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EAA drops dye down hidden ranch cave

"Now all we need is a good rain," said karst geologist Bev Shade, after a team of experts injected highly concentrated dye into an underground cave on the HF&F Ranch on Mar. 8.

And it was as if Mother Nature heard Shade's request and poured down .93 inches of rain on Mar. 12. The precipitation was recorded at the National Weather Service Station on Fort Clark Springs.

The Edwards Aquifer Authority, endorsed by the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD), is conducting a dye tracer study in the Edwards Aquifer that spans a portion of Kinney County from the east.

In order to conduct a dye tracer test, hydro geologists inject a nontoxic, colored dye into specific water sites and monitor where the dye comes out. Results from these tests can determine how fast the water underneath the ground is moving, the direction of travel and its destination.

The recent heavy rains will help flush the dye through a complex system of rock formations hidden deep underneath

the surface and potentially supply much needed scientific information, including the source of the Las Moras Springs, to the local water district.

The district in recent months has blamed the, "lack of science," for its inability to act on certain controversial permit applications and embroiled itself in expensive litigation.

The Team:
Geary Schindle: Edwards Aquifer Authority Chief Technical Officer & Program Manager for Aquifer Studies.

Bev Shade: Hydro geologist, specializing in karst geology and professional cave diver from Austin.

Lew Schnitz, P.E., P.G.: Hydro geologist from Boerne.

Paul Bryant: Professional caver with George Vini & Associates.

Water Tank Crew: Jimmy Bader, Tomas Gomez, Jerry DeHoyos and Gustavo Hernandez.

Advisors to the KCGCD: Dr. Joe Goebel and John Boxell

On The Scene:

Four miles north of Brackettville on Ranch Road 674, the team made its way to a once hid-

den cave on Glen Fuqua's ranch.

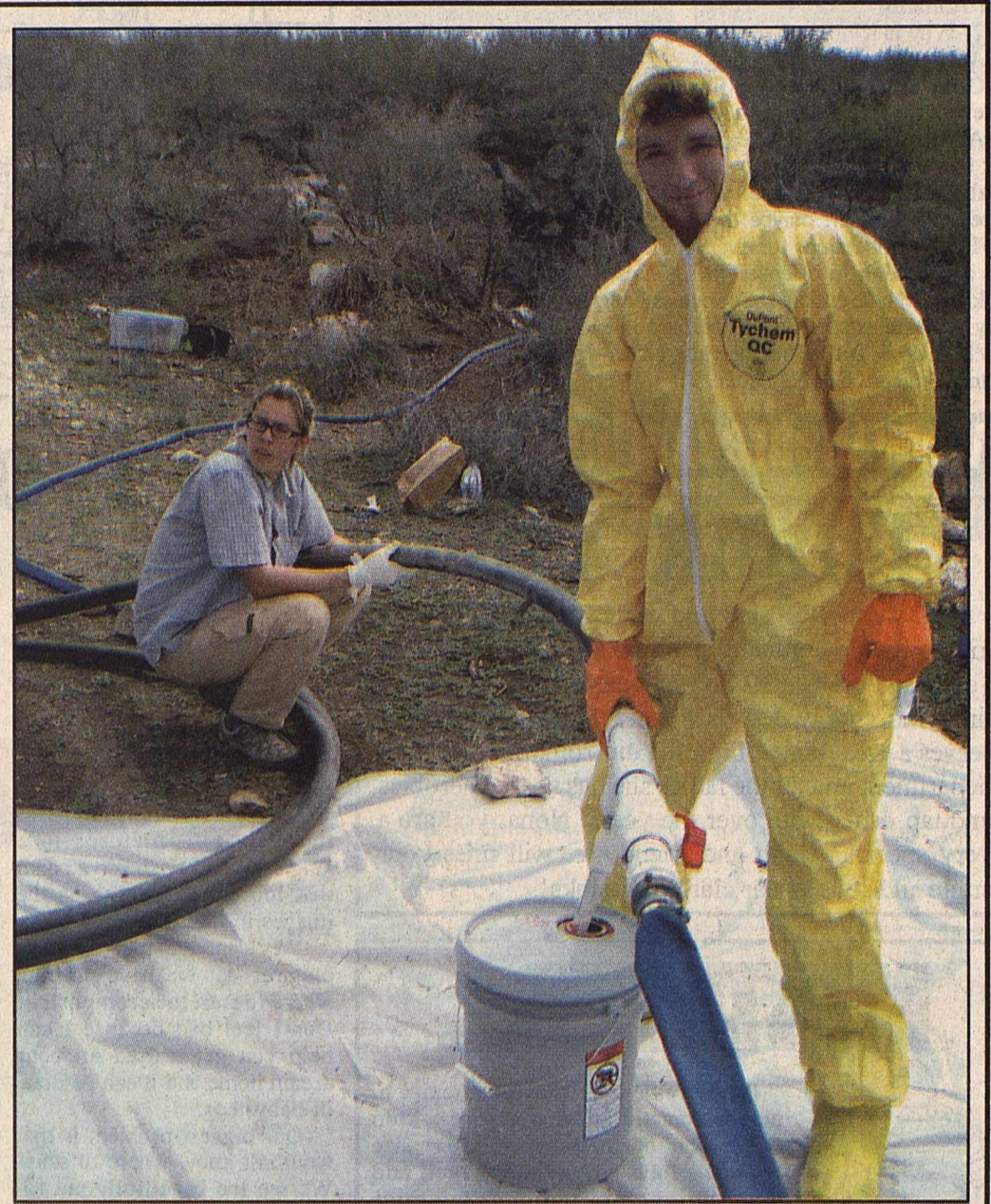
A blue hose, resembling one a fireman would use to douse a house fire, was attached to a large water tank truck and carefully hand fed by Bryant, down into a cavern 25 meters below the dusty surface. Bryant first climbed down a metal ladder, dropped down a rock chimney and then disappeared from sight for more than twenty minutes.

Bryant resurfaced and together with Schindle, Shade and Schnitz made quick work of priming a siphon that would be used to shoot the dye into the chosen water target.

After the hose and siphon were ready, the signal was given and 10,000 gallons of water and 1,886 grams of an orange colored dye were then mainlined into the earth.

The much anticipated task took approximately 15 minutes to complete, but its results, may finally determine the winners and losers of the five year battle over Kinney County water.

Photos from the dye test on the HF&F can be viewed by visiting www.thebrackettnews.com, click on Photos of the Week.



Dye-namic!
Professional cave diver, at right, Paul Bryant with George Vini & Associates prepares to inject dye into an underground cavern on the HF&F Ranch north of Brackettville. The dye injection tests are part of a study being conducted by the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

Flower show set for April 1

Submitted by Flo Dean

Members of the Mountain Laurel Garden Club of Fort Clark Springs invite you to their annual flower show on Sunday, Apr. 1. The show will be held in the Rose Garden behind the Administration Office at Fort Clark from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

The theme for the show this

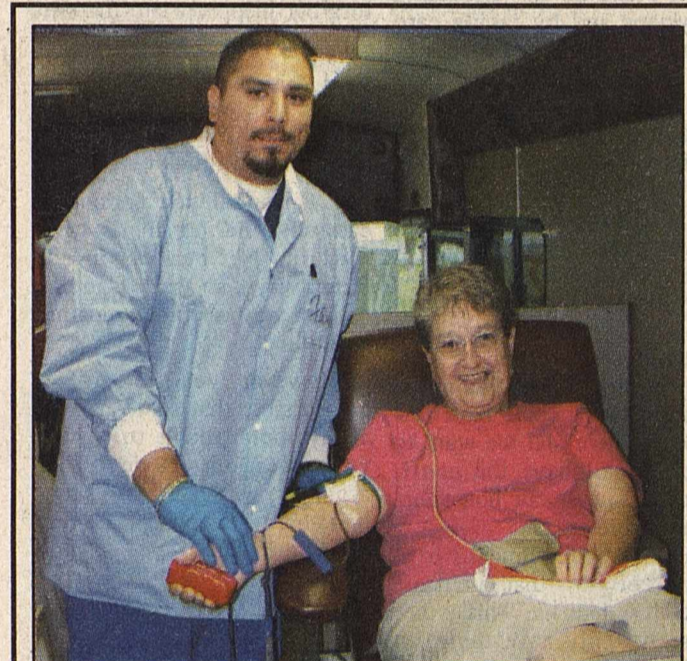
year is "Flora & Fauna". Refreshments will be served. The Fort Clark Art Club will display paintings, with items for sale.

