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# Pit bull attacks woman in school parking lot

tute teacher at Jones Elemen- thigh and calf. tary, was bitten by a pit bull dog as she unloaded the trunk of her car in the school parking lot on March 1.

The incident was immediately reported to the Kinney trunk and the next thing I know County Sheriff's Office by school Principal Alma Gutierrez said Falcon on Friday, after the at 7:50 a.m.

Kinney County Deputy Karl Chism found Falcon in the in Del Rio. principal's office where he ob-

Life Size Dog Toy

Above: This pit bull, now in

the City's custody, must

serve at least 14 days in

quarantine after attacking

Falcon in the school parking

lot March 1. Right: Elizabeth

Falcon sports a nasty bite

mark and bruise on the back

of her leg after an unpro-

voked attack by a loose dog.

Photos by Leigh Volcsko

Elizabeth Falcon, a substibite to the back of her right Renken ordered a halt to all feared the dog was trying to get

know the dog was in the parking lot and the attack was un-

- I'm screaming and kicking," surprise attack.

Falcon was medically treated

Elementary students spent served Falcon wearing capri the entire day inside as Brackett the City's animal facility on tempts at his legs, but was able pants, but suffering from a dog ISD Superintendent Paula

positively identified.

Deputy Chism located the reported the dog had not been complaints. vaccinated.

by Mayor Eduardo Esparza, took immediate possession of the dog.

Hwy. 90, must be quarantined for 14 days. The dog will have of scrap lumber. to be vaccinated, at the owner's leased.

City Hall reports Muraira has contacted City Hall and wants his dog back, if it does not show any sign of rabies.

"I want the citizens of Bracktensifying its efforts to pick up stray and loose canines. I feel have to start being more responattacked a child at the school?" asked Mayor Esparza.

dog complaints KCSO received in a 24-hour period.

dog was chasing a woman at the with no animal control office. County Courthouse. The dog, owned by Albert Garcia, of

out of her car. The dog belonged us own. to her neighbor Jennifer Garrison on First Street in Brack- on www.texaspolice central.com. ettville. Chism stated Swarm Click on Health & Safety.

outdoor, extracurricular activi- her small child. Swarm sustained Falcon explained she did not ties until the dog was found and only minor scratches to her right

The residents of Fort Clark dog at 507 North Fort Street and Springs (FCS) have also shared "I was taking stuff out of my the dog's owner Adrian Muraira in the recent increase of dog

> On Jan. 26, Wayne Delcour The City of Brackettville was of 87 Wainwright, FCS, was docontacted and its employees, led ing laundry in an attached laundry room when his neighbor's pit bull dog charged at him. Delcour The dog, now in custody at reported the dog made three atto fight the dog off with a piece

> The pit bull eventually reexpense, before it can be re- turned to his yard and Delcour reported the incident to the KCSO and to FCS Security.

> Delcour stated he has spoken with residents of the home owned by Veronica Estrada, but is, "still very apprehensive and ettville to know the City is in- uncomfortable about the dog being in the neighborhood."

> Texas Health and Safety for the animals, but the owners Code reads: CHAPTER 822. REGULATION OF ANIMALS. sible. What if that pit bull had SUBCHAPTER A. DOGS THAT ARE A DANGER TO PERSONS § 822.041. DEFINITIONS. In According to Chism, this in-cident was only the first of three control authority" means a municipal or county animal control office with authority over A second dog-related com- the area where the dog is kept plaint was lodged after a large or a county sheriff in an area (2) "Dangerous dog" means a dog that (A) makes an unpro-Brackettville, frightened several voked attack on a person that people until Garcia was able to causes bodily injury and occurs call the dog down and leave the in a place other than an encloarea. No injuries were reported. sure in which the dog was be-On March 2, Jennifer Swarm, ing kept and that was reasonreported that a large, black dog ably certain to prevent the dog attacked her as she was getting from leaving the enclosure on

> > The entire code can be viewed





## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 9

5:00 PM Food Court Opens @ Museum Beer/Sodas/Water/ Candy

7:00 PM Bingo @ Shafter Hall 8:00 PM Street Dance @Museum SATURDAY, MARCH 10

7:30 AM Register 5K Run/Walk @ Admin/Motel Office 7:30 AM Motorcycle Run Staging @ Service Club Parking

8:00 AM Bake Sale & FREE Coffee @ Shafter Hall 8:30 AM 5K Run/Walk @ Admin/Motel Office 9:00 AM Arts & Crafts @ Seminole Hall

9:00 AM Wood Carvers @ Shafter Hall

9:00 AM Register - Cavalryman's Tournament @ Shafter

9:00 AM Genuine Jim @ Commissary
9:00 AM Bugle "Colors" Jim Mims @ Museum
9:30 AM Children's Fun Run Begins @ Admin/Motel Office
9:30 AM Children's Idol Talent Show @ Service Club

10:00 AM Historic Tours @ Butcher Block 10:00 AM Bad Land Rangers @ Butcher Block 10:00 AM Folk, Country, Blue Grass @ Commissary by Nathan

Lafrenz, Anna Renken 10:00 AM Borderline Singers @ Museum 11:00AM PARADE Begins @ Church of Christ Ann St.-Brack-

11:00 AM Sing and Be Happy @ Butcher Block Charlotte

11:30AM Ray Milton & Mule Skinners @ Open Field The Wild Bunch –Susan & Kim

11:15 AM Keyboard by Pat Strothers @ Commissary

11:40 AM Brackett City Gunfighters @ Museum 12:00 N Bugle "Dinner" Jim Mims @ Museum 12:00 N Bad Land Rangers @ Butcher Block 12:00 N Riverpickers @ Service Club

12:15 PM Carolyn Kay & The Boys @ Museum 12:30 PM Fort Clark Express @ Commissary The Barrons & Friends 1:00 PM Golden Girls-Line Dancers @ Museum

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 10

2:00 PM Fort Clark's Idol-Talent Show @ Service Club Con-

tinues 2:00 PM Traditional Music @ Commissary by Jerry B. Jenkins

2:25PM Brackett City Gunfighters @ Museum 2:30PM Riverpickers @ Butcher Block

2:45PM Costume Parade @ Museum Judged by Audience

3:00PM Texas Tall Tales Contest @ Commissary Brian Gresty 3:00PM Cavalryman's Tournament @ Butcher Block

3:00PM Fort Clark's Idol @ Service Club Talent Show Finals

3:00PM Motorcycle Games @ Shafter Hall 3:45PM Folk, Country, Bluegrass @ Museum by Nathan

