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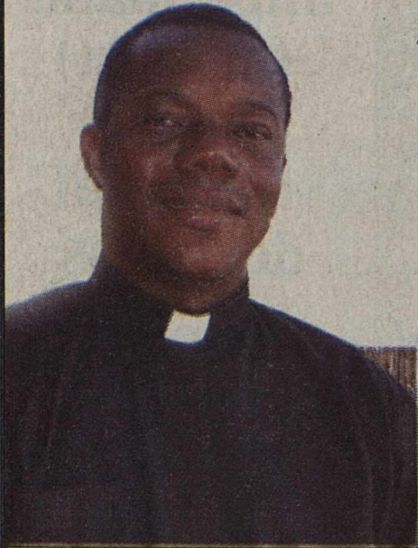


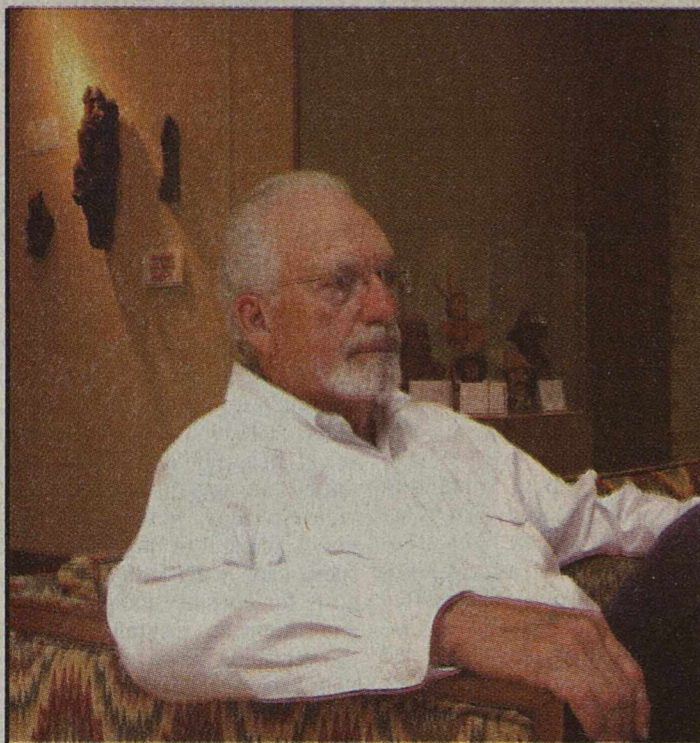
Photo by Leigh Volcsko  
Father Pius Ezeigbo of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Parish in Brackettville

## New Catholic priest introduced

By Leigh Volcsko  
tbnews@sbcglobal.net  
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Parish welcomed new priest Father Pius Ezeigbo in fall of 2008 and he has quickly become a beloved member of the small community of Brackettville. Father Pius said he began his service to the Catholic church as an altar server at the tender age of

eight in his home country of Nigeria. He continued in his faithful walk throughout high school and in his young adult years completed all of the necessary spiritual studies in order to become a priest. Although Father Pius had visited the United States several times, his first permanent assignment

was two years ago in Floresville and Harlingen. When asked about adjusting to life in a small town, Father Pius said, "Being a small community only strengthens the sense of association and our ability to spread human love. Because it is small, it is possible for us to promote love and unity and live as brothers and sisters."



## Local artist honored by Bank and Trust

By Leigh Volcsko  
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Golf enthusiast and Fort Clark resident Trent Brown was honored by the Bank and Trust in Del Rio for his unique and highly detailed wood carvings on February 25. Brown, known for his love of the game, was once a pro PGA golfer before being drafted into service during the Korean Conflict. Now retired from a career in the residential golf community industry, Brown is a skilled wood carver. Nearly fifty pieces of Brown's work were displayed on covered pedestals and along a long lighted hallway inside the bank. "It was a very successful showing for Trent and the artwork will be on display at the Bank and Trust of Del Rio until March 5, when we will take it over to the Firehouse Gallery in downtown Del Rio for the First Friday Art Walk and then bring it back for Fort Clark Days on March 6. As we walked out of the bank, thanking everyone who made the art show such a success, Trent was already thinking he needed to replenish his shelves," said Brown's wife Katie.

## OQS Presents Melodrama

Submitted by Lynn McNew

At the request of the Fort Clark Community Council a number of years ago, the Old Quarry Society began providing entertainment for Saturday night of Fort Clark Festival Days. And so began the tradition of the melodrama.