At 3:45 p.m. Len Zorn of Fort Clark will show his videos of the "Flora and Fauna" along Los Moras Creek in the Board Room, also in back of the Administration Building.

Jean Hood has donated an

original painting which will be raffled off at the show. The painting can be viewed at the Adult Center at Fort Clark, and tickets may be purchased from Garden Club members and at the Adult Center.

Come and enjoy the flowers, refreshments and live "cowboy music". There is no admission charge.



Bloody Good Cause Photo by Leigh Volcsko

Over 40 people, including Francine Collins, right, donated blood at a drive sponsored by Brackett High School and the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center Mobile Unit on March 22. Collins was cared for by Fabian Fernandez, left, of San Antonio.

April Fools' - A day for pranks

Submitted by OFA

April Fools' Day, a time for pulling harmless pranks on gullible victims, is universally popular. These hoaxes range from subtle stunts pulled on unknowing victims by family and friends to false stories being spread by media organizations in print, on the air, and on the Internet. On this one day of the year, everyone and anyone is considered fair game.

According to The Old Farmer's Almanac, the history behind April Fools' Day is a little gray, although many people agree that the tradition began in 1582 when France switched to the Gregorian calendar and moved New Year's Day from March 25 back to January 1. Prior to this change, the New Year's celebration had lasted a full week, from March 25 to April 1. Those who were



unaware of the change were called April fools.

In France, the tradition is for children to secretly stick paper fishes on the backs of victims and shout "Poisson d'Avril!" ("April Fish!"). Scots call the holiday "Huntigowk Day" and send people to "hunt the gowk another mile" — a wild goose chase. Worldwide, people seem to dream up mischief on April 1.

In New York City, there has been an April Fools' Day Parade on Fifth Avenue every year since 1986. Media hoaxer Joey

Skaggs sends out press releases detailing each year's theme, and a bevy of camera crews and spectators arrive on the scene to secure a spot. Of course, there's no parade.

In celebration of the jests and jesters everywhere, The 2007 Old Farmer's Almanac reports on some of the most famous pranks played over the years. Here are a few:

Cave of the Treasures
In the mid-1800s, an April Fools' Day article in the Boston Post reported that workmen removing trees from the Boston Common had uncovered a hidden trapdoor leading to a cave filled with treasure. Treasure seekers flocked to the Common, but, alas, no door was found.

See the Spaghetti Grow
In 1957, the BCC aired a newsreel explaining how the mild winter had produced a higher-than-normal harvest for Swiss

spaghetti farmers. Swiss women were shown plucking stands of pasta from trees, while a well-known broadcaster noted that the disappearance of the "spaghetti weevil" had also boosted growth. The broadcaster noted that years of careful cultivation had allowed the spaghetti to grow to a uniform length. Viewers were so intrigued that they called the BBC and asked where they might buy their own spaghetti bushes.

Internet Spring Cleaning
A flurry of e-mails warned that the Internet would be out of service for cleaning for 24 hours between March 31 and April 2, 1997. Users were advised to disconnect all devices. This was an updated version of an old phone joke, in which customers were instructed to place bags over phone receivers to catch dust blown out during phone line cleaning.

News BRIEFS

Vacation Bible School

First Baptist Church of Brackettville has scheduled Vacation Bible School for July 16-20, 2007. The theme is SonForce Kids, A Spy Adventure.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday	T-Storms High: 74 Low: 54
Saturday	Mostly Sunny High: 78 Low: 54
Sunday	Partly Cloudy High: 80 Low: 60

Variety Show

The Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts will close the 2006-2007 season with the annual Variety Show. This year's show promises to be as entertaining as previous shows. Pat Melancon will serve as Emcee, and always keeps things moving with his wit and humor. There will be a wide range of entertainment from singers and musicians to dancers with adults and children entertaining. It will definitely be a family show. Tickets are \$5 each and are available at the RV Park and Adult Center at Ft. Clark Springs, or you may call 563-9229.

Kinder Round-Up

Kick up your heels at the Jones Elementary/Intermediate School Kinder Round Up! The Round-Up is for children who will be four (Pre-Kinder) or five (Kinder) before September 1. Please come by to register your child, see the Pre-Kinder and Kinder classrooms and meet our teachers. You will need to bring:

Proof of Residence (example: electric bill), original Birth Certificate, original Social Security Card and Shot Record for your child. Our Pre-Kinder teacher is Mrs. Sitgreaves and our Kinder teachers are Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Conoly and Mrs. Price. Please come on Thursday, April 5, at 8 a.m., report to the Elementary/Intermediate Office.

School Calendar

Thursday 03/29: High School Track @ Crystal City, Tennis Sabinal @ Uvalde
Friday 03/30: Softball vs. Charlotte 4pm, away, Boys Golf Run With the Pack @ Golf Club of Texas 8am shotgun, Baseball vs. Rocksprings 4pm, away, Tennis @ Uvalde
Saturday 03/31: Day Two Boys Golf Run With the Pack @ Golf Club of Texas 8am shotgun.

Mature Driving Course

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 insur-

ance credit in effect for three years. Call Barb Williams 563-3100 to register.

Win \$1,000!

Would you like to win \$1,000? It's possible. The Adult Chapter of FCA will hold a Golf Ball Drop fund-raiser and one lucky winner will win \$1,000. The Golf Ball Drop is set for May 2nd. Adult Chapter members are selling chances for \$10 each. For every \$10, you will have a golf ball in your name. Then, on May 2nd, a trashcan full of golf balls will be dropped from 50 feet into the air. The ball that lands at the bottom of a funnel or closest to the funnel wins the \$1,000.

Easter Sunday

Attention all Brackettville Churches! Please forward all information regarding services and events for Easter to the newspaper office on or before April 3. 830-563-2852 or email: tbnews@sbcglobal.net. TBN will be printing a special calendar of events in the April

5 edition.

Non Profit Training Opportunity!

The Rio Grande-Nueces Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council, Inc. is offering area non-profit organizations the opportunity to participate in valuable training that will make participating organizations more effective. Training sessions will be provided covering such topics as: Introduction to QuickBooks, QuickBooks Reports, What is RC&D?, Organizational Budgeting, Effective PR Programs, Board member and Fiduciary Responsibilities, Employee Handbook Development, Strategic Area Planning, What is TMBC?, Working with Tribes, Grazing Lands Conservation, Risk Management, and others. Please visit our website at www.riogrande-nueces-rcd.org for more information on these sessions and/or to download a registration form. The Conference will be held at the Eagle Pass International Center for

Trade, up the hill from the Eagle Pass Campus of SWTJC/Sul Ross State University. April 11th will consist of General Session presentations and April 12 will consist of the series of Break out Sessions mentioned above. For more information call 830-279-0164.

Window Dedication

The Brackettville First United Methodist Church will be hosting a Window Dedication Ceremony on April 22 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to celebrate the completion of the eighteen-month project to replace the sanctuary windows with stained glass pictorials of Jesus. Light refreshments will follow the ceremony.

Charity Plate Sale

Relay for Life Teams Aloha I and Aloha ATPe will be sponsoring a fundraising guisado plate sale on March 4, from 11am - 2pm at the nutrition center. The public is asked to support the teams as they raise money for the American Cancer Society.