Lafrenz, Anna Renken & Sam Stone 4:15PM Cowboy Songs @ Commissary by Dave Pierce

5:00PM Bugle Call-Colors-Jim Mims @ Museum 7:30PM Blazing Guns at Roaring Gulch @ Post Theater Melo-

drama by Old Quarry Society **ALL DAY SATURDAY EVENTS** 

Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center @ C of C Welcome Center, Punch & Cookies for guests Living History Exhibits & Demonstrations @ Butcher Block Art Studio Painting on Display/Sale @ Seminole Hall Narrated Tours of Historical District @ Butcher Block by Phil

Coburn- Begin & End here Historic Books and Pins @ Sutler's Store

Horse Shoeing Demonstrations @ Stables **ALL DAY FOOD & REFRESHMENTS** Hamburgers/Sausage on a Stick @ Butcher Block Bar-B-Q and Dessert @ Commissary

Mexican Food @ Service Club Funnel Cake/Chicken on a Stick @ Museum Lawn Bake Sale/Free Coffee @ Shafter Hall Beer/Sodas/Water/Candy @ Butcher Block T-Shirts & Caps @ Museum Lawn

# News BRIEFS

#### on Sunday, March 11 Submitted by The Old War I to allow for more evening Farmer's Almanac Starting this year, Daylight

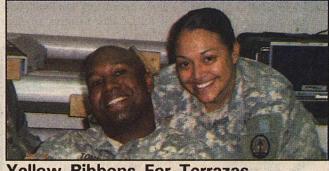
Set Clocks One Hour Ahead

Saving Time has been changed from its traditional calendar dates to a start three weeks earlier - Sunday, March 11 - and a finish one week later-Sunday. November 4. Daylight Saving Time is practiced in order to gain an extra hour of daylight during the early evening, resulting in the conservation of energy by substituting natural sunlight for electrical lighting.

first began in 1918 during World zones.

light and save fuel for the war effort. Since then, Daylight Saving Time has been used on and off,

with different start and end dates. Benjamin Franklin first suggested the idea in 1784. It was later revived in 1907, when William Willett proposed a similar system in the pamphlet The Waste of Daylight. The Germans were the first to officially adopt the light-extending system in 1915, followed by the British, and in 1918 the United States, when According to The Old Farmer's Congress passed the Standard Almanac, Daylight Saving Time Time Act, establishing our time



Yellow Ribbons For Terrazas

From left: Xavier Toms of Fort Clark Springs and Valerie Terrazas of Brackettville were both briefly stationed at Camp Liberty, Baghdad, Iraq. Terrazas has since moved to Camp Taji. Terrazas will be visiting Brackett for two weeks beginning March 12. "We can't wait to see her. We have not seen her since Dec. 2005. I thank God every day for keeping her safe and all of the other troops," said Terrazas' mom Elda.

#### McNamara Pottery John McNamara's pottery is

on display at The Brackett News Office, 111 W. Spring St. The public is welcome to view and even purchase these unique art pieces.

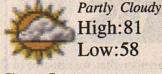
#### Weekend WEATHER

#### Friday



AM Clouds High:76 Low:56

#### Saturday



High:81 Low:58

### Sunday



Scattered T-Storms High:80 Low:53

## Little League

KC Little League is looking for Kinney County's Past Time Little League Players to be honored at the 2007 Opening Certants Monday March 19th, 6:00 emonies on March 24th. If you pm @ the Ft. Clark Springs Serplayed Little League ball in vice Club. 5. Enrollment forms Kinney County 20, 30, or 40+ years ago, please contact Theresa Quiroz at 563-2235. KC Little League hosts Softball Clinic for Major League Players (ages 9-12) on March 11, 2007, from 12 noon - 5 p.m., at the KC Little League field. mation, Phone 830-563-2466, Registration fee is \$5 per child. email kechamber @nation wide. Camp Instruction by Shatona net or website kechamber.org Hicks, includes hitting, fielding, and basic fundamentals. Come join the fun!

# Co. Pageant

Can you run a little paragraph about the Kinney County Miss Pageants. Below are a few facts: 1. Miss Kinney County 9th grade through 21 yrs old. 2. Jr. Miss Kinney County 5th grade

through 8th grade. 2. Little Miss Baseball Dilly Tourney TBA, Kinney County K through 4th grade. 3. Sign-up now through March 19th @ 6:00pm. 4. Mandatory meeting for all contesand official rules available at the Chamber of Commerce office. Old Munitions Bldg., Ft. Clark. 6. Pageants are April 21st @ the Ft. Theater, Little Miss @ 2:00pm, Jr. Miss @ 4:00pm, Miss @ 6:00pm.7. More infor-

# School Miss Kinney Calendar

Thursday 03/08: Baseball Dilley Tourney TBA, High School Track @ Carrizo Springs, High School Tennis @ Brackett. Friday 03/09:Boys Golf Uvalde Coyote Invitational

Junior High Track @ La Pryor, High School Tennis @ Brackett. Saturday 03/10: Boys Golf Uvalde Invitational @ Uvalde Memorial Park Golf Course 8:30 Dilly Tourney TBA.

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

## City Council Election

The first day to file an application for City Council Place 1, (position currently held by Ponce Padron) and City Coun-@ Uvalde Memorial Park Golf cil Place 3, (position currently COurse, Progressive start. Boys held by Mary Flores) was Firm, PC (830) 757-5879.

Feb. 12. The last day to file is March 12, at 5pm at City Hall.

#### Relay for Life Organize a Team and Be a

am Shotgun, Boys Baseball Part of the 2nd Annual Relay for Life April 28th-29th. The theme this year is be a super hero against cancer by raising money for research to beat cancer. AARP 55 Alive/ Please contact Angie Steelman at 563-5142 for more information on forming a team for Relay for Life.

# Simplemente Lara

The Arts Council of Eagle Pass will be presenting Simplemente Lara at the C.C. Winn Auditorium at 7:30 pm on Saturday March 17, 2007. General Admission is \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the following locations: The Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce (830) 773-3224, Davis Used Cars & Parts, Inc. (830) 773-2812 and The Herring Law

## Bike Raffle

The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a Bike Raffle. Three Prizes! Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Donations are welcome. The Drawing will be Sat., March 10.

# **Mature Driving**

Through AARP a two day seminar April 3-4, 2007 from 1:00-5:00 PM at Frontier Baptist Church corner of Ann & El Paso. Cost \$10.00 and insurance credit in effect for three years. Call Barb Williams 563-3100 to register.