This year's offering, "The Pony Express, or The Villian Came to a Grinding Halt," will be another delightful evening of cheering the hero, booing the villian and sighing with our lovely heroine.

Join us on Saturday, March 7, 7:30 p.m. or Sunday, March 8, 2:30 p.m. at Post Theatre.

Directed by Tom McNew, the cast once again includes some newcomers to our stage, as well as several of our seasoned favorites.

Cast in the role of Star Bright, our heroine, is Wendy

Knox. Her aunt, Dee Caff is played by Jewel Robinson.

The brave hero, Buck Brawn is played by David Brock Tinney; the evil villian, Mo Cabana, is Ken Knox and his sidekick, Fifi Latte is Marilyn McNurlin.

Townpeople include Lois Carlson as Barb Dwyer, Brian Gresty as Mayor Rich Coffey, his daughters, Sugar and Spice are played by Heather Knox and Emma Palmer. Larry McNurlin is Doc Cappuccino and Donna Granchay is Palomino Polly.

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students 5-12, and children under 5 are free and are available at the Adult Center or RV Park or throughout the day at the Festival.

Plan now to bring the family and "top off" your day at the Festival with a fun-filled evening; or spend a delightful Sunday afternoon at the theatre.



Photo by Leigh Volcsko  
Old Quarry newcomer Ken Knox playing Mo Cabana, the evil villian, and veteran actress Jewel Robinson as Dee Caff rehearse for another fine performance.

## Conversations with Willie Warrior

Submitted by Dr. Don Smith

On Saturday, February 28, the Fort Clark Historical Society hosted Brackettville native Willie Warrior, Chief of the Warrior clan of the Seminole Indians. He is a successor to the well known John Horse who was Chief long ago. He is also a direct descendant of Seminole Scout John Ward, a Medal of Honor recipient buried in the Seminole Cemetery southwest of town.

Willie and his wife Ethel who are known to all in Brackettville now live in Del Rio.

Willie told the Society stories about his experiences in and

around Brackettville and Fort Clark during his childhood.

Warrior entertained a packed house and kept the audience laughing with his many stories.

He told of his father loading the family in a Model "T" Ford and driving west on highway 90. Warrior said that the Ford's engine wouldn't run when the car was going up hill because the gasoline was gravity fed. At the Pecos River crossing they had to turn the car around and back it up the hill in reverse to keep the engine from stalling.

He told about some of his relatives riding with Poncho Villa and about the local bootlegging during Prohibition.

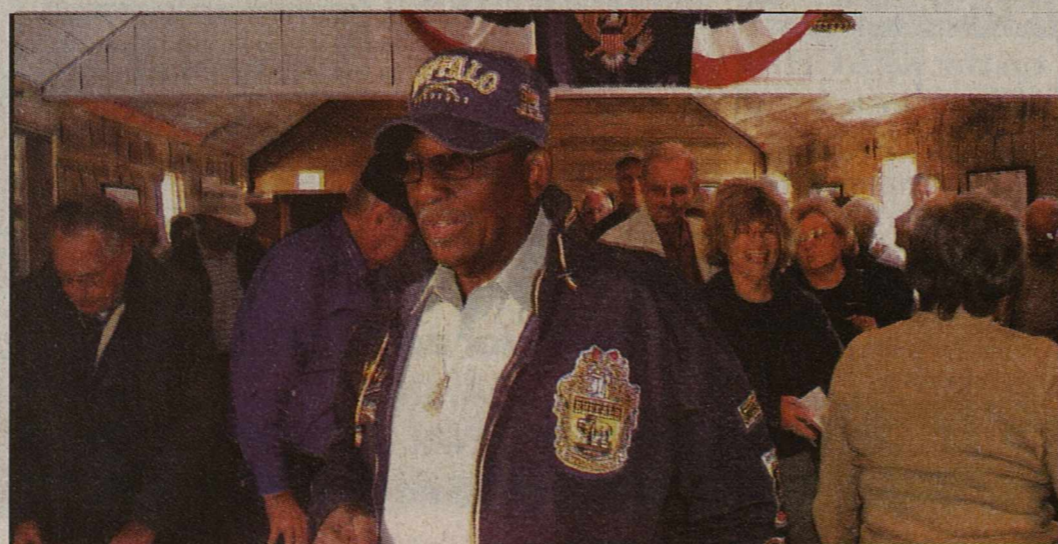
When he was 14, Willie worked at one of the mess halls on the Fort and also at the hospital.

