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Community News

LOCAL GOVERNMENT-CIVIC MEETINGS
CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE council meeting will be held February 10 @ 6pm at the Annex on Hwy. 90.
FORT CLARK SPRINGS ASSOCIATION Board of Directors will hold their next meeting on February 21 @ 9am in the FCS Board Room.
FORT CLARK MUD will hold their next meeting on February 18 @ 9am at the MUD District Board Room.
BRACKETT ISD Board of Trustees will hold their next meeting on February 9 @ 6:30pm.
Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will host a regular meeting February 19 @ 2pm in the District Courtroom, 2nd floor.

YOYO MEETING
 You're Only Young Once - YOYO will meet at the Frontier Baptist Church at 6pm on Tuesday, Feb 10. Fun, Food, Fellowship and Games. All those 60 years old and older are welcome to attend. Please call 563-9377 for more information.

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE
 The Kinney County Public Library will Open House on Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 10am until 2pm for tours of the newly renovated facility. Improvements, including shelving and furnishings, were made possible through a grant received from the Tocker Foundation of Austin, Tx. The library also received assistance from the County for painting and replacing the carpet in the building. The staff and the board members of the Kinney County Public Library are very grateful to the Tocker Foundation and the County Officials for their support and assistance with this project. Please come by and visit your new and improved library.


FORT CLARK CANDIDATES
 Fort Clark Springs will provide Fort Clark members with an opportunity to meet and question the candidates who are running for a position on the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors. The Forum will be held on February 7 at the Service Club. The following people are running for a seat on the Board and most will attend the forum. Hattie English Berleth, John Carlson, Sam Holloman, Ricky Keyes, Lee Winchell and Garland Young. Please note the date and time-Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 10am. The usual Cavalry Brigade will meet the following Saturday.

VALENTINE SOCIAL
 Fort Clark Arts Annual Valentine Social will be Sunday, February 8 at the Fort Clark Art Studio from 2-4 pm.

VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT
 The Fort Clark Historical Society will present Anna & Nathan Lafrenz in a concert of love songs through the ages. February 14th -Valentines Day at 7pm to 9pm Fort Clark Theater.


Weekend WEATHER

Friday

 High:74
Low:52


Partly Cloudy

Saturday

 High:78
Low:53

Partly Cloudy

Sunday

 High:76
Low:50

Cloudy

The baby that couldn't wait

By Leigh Volcsko
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Alejandra Skilbred and her husband Clifton were expecting, but definitely experienced the UN-expected when their daughter Kaelynn was born in a moving pickup truck just minutes from Brackettville on January 28.

Alejandra, mother of three at the time, was engrossed in a scrapbooking project with her neighbor, Shannan Rosebrock, early last Wednesday when she began to feel a little uncomfortable. She says she was not re-

ally worried about the pains and later when they ceased, she was relieved, as her husband was away in Washington, D.C. on business.

Around 9 p.m., Alejandra said the pains returned, so she decided to call in reinforcements and phoned her sister, Exie Rosas, of Houston. Rosas, with four children of her own, quickly packed and started her journey towards Kinney County.

"I thought I would be okay until my sister arrived," said Alejandra and stated she went about her regular evening rou-

time that included tucking her son Kaleb, 4, and daughters Kristen, 3, and Kate, almost 2, into bed for the night.

With her husband trying to get a flight back to Texas and at the same time trying to field a tidal wave of phone calls between mother, father, neighbor, sister, in-laws and parents, it was finally decided that Clifton's co-worker, Morgan Zoboroski, would chauffeur Alejandra to Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio.

Just before leaving her house Alejandra took a quick look at the clock and it read 10:48 p.m. Six miles east of Brackettville, Alejandra informed Zoboroski that her water had broken and he needed to go ahead and call 911.

Zoboroski, concerned they would not be able to get to the hospital in time, quickly asked her what kind of time frame they were looking at and a moment later Alejandra responded with, "It's a girl." The clock radio read 11:05 p.m.

Zoboroski was still on the phone with 911.

Now a mommy to four children, Alejandra said she never raised her voice or screamed out in pain.

"It all happened so quickly," she said.

Wearing a long skirt, the new mother, and mid-wife to herself, said she was able to discreetly reach out and gently wrap her new baby girl in some towels she had with her, all without her kindly driver ever knowing anything until the baby let out a little whimper.

Alejandra was transported to the hospital by Kinney County Fire Rescue (KCFR) officials and has since returned to her Fort Clark home.

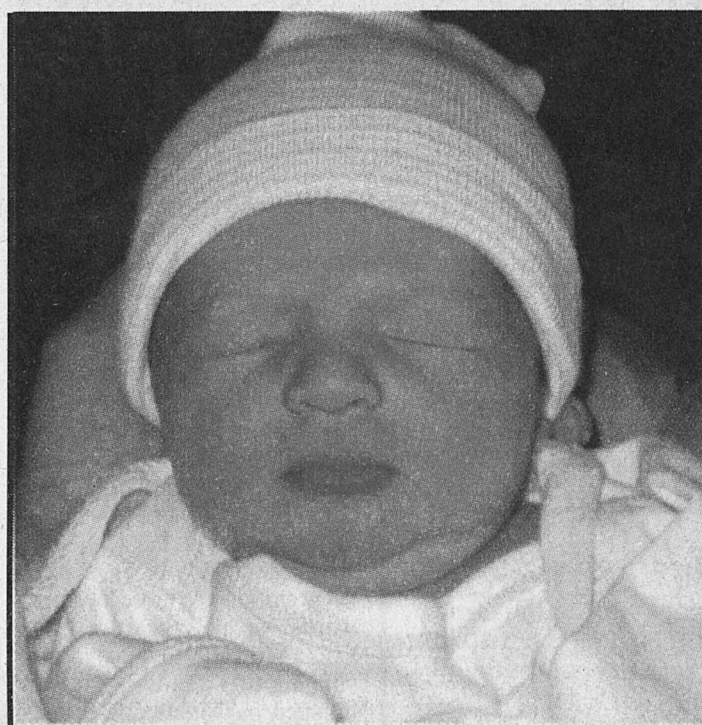
KCFR Paramedic Mike Gilbert reported that in his 35 years in the business that he has only been a party to four, now five births. Gilbert had the honor of cutting the umbilical cord; and according to Alejandra, she jokingly says Gilbert is also responsible for cutting the sleeve on her favorite denim jacket in order to put in an intravenous needle.