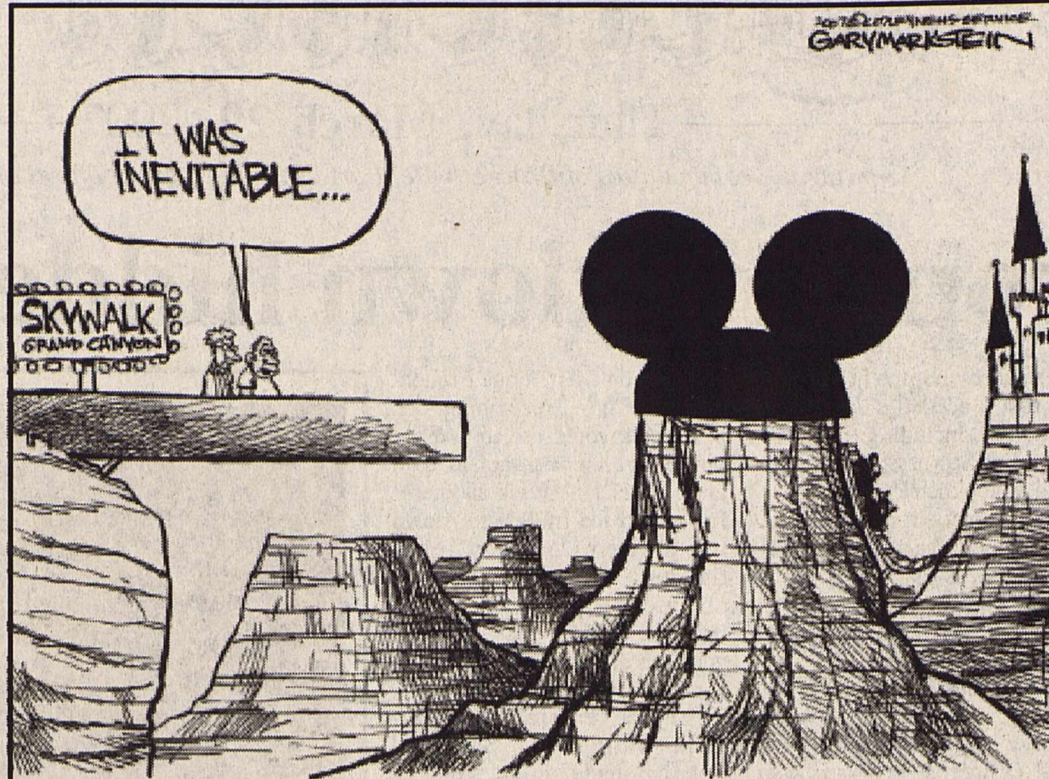
Editors Weekly PLOG

1. Where does the water from the Las Moras Spring come from?
2. Is there enough water in Kinney County to sell?
3. Who will benefit if Kinney County water is sold to other cities?
4. Is there enough water in Kinney County to fill the pool in town?
5. Do you think your lifestyle will change if water is sold or not? Do people here care?
6. We already sell water to another City - why not Laredo? San Antonio?
7. Why is Kinney County water so important to the politicians in Austin?

Gives us all something to think about. What is the truth? Email tbnews@sbcglobal.net with your thoughts.

All these questions have been posed to TBN, except for number four - I threw that in for free for our county leaders. Summer is almost here. If the pool in town is too much trouble and too expensive to open, maybe the county will find it cheaper to pay for FCS memberships for everyone. Maybe the arsons, drag racing and vandalism offenses will go down. Let's take care of our children. Maybe cut out the commissioners paychecks during June, July and August. Whew! There is no peace in the hen house today. Oh no, a ruffled feather just got in my eye. Splash me with water, I'm sure I'll feel better.

Leigh V.



How to choose a financial advisor



Emily Cooper

If you're like most people, you have a variety of financial goals: college for your children, a comfortable retirement, a vacation home and so on.

You might be able to achieve all these goals on your own - but you will likely find it a lot easier if you get a little help from a financial advisor.

But how do you choose the right one? For starters, ask your friends, relatives and co-workers whom they use.

Then interview some of the people they recommend.

What questions should you ask at such an interview? Consider these:

- What are your qualifications? Make sure you are talking to someone who, at a minimum, has all the required licenses for selling securities.

- What type of experience do you have? Find out how long someone has been a financial advisor, but don't rule out a person with only a limited amount of experience - a new financial advisor frequently brings a great deal of enthusiasm to his or her work.

- A financial advisor's longevity is less important than whether he or she has had experience working with someone like you - someone in your financial situation, with your goals and your investment preferences.

- What is your investment philosophy? Try to learn if someone favors a specific style of investing or a particular class of investments.

- These styles or classes may be well-suited for some investors but inappropriate for others.

- If you believe the person you're talking to has a "one size fits all" mentality, you might want to look elsewhere.

- How will you communicate with me? Financial advisors run their business in different ways, so there's no one "right" way of communicating with clients.

- However, you need to feel comfortable that someone will always be available to answer your questions, review your accounts, evaluate your situation and make appropriate recommendations.

- If you are interviewing someone who has a partner or an assistant, find out whom you are likely to be communicating with, should you decide to become a client.

- What services do you provide? Find out just how a prospective financial advisor can help you.

- For example, some people sell investments only, while others offer investments and insurance.

- Keep in mind, though, that you don't need to be a "one-stop" shopper when it comes to obtaining a wide range of services.

- In fact, you might want to ask a prospective financial advisor if he or she has developed working relationships with legal and tax advisors.

- This "team" approach can be quite beneficial to you, especially when you get into the area of estate planning.

- How are you paid? Financial advisors get paid in several different ways: fees, commissions, salary or some combination of these methods.

- One way isn't necessarily any "better" than another, from your point of view, but you should have a clear understanding of what type of compensation is being used.

- Your association with a financial advisor is one of the most important business relationships you'll ever have, so make sure it's a good one - right from the start.

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Thank You

The wonderful kind and caring Nona Hoeller is giving up the volunteer position she has held for 13 years at Fort Clark. She has unselfishly given her time and energy 3 days a week for years. She deserves a great big...**Thank You** from the recreation department and all the ladies she has shared aerobics and tap dance with over the years. Nona, you are a very special person and friend, we will miss your smile and style at our classes. Thanks!

MISTAKES



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.

Fear of decorating



The Fly Lady Marla Cille

Did you ever glance at those well lit pictures in a magazine and wish for a room that looked as inviting as the images in their pages.

We want the feel of those pictures but we have no clue where to start to accomplish it. Don't feel bad because I can help you get started on your dream home and it can be done in babysteps.

Our biggest problem is that we don't know where to start! We see the beautifully put together rooms and we get overwhelmed. Then we put the magazine down and give up before we ever get started.

I was scared to death to remodel our home. When Robert and I married ten years ago, I had a houseful of clutter and so did he. We put our clutter together and then went to estate auctions to buy more. We called ourselves upgrading the

furniture that we already had. Oh we got some great deals but it is so hard to see what you have when your home is filled with clutter.

It was only when we started to get rid of our clutter that we could selectively know what we needed to purchase. It took us about nine months to slowly eliminate our clutter. I like to think of it as giving birth to a new me. As the clutter disappeared I could see in my mind's eye what I wanted for our home and not the piles of stuff that clouded my vision. I began to feel the peace that I had always searched for and it was hiding underneath my hot spots.

Slowly our home became clutter free and peaceful. It still was not decorated as those pictures in the magazines, but it hugged us when we walked in the door. Even with the green shag carpet from the seventies our home was inviting and my routines were helping me to keep our home company ready just for us. This was a blessing but it also created another level of fear in me.

With the clutter gone we could see that our home needed

updating. Every room in our home needed help. We could actually see the forest for the first time. We looked closely at each room. I took a note pad and put on a different set of eyes to examine our home. Just imagine that you are a real estate agent and you are going to help your client get their home ready to sell. Grab a clipboard and your pen. I am going to walk you through your home.

We started with our one butt kitchen and our copper tone appliances. I began to jot down everything that I felt made our home outdated. Then we looked at the outside of our home, our bathrooms, living room, bedrooms and back deck. We examined our heating unit and our side porch.

Then we went to dinner to discuss what to do first. This was so frightening to me. I was afraid of allowing the clutter and CHAOS to invade our home again. Once I realized that I could do this by taking babysteps and by taking care of me during this process; I was willing to take the next step.

You can do this too with your routines in place to guide you and by flinging your clutter so that you have a clean palette to start with. You will be surprised at how much better your home will feel when you love yourself enough to take babysteps. I will be telling you more about this in the future. Many people have this same problem and we want to help you all have the confidence to make your home feel comfortable.