Schools were segregated at that time and the Black children went to Carver school where Willie graduated from high school in a class of two in 1945.

A few months later he married his wife Ethel July and was soon off to the Army Air Corps. Willie and Ethel have been married 64 years.

Willie and Ethel have a home on Fort Clark and are members of the Fort Clark Historical Society.

Warrior is past President of the Seminole Cemetery Association.



Courtesy Photo  
Brackettville native Chief Willie Warrior entertained a packed house in the Palisado Building on Ft. Clark.

## Fort Clark Days



FREE ADMISSION - SATURDAY PARKING \$3  
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### Friday, March 6, 2009

- 11-3pm School students (exclusive) interact with historians
- 3 pm Fort Clark Days officially opens to the public
- 3-7pm Arts & Crafts open Seminole Hall & Commissary
- 3-7pm Food & Beverage Booths open Grounds
- 5-8pm Steak Supper (Advance Tickets ONLY) Service Club
- 6-10pm Campfire Entertainment Museum

### Saturday, March 7, 2009

- 7:30am 5K Run/Walk & Children's Fun Run check-in & registration Mendelson Activity Ctr
- 8am Bugle call - Reveille/Flag Raising Museum
- 8am Las Moras Spring Motorcycle Run Palisado
- 8:30am 5KRun/Walk begins Mendelson Activity Ctr
- 9am Fresh Baked Goods Sale open Shafter Hall
- 9am Arts & Crafts open Seminole Hall & Commissary
- 9am Living Historians/Exhibits Garrison
- 9am Food & Beverage Booths open Grounds
- 9:30am Children's Fun Run Mendelson Activity Ctr
- 10am Run Awards Ceremony Mendelson Activity Ctr
- 10am Talent Show Preliminaries Post Theatre
- 10am Pat Strothers Keyboard (10:45) Red Garter Saloon
- 10am Sing & Be Happy (11am) Butcher Block
- 11am Sahawa Indian Dance Program Garrison
- 11am American Roots (11:45) Red Garter Saloon
- 11:15am 32 Miles in the Pocket Band (1:00) Butcher Block
- 11:15am Borderline Singers (1pm) Museum
- Noon Holloman Harmonizers (1:30) Red Garter Saloon
- 1pm Talent Show Finals Post Theatre
- 1pm Motorcycle Show Palisado
- 1:15pm Carolyn Kay & Boys (3:00) Museum
- 1:15pm American Roots - (2:00) Butcher Block
- 2pm Sahawa Indian Dance Program Garrison
- 2pm Ann Barron Keyboard - (2:45) Red Garter Saloon
- 2:15pm The Cadence Cloggers - (3:00) Butcher Block
- 3pm American Roots - (3:45) Red Garter Saloon
- 3pm Period Costume Contest Museum
- 3:30pm LaDifentencia Mariachi Band (5:00) Butcher Block
- 3:30pm FCS Community Council Prize Drawing Museum
- 4pm Knox Family (4:50) Red Garter Saloon
- 4pm Rotary Club Duckie Race Las Moras Creek
- 4:15 pm Food Basket Winner Announced Museum
- 4:30pm Duckie Race Winners Announced Museum
- 5pm FCD 2009 closes Museum
- Bugle call, Flag lowered
- 7:30pm Melodrama Pony Expresso Post Theater

Along Las Moras Creek Saturday  
Cannon fire scheduled every hour  
Gatlin Gun fire throughout the day

**Funeral Service**  
The family of  
**Bernadette Ferich**  
would like all those who are left to cherish her memory to pray the Rosary Friday, March 6 at 7pm at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville.  
A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, March 7 at 11am at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.  
The family will publish a formal obituary next week.

**Weekend WEATHER**  
**Friday**  
High: 84  
Low: 58  
Partly Cloudy  
**Saturday**  
High: 85  
Low: 60  
Mostly Cloudy  
**Sunday**  
High: 87  
Low: 58  
AM Clouds/Pm Sun

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT-CIVIC meetings

The next KCGCD's regular meeting will be the third Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom of the Kinney County Court House in Brackettville. Beginning in April, the regular meetings will be held every second Thursday of the month. The April meeting will be April 9, 2009.

### MR AND MISS KINNEY COUNTY PAGEANT

2009 Kinney County Pageant Registration Now Open. Scholarships for the Miss & Mr Titles. Open to boys and girls ages 4 to 19 entry fee is \$40 Plus ads sales! Deadline is March 23 so don't wait for the last minute, there are lots to do! Contact Pam Hale 563-5432, Nancy Rodriguez 563-7605 or Kinney County Chambers 563-2466.