Clifton was able to catch a stand-by flight Friday morning and smiled as his wife retold this story for the paper.

Both Clifton and Alejandra expressed how grateful they were to all of the medical professionals that assisted them and extended special thanks to Morgan, Shannan and all their friends and family that supported them throughout this entire experience.

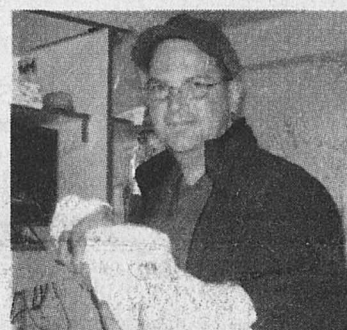
Kaelynn was aptly named for her cabbie: Kaelynn MORGAN Skilbred. Kaelynn weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19½" in length.

Kaelynn's official birth certificate reads "Val Verde Regional Medical Center" as her place of birth, but it should technically read "just past the rest stop on West Highway 90 near Brackettville".



Baby CAN'T Wait

Above: Kaelynn Morgan Skilbred made a rapid entrance into our world on January 28 after she was born in the car on the way to the hospital. At right: Morgan Zoboroski became the new baby's namesake when he tried to taxi the mother-to-be to Del Rio.



Kinney County receives two more historical designations

BRACKETTVILLE — the County Historical Commission announces the designation by the Texas Historical Commission of the following new Recorded Texas Historical Landmark properties in Kinney County:

U.S. ARMY SERVICE CLUB Marker # 09KY01, [owner Fort Clark Springs Asso.]

NEW CAVALRY BARRACKS Marker #09KY02, [owner Fort Clark Springs Asso.]

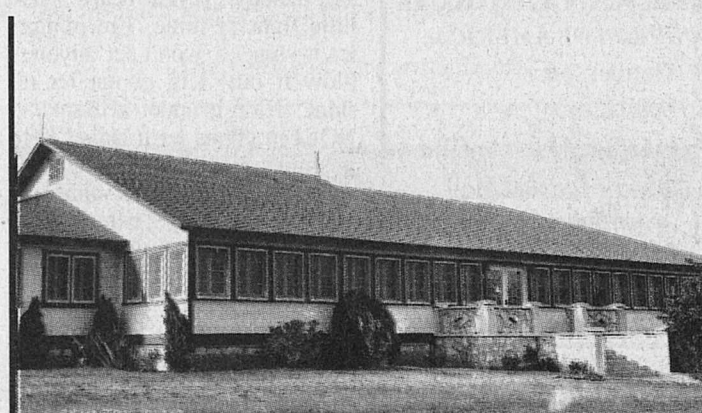
The Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) designation is awarded to historic structures deemed worthy of preservation for their architectural integrity and historical associations. Re-

corded Texas Historic Landmark is the highest honor the state can bestow on historic structures in Texas. Properties so designated are afforded a measure of legal protection and become part of the recorded history of the state's built environment.

Congratulations to Fort Clark Springs Association.

The next step in the process is the writing of inscriptions for the markers by the THC.

Members of the Historical Commission are Chairman William F. Haenn, George Calk, Angela Haenn, Rebecca Moore, Linda Nelson, Russell Nowell, Ailene Reid, Francine Wylie and Mary Sam York.



U.S. Army Service Club

U.S. Army Service Club, Fort Clark, circa 1950



New Cavalry Barracks

Photo of New Cavalry Barracks, Fort Clark, circa 1932

EAA reps grilled by landowners

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Representatives from the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) spent nearly an hour in the hot seat as local landowners grilled them over what they say was a, "fast one being pulled on them," at a Special meeting of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD) on January 29.

The EAA is currently conducting dye tracer tests at several water points across the county that, combined with other information being gathered, will detail water flow paths and rates of travel; but landowners say the EAA is not staying true their original agreement that allowed a third party company to conduct the study.

The water board called the special meeting in order for the landowners and the EAA to discuss their concerns so the much needed scientific water studies can continue.

Landowners, mostly with large amounts of acreage, voluntarily agreed to allow representatives from the EAA to have access to their property and drop special dye down into their wells. The dye will naturally make its way underground and hopefully be collected in one or more of the collection sites set up in various parts of the county. The information obtained from these studies will aid in the eventual determination of the actual amount of water flowing through Kinney County and possibly the source of the Las Moras Spring.

According to one landowner, Hugh Coates, the dye was supposed to be dropped, collected and tested by an outside company and not the EAA itself. Coates said that once the dye was dropped, the outside company reps disappeared. The EAA cited \$43,000 in cost savings as their reason for discontinuing their relationships with the third organizations.

Coates said he did not have a problem with the EAA, but he did have problem with one of their employees, specifically, Gerry Schindel. Coates also said that true science did not scare him, but he was concerned about, "manipulated science".

It was openly discussed at the meeting that more than one landowner reported seeing Schindel spending time with some other undisclosed Kinney landowners.

It is believed by some is that Schindel may want to aid these persons in what they believe is a quest to benefit financially from the sale of water and or the sale of their water rights.

Sources also discussed privately the possibility of these landowners of publicly posing as being against the sale water and against the proposed pipeline project, but privately are trying to create situations that would greatly benefit them monetarily.

A pipeline project is scheduled for discussion in the Texas Legislature this year. The pipeline could transport Kinney County water to the rapidly growing population in San Antonio.