#### **School Board Election**

To date Star Smith, Andrea Garcia, Sondra Meil Tony Ashley have completed applications to run for three positions open for the Brackett ISD Board of Trustees. The last day to file is Monday, Mar. 12. The drawing ballot order will be on Tuesday, Mar. 13, at BISD Central office.

# Opinion

Letter to the EDITOR

# A very impressive action

On Saturday, the 24th, my husband and I were golfing on the par 3 course with a couple visiting us from Sonora. That was the day the wind was extremely strong, the fire alarm went off, and we saw the sky fill with black smoke. We were all concerned about the wind and fire, and decided to see where was the fire. We left Fort Clark and saw the highway blocked. My friend is a volunteer fireman and EMT in Sonora. She was extremely impressed as to how fast the police, firemen and others responded. We went to see the damage on Sunday, and we could see how well the fire was contained. No houses or lives were lost. She said that for a little town, we should all be proud of the quick action taken. With that strong wind, a major disaster could have developed. But with quick action, more damage was prevented from occurring. She thanks all of you and gives you a very big compliment. I was also impressed. Thanks for taking care of us.

Kathleen Warm Sitka, AK



Fire on March 24, 2007

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

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# There is no place like home



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

What is it about traveling that brings out the frowns and sad looks on people's faces? You hardly ever see smiles and happy faces in an airport. After

There is no place like home unless your home is cluttered could to get away from home. Now I know that I was running from my home because it was so cluttered that I could not stand to be there. Everywhere I looked I was reminded of my own incompetence and laziness.

had a houseful of clutter and so was always making great plans it felt. I like to think of it as

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March 9

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Kinney County Relay for Life

kitchen cabinets. We would go to dinner and draw out these elaborate plans only to push them aside because I felt that since I could not keep the house clean as it was that I knew it would be impossible with a bigger house. Robert was always supportive and didn't even expect me to cook, clean or even do laundry. His comment was that his arm wasn't broke and if it bothered him he would do it spending the last six days on the himself. Well this made me feel road and in the air it is good to even worse. Here was this wonderful man that deserved to be spoiled and I couldn't even keep clean underwear in his and filled with CHAOS! Years drawers. That is when I started ago I would do any thing that I to figure out what was going on with me and why I always had trouble with keeping house.

As I have told you many times, it all started with that shiny sink. I had to build one habit at a time and keeping the sink shining was my first and I hated being there, so every most important habit. This is daily basis! chance I got I ran to escape the why your first assignment is pain that I suffered while I was shining your sink. From that knight on a horse. It was not indid he and then we went to es- stantaneous, but after 4 months tate auctions and bought more. we were really beginning to see in! Clutter, clutter everywhere and a difference in the way our

to remodel and get rid of the giving birth to a new me, begreen shag carpet and yucky cause that is exactly what I did! As I was dealing with taking care of me and slowly getting rid of the clutter, our house became a home. Not a museum but a real home that you could enjoy being in and not be afraid to open the doors to strangers or even close friends. I was no longer trying to hide our dirty little secret. I had gotten rid of them. The clutter was gone and our home was a welcoming haven

There is no place like home! There is no place like home! There is no place like home! When you can feel this way about where you live then you know that you are FLYing!

Robert and I enjoy our home. It is not spotless but it is lived in and loved! Every square inch our home makes us smile! This is because we released our clutter, clean up our hotspots and established simple routines to keep our home blessed on a hit after you inherited the 401(k)

You can do this too!

will throw open the shades and curtains and let the sun shine

Clutter makes a room look not a place to sit! It was awful. I home looked and best of all, how and feel bad with the clutter gone your home is going to sing and so will you.

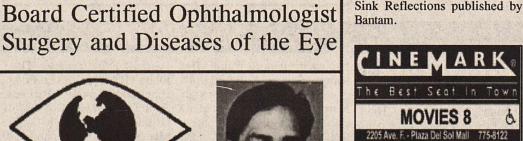
> I love being home; in fact I really do hate to leave.

Even though I have to occasionally, leaving really makes

Did you know you can have that welcome home feeling each time you enter your front door?

Are you ready to FLY? There is no place like home! I prom-

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free mentoring group www.FlyLady.net or her book, Sink Reflections published by Bantam.



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#### **New Pension Rules** Benefit 401(k) Beneficiaries



Emily Cooper

As you're probably aware, the traditional pension plan has not fared so well in recent years. In fact, many large companies have frozen or discontinued their plans. Congress passed laws last year to strengthen pensions, but some other provisions of this legislation may interest you even if you don't have a pension - especially if you may be coming into an inheritance that includes a 401(k).

And a 401(k) can be a sizable bequest. By the time many people retire, their 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan - such as a 403(b) or 457(b) - may be their biggest single financial asset. Even if they died before depleting the funds in their 401(k) or other plan, they might still have a large chunk of money to pass on. It's never been much of a problem to leave this money to a spouse, who could roll the funds into an IRA. Once the money was in this IRA, the surviving spouse could continue enjoying the benefits of tax-deferred

However, non-spouse beneficiaries - such as children, grandchildren, siblings and domestic partners - did not have this luxury. When these beneficiaries inherited a 401(k) or other retirement plan, they were generally forced to take the entire balance within five years of the account owner's death - and some plans required them to take the payout as a lump sum within one year. These accelerated payments were likely to create what is euphemistically called a "taxable event." In plain English, this means that if you were a non-spouse beneficiary, you were likely to take a big tax or other retirement plan.

Now, however, things have One of the first things you changed, thanks to the new penthere. As a result it got worse. one shining sink, clean swept are going to notice as you re- sion laws. Effective Jan. 1 of this Then Robert and I married. I through our home like a white claim your home is that you are year, if you are a non-spouse beneficiary, you can transfer an inherited 401(k) or other retirement plan into an IRA. And that means you can "stretch out" distributions and taxes over your lifetime, rather than being forced to take withdrawals immediately or over a period of a few years. By stretching this inherited account, you can continue to enjoy tax-deferred you feel good to get back home growth, which can create a significantly greater amount of income over your lifetime.

Clearly, this can be a huge advantage to you. But you need to make sure you're following the correct procedure. In "legalese," you have to make what's known as a trustee-totrustee transfer by establishing an "inherited" IRA and have the check from the 401(k) or other plan made payable to the trustee or custodian of this IRA. Once this account is established, you can't contribute anything more to it or roll the money into any other IRA you might have.