The best compliment I have ever received is that our home looks just like us. This is because we only have things in our home that make us smile. Are you ready to FLY into building your dream home one babystep at a time?

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Thank you

I would like to thank my family and friends for all the prayers, food and for any act of kindness that was extended to my family during and after my surgery.

I would especially like to thank my "2nd family" at Brackett ISD for the days off that were donated for me so that I could have time at home to heal and recover from my surgery. I thank you from the bottom of my heart and I will always be grateful to you. Above all I thank God for giving me the courage and strength to have this surgery and for leading me through this difficult time. I know that without him in my life, it would not have been possible.

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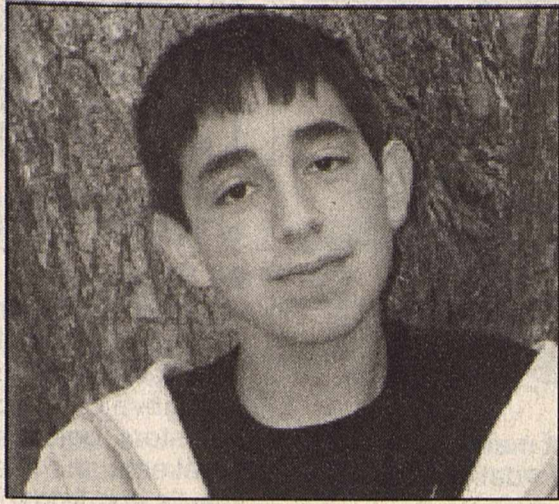
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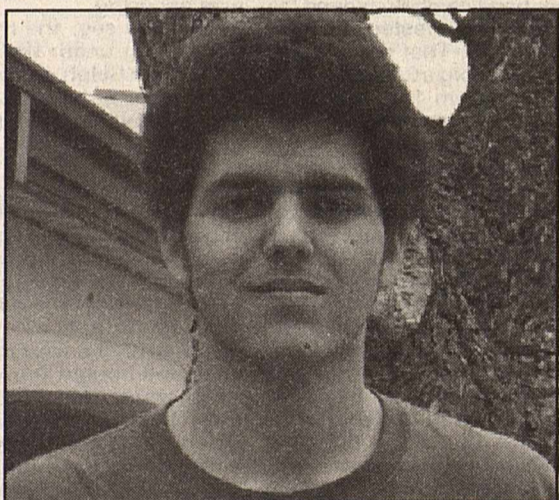
Izzy Muniz

Name: Izzy Muniz
 Mother: Corina Hernandez
 Father: Jaime Muniz
 Siblings: Abram Muniz
 What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: I am enlisted in the Marines, and will be attending college through it, so I can get a degree in Kinesiology and become a coach.
 What Teacher Influenced You The Most? Probably Mrs. Ballew, because she is the one who pushes me into doing all of me work.
 What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate? I will miss my friends and family the most.



Brenda Tate

Name: Brenda Tate
 Mother: Sandra Tate
 Father: Todd L. Tate
 Siblings: Sandy Tate
 What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: I plan to attend a Christian college in Illinois.
 What Teacher Influenced You The Most? All of the teachers influenced me but the one that influenced me the most was Mrs. Curry because she pushed me to be a better writer.
 What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate? I will miss my classmates and teachers, and of course my family.



Micheal Stephenson

Name: Micheal Stephenson
 Father: Patrick Stephenson
 Siblings: Ashly Stephenson
 What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: I plan to attend Texas Tech University after graduation and major in chemistry, then go on to become a pharmacist.
 What Teacher Influenced You The Most? I believe many of my teachers have influenced me very much. It would be hard to say if any one influenced more than another.
 What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate? I will miss many of my friends and family and the great Lopez Bakery.

BISD Secondary campus 4th six weeks honor roll

All A Honor Roll Freshmen
 Victor Cantu, Brooklyn Gose and Pablo Novel.

Sophomores
 Samantha Moore, Jacob Schroeder and Laura Swinson.

Juniors
 Bailee Allen, Lauren Cornelius, Meghann Davis, Gabriella Schroeder and Bianca Stewart.

Seniors
 Justin Calk, Diana Hernandez, Laura Meyer and Austin Shewbart.

A-B Honor Roll Freshmen
 John Blake, Cynthia Bland, Charles Conoly, Shaun Davis, Brianna Escamilla, Ivy Garcia, Ramon Gutierrez, Aracely Martinez, Elena Molinar, Elidia Molinar, Jaleel Proulx, Jeffrey Sitgreaves, Alejandra Talamantes, Isaac Talamantes and Nydia Talamantes.

Sophomores
 Laura Adams, Summer Allen, Amanda Braesicke, Emily Calk, Serenity Gammill, Jessica Gonzales, Rebecca Mann, Bianca Martinez, Harmony Pettett, Maribel Rivas, Graciela Rocha and Arlene Roth.

Juniors
 Kaden Berg, Kevin Bonner, Travis Bonner, Cesar Cantu, Julie Castillo, Doolie Fernandez, Daphne Hunt, Christopher Seargeant, Ashley Stephenson, Gabriela Talamantes, Anolda Watkins and Jolisa Wright.

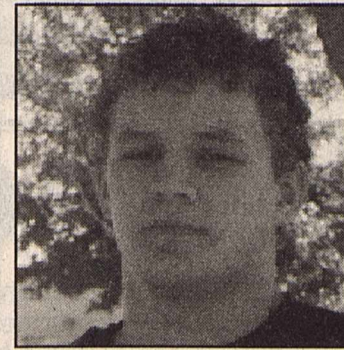
Seniors
 Dolores Cano, Alison Carroll, Clint Conrad, Robert Davis, Samantha Davis, Cullen Duncan, Seth Frerich, John Moore, Robin Pevehouse, Ivan Pinales, Jessica Siegel, Natasha Smith, Michael Stephenson, Emmanuel Talamantes, Brenda Tate and Nadine Terrazas.

All A Honor Roll Eighth Grade
 Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Haley Hale, Sahara Rodriguez and Joshua Smith.

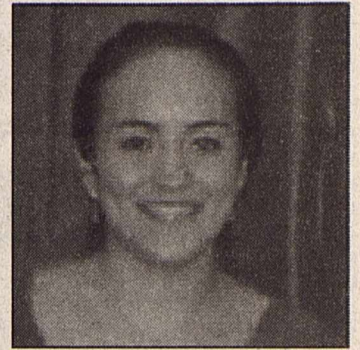
A-B Honor Roll Seventh Grade
 Keith Castillo, Brittany Hale, Amanda Herrera, Salvador Pacheco, Jared Shirkey, Joel Talamantes and Daulton Woodson.

Eighth Grade
 Sarah Davis, Michael Flores, Stella Guajardo, Ayland Letsinger, Janine Rex, Jaime Rodriguez, Suzanna Seargeant, Erica Villanueva and Olivia Woodes.

2006-2007 30A All District Selection Defensive MVP's



Robert Davis
Boy's 30-A Basketball All District Selections
 Defensive MVP: Robert Davis.
 1st Team All District: Travis Bonner and Lane Nowlin. 2nd Team All District: Ivan Pinales. Honorable Mention All District: Stevan Rivera and Jr. Adams. Academic All District: Michael Stephenson, Robert Davis, Ivan Pinales, Travis Bonner and Jacob Schroeder.



Julie Castillo
Girl's 30-A basketball All District selections
 Defensive MVP: Julie Castillo.
 1st Team All District: Emily Valenzuela and Bailee Allen. 2nd Team All District: Daphne Hunt.
 Honorable Mention: Bianca Terrazas and Lola Cano.

TIGER TRACK UPDATE

Submitted by Coach B. Schroeder

The High School boys placed 7th at the Rocksprings track meet. The mile relay team, including Stanford Conoly, Cody Clark, Chris Blake and Cullen Duncan placed 6th. The 800m team relay, Jacob Schroeder, Moses Gonzalez, Albert Flores and Fermin Villanueva placed 6th, the same team also ran the 400m relay and placed 5th. Fermin Villanueva placed 3rd in the 200m dash with a time of 24.88, 4th in long jump with a distance of 17'5" and 6th at shot put with 38' 8 1/4". Moses Gonzalez placed 3rd and Aaron Travieso placed 5th in the 300IM. Ivan Pinales jumped 36' to put him in 6th place for the tripple jump. John Moore placed 2nd in discus with a distance of 133' 1/2".