Chairman of the EAA Board of Directors, EAA General Manager Velma Danielson and EAA Assistant General Manager John Hoyt spent time apologizing for the "miscommunications" between the landowners and the powers that be in San Antonio and defended Schindel as a reputable scientist; however, it did little to quell the fears of the landowners in the audience.

The EAA has been accused by area landowners of wanting to take Kinney County water under their control as another means of providing water to San Antonio. Some also believe that all the scientific studies they have been conducted at no charge to the county will later be manipulated to suit the EAA's future needs.

Buckner adamantly stated the EAA is not interested in controlling Kinney's water.

Other concerns laid out by the board included EAA representatives not providing promised monthly reports on the progress of the project. KCGCD Board President Kent Lowery presented a copy of the negotiated agreement and noted the EAA representatives were failing to give landowners proper notification before entering onto private property. Lowery reported two EAA representatives stepped into the crosshairs of a hunter that had locked in on a buck and could have possibly been killed or seriously injured. Lowery had to explain that commercial hunting is a major revenue source in Kinney County and that private property rights needed to be respected.

Buckner and Danielson closed their discussion by promising to take the landowner's concerns back their board of directors and report back to the water district as soon as possible.

What's Happening

FCS 5K RUN
 Fort Clark Days 2009 will feature the 8th Annual 5K Run/Walk and Children's Fun Run on Saturday, March 7. The race will begin and end at the Mendleson Recreation Building on the corner of Scales and Fort Clark Roads on Fort Clark. For more entry fees and information, Maja Edwards, 830-563-2550.

GOLF TOURNEY
 Fort Clark Spring's 20th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 21st and 22nd respectively at 8am and 1pm with approximately 88 teams vying for cash prizes. There is a free practice day on Friday March 20, 2009. A free lunch will be provided both days and all teams will be preflighted by the lowest handicap. Proof of handicaps will be required. The entry fee is \$130 per player which includes Mulligan's for both days. Plans are also being formulated for a putting contest on Friday and Saturday. For applications call Wally Jones at 830-563-2347 or cell at 830-563-5653. You may also reach him by email at leswall@sbcglobal.net. Applications and more information are also available at Fort Clark's email address: www.fortclark.com.

RED HATTERS LUNCHEON
 What better way to start the Valentine Season than to don a red hat and attend the "Viola Veronica Crout" luncheon? That's an act that's hard to follow, since it's one of the most elegant events available in this area. Sign up began Thursday January 29th and will continue until Monday, February 9th at 5pm. The luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th at 12 noon, in FCS's "Service Club". Music will be provided by the talented Ann Barron, which always lifts the spirit, and would even be enjoyed by St. Valentine - "himself!"

FCA PARENT MEETING
 MANDATORY FCA Camp meeting for parents will be held Wednesday, February 11 at 8pm SHARP at the High School Gym. You MUST attend this meeting if your child plans to attend FCA Summer Camp this year. We will discuss dates, transportation, rules and expectations. For more information, please contact Rhonda Marquardt at 563.5181 or Carolyn Conoly at 563.5873.

AMERICAN LEGION
 The AL is looking for a few good women/men who are interested in joining an organization that stands for support of our Constitution, the Flag and our men and women in uniform who are serving our nation. We will meet at Slaton Hall across from the United Methodist Church on 12 February 6:30 pm. We want to start a Post here in Brackettville and if you want to join us we would love to see you there. You are needed to help us teach others what it means when we say honor, duty, and country. Come and share with your fellow veterans.

GOSPEL CONCERT
 Black Wood Legacy Group from Nashville TN, will be singing gospel music at St. John Missionary Church on Thursday at 7pm, February 19th. Join us for a night of healing for the mind and body.

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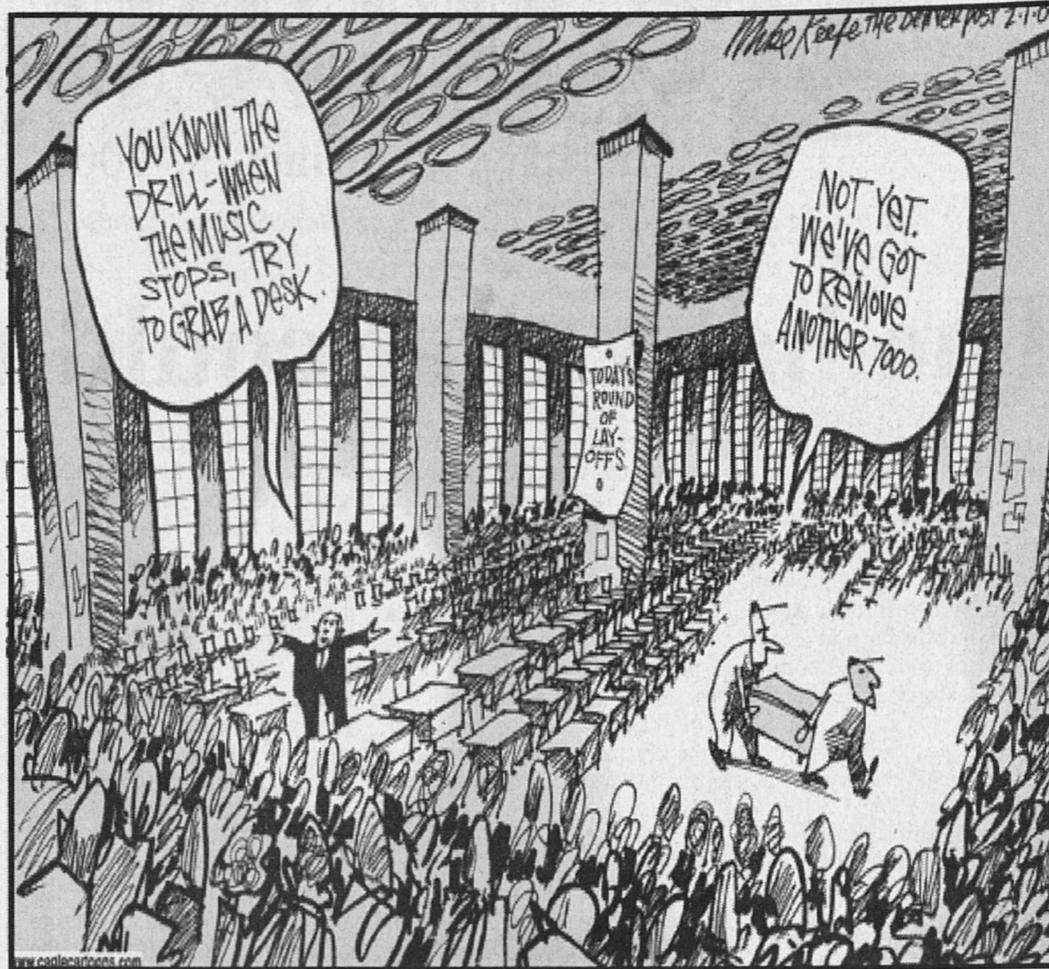
LETTERS to the Editor