Your financial advisor can help you set up the inherited IRA and invest the distributions from the 401(k) or other plan to help you meet your financial goals in a way that is appropriate for your individual risk tolerance. You may also want to consult with your tax advisor before transferring funds from the retirement plan to the IRA.

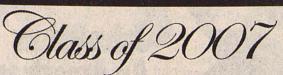
In any case, once you learn that you are going to inherit a 401(k) or other retirement plan, start doing your homework right away. If managed correctly, this type of inheritance can make a big difference in your life - so make the most of your opportunity.

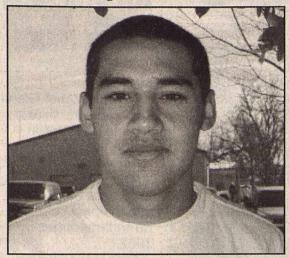


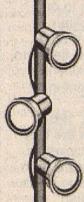
Please remember that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our newspaper. We realize that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

# BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Tiger Page







#### Jose Castillo

Name: Jose Castillo Mother: Gullermina Castillo Father: Jose Castillo

Family: Diana Flores, Glenda Flores, Liliana What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: I plan

on working in the railroad.
What Teacher Influenced You The Most? My most influential teacher would have to be Coach Hutch

What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate? After I graduate, I will miss playing football, my family and my friends.



Photo by Leigh Volcsko

Olivia Woods competes in her first track meet of the season for Brackett Junior High. The small Brackett team made a very competitive showing against the much larger schools from Del Rio, Eagle Pass and San Angelo.

## Brackett Burger & Shake Weekly Night Specials:

Monday • Wednesday • Thursday 5pm - 8pm

- \* Thurs. Taco Salad \$4.99
- \* Mon. Cheeseburger Combo \$4.99
- \* Wed. Chicken Basket Combo \$4.99

All Specials include 20 oz. drink

This Sunday's Special: Meat Loaf



### First Baptist Church (SBC)

Corner of Ann and Veltman Phone: 563-2245 Sunday: Bible study for all ages 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Adult/Youth/Children Discipleship Training 6 p.m. Evening Service 7 p.m.

Wednesdays 7 p.m. Bible Study Pastor Jeff Janca

#### the Frontier Come to

A Bible Based New Testament Church 9:45 am Bible Study/Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service

6:00 pm Sunday Night at the Movies or Bible study.

7:00 pm Wednesday Night Service **Nursery Provided** 

**Pastor: Ned Sitzes** 

(830) 563-5529 Corner of Ann & El Paso Frontier Baptist Church (SBC)

### TIGER TRACK UPDATE

Submitted by B. Schroeder

Varsity boys placed sixth at the LaPryor Track Meet, Thursday, March 1 with a total of 51 points.

Placing for Brackett Varsity boys were- Shot Put Junior Adams 38'-4" Third Place. Discus John Moore 130'-61/2" 1st Place.

Long Jump Travis Bonner 18'-61/2" Fourth Place. High Jump M Hurdles Robert Davis 16.57 Third Place. 400 M Dash Travis Bonner 53.44 Second Place. 25.97 Second Place. 300M Hurdles Robert Davis 43.69 Third Place, 200M Dash Fermin Villanueva 24.97 Sixth Place. Brackett Junior varsity

Rodriguez Shot Put 34'-111/2' First Place.

Joe Anthony Sanchez Discus 86'-0" Sixth Place. Aaron Travieso Long Jump 16'-9" First Place. 400 M Relay Team A. Pinales, I Talamantes, M. Rodriguez, C. Clark 51.64 6th Place. 800M Run Chris Blake 2:31.52 Second Place.

100M Dash Aaron Travieso Travis Bonner 6' First Place, 110 12.53 Third Place, 300M Hurdles Aaron Travieso 46.20 Second Place. 200M Dash Aaron Travieso

> 1600M Relay C. Blake, C. Clark, A. Pinales, I. Talamantes 4.18.47 Fifth Place.

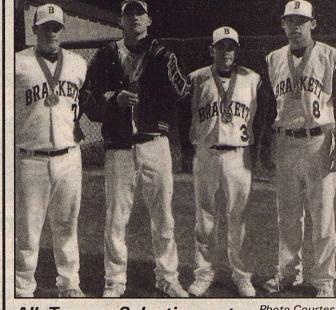
Excellent team effort on boys finished the meet in 5th place everybody's part!!! Next meet is with a total of 57 points. Placing Thursday, 8th March at Carrizo for Brackett JV boys were- Marc Springs

#### Junior High boys competed in Del Rio track meet Submitted by B. Schroeder

Tyler McDonald in Discus and Shot. Salvador Pacheco in 400M The following Junior High Relay 3rd place, 800M Relay boys competed in their first meet 4th place, 400M and Long Jump. of the 2007 track season when Manuel Pena in Discus and Shot. Jaime Rodriguez in Shot and they traveled to Del Rio this past

Friday, March 2. Divison 2 Par-Discus. Steven Rodriguez 110 ticipants were: Richard Antu in Hurdles, 400M, 200M Hurdles. Victor Roman in 800M, 200M Discus placed 6th 75'-9". Bryan Calk in Shot and Discus. Robert Hurldes, 1600M Relay, High Jump. Jaime Sandoval in 2400M Torres in Shot placed 7th 27'run, 1600M Relay. Josh Smith 4" and Discus 8th place 64'-11". in 2400M Run, 1600M, Tripple Bodie Harris in Tripple Jump placed 2nd 27'-0" Long Jump Jump placed 6th 27'-7". Sam Stewart in 400M Relay 3rd 200M. Keith Castillo in 100M Place, 800M Relay placed 4th, 200M Tripple Jump and Long Jump. Jared Shirkey in 100M 200M run placed 3rd 26.32 Long Jump placed 2nd 17'-2" The Divison 2 team placed and High Jump placed 1st 5'-4". 5th in the meet. Division I Par-Joelson Terrazas in 1600M Run. ticipants were: Bradley Edwards Travis Titchenell in 400M Rein 800M 1600M Relay. Damien lay 3rd Place, 100M, 800M Re-Falcon in 100M 200M and lay placed 4th, Long Jump Tripple Jump. Ayland Letsinger placed 6th 15'-1/4". The Diviin 400m Relay 3rd place, 800M sion 1 Boys' team placed 4th Relay 4th place, 1600M Relay, overall. Great first effort on

Hwy 90 W Uvalde, Texas



All Tourny Selections at Three Rivers Tournament

Photo Courtesy

The Brackett High School baseball team placed second in the Three Rivers Tournament this past weekend . The baseball team collected impressive wins over Runge, San Antonio Hawkins, and Three Rivers before falling to Lytle in the Championship game. It was a total team effort and Coach Hutch would like to thank his players for playing so hard in all of their games. The following players received All Tournament selections: Jeff Sitgreaves-Catcher, Travis Bonner-Pitcher/ Center Field, KJ Bonner- Second Base, Joey Castillo-Short Stop. The Tiger's record is currently 3-wins and 1-loss.