CUBS TRACK UPDATE

Submitted by Coach B. Schroeder

We took 14 boys, who all competed to the best of their ability, finishing tied for 3rd place with Medina with 78 points.

High Jump: Sam Stewart 1st place. Long Jump: Sam Stewart 4th place. 2400m Run: Joelson Terrazas 2nd place. 400m Relay: Travis Titchenell, Steven Rodriguez, Ayland Letsinger, Sam Stewart 2nd place.

100m Dash: Travis Titchenell 6th place. 800m Relay: Travis Titchenell, Steven Rodriguez, Ayland Letsinger, Sam Stewart 3rd place. 400m Run: Ayland Letsinger 6th place.

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The history of the Button!

By Juniper
The weather has turned chilly, and I was buttoning my favorite blue sweater this morning so I could stay nice and warm. My sweater has five large, red buttons, and I look quite handsome in it!
And then it hit me: How are buttons made? How long have people been using them to fasten their clothing? I ran to the library and did some research. Here's what I discovered.
Buttons have been used to decorate clothing for thousands of years. The ancient Greeks, for example, wore long robes called "togas," and they placed

buttons on the shoulders to keep the garments from falling off. That would have been embarrassing!
During the 13th century, buttons were handmade from metals like gold, silver and copper, as well as tortoise shells and animal bones.
By the 16th century, cheaper materials were used, like wood, tin, brass and iron. But kings and queens wanted to make sure their buttons were special, so they commanded button makers to use jewels and gold.
Buttons came to America in the 1700s after families left Europe to settle here. By the mid-1800s, companies invented

machines that could produce hundreds of buttons a day. These machines would stamp designs onto small metal disks — a process that made buttons much more affordable for shoppers.
In 1872, John Wesley Hyatt of New Jersey invented a plastic known as "celluloid," which turned out to be a perfect material for inexpensive button-making.



Bunnies Can Make Nice Pets!

By Sassi
A lot of families have pets. In my neighborhood, I have friends who have cats, dogs, hamsters, goldfish, parakeets and even lizards and frogs! One of my friends has a baby raccoon.
Another friend wants to have a rabbit as a pet. She studied rabbits so she could persuade her mom and dad that she should have one.
She found out rabbits really make nice pets. They are playful and active, and like to be held, cuddled and petted.
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Rabbits like to chew, so a good owner always keeps chewable toys around. Rabbits can stay in a cage a lot of the time, but the cage needs to be quite large and they need to be removed several times a day for play and exercise time.
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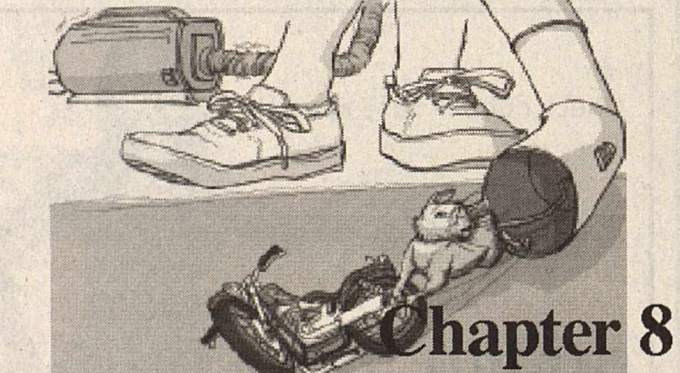
By Bubbles
What looks like a doughnut, but has a chewy texture and a shiny crust?
It's a bagel!
Bagels are usually doughnut-shaped yeast rolls with dense, chewy textures and shiny crusts. Bagels are first boiled in water, then placed in the oven to bake to a crispy, brown color.
The boiling water reduces starch and creates a chewy crust. The traditional water bagel is made without eggs and, because it doesn't contain fat, is chewier than a bagel made with eggs.
Here's my favorite bagel recipe:
1 plain bagel
2 teaspoons cream



cheese spread
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon sugar
Directions: Cut the bagel so you have two flat halves (some companies make bagel slicers to do the job). Toast half the bagel to an even brown and after you take it out, spread the cream cheese on the inside part of the bagel to let it soften.
Mix the cinnamon and sugar together and sprinkle them over the bagel until it's covered. OK, let it cool just a bit, but take a big bite and you should have cream cheese and cinnamon all over your face! Good job!

The Mouse and the Motorcycle

By Beverly Cleary



Chapter 8

NIE - Newspapers in Education! Join us as we enjoy this young readers classic, *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary.
With special permission, each week, one chapter of this book will be printed in *The Brackett News*. Did you miss the first seven chapters? Visit www.thebrackettnews.com. Click on "NIE".
Chapter 8
A Family Reunion
The next thing Ralph knew, his mother was shaking him by the shoulder. "Wake up," she said. "Ralph, wake up. Room service has brought us another meal." "Room service?" Ralph rubbed his eyes, not believing what he had heard. "Room service has brought our dinner?"
"Yes, a real feast. A whole blueberry muffin and a chocolate-chip cookie," said Ralph's mother. "Get up. We are having a family reunion."
It all came back to Ralph. "Oh, room service," he said, understanding at last. "You mean the boy, Keith."
"He is room service to me," Ralph's mother sounded happy and carefree.
Ralph sat up. Already his aunts and uncles and many squeaky cousins were arriving by the secret paths in the space between the walls. It was a long time since anyone had had enough food for a family reunion, and there was rejoicing in the mouse nest for everyone but Ralph. He was thinking of the motorcycle he had lost and the promise he had broken. He had a dull, heavy feeling in the pit of his stomach and he did not feel like celebrating.
"Why, there's Ralph," squeaked his Aunt Sissy, who thought she

was better than the rest of the family because she lived in the bridal suite where, she led her relatives to believe, riches of rice fell to the carpet when the bride took off her hat and the groom shook out his coat. The rest of the family knew Aunt Sissy was not as grand as she pretended to be, because very few brides and grooms came to this hotel these days. "My, how you've grown."
Ralph never knew what to say when people told him how he had grown.
"Well, well! If it isn't Ralph!" said Uncle Lester, who had a nest inside the wall of the housekeeper's office, where the maids dropped doughnut crumbs every morning at ten o'clock when they had their coffee. "What's this I hear about you riding up and down the halls on a motorcycle?" Uncle Lester had a way of saying the wrong thing at the wrong time.
"My land, a motorcycle," said old Aunt Dorothy. "Isn't that pretty dangerous?"
"Wouldn't mind riding one myself if I were a few years younger," said Uncle Lester. All the little cousins came crowding around Ralph. "Show us your motorcycle," they squeaked. "We want to ride it. Come on, give us a ride on your motorcycle, Ralph. Huh, Ralph? Come on, Ralph. Please!"
Ralph knew he was expected to be polite to all his relatives, even the squeaky little cousins. "Well ... " Embarrassed and ashamed, he looked down at the floor. "I sort of ... lost the motorcycle. In a pile of sheets and pillowcases."
"Lost the motorcycle! Oh, Ralph," cried his mother, genuinely alarmed.
Ralph knew what she was thinking. Did this mean the end of room service? Did she have to go back to pilfering crumbs for his brothers and sisters?
"That's a young mouse for you," said tactless Uncle Lester. "Can't take care of anything."
"If anybody asks me, I think it's a good thing he lost it," said Aunt Dorothy. "Riding a motorcycle is just plain foolhardy."
All the little cousins looked disappointed and sulky. "I don't think he ever had a motorcycle," said one.
"I bet he just made it up," said another, and the rest agreed.
Ralph felt terrible. The family reunion swirled on around him. The muffin and cookie were divided. Cousins fought over the blueberries. Uncles, usually overweight uncles, asked for second helpings. Everyone talked at once. The little cousins finished their dinner and went racing around the mouse nest. The aunts and uncles raised their voices to be heard above the racket their children made.
Suddenly there came from the knothole a noise that drowned out the squeaks and squeals of young mice at play.
"Sh-h-h!"
Not a mouse moved. They