Think of the benefits with a restaurant on the Fort. We will be able to walk or take a golf cart to eat out, and not worry about the traffic. This is a community of which we can be proud. We can show tourist how friendly people of Brackettville and Fort Clark are. There will be a place for visitors to eat, have a glass of wine or mixed drink, a place for groups to gather, tour busses to stop eat and enjoy. Don't forget the hunters, and all the RV groups. Traffic going through Brackettville, do not see an exciting landscape. Stopping at Fort Clark to eat will show visitors a nice and historic place to appreciate and live.

Jerry Smith

I would like to take this time to congratulate our Jr. High Basketball Teams, both boys and girls. They have done an awesome job this year. I know they haven't been recognized much this year but understand we can't get to every game or every sport. But anyway I just wanted to say "Thank you guys and girls keep up the good work." We have some awesome students who so much love to go out and represent our schools, our community, and of course themselves by playing sports. But what I am so disappointed about is that our Jr High teams are still wearing the same basketball uniforms if not the same style we were wearing when I was in school about 15 years ago. All you hear from our teachers and coaches at school is about the dress code. That shirt is too short, that shirt is too long you need to tuck it in, your pants are too tight, that blouse is too revealing. I think we get the picture. So we as parents go and buy them more of an appropriate attire. So what are we supposed to do when the basketball uniforms are kids are given are muscle shirts with no sleeves and shorts that are too short. These kids are at a crucial age where appearance signifies whom they are and what they do. And as a taxpayer I want our kids to know that we care and are proud of them for taking the initiative to represent our school and to take pride and represent us. When the kids go on field trips, games or any event they are told to be on their best behavior and wear appropriate attire because they are representing our school and we don't want them saying anything bad about us. I know that when the young men go to an out of town game they are told to wear a collared shirt because they are representing our school and have to look presentable. What difference does that make when their uniforms don't even have matching #'s on their tops to go with their shorts and are out dated or not the right size. Any other team within our district not only have matching and decent uniforms they have matching shoes as well. I know these kids are just proud to play for our school because its something they love, but can you imagine how much more motivating it would be for them if they were to have new or at least matching uniforms. Were supposed to be encouraging to our kids to better themselves and apply themselves but why should they if our own coaching staff or board members can't even take the time to order new uniforms but I'm sure if it were for varsity they would have 2 uniforms. Oh wait they do. What we need to do is remember today's Jr high is tomorrow's varsity. And another thing Coaches your suppose to be there to encourage our kids to do better to stay in school and stay in sports not to belittle them or intimidate them. Have you ever thought about why you lose so many athletes. Maybe its how you keep telling them they are lazy and how they should be as good as their older sibling or that they will never amount to anything. Each child is special in his or her own way. Don't be so judgmental. And just because their parent doesn't go and talk to you doesn't mean they're not being told about the situation.

Concerned Parents



Let your light shine



The Fly Lady Marla Ciley

Even though we have been told most of our lives that we are

lazy, air heads and day dreamers; we have always known that was not what our problem. We may not have known what our issue was but we were trying hard get things done. We took those words into our brains and we have repeated them back to ourselves. Even when the people who said them were no longer in our presence their words haunted us. We don't

have to live this way another

We have to ability to build our own selves up and we have the tools to do it! We are creative and strong! We may not have had parents who understood our character, but we survived! The other night I woke up from a dream and had to write down what I remembered. I was interviewing a doctor and I ask him how he cured this lady; I was told that all it took was for her to recognize her own beauty!

Each one of us has a light that shines. Some of our lights have been shaded by those negative words we have heard all our lives. We have to remove that shroud of sadness that has dimmed our lights and let our light shine! Let me start this process by reminding you that our parents did all they knew to do! Their little lights were dimmed too. We begin this process with forgiveness. Forgive them because they did not know what they were doing.

It is hard to see beauty when the light is not on! How can we rekindle that light? It is not as easy as just flipping a switch. It took years of that negativity to paper over our little lights. At times we were fumbling in the dark just grasping for any ray of hope! All we ever wanted was to be happy! Why weren't we happy! We searched high and low for something to make us happy! We didn't like that feeling of sadness; that's when we reached for things to deaden the pain. It could have been with food, alcohol, drugs, isolation, shopping, volunteering too much, work or obsessive control. Whatever your drug of choice was or is we don't have to hide who we are another moment.

I am reminded of a song that I used to sing in Sunday school. I want you to think of this song as a melody for your heart. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. I won't let anyone blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine! Hide it under a bushel - NO! I'm gonna let it shine! Let it shine over the whole wide world, I'm gonna let it shine.