#### 8th grade girls place 2nd at Del Rio

Submitted by Coach Dusty hurdles with a time of 18.7. Brotherton

on Friday, March 2. placed first with Karley Harris, Rachel Nash, Icela Rueda and lay team placed fifth with Haley Hale, Sara Davis, I. Rueda and 2:08.6. The 1600 meter relay meter run with a time of 6.24. team placed second with a team of Smith, Kelsey Bruce, Susu at 4:46.0.

Brackett girls coming in first and second with Bruce at 9:34.2 and Courtney Kirkland at 10:19.0. In the 800 meter run had fifth at the Del Rio Meet. Seargeant placing second with Harris placed third in the high with 30.9.

Davis placed second in the 100 meter dash with a time of 14.5 The 8th grade girls placed and Hale placed sixth with a time second at the Del Rio track meet of 14.9. The 400 meter run had Nash in second with 69.2 and The 400 meter relay team Smith in third with a time of 70.1. The 200 meter run had Davis placing second with a time Cheyene Smith coming in at a of 31.3 and Hale in fifth with a time of 56.3. The 800 meter retime of 32.2. Harris placed first in the Int. hurdles with a time of 33.8 and Bruce in fifth with 35.7. Erica Villanueva coming in at Kirkland placed first in the 1600

Smith placed fifth in the long jump with a distance of 12'6" Seargeant and Nash coming in In the triple jump Harris placed fourth with 27' and Davis placed The 2400 meter run had fifth with a jump of 26'7". Paige Nowlin placed fifth in shot put with a distance of 22'11 3/4.

The 7th grade girls placed

Amanda Herrera placed third 3:00 and right behind her was in the 400 meter run with a time Villanueva in third with 3:03. of 70.7 and first in the 200 meter



placed 5th in High Jump 5'-0".

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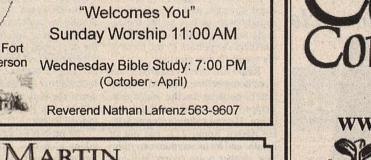
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# It's Cool to Be a Serious Birder!

By Auzzie

used to think that bird-watchers were older people walking around in ugly shorts, black socks, sandals and bigbrimmed hats.

Then I started to get interested in birds and I began to appreciate my fellow birders (that's what bird-watchers are called).

Hard to believe, huh? Me, liking to watch birds?

I spend so much time in the outdoors that I have developed a real interest in watching birds, learning about the different species and learning about their behavior and what it means.

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What I really like about birdwatching is that you don't need much equipment: Just a good pair of binoculars and a book about birds called a bird guide. I can carry those with me wherever I go - along a river, in a park or climbing a mountain.

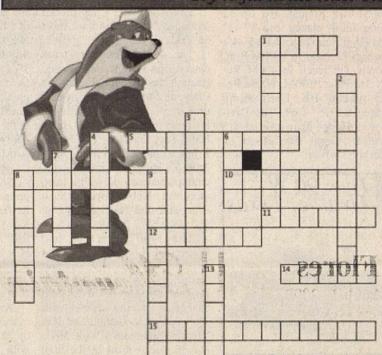
Serious birders keep a birdwatching diary in which they write down details of when and where they see a bird for the first time.

I was lucky enough to go to Costa Rica one time and saw more than 20 different varieties of hummingbirds at one feeding station!

That's pretty neat, because there are 300 varieties of hummingbirds in the world, but only 16 species are in North America.

Bird-watching — it's a great activity for everyone, regardless of age.

**Bubbles Crossword Challenge** ry to fill in the letter blocks using these clues Across



**Word Pool** 

news traffic ticket bird binoculars toothpaste weather temperature astronaut doughnut school lunch transmission bunny diamond sports bagel

1. I'm in the tree whistling to my friends and I can

5. I'm trained to explore space?

8. I am round, full of dough and sometimes

covered with chocolate?

10. Sometimes I snow, rain or sunshine what am I? 11. Baseball, football, cheerleading are all \_

12. My dad got this for speeding?

14. Chewy and boiled in water before theirbaked?

15. I hold all the gears in your car?

Down

1. I look through these when I want to see things closer?

2. I can measure how hot or cold it is? The cars are moving slow because there is a some object

4. You go here to learn to read, write and do math. Oh, and make lots of friends?

6. You can find your local news in the

7. What meal do you eat in the middle of the day?

8. You can find me on top of a wedding ring?

9. You need \_\_\_\_\_ on your toothbrush to help

13. Soft, fluffy, big ears...what am I?

By Bossco

ohn Herschel Glenn Jr. was the third American to "fly" in space.

Actually, Glenn didn't so much "fly" as he went for a bumpy, fast ride in space, circling Earth three times in 1962.

That made him the first American to orbit the Earth. Alan Shepard and Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom flew into space before Glenn. but neither went into orbit.

On Feb. 20, 1962, Glenn was on the Mercury-Atlas 6 rocket as it shot up to more than 160 miles above Earth.

The spaceship reached a speed of 17,500 mph! Wow! That's fast!

Glenn's space flight lasted only four hours, 55 minutes and 23 seconds.

Do you know the name of his space capsule? It was a nice name: Friendship 7.

Here's a fact not many people remember: John Glenn made a second trip into space in 1998.

He was part of a crew of the Space Shuttle Discovery that spent nine days in space. Glenn became not only the first American to orbit the Earth, but also the oldest. He was 77 when he made his second flight.

# The Mouse and the Motorcycle



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Did you miss the first four chapters?

Click on "NiE" on www.the brackettnews.com Chapter 5

Adventure in the Night

When Ralph had mastered riding the motorcycle on the threadbare carpet, he went bumping over the roses on the less worn parts under the dresser and the bedside table. That was fun, too.

"Hey," whispered the boy.
"Come on out where I can see you." Pb-pb-b-b. Ralph shot out into the moonlight, where he stopped, sitting jauntily on the motorcycle with one foot resting on the floor. "Say, he said, "how about letting me take her out in the hall? You know, just for a little spin to see how fast she'll

"Promise you'll bring it back?" asked Keith.

