I think of icicles as nature's artwork, like sculpture. Think about that.

icicles form when the air is about as cold as it must be for water to freeze (32 degrees Fahrenheit or 0 degrees Celsius).

All the places that aren't in direct sunlight - like under the eaves of the roof of your house — will be cool and below freezing, while the sun melts the ice and snow on the exposed surfaces, like on top of the roof.

The water drips and then freezes again in the cooler place to form a column of ice - an icicle. Icicles grow until they melt or break under their own weight.

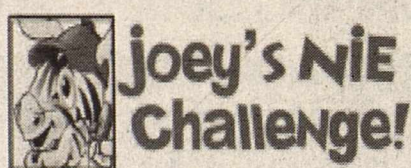
Gravity plays a big part in forming icicles because it pulls the water downward.

What I didn't know is that an icicle can be almost any size, from covering an entire rock face on a mountain to a tiny, little soda-straw type of ice cone.

Icicles usually are tapered, and look like hanging spikes or cones of ice. Most icicles also have bubbles trapped inside the ice. You can see them if you look closely. How do think air got trapped inside an icicle?

I once saw an icicle on the side of a small cliff that was more than 50 feet tall! That was one great, big chunk of ice!

What's the largest icicle you have ever seen? Did you take a picture of it? Bet you will next time!



In your newspaper's classified advertising section, look among the ads and see if you can find:

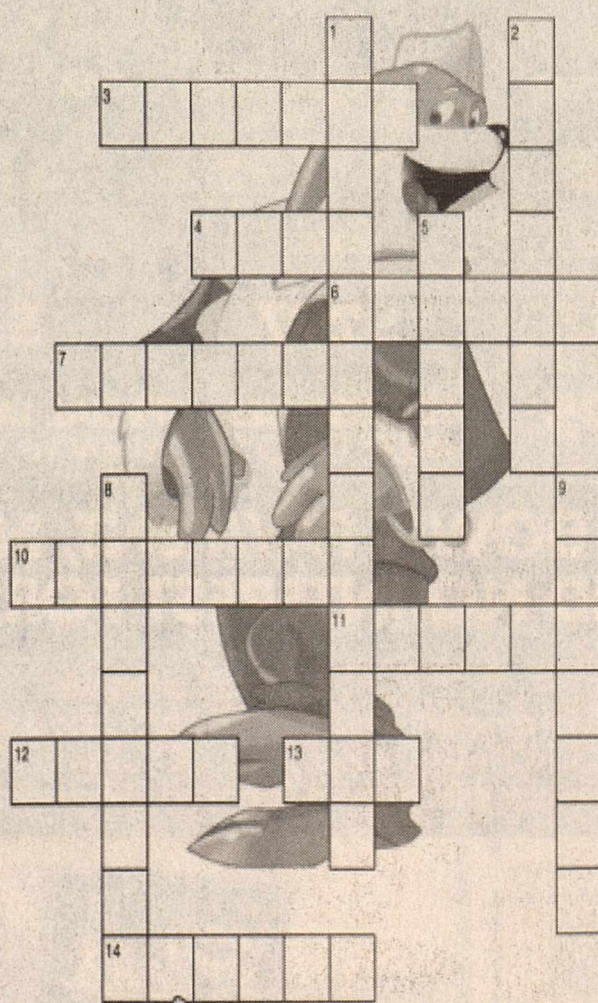
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Bubbles Crossword Challenge

Try to fill in the letter blocks using these clues



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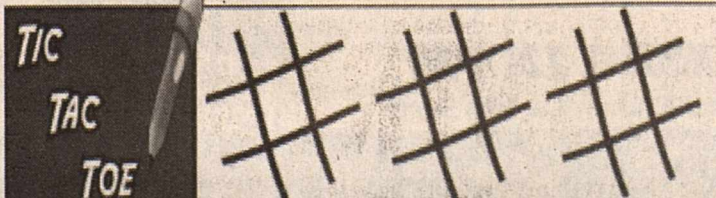
- 3. Times Square is here and the New Years Ball?
- 4. Follow this and you will be cool?
- 6. When you believe in yourself you have good self _____
- 7. I look like a mountain but I am actually ice?
- 10. At the stroke of _____?
- 11. Water that is frozen to a sharp point?
- 12. You need some of these to get to the end?
- 13. My head tips back and a candy comes out?
- 14. What I do when I eat dinner out?

Down

- 1. These are in our food to keep it fresh?
- 2. At 12:01PM on the last day of December it will be a _____?
- 5. Everything that exists has some of these?
- 8. A sled race that is pulled by dogs?
- 9. I have a tart sweet taste and made like ice cream?

Word Pool

Glacier Sherbet Esteem New Year Atoms Idi-tarod Goals Midnight Pez Preservatives Dining Fads New York icicle



Photos of the Week

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