Our brains are filled with negative sayings. I want you to think of this as a lampshade that has been plastered with things that have been cut out of the newspaper or a magazine. See it all cluttered up and in a jumbled mess. As we recognize those words that have dimmed our little lights, I want you to pull that piece of dark ugly aged paper off of your lampshade and see a little light shine through. You have the ability because you are creative! As we peel away those layers of negativity your beauty will shine! You knew it was there all the time!

Go shine your sink! This is not a metaphor. Take this action and see that little ray of hope for yourself! Your shiny sink is just the beginning! Let your light shine and see the beauty that is YOU!

What's your opinion?
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Help climb over interest rate worries with bond ladder



Emily Cooper

Help Climb Over Interest Rate Worries with Bond Ladder

As an investor, you need to look back no farther than last year to understand why it's not a good idea to own only stocks. In fact, many people buy bonds to lessen the impact of volatility on their investment portfolios. Yet, just as stock prices move up and down, bond prices also fluctuate, primarily in response to rising and falling interest rates. These interest-rate movements can wreak havoc on your bond portfolio unless you can help yourself climb over them with a "bond ladder."

Before we examine what goes into a bond ladder, let's review some bond basics relating to price and interest rates. Suppose, for example, that you buy a \$1,000 bond that pays five percent interest and is scheduled to mature in five years. Each year that you hold your bond, you will receive \$50 in interest; at the end of five years, you'll get your \$1,000 back, provided the issuer doesn't default. However, if you decide to sell your bond before the five-year period is up, you could get more or less than \$1,000 for it. If market interest rates — the rates paid on newly issued bonds — were to drop to four percent, then your higher-paying bond is considered more valuable to investors, so you might be able to sell it for, say, \$1,050. Conversely, should market interest rates rise to six percent, nobody will pay you full value for your lower-paying bond, so you would have to sell it at a discount, perhaps for \$950.

Because market interest rates constantly rise and fall, the value of your bonds will do likewise. This could be a big problem if you wish to sell bonds before they mature and use the money to buy new bonds. Keep in mind that if bonds are sold prior to maturity, you can lose principal value.

To help reduce the impact of rate swings, you might want to build a bond ladder. To do so, you buy several bonds, with varying maturities — short-term, intermediate-term and long-term. Once you've constructed your ladder, you'll have some advantage in all interest-rate environments. When market rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term bonds earning higher interest rates. (Typically, longer-term bonds pay the highest rates.) Plus, only a small portion of your bond portfolio (the maturing short-term bonds) will need to be reinvested at the low rate. And when market interest rates are high, you can reinvest the maturing short-term bonds at the higher rates.

You can further diversify your ladder by choosing different types of bonds or even certificates of deposit (CDs), for the different "rungs." This diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, but it may help you reduce the negative effects of a downturn that primarily hits one type of bond. Here's one more point to keep in mind: Try to avoid building your ladder with bonds that provide little or no call protection. When market interest rates fall, bond issuers will often "call" bonds — that is, they will redeem the bonds before they mature — so they can issue new ones at the lower rates. You can help reduce the call risk in your bond ladder by purchasing bonds with call protection, which cannot be called before a certain date.

Ladders, by definition, can help you surmount obstacles. And the same is true with bond ladders. If you want to invest in bonds, and help reduce the impact of interest-rate movements, consider building your ladder soon.

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Brackett High receives bronze rating

Brackett High School was named as one of the best high schools in the United States by U.S. News & World Report online magazine and was awarded a bronze rating.

Brackett High School Principal Frank Taylor reported the 100 top-performing high schools were given a distinction of Gold.

The remaining 504 schools meeting all three criteria have been designated Silver high schools. Additionally, 1,321 high schools in the nation were identified as Bronze schools for their performance on state tests. For more information read the Thursday- January 29th U.S. News & World Report or on the internet search for Americas Top High Schools and read the USN & WR article.

Statistics:
National- 21,069 total public high schools, 100 received Gold, 504 received Silver, and 1321 received Bronze ratings, 17 received honorable mention.

Texas- 1829 total high schools, 10 received Gold, 22 received Silver, and 119 received Bronze ratings, 3 received honorable mention.

According to U.S. News & World Report a high school is recognized as one of the top schools in America if it:

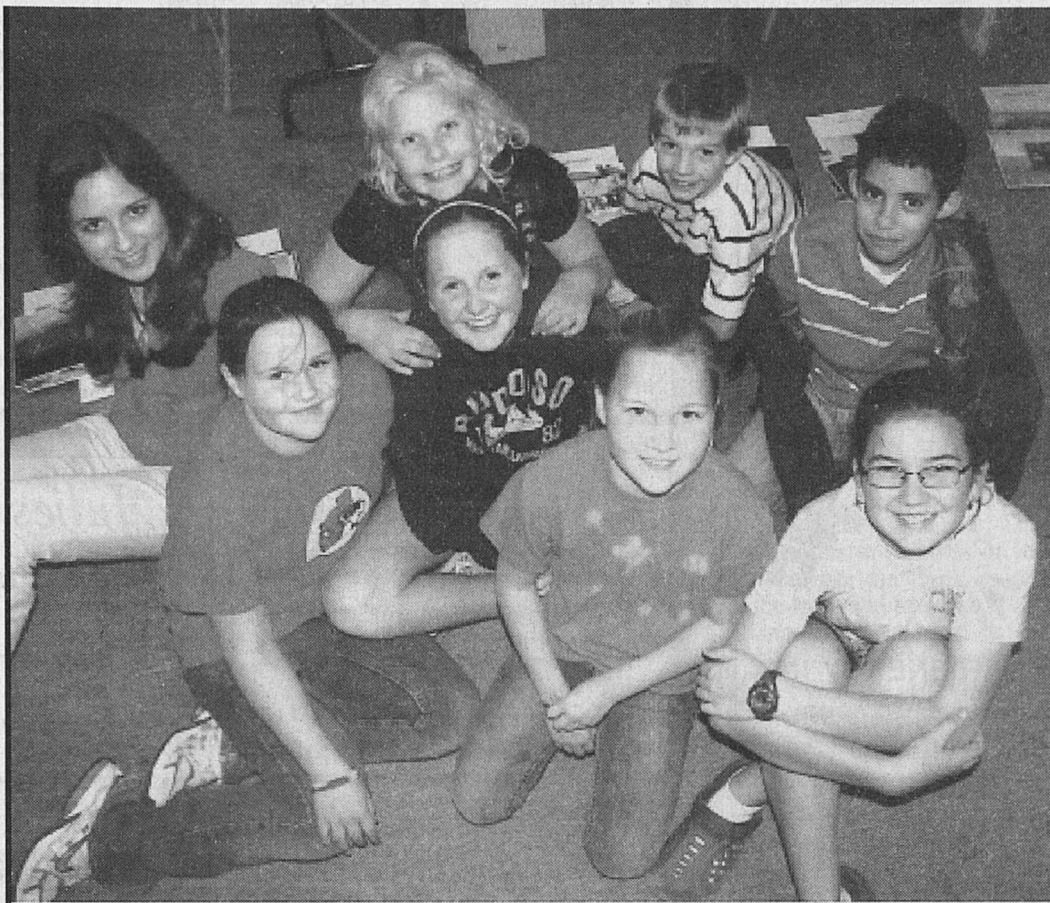
1) Attains performance levels that exceed statistical expectations given the schools student body, as measured by state accountability test scores for all the schools students in the core subjects of reading and math;