"Scout's honor," answered Ralph, who had picked up many expressions from children who had stayed in 215.

OK. I'll tell you what," said Keith. "You can use it at night and I'll use it in the daytime. I'll leave the door open an inch so you can get in. That way you can ride it up and down the hall at night."

"Can I really?" This was more than Ralph had hoped for. "Where do you want me to park it when I come in?" he asked.

"Someplace where the maid won't step on it," answered the boy. "That's easy. Under the bed. She practically never cleans under the

"Yes, I know," agreed Keith. "I looked. There are a lot of dust mice back there.'

"Please-" Ralph was pained. "Oh. Sorry," said the boy. "That's what my mother calls bunches of dusty fluff under the

"My mother doesn't," said Ralph. "Now how about opening the

The boy put his hand on the doorknob. "You won't let anything happen to my motorcycle, will you?'

"You know I wouldn't let anything happen to a beauty like this," said Ralph

'See that you don't. And don't stay out too late." The boy opened the door and permitted Ralph to putt out into the dim light of the hall.

Ralph had a scary feeling he was on the threshold of adventure. There were no beds or chairs for him to dart under in case of danger. The floor creaked. Someone was snoring in Room 214 across the hall. Outside in the pines an owl hooted, sending prickles up Ralph's spine.

Ralph controlled the trembling of his paws while he hesitated outside the door to consider the possibilities of the hall, which was carpeted down the center, leaving two smooth highways of bare floor on either side along the baseboards. It did not take Ralph long to decide what to do. He picked up his tail, took a deep breath, bent low over the handlebars, flat-

tened his ears, and sped down the straightaway as fast as the motorcycle would go. He could feel his whiskers swept back by the force of his speed. It was glorious!

Ralph had never ventured so far from home before. The old wooden hotel, cooling in the night air, snapped and creaked, but Ralph was brave. He was riding a motorcycle. He passed Room 213, ran out of breath, and let momentum carry him past another noisy snorer in Room 211, on down the hall to the elevator, the mysterious elevator that carried people to that wonderful place Ralph had heard so much aboutthe ground floor.

When Ralph came to the stairs he stopped to look down, knowing it was impossible to ride a motorcycle downstairs and at the same time wishing he could see for himself the wonders that lay below. He sniffed the air and it seemed to him that he could smell the strange foods he had heard about-cinnamon buns with sticky frosting, turkey stuffing, and pancakes with maple syrup. A ray of moonlight from a window glinted on the glassy eye of a mounted deer's head over the stair landing and startled Ralph, sending him off down the hall, past the broom closet and the linen room to the end of the hall, where he executed a sharp turn and started back.

Exhilarated by speed, Ralph raced up and down. Once when he heard some people getting out of the elevator he had to duck behind the curtain of the window at the end of the hall. Toward midnight he passed his Aunt Sissy scurrying along the baseboard. He waved and nearly lost control of the motorcycle. Aunt Sissy stopped to stare while Ralph rode on, feeling pleased with himself and at the same time sorry for Aunt Sissy, poor frightened thing with only her feet to carry her from one

crumb to the next. Up and down the hall raced Ralph until, after an especially noisy burst of speed outside Room 211, he was startled to hear a dog bark inside the room.

Now it was Ralph's turn to be frightened. Oh-oh, he thought, I'd better be careful. If there was one thing Ralph disliked, it was people who traveled with dogs. Dogs always sniffed around where they had no business sniffing. Once a dog had even barked into the mousehole in Room 215. It was days before Ralph's mother got over that.

Ralph heard someone moving around inside Room 211 and, looking back over his shoulder, he saw the door open and a tousled man in a bathrobe and slippers appeared carrying a little terrier. The man looked cross and sleepy as he started down the hall toward the elevator with his dog. He was walking straight

toward Ralph Pb-pb-b-b. Realizing he was taking a chance, Ralph speeded up the motorcycle. If he turned and headed back to Room 215 he would have to pass the man. It was better to continue toward the elevator and hope he could find a place to hide. He raced on down the hall.

The wild barks of the little terrier told Ralph that he had been seen by the dog if not by the man.

"Shut up," muttered the man to his dog. "I'm going to walk you, you don't have to wake up the whole

Ralph reached the elevator, where he drove around behind the ashtray on a stand beside the door. He stopped and waited, tense and frightened. Outside an owl hooted, was silent, and hooted again. A sudden breeze rattled windows and banged a door. Ralph's teeth began to chat-

The dog whimpered but the man walked straight past Ralph, pushed button, and in a moment stepped into the elevator.

Whew! thought Ralph when the elevator door had closed on the sleepy man and his noisy dog. Maybe he had better lie low for a while. In a few minutes the elevator returned to the second floor. As the man stepped out, the little dog looked over his shoulder and spied Ralph parked behind the ashtray stand.

Because the dog was a captive and he was free, Ralph could not resist sticking out his tongue and waggling his paws in his ears, a gesture he had learned from children in Room 215 and one he knew was sure to arouse anger

"Let me at him," barked the little

"Cut it out," grumbled the man, fumbling for the doorknob of Room 211 while Ralph, a daredevil now, rode in a giddy circle around the ashtray stand. He had a feeling of cockiness he had never known before. Who said mice were timid? Ha!

When the morning song of birds in the pines grew louder than the snores of the guests and dawn slipped through the window at the

end of the hall, Ralph knew it was I do for you?" time to return to Room 215. There he was shocked to discover the door shut. Only then did he recall the draft in the night and the slam of a door. He got off the motorcycle and pounded on the door with his fist, but what sleeping boy could hear a mouse beating on a door?

Ralph knew from experience that he could flatten himself out and crawl under the door of Room 215, but there was no way he could get the motorcycle through the crack, not even by laying it on its side and pushing. The handlebars were too

Ralph dismounted from the motorcycle, sat down, and leaned back against the baseboard, prepared to guard the motorcycle until Keith awoke and discovered the door blown shut. He was tired after a night of such great excitement and full of dreams. Now that he had seen the hall he could no longer be satisfied with Room 215. It was not enough. He longed to see the rest of the world—the dining room and the kitchen and the storeroom and the garbage cans out back. He wanted to see the game room where, he had been told, grown-up people played games with cards and balls and paddles. He wanted to go outdoors and brave the owls to hunt for seeds. Ralph, a growing mouse who needed his rest, dozed off against the baseboard beside the motorcycle. After the experiences of this night, he would never be the same mouse

The next thing Ralph knew, Matt the bellboy was standing over him. "Aren't you out pretty late?" Matt asked, causing Ralph to jump to his feet even though he was not entirely awake. "You should have been in bed long ago, but I suppose you were out till all hours, speeding around on that motorcycle.