looked at one another, too terrified to speak.
"Pst! Hey, Ralph, come on out," whispered Keith at the entrance to the mouse nest.
Ralph's mother gave him a little shove, but no one spoke. With heavy feet Ralph walked to the knothole, but he did not go out into Room 215. "What do you want?" he asked.
"You and your family better be quiet in there or my mother will hear you. You know how she is about mice," Keith said. "I don't know why people say things are as quiet as mice. You sound like a pretty noisy bunch to me."
Behind Ralph his relatives began to tiptoe quietly away to their own homes, leaving his mother to do all the cleaning up. "Did you have a nice picnic?" Ralph asked, dreading what he must tell the boy.
"Yes. We saw an old mining town with a real jail with bars on the windows."
Keith reached into his pocket and pulled out something curved and hard and white with a rubber band fastened to it with a piece of Scotch tape. "I brought you a present," he said. "Come on out."
Puzzled and curious, Ralph squeezed through the knothole. "What is it?" he asked. Whatever the object was, he had never seen anything like it.
"Half a Ping-Pong ball I found down in the game room," said Keith. "See, I padded the inside with thistle down and anchored the rubber band to the top with Scotch tape."
"What for?" Ralph still did not understand.
"A crash helmet for you." Keith set the half Ping-Pong ball on Ralph's head and slipped the rubber band carefully around his whiskers until it rested under his chin. "There. That's just right. You need it big so there will be plenty of room for your ears. When you ride a motorcycle you need a crash helmet."
Ralph peered at Keith from under his new crash helmet, which rested lightly on his head. He knew he looked every inch a motorcycle racer, but never in his whole life had he felt so ashamed. He longed to crawl off into his hole and never face Keith again, but his conscience, which until now he did not know he had, would not let him. There was nothing to do but stand there in his fine new crash helmet and confess. "You might as well know," he told Keith. "I lost the motorcycle."
"Lost the motorcycle!" Keith, who had been kneeling, sat back on his heels. "But how?" "I rode it by mistake into a pillowcase in a heap of linen on the floor, and it got dumped into the laundry hamper," confessed Ralph.
"You rode it into the pillowcase!" repeated Keith. "But you weren't supposed to ride it in the daytime. You promised."
"I know," agreed Ralph miserably. "I didn't exactly mean to ride it."
"But you did." Keith's voice was accusing.
"Well, you see, the maid was vacuuming under the bed and I —" began Ralph, and stopped. "Oh, what's the use. I rode it and I lost it and it's probably gone to the laundry by now and I'm sorry."
The boy and the mouse were silent. Both were thinking about the little motorcycle with its clean lines and pair of shining chromium exhaust pipes.
"That motorcycle was my very most favorite of all my cars," said Keith. "I saved my allowance and bought it myself." Ralph hung his head in his crash helmet. There was nothing more he could say. It was a terrible thing he had done. "I guess I should have known you weren't old enough to be trusted with a motorcycle," said Keith.
The boy could not have said anything that would hurt Ralph more.

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OBITUARY

Travis C. Wilson

July 24, 1924 - March 24, 2007

Travis C. Wilson, age 82, entered into rest March 24, 2007 in San Antonio, Texas. He was born July 24, 1924 in Gruver, Texas. He is preceded in death by his wife Lanette Wilson and his parents Clinton Mitchell and Cassie Wilson. He was a WWII Navy Veteran and proudly served in the South Pacific.

Left to Cherish his memory are son Mitch Wilson and daughter-in-law Diane Wilson. Sister Willie May Mangold, grand daughter Brandi Wilson, great-grandchildren Anthony and Audrey, and niece Cassandra Weyandt.

The gentlemen left with the honors of pallbearer are Jimmy Bader, Gene Britton, Voyd Crum, Charlie Foust, Robert Mills, and Tim Ward.

Visitation was held Tuesday March 27, 2007 in Brackettville Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral service was held Wednesday, March 28, 2007 at 10:00AM in Frontier Baptist Church, Brackettville, Texas. Graveside service will be Thursday March 29, 2007 at 11:30AM in Dumas Cemetery, in Dumas Texas.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Brackettville Sunset Funeral Home, 114 North Brackettville, Texas 78832 (830) 563-9600.

Our Redeemer celebrates 10th anniversary



Submitted by Ruth Spencer

Sunday, March 25, 2007 was a very special day for the congregation of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

After their Sunday morning worship service, the St. Andrew's Episcopal members surprised them with a complete breakfast brunch at their weekly coffee hour in the fellowship hall. A special dinner was served at 5:30 p.m. by women of the church with Natalie Thelen as chairman. The tables were decorated with yellow daffodils. Gertie Trautwein welcomed all the guests and Pastor Nathan LaFrenz offered the prayer.

Speakers on the history of our ten years were Nancy O'Brien, Evelyn Fordahl, who attended from Kerrville, Ruth and Ken Spencer. The congregation started meeting several Saturday evenings, first at the golf club green room and later moved to Shafter Hall, with services conducted by Rev. John Fiereband from Grace Lutheran Church in Del Rio. The members contacted Pastor Nathan LaFrenz of Eagle Pass in June of 1995. We then met every Sunday at Shafter and were considered a worshipping community. In March of 1996 we began worship-

ping in the beautiful sanctuary and fellowship hall at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

To become a sanctioned church we formerly adopted a constitution and by-laws in accordance with the Southwest Texas Synod of the Ecumenical Lutheran Church of America on March 23, 1997. Patricia Taylor, president of the congregation presented Pastor LaFrenz with a Pastor's ring in appreciation for his dedication and commitment to our congregation.

We enjoyed a worship service after the meal. Special music included a duet by Sam Stone, on Dulcimer and guitarist Anna Renken, who sang "Why did he die for me?". Rev. Jean Reardon and Suzanna Lowery sang "Eye on the Sparrow" and "I believe", accompanied by Pat Strother on the organ. Readings of scripture were done by Alison Carroll and Laura Meyer. Pastor LaFrenz recalled moments of our beginning and related how we have grown spiritually and emotionally with one another.

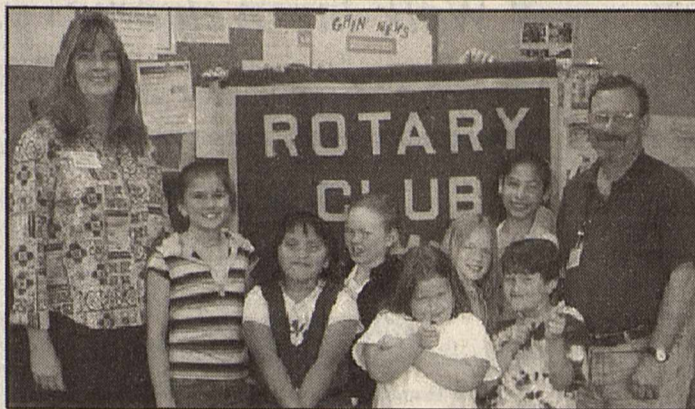
Our redeemer had worship service every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. and bible study every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. All are welcome to join us.



Breen Deployed Again before Retirement Courtesy Photo

Paul T. (Timothy) Breen, son of Nakai and the late Paul (Bud) Breen will be deployed to Iraq with a medical team. He will be serving our country in Baghdad for one year. Paul lacked one week to retire from the U.S. Army when he was called back and inducted for five more years. Paul has served in the U.S. Coast Guard and upon discharge joined the U.S. Army.

ROTARY CLUB UPDATE



Front row: (L to R) Virginia Fuentes, Christina Janca, Justin Hidalgo. Back row: (L to R) Paula Renken, Peyton Bonner, Emma Palmer, Gage Brown, Amber Resendez, Nathan La Frenz

Music with an Attitude!