2) Achieves proficiency rates on state tests for their least advantaged student groups that

exceed state averages; and
3) Prepares its students for college, as measured by student participation in and performance on Advanced Placement

(AP) and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams.
"Brackett High School could not have received this honor without superior preparation

and achievement levels at the elementary and junior high levels. This is something we can all be extremely proud of," said Taylor.



4H Photography Students

Pictured front row from left: Kate Frerich, Maddie Frerich, Kirsten Frerich and Peyton Bonner. Second row from left: Rachel Loftus, Tyler Schuster, Ayme Bruce and Dante Luna.

4H Photography students compete at county show

Senior photographer, Rachel Loftus, was awarded Best of Show at the 2009 Kinney County 4-H Photography contest on January 9 and 10. Loftus was also awarded first and third places in the People category and first and second in Landscape, respectively.

Intermediate photographers: Peyton Bonner was awarded second in People, first and third in Animals, second in Plant/Flora, first in Architecture, and first and third in Special Effects. Maddie Frerich placed second in Animals and second in Architecture.

Junior photographers: Ayme Bruce placed third in

Landscape, first and third in Plant/Flora, and first in Architecture.

Kate Frerich placed first in People, first and third in Animals, and third in Still Life.

Kirsten Frerich placed second in Animals and first in Still Life. Dante Luna placed second in

Still Life. Tyler Schuster placed first in Animals, first in Architecture, and second in Special Effects.

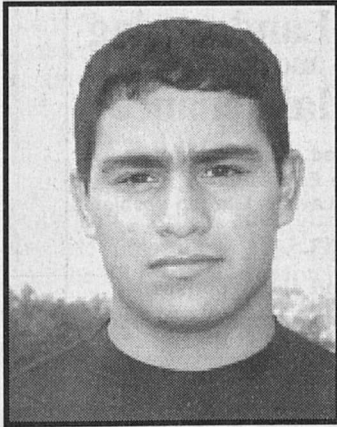
The students were taught by volunteer leader Kim Bleau.

Schroeder named All-state

Brackett High School senior Jacob Schroeder was named APSE Class 1A All-State Football second team kicker.

Jacob is the son of Todd and B. Schroeder of Fort Clark Springs.

Jacob was also named to the Academic All State Team, the TWSA 3rd Team All State Place Kicker and the District MVP.



Past Stats

Height: 5'11"
Weight: 180 lbs.
40 Time: 4.7 seconds

2006 Season

Sophomore Year:
Positions: Half-Back, Kicker and Corner.
Rushing: 55 Attempts; 367 Yards; 65 yards Long; 3 Touchdowns; 6.7 yard Average
Field Goals: 3 Attempts; 1 Made; 31 yards. Long
Extra Points: 30 Attempts, 24 Made
On Defense:
Tackles: 20
Interceptions: 1
District Honors:
2nd Team Defensive Back
1st Team Kicker

2007 Season

Junior Year:
Positions: Full-Back, Kicker, Corner and Out-side Linebacker
Rushing: 126 Attempts; 767 Yards; 54 yards Long; 5 Touchdowns; 6.0 yard Average
Field Goals: 8 Attempts; 6 Made; 48 yards Long
Extra Points: 28 attempts, 22 made
Receiving: 1 Catch; 80 yds. Long; 1 Touchdown
On Defense:
Tackles: 50
Interceptions: 1
Sacks: 5
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We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who sent cards, flowers, called and dropped by to see Edward in his last days. Your prayers and faith helped make his journey home a peaceful one and gave us the strength to face each day. We especially want to thank those who touched his life in such a positive way, like the staff at the Brackett Academy, the ladies at the City Hall and the staff at the Public Library and to all who contributed to his needs throughout his battle with cancer. We are so blessed to live in such a loving and caring community and blessed to have family and friends who care so much. May the Love of God remain in your hearts forever.