Ralph had seen Matt many times. but this was the first time the old man had spoken to him. He was astonished to discover they spoke the same language. Even so, Ralph stood in front of the motorcycle. Anyone who tried to take it away from him would have to fight Ralph first.

"Nice little machine you got there," remarked Matt. "Kind of wish I was young enough to ride one myself. Must be fun, speeding along, making all that noise.

Ralph realized that Matt was a friend. "Say," he began, "how about helping a fellow out?"

"Sure," agreed Matt. "What can

Open that door a crack. Just enough so I can ride through. I promised the boy I would park his motorcycle under the bed.

"Good place," said Matt. "The maid never cleans there if she can help it." Very quietly he turned the knob and opened the door just enough for Ralph to ride through. Ralph bumped up over the edge

wastebasket and the bedside table. and was about to drive under the bed when-"E-eek!" screamed the boy's mother, who was standing in the doorway between 215 and 216 in

of the carpet, swung out around the

her bathrobe with her hair up on rollers. "A mouse!" Ralph put on a burst of speed

and shot under the bed. "Where?" asked the boy's father,

coming in from Room 216. "Under the bed.

"I'll look, Mom," said the boy,

jumping out of bed. Keith's face appeared under the lifted edge of the bedspread, where Ralph sat trembling on the motorcycle. The boy held out his hand and beckoned. Ralph understood. He dismounted and ran up the boy's arm inside the sleeve of his pajamas until he came to the crook of his elbow. There he waited, shivering, to see what would happen next. Down at the end of the sleeve he could see the boy's fingers close around the motorcycle. Then he felt himself being lifted as the boy rose from his hands and knees.

"It's just my motorcycle," Keith said.

"Yes! That's it," agreed his mother. "The door opened and the mouse rode in-The boy's father began to laugh.

You are still dreaming."
"But I'm positive—" insisted the

boy's mother. "That you saw a mouse on a little red motorcycle," finished the boy's

father, and laughed even harder. You make it sound so ridiculous," objected the mother.

"Well?" The father snorted with

"Well, perhaps I was dreaming," admitted the mother reluctantly, "but I know I saw a mouse. I'm positive and I am going to report it to the management. I knew the minute we moved into this spooky old place that it had mice.'

Now I've done it, thought Ralph inside the pajama sleeve.

# Community

Sunday, February 25

called the Sheriff's Office to

report suspicious activity at

the Kinney County Estates. A

deputy was dispatched to the

dispatcher reported that rail-

road ties had caught fire East

Monday, February 26

of Brackettville was arrested

for assault and family vio-

lence. Sanchez was still be-

Wednesday, February 28

ported a pit bull tied up at a

local residence on North St.

City of Brackettville was not

able to pick up dogs at night

and notified the caller noth-

ing could be done until morn-

ing. The caller took care of

the situation because the dog

continued to bark through the

Thursday, March 1

Office received a phone call

reporting a bonfire under the

Pinto Creek Bridge. A deputy

porting an employee had been

bitten by a dog in the school

parking lot. A deputy was no-

contacted the Sheriff's Office

deputy was notified and en-

the Sheriffs Office needing as-

sistance to deal with a man

who was being disruptive and refusing to leave the premises.

> Saturday, March 3 8:48 P.M. A local woman

called to report a suspicious

vehicle in the a local parking

lot. Deputies were notified and

Department responded to the

fice received a phone call of a

possible drunk driver travel-

Sunday, March 4

notified and went to look for

the suspects.

9:44 P.M. A local resident

9:30 P.M. The Sheriff's Of-

railroad tracks.

9:02 P.M. The Union Pa-

en-route.

11:26 am A City of

10:00 am Border patrol

tified and dispatched.

12:16 A.M. The Sheriff's

7:50 A.M.. An employee at

8:15 P.M. A 911 caller re-

ing held at press time.

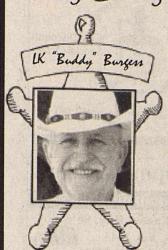
9:30 PM Jesse Sanchez, 25,

of Hwy. 1572.

9:35 a.m. A Union Pacific

12:16 a.m. A local man

## Kinney County Sheriff 's Report



Wednesday, February 21

Keith Gregory Moraw, 37. of Temple, was arrested on a Bench warrant. Moraw is still being held at press time.

12:30 a.m. Kenneth Paul Alegria, Jr., 28, of Poteet, was arrested for driving with an invalid license to serve 15

6:00 p.m. The Sheriff's office received a call reporting a break in, at the caller's ranch. He reported horse saddles were stolen. A deputy was dispatched to the scene.

6:50 p.m. A local woman called to report that she was was dispatched. being harassed by two local women. A deputy was dis- Jones Elementary called repatched.

Thursday, February 22

5:48 p.m. A local woman called to report that a person on a motor bike was driving recklessly and had almost hit a vehicle. A deputy was noti- to take care of a situation. A fied and enroute.

6:35 p.m. Union Pacific route. called to report the railroad tracks were on fire on Hwy Brackettville employee called 1572. A deputy was dispatched.

8:10 p.m. The Sheriff's office received a phone call from a concerned father. A deputy was notified and en-Deputy units, EMS, Fire Dept. and Border Patrol were all dispatched

9:45 p.m. The Sheriff's office received a call requesting a deputy. Sheriff was dispatched.

Saturday, February 24 3:29 p.m. A structure fire cific police called to report a

was reported in Brackettville fire on FM 1572 under the headed west on Hwy. 90.

6:30 p.m. The Sheriff's Of- Brackettville Volunteer Fire nce received a can to report a calf that was out on MP 498. Local residents were notified and took care of the situation.

11:27 p.m. A local woman cand to report that there were ing on Hwy 90. A deputy was informed and dispatched. unwanted persons at a party that was at her residence. Deputy units were dispatched.

11:52 p.m. A 911 caller re- called to report two SUV's ported a fight between a man chasing each other up and and a woman involving a down Ann St. A deputy was child. Deputy units was dispatched to the scene.

# **OBITUARIES**

## **Betty Taylor Koons**

January 29, 2007 - January 7, 1929



Betty Taylor Koons, 78, of Port Lavaca, passed away peacefully on Monday, Jan. 29, 2007.