Nathan La Frenz brought 7 of his PK - 4th grade students to Rotary on March 8th to demonstrate various instruments that the students are exposed to in his fast paced music class. Mr. La Frenz is the school social worker and an accomplished musician. The students attend music class on Thursdays after PE. They use their unspent energy to practice rhythm, beats and vocals. Students have hands on experiences playing the piano, drums, violin and rhythm. Character education messages are also incorporated into the class. At Rotary, the group performed a Zulu War Chant with Emma Palmer on the bongo drums; Pop Goes the Weasel with Amber Resendez, Peyton Bonner and Christina Janca on rhythm instruments; Over the Bridge and through the Woods with Virginia Fuentes playing horse bells and Justin Hidalgo on the tambourine. All members played rhythm instruments on their final number, I've Been Working on the Railroad.



(L to R) Paula Renken, Shelby Schuster, Judith Adams, Nadia Rodriguez, Ryan Clark, Austin Pettett, Pam Melancon

Rotary Welcomes Elementary UIL Participants!

Rotary was privileged to host 5th grade teacher and UIL elementary coordinator Pam Melancon and five students from 5th and 6th grade that were part of the 1st place team representing Jones Elementary at the fall UIL district meet in Sabin. Mrs. Melancon gave background information on the UIL program and guidelines. Judy, Nadia, Ryan and Austin read poetry and prose selections. Shelby read a piece that she had written for the Ready Writing competition. Mrs. Melancon reported that Jones Elementary had more than 50 students that participated in the competition. The numerous events are sponsored by elementary teachers. Each student and Mrs. Melancon received a coin that has the Rotary 4 Way Test printed on it.

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Owners: Steve and Judy Crosby

In Business Since: 2004

Products: Plants and Gardening Supplies

Buy Spring bedding plants and a variety of shrubs now.

From left: Judy Crosby and customer Leisha Ashley are gearing up for the gardening season.

Classified Market

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BUSINESS FOR SALE

THRIVING CLOTHING RESALE BUSINESS for sale. Great money maker! Established customer base. Serious inquiries can be directed to 830-278-5195.

EMPLOYMENT

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS are open at BISD: CUSTODIAN, ELEMENTARY COUNSELOR, SECONDARY SCIENCE TEACHER/COACH, MIGRANT/ESL PARAPROFESSIONAL (Spanish). Application Procedure: Download from website www.brackett.k12.tx.us, pick up at the BISD Central Office, 400 Ann Street, or request by mail, Brackett ISD, PO Box 586, Brackettville, TX 78832. For information, call Central Office at (830) 563-2491. Fax (830) 563-9264. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. Direct inquiries to Susan Esparza, Supt. Secretary/Human Resources. Brackett ISD is an equal opportunity employer.

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RV SITE FOR RENT on small ranchito northwest of Brackettville. Call (830) 563-2291.

3 BED 1 1/2 BATH, FCS. \$450/month, \$225 deposit. 563-7168.

FOR SALE

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1999 DODGE CARAVAN. Looks good, runs good. \$3800. 60 Bliss Circle, Unit 15. 563-9088.

GARAGE SALE

KINNEY COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE Teams will be holding a Garage Sale/Bake Sale on Saturday, March 31 from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm in front of the Rio Grande Electric Cooperative building on Hwy 90. Please

O'Rourke Realty

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

Fort Historical Area - Price reduced on 4 bed, 4 baths, .63 acres requires only one membership. Two large rooms each with a bath, separate entrance, presently used as a rental. The property is excellent for groups, hunters, etc. Roof re-shingled in 2005. \$198,000.

Fort - Near entrance and behind motel - 1 bed, 2 baths, large living room area, laundry room. Reduced \$69,900.

South of Kerrville on a hill - Spicer loop - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,200 sq. ft. plus 5.64 acres. Workshop 20 x 20 w/ plumbing, electricity, 2 water storage tanks, well/septic, landscape, security system, security gate, fence. Very private, heavily wooded. Only \$165,000.

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GARAGE SALE

come Buy! All proceeds go to the Kinney County Relay for Life.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 8am - 1 pm. 111 Warbonnet, Unit 3.

18 COLONY ROW, Saturday, March 31.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 8 am linens, dishes, clothing, books, misc. decorative items, bathroom double sink counter, glass shower door. 54 Green Circle, FCS.

HOMES FOR SALE

FCS: 3 BEDROOM (ISOLATED MASTER), 2 baths; new carpet, paint, and blinds; vaulted ceilings; 2 car carport, circle drive; guest house with bath; hot-tub; 2 enclosed workshop/storage areas; priced to sell! Call (830)563-5747 or (830)563-5700.

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155 Warrior: custom built brick home, tiled party room with hot tub, garage & carport, fenced yard.

122 LaMotte: 3BR, 2B home, large screened & tiled porch, roomy workshop, fenced yard.

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

Avenida Juarez: unique historic home, 2BR, 2B, large screened porch with bar & FP, lovely landscaping.

Unit 1: 2BR, 2B townhome, pitched roof, CHA \$25,000.

Unit 14: cute apartment with full bath & covered RV parking.

Unit 32: nice 28' x 48' Palm Harbor, 3BR, 2B, room addition with hot tub, stone skirting, carport & storage building.

Unit 36: lovely apartment, 1,100 +/- sq. ft., great kitchen, tile floors & covered RV parking.

Ranches & Small Acreage For Sale
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Historic Fort Clark Realty

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Elsa O'Rourke, Broker

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Unit 1 Lot 55 - Beautiful creek front townhouse. Lovely setting for this 3B, 2B unique in style...patio with screened porch. Must see to appreciate cozy home, park at your door \$95,000.

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

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

Unit 9 Lot 54 - Cute, clean 2B, 1B, ceiling fans, low maint. yard, carport, great hunters lodge. \$22,000.

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

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

Unit 14 Lots 49 & 50 - RV home, with kitchen, laundry and sitting area downstairs with 1/2 bath. Upstairs a master suite with restroom and closet space galore. Lovingly cared for with ceiling fans, dishwasher, storage shed, fenced yard. \$48,000.

Unit 15 Lot 42 - 2B, 2B mobile home, 2 lots fenced, large master bedroom, partially furnished. Must see to appreciate \$29,500.

Unit 15 Lot 44 - 3B, 2B mobile home, fenced yard, and lots of plants. Some recent remodeling and updates have been started on this home, handyman special with lots of potential. \$15,000.

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

Unit 27 - 3B, 2B, manufactured home with open floor plan, FP, deck, laundry room and island kitchen, fenced yard, garage. Very nice!!! golf course across the street. \$79,000.

Unit 27 - Golf course lots looking onto green or fairway with beautiful mature trees. Prices starting at \$3,500.

Unit 27 - Golf course lot with excellent access to golf course. \$7,500.

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

Unit 1 - For rent on an annual basis. Very nice and clean 2B, 2B townhome located near the creek with a porch.

Unit 21 - 3B, 2B, Historic building fully furnished with all you need for that great get away - sleeps up to 12 people.

Unit 21 - Historic Area. An efficiency apartment newly remodeled. Sleeps 4 people comfortably, Direct TV, w/d overlooks the Park from a very nice covered porch. Nightly, weekly rates available.

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● 3BR/2B in Brackettville \$88,000. Older well MAINTAINED home with fenced yard. Good location, must see.
● Immaculate 3BR/1B, large fenced yard and storage shed.
Brackettville:
● 7 lots, Spring and Crockett \$31,500.
THE OAKS:
● Lovely, spacious rock home. 2,100 Sq. Ft. 4BR/2B/2. CHA. Remodeled kitchen. Fenced back yard with beautiful trees. Great neighborhood!
● Beautiful new home overlooking Las Moras Creek. 3BR/2B/2 with office (or 4th BR). Comfortable open floor plan. Tiled throughout.