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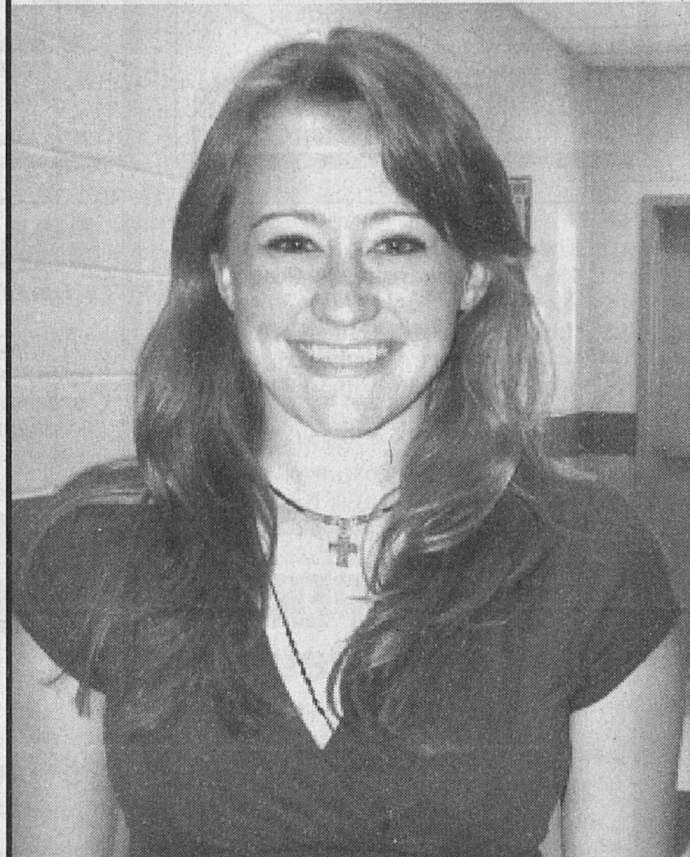
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MISTAKES



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.

Hunt named Distinguished Student



Daphne Hunt, 2003 graduate of Brackett High, was named a Distinguished Student in the Fall 2008 semester at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

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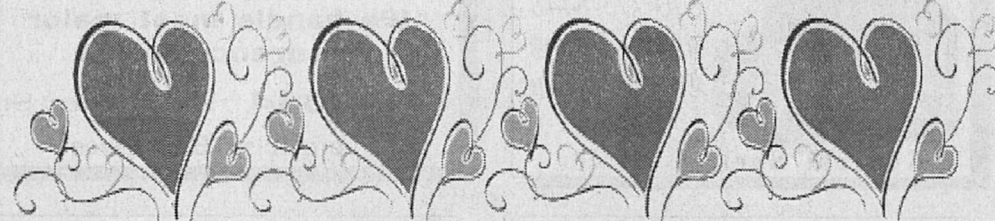
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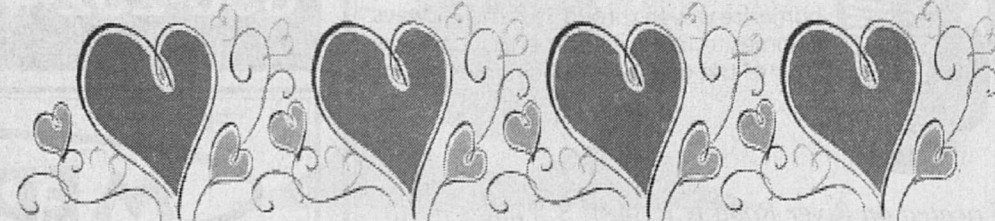
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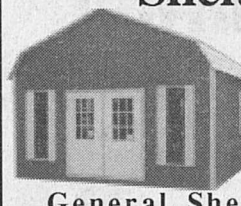
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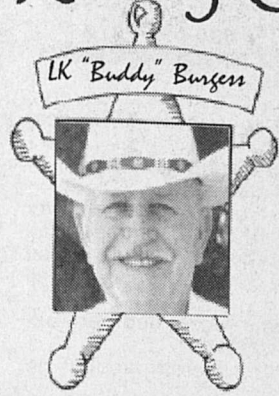
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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



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Monday, January 26

1:05 pm A woman called to report someone had stolen her husbands equipment from his work area. A deputy was informed of the situation.

Wednesday, January 28

1:00 am Gonzalo Gutierrez, 26, of Houston, Tx was arrested on DWI, first offense. Gutierrez was released on January 29 on a \$1,200 bond.

Thursday, January 29

8:55 am An alarm company reported an alarm sounding at a ranch on hwy 90. Deputy said no one was in building and the owner was en route.

Friday, January 30

2:00 pm Gilbert Fernandez 24, of Willington, Tx, was arrested for forgery and credit

card abuse.

9:30 pm A man called to report a woman had been beaten by her husband. A deputy was dispatched.

11:30 pm Abel V. Alvarez 65, of Hitchcock, Tx, was arrested on assault by contact, a Class C misdemeanor. Alvarez was released on January 31.

Saturday, January 31

2:42 pm A caller reported an abandoned car at Standard Lane and Pinto Creek. A deputy was informed.

9:16 pm EMS reported an attempted suicide. A deputy was informed and en route.

Sunday, February 1

12:54 pm A woman called to report she was driving in from Spofford and there were motorcycles racing. A deputy was notified of the situation.

Saturday, January 17
9:01 pm Jack Don Clark Jr., 48, of Del Rio, was arrested on public intoxication and failure to show identification. Clark was released January 22 with time served.

Tuesday, January 20
9:39 am A caller reported he had a blowout and went through a fence. No injuries were reported.

3:21 pm Super S reported their ATM machine was damaged. A deputy was dispatched.

4:20 pm A caller reported a black truck with a silver bumper on highway 90 was driving recklessly. Val Verde Sheriff's Department was advised.

7:53 pm A caller reported lights on at a neighbors house that should not have its lights on. The caller also reported some kids were roaming around that residence earlier. A deputy was dispatched.

8:03 pm A caller reported a dark rental car failed to yield going up Ann Street. A trooper was informed of the situation.

10:33 pm A woman called to report a suspicious person running around the alley near Beaumont Street. A deputy was notified of the situation.