She was born on Jan. 7, 1929 in Port Arthur, to the late Dent and Ellen Marie Taylor.

Betty had a very full and active life. In her late teens and early 20s she modeled for the Ben Shaw Agency and she spent many years helping raise her twin brothers Jim and Bill. After obtaining an Associates Degree from Trinity College in San Antonio, Betty was employed as a civil service secretary at Fort Sam Houston. This is where she met and married Officer William D. Koons in 1951. Betty also served as a municipal judge in Refugio County for seven years. Betty and her husband lived in Port Lavaca for seven years and then moved to Del Rio before retiring in Brackettville. Betty was a Lay Eucharistic Minister for the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas and her husband, the late Rev. William Koons.

Betty loved her only child and recently moved back to Port Lavaca to be near her daughter. Her pastimes included reading and keeping up with Diana's volleyball games.

Survivors include her daughter, Diana Durham of Port Lavaca; her sister, Anna Belle Norris and her husband Neal of Kingsland; her brothers, Bill Taylor of Houston and Dent Taylor and his wife Shirley of Austin.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brother Jim R. Taylor.

A memorial service was held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 14 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Brackettville.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Lung Association, www.lung-usa.org or to the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas.

### **Freddie Factor**

Freddie Factor, 75 of Big Lake, died Monday, Feb. 26,

Graveside service were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 3, 2007, in the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery in Brackettville, TX. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include two daughters, Josie Goodloe of Big Lake, TX and Rose Mary Brothers of Warner Robins, GA.

### **Ernesto Flores**

July 19, 1951 - March 1, 2007

Ernesto Flores went to be with the Lord Thursday, March 1, 2007, at the age of 55. He passed away at Val Verde Regional Medical Center. He was born July 19, 1951 in Del Rio, Texas to Jose Maria Flores and Tomasa Guajardo Flores.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his brother, Jose Flores. He is survived by his wife, Ernestina Flores of Brackettville. He is also survived by his daughter, Sandra Flores and partner Ramiro Pina of Del Rio. Sons include Ernesto Flores, Jr. of Houston, Texas, and Vicente Flores of Brackettville. Sisters include Evangelina Cardenas of Brackettville, and Carmen Flores and husband Arturo Towns of Brackettville. Also surviving him are 6 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Friday, March 2 at Don's Funeral Chapel in Brackettville. Cremation followed. Funeral arrangements were under the care and direction of Don's Funeral Chapels, Brackettville.

#### Our Redeemer to celebrate 10th anniversary

Nancy O'Brien, Phil & Evie ing our tenth anniversary with Fordahl and Ken & Ruth Spen- Christ on Sunday March 25th. cer discussed the possibility of We will have a special dinner at forming a Lutheran Church for 5:30 P.M. with our anniversary the Brackettville community. service to follow at 7:00 P.M.. They contacted the Southwest We welcome all guests to share Texas Synod of the Evangelical this Christian fellowship with us. Lutheran Church of America for If you are interested in attendassistance and guidance. The ing our Tenth Anniversary Dinbishop of the synod met with us ner and Celebration Service, and advised us to contact Pastor Nathan Lafrenz at Eagle Pass. He agreed to join us in our ward to having a significant cel-Christian endeavor. Our diligent ebration on this Christian mileefforts have been spiritually re- stone. warded these past ten years.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has been actively involved in many church and community projects, including scholarship programs, Church Alliance of Brackettville, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Christmas Unity Program, Relay for life, assistance to fire victims, Thanksgiving food baskets, Community Charlie Brown Christmas Tree and many other worth- while Christian and caring activities. We are fortunate to be sharing the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and fellowship hall. We are proud to say we have updated carpeting and drapes in the fellowship hall and

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Owner: Debbie Trant **Broker:** Barbara Voss

In The Business For: Over 35 Years

Type of Business: Real Estate

Services: Assist clients in the sell or purchase of homes, mobile homes, RV properties, lots, acreage, ranches of all sizes.

From left: Debbie Trant and Barbara Bobbie Voss are longtime residents of Brackettville. They welcome the opportunity to be of service to you in all your real estate transactions.

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# prior to the public meeting. If you have any questions or comments please contact Melisa D. Transportation Planning Director at (956) 712-7456. DASH IT ALL

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SEALED PROPOSALS addressed to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Brackettville, Texas will be received at the City Hall, 119 W. Spring, Brackettville, Texas 78832 until 11:00 A. M. April 4, 2007 for construction of certain water system improvements, at which time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. The principal items of construction are Booster Station Modifications and water system valve replacement with all necessary appurtenances. Bidders shall submit with their bids a Cashier's check in the amount of five (5%) of the maximum amount bid, payable without re-

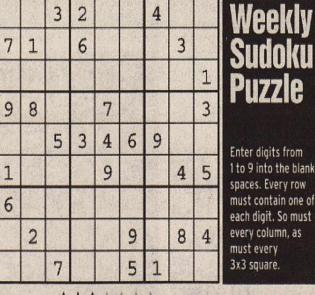
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TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Acknowledge those who have stood by you and made it possible for you to prosper. Discover a special way to give back and to say thank you.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Celebrate special achievements in your career or in your professional pursuits. Mentors, colleagues or co-workers are happy to lend or offer their support.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Philosophical, intellectual or religious conversations seem to follow you around this week. Do not hesitate to share your insights and opinions

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): An intuitive experience provides insight or information. Do not ignore the messages that come from dreams or meditation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Close personal relationships are harmonious and well-balanced. Enjoy the comfort and emotional ease that is the result of honest and open

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Your co-workers or associates are in your corner. Join forces, share expertise and allow them to assist you in reaching a desired goal. SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Look to excel in creative endeavors.

Take your thoughts or ideas that are based in fantasy and demonstrate them in an actual presenta-SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec.

21): Strong feelings will dictate the outcome of a domestic situation. Make the best possible or most logical decisions or moves. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):

You are mentally competent and brilliant at solving problems. Get the right answers to an inquiry using your talent for observation

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): It is OK to feel confident about your financial status. Continue to stav within your budgetary guidelines and avoid wasteful spending. PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Put your best foot forward and attract

positive people and enriching experiences. Feel good about whom you are and what you have to of-

If your birthday is this week, the coming year promises to be a very exciting and fun-filled time. Stay on your toes and prepare yourself for almost anything. The possibilities for change and opportunity will run from travel or romance, to a new job offer or professional direction. The overall mood is a positive one. Your only danger or downfall could be moving too fast or biting off more than you can chew. Slow down and by all means, take time to smell the roses.