**FISH FRY**  
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church on Friday, March 13, 2009 will be having a Fish Fry. Catfish, coleslaw & french fries for \$5 a plate at the church parking lot. Proceeds will benefit SMMCC.

### KINNEY COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE SIGN-UP

Sunday, March 8 at the Elementary school parking lot from 3 to 5 pm. Bring birth certificate, 2 proof of residency, fee, and 1 - 12pack cold drinks per family.

### RELAY FOR LIFE

Help fight Cancer at Relay For Life May 2-3, 2009 at the Brackett Tiger Stadium from 6pm - 6am. For more information call Elena C. Luna at 830-563-6123

### CANCER SUPPORT

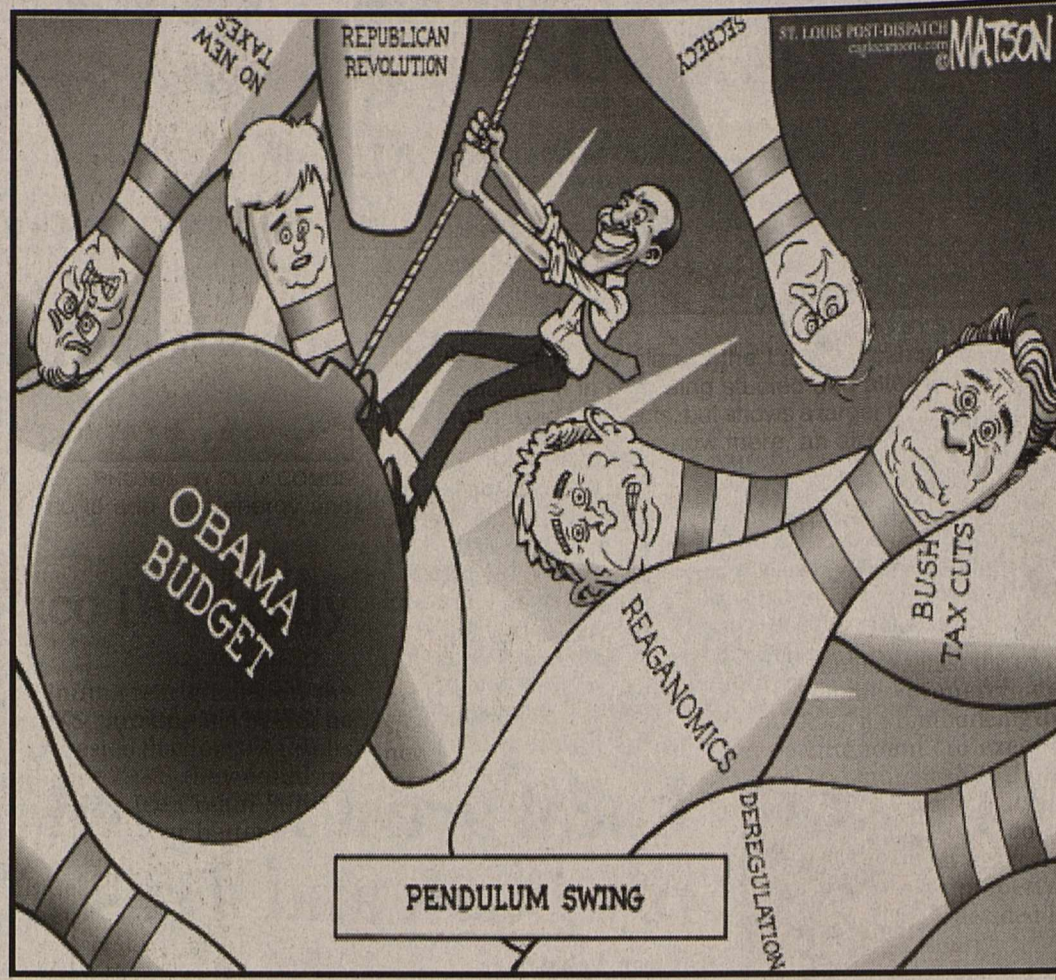
Our Cancer Support will be meeting TODAY Thursday March 5th at Frontier Baptist Fellowship Hall at 6:30PM. Please come and meet other cancer survivors and caregivers. Meat is provided. Bring a side dish of your choice. Any questions, call Pat Sitzes 563-5528.