● THE MASTERS, 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo, very well maintained, \$32,500.
● 49'er: Great location @ Wainwright/Anderson in unit 27. 2BR/1B with concrete driveway & patio area. Super getaway place. \$35,000
REDUCED:
3BR/2B on 5 acres Kinney Co. Ranch Estates was \$79,900.00 now \$75,000. 600 ft. well, good water.
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1 Walkway
5 Snatch
9 Hoover, for one
12 Aspirin targets
14 Greek letters
16 Past
17 Hit this
19 Soak
20 Bush offerings
21 River of song
23 Debior's letters
24 Gen. material
25 Solar deity
26 Defeat
28 Strike this
32 Plunder
34 Border
35 Sioux tribe
36 Sch.
37 Night noise
38 Anger
39 Dicks
40 Water cock
41 Played for stakes
42 Beat this

44 Other
45 Party fare
46 Actress Meyers
47 Public transport
50 Type of system
53 Italian painter
55 Crude metal
56 Knock these
58 By way of
59 Camping gear
60 Computer code
61 Conger
62 Support
63 Barely made it, with out

DOWN
11 Small speck
13 Overpower
15 Seamstress
18 Fontaine's spouse
22 Some felines
25 African tree
27 No spring chicken
28 Cut short
29 Punch this
30 Captive of Hercules
31 Requirement
32 Fijian chestnut
33 Cake decorator
34 Wild oxen
37 Drawer
41 Russian composer
43 John or Bonnie
44 The Red
46 Deaf as
48 Bacharach/David hit
49 Forked into two parts
50 Relocate
51 Great Lake
52 Greenish blue
53 Jets: abbr.
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	1				
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		2	5		
	6	8	7		5 2
3	7	6			9
					7
			3	5	6 1

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

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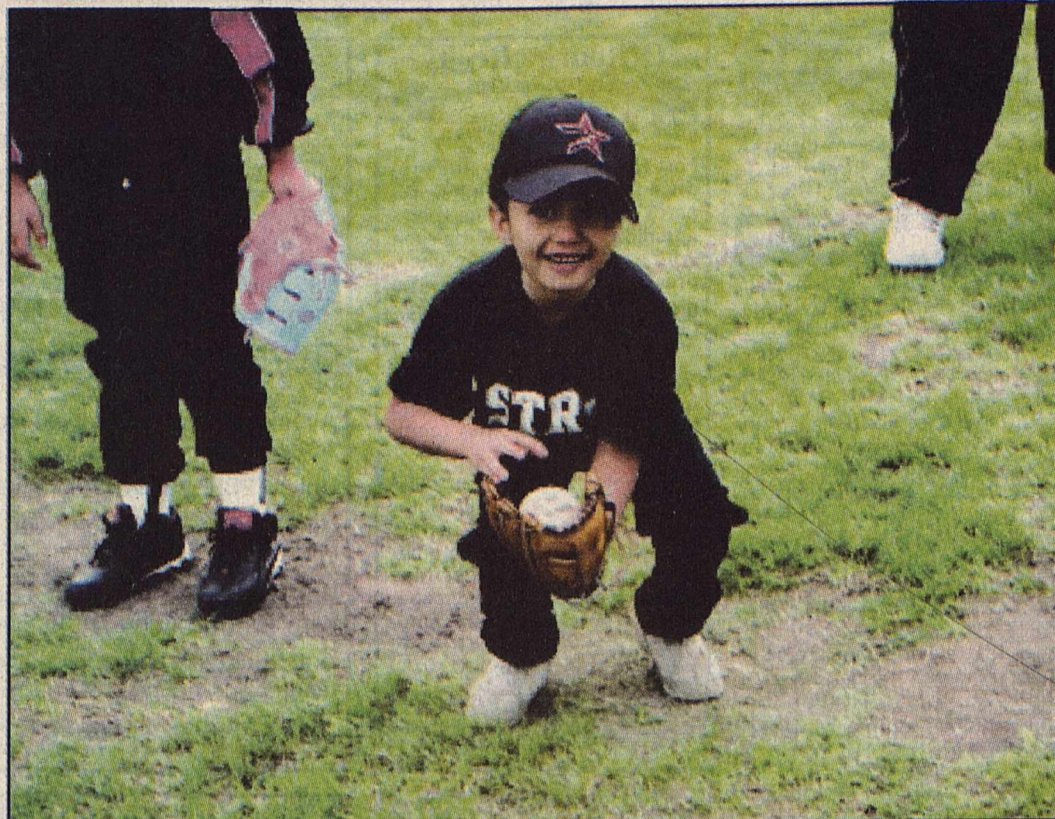
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603 S. Windus - Across from the Border Patrol Station

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\$13995
 Sale Price
 2.3L 4Cyl, AM/FM/CD, Air Conditioning, ABS Brakes, Power Windows, Power Locks, Overdrive Transmission
Up To 29 Miles Per Gallon
SAVE \$5990

'07 Freestyle
\$19995
 Sale Price
 3.0L V6, ABS Brakes, Keyless Entry, 17" Alum Wheels, Power Seat, 3rd Row Seating
SAVE \$6900

'07 Sport Trac
\$20495
 Sale Price
 4.0L SOHC V6, AM/FM/CD, 16" Alum Wheels, Satellite Radio, Power Seat, Auto Transmission
SAVE \$5235

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2003 CHEVY EXT CAB LS
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01 Olds Alero GL 4DR Auto Trans, Alum Wheels, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, CD Player UC264377 **\$6995***

05 Chrysler Sebring Auto, Air Cond., PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, CD Player UN622488 **\$9995***

01 Lincoln Towncar Leather Seats, CD Player, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise UY669287 **\$9995***

05 Dodge Dakota SLT Club Cab
 PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, Alum Wheels, CD Player, NS237608 **\$13995***

04 Pontiac Grand Prix GTP Sunroof, Leather Seats, Custom Wheels, Auto Trans, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise U1363096 **\$13995***

03 Mazda Miata Conv Air Cond., CD Player, Alum Wheels, PW, PL P0303848 **\$14995***

06 Ford Freestar SE Auto, Air Cond., PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, Alum Wheels, CD Player PBA28157 **\$14995***

06 Toyota Corolla CD Only 8k Miles, Auto Trans., Tilt, Cruise, CD Player UZ575231 **\$14995***

04 Chevy Ext Cab LS CD Player, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, Alum Wheels, Auto Trans, UZ288470 **\$15995***

06 Ford Ranger Supercab Sports Pkg 3k Miles, Auto Trans, Air Conditioning, CD Player UPA63912 **\$16995***

05 Ford Mustang Conv Only 6 Miles, Air Cond., CD Player, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, Alum Wheels U5258632 **\$16995***

04 Ford Supercab XLT Only 28k Miles, Auto Trans, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, CD Player, Alum Wheels UNC04542 **\$17995***

05 Lincoln LS Leather Seats, CD Player, PW, PL, **\$17995***

SPECIALTY VEHICLES

05 BMW 325I 4DR
 Sport Performance Pkg., Sunroof, Leather Seats, Auto Transmission NKX11941 **\$26995***

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 Leather Seats, Power Sunroof, PW, PL, Alum Wheels, Auto Transmission N0002815 **\$25995***

03 MERCEDES C230
 Power Sunroof, Leather Seats, CD Player, PW, PL, Sports Pkg, Alum Wheels NA508698 **\$23995***

03 MINI COOPER S
 5 Speed, Air Cond, Power Sunroof, 1 Owner, Alum Wheels, Leather Seats - UTD61214 **\$17995***

06 GMC Ext Cab SLE Low Miles, Auto Trans., PW, PL, CD Player, Tilt, Cruise U1320198 **\$18995***

04 Chevy Ext Cab LS Pkg Auto Trans, Only 17k Miles, Alum Wheels, Air Cond., PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise UIL87393 **\$18995***

06 Chevy Equinox LT CD Player, Air Cond., Alum Wheels, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, Low Miles NF584860 **\$18995***

03 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer TV, DVD, Leather Seats, Power 3rd Row, Alum Wheels, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, Only 34k Miles, 1 Owner, NLB30410 **\$19995***

06 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4 PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, CD Player, Alum Wheels PUA63753 **\$20995***

04 Cadillac SRX Luxury Leather Seats, CD Player, AWD, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise UO113915 **\$20995***

2005 Lincoln Town Car 1 Owner, 19k Miles, Leather Seats, Power Seats, Alum Wheels UY629072 **\$21995***

07 Dodge Quad Cab SLT Low Miles, Auto Trans., PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, CD Player NS110172 **\$22995***

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