Wednesday, January 21

11:53 pm Robert Lee Alderete, 23, of Del Rio, was arrested on possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz. Alderete was released January 22 on a \$1,200 bond.

4:34 am FCS Security reported a man was driving drunk back to Spofford. A deputy was dispatched.

1:37 pm A caller requested a deputy at the high school for a possible drug arrest. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

11:33 pm A woman called to report verbal fighting with her husband. A deputy was advised.

Friday, January 23

9:45 am David Mark Blair, 59, of Brackettville was arrested for making a terroristic threat. Blair was taken to GEO Correctional Facility in Del Rio January 23.

4:53 pm A caller reported a white Dodge pickup with a black grill guard was dragging a female subject down Hwy. 90 near the Old Longhorn Motel. A woman later came into the Sheriff's office to report a female was being beat severely at the same place on a white Dodge pick-up. Deputies were dispatched.

Saturday, January 24

10:29 pm Eloy Martinez 39, of Del Rio was arrested on possession of marijuana less than

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OBITUARY

Carol L. Lewis

July 7, 1943 - January 25, 2009

Carol L. Lewis, of Piedmont, Missouri died Sunday, January 25, 2009 at Fort Clark Springs.

Carol was born on July 7, 1943 in Idalia, Missouri. She was 65.

She was a member of Piedmont Nazarene Church and a self-employed insurance agent. She was married to Jerry D. Smith.

On October 12, 1985 she married Hollis Lewis at the Second General Baptist Church in Dexter. He survives.

Carol is survived by her sons: Mark Smith, Bentonville, AR; Travis Smith, Piedmont, MO; Jeff Lewis, Potomac, IL and Jason Lewis, Prosper, TX; her daughter Julie Knodell, Poplar Bluff; her sister: Ada M. Wheeler, St. Joseph, MO; 11 grandchildren.

Lewis was buried at Mt. View Cemetery, Des Arc, Missouri.

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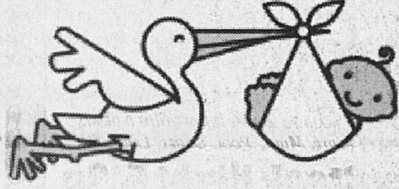
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- 1 Ham slice, sliced thick

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Kurstyn Zoe Pearson

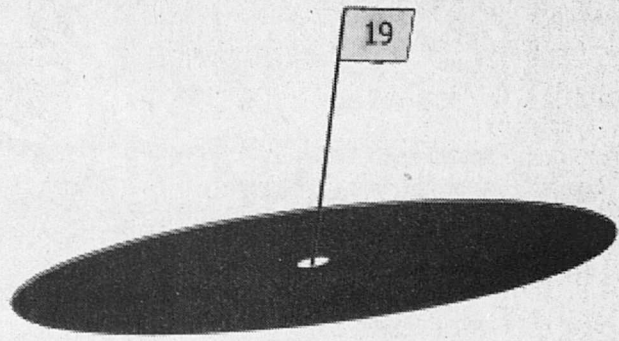
Tom and Tiffany Pearson, of Brackettville Tx, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Kurstyn Zoe Pearson.

Kurstyn Zoe was born January 9, weighing 8 pounds and 3 ounces and was 18.5 inches in length.

Kurstyn was welcomed by her sisters and brother Haley, Alix and Kile; maternal grandparents Steve Davis of Mansfield Tx and Jo Fisher of Smithfield VA; maternal great-grandparents Dean and Sue Davis of Mansfield, Tx and Tommy and Dianna Fraser of OK; paternal grandparents John and Darla Ford of Brackettville, Texas.

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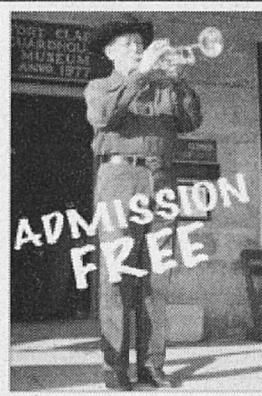
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The Oats- fourth house on the right- Saturday, February 7th. 8am - ? Lots of baseball equipment, football table, golf clubs, too many items to mention. 414 Henderson St. (near Little League Field). Variety of items. Friday and Saturday 9am-3pm. Lots of items for free too. Moving Sale Saturday, February 7 at 8am. 179 Avenida Juarez Unit 1 FCS. Twin beds, futon, camp kitchen, chainsaw, tools, patio, dishes, linens and more call 830-275-3984.

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156 Crockett: lovely custom built 3BR, 2B rock home, 2,000+ /sq.ft., fireplace, a cook's kitchen. Great location with privacy fenced yard. REDUCED!

72 Sunset Lane: 2BR, 2B home with upgrades. Includes carport, workshop & screen porches to enjoy the landscaping & wildlife!

New Listing: Unit 14: 1BR, 1B apartment with CHA, carport, covered RV parking, storage & workshop.

New Listing: 7 lots, some with Spring Street frontage.

214 W. Fulton: well maintained 3BR, 1B home, recently painted & other upgrades.

FOR RENT: Ft. Clark: 3/2 home, CHA, fenced yard. \$650 mo + utilities.

Ranches & Small Acreage For Sale

UVALDE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

FEBRUARY 2009 OUTPATIENT CLINIC CALENDAR

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Dr. William McQueen ENT 1-830-278-2422	3 Dr. Pradip K. Dhar Pediatric Cardiologist 1-800-242-0008	4	5 Dr. Randall Bell Pulmonary Disease 1-830-278-6251 ext. 1430 Dr. Gregory Freeman Cardiologist 1-210-614-5400	6 Dr. Flavio Alvarez Nephrologist 1-830-278-5386
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Gattonde, G. V., M.D. Surgery 278-4568	Shudde, John L., M.D. Family Practice 278-3118	Gregory Barber, D.M.D. Dental Surgeon 278-7105	Gabriel Rodriguez, D.P.M. Podiatrist 278-1840
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