### BLOOD DRIVE

16-year-olds now allowed to give the gift of life. South Texas Blood & Tissue Center now allows 16-year-old donors to roll up their sleeves and give the gift of life. "Many teen donors have expressed a desire to donate blood and are excited to help make this contribution to their community. STBTC wants to help foster that community spirit within our high school population" says Carmen Davila, spokeswoman for STBTC. Previously, anyone 17 years of age or older, weighing 110 pounds and in good general health could donate blood. The blood drive will take place across the new High School from 8am to 4pm at Brackettville High School on March 9, 2009. Sixteen year-olds will be allowed to donate with a signed parental consent form.

## Publishers PLOG

I worked on Sunday, but not until after I attended church - and no it didn't burn down when I walked in, however, when I got up to leave I did notice some smoldering coals where I was sitting - I only joke about this because I am probably the only one in the world who likes the idea of going to church, but can't seem to actually get to the building at the appropriate times and dates. Okay my whole point is that I worked on Sunday and I checked my little drop box on the front door and someone had dropped off a subscription change of address and a birth announcement, but when I looked down, there was a rolled up newspaper half tucked under the door mat. My mind went to the worst case scenario and I was kinda' scared to pick it up because I'm a practical joker, or at least I laugh at practical jokes, because I'm good at receiving practical jokes and rotten at actually planning and carrying out jokes on other people. I have met a few people here in Brackett that are just masters at planning a joke, but I always say I am too busy to pay them back. The only joke I ever really carried out was when my brother was a police officer, I was in my mid twenties, and he was working the night shift and I was down at the beach with some friends so I dropped in his precinct and talked the magistrate into letting me sit in the back (and this is another whole story) and when my brother came in he was going to tell him that I had been arrested for being drunk and inciting a riot. Well, the night was dragging on and my brother finally came in the precinct to drop off some drunk girl and the magistrate followed the plan. He kept a straight face and spun the tale of what I had done and the dispatchers got involved and they order me up to the front. The whole time my brother thinks I'm making my way up to the front from the holding tank, I am actually around the corner in the hall and he's cussing me, making excuses for me and threatening to kill me, the joke didn't continue too long after that because I was laughing too hard because my brother actually believed I had started a riot in the streets!!!! That was probably the only time I ever got one over on my brother, but I still say I have been too busy to pay him back for a lifetime of boots being propped over my door so that when I went into my pastel pink bedroom, a big hunting boot would hit me on the head. To this day I will push a door open, wait for a boot to fall and then enter! Okay, but back to the point...I pick up the paper tucked under the mat at the front door of the paper and nothing, it's just a paper and when I open it there's a post-it stuck to it that read "I picked up two papers at post office instead of one". This man had accidentally taken two papers and paid for only one so in good conscience he brought one back to me. I am always amazed how many people do this, but then sometimes, depending on my quarter count from the post office, I think I should get at a box full of "IOU 50 cents" post-its or a pile of papers at the front door.



## Retiree must make (at least) five key financial decisions



Emily Cooper

When you're working, you have a financial strategy that is largely based on one goal: saving money for a comfortable retirement. You'll likely have to make many adjustments over several decades to ensure that you stay on track saving and investing. But once you retire, a new goal arises — investing so you can remain retired. To help yourself achieve this goal, you will need to make a number of investment decisions. Which of these decisions are most important? Here are five to consider: 1. How much will you spend each year? Before you can pursue an appropriate investment strategy, you'll need to know about how much you'll spend each year. Estimate your costs for housing, food, travel, entertainment, insurance, gifts — everything. Keep in mind that your expenses will likely change annually, especially for items such as health care. Don't forget about inflation, which will likely cause your expenses to increase over the years. How should you balance your investment portfolio to provide sufficient income and growth opportunities? Clearly, you'll need your investments to provide a source of income during your retirement years. At the same time, you will need some growth potential to overcome the effects of inflation, which can erode your purchasing power. Consequently, you will need a mix of income- and growth-oriented investments, with the proportions depending on your risk tolerance and your lifestyle. How much should you withdraw each year from your investment portfolio? The answer depends on several factors, including your retirement lifestyle, the size and performance of your investment portfolio, inflation, your estimated life expectancy and the size of the estate you'd like to leave. This decision is important, because the amount you withdraw each year will directly affect how long your money lasts. From which accounts should you begin taking withdrawals? You may have built three different types of accounts: taxable, tax-deferred and tax-free. It may be a good idea to take withdrawals from your taxable accounts first, thereby allowing your tax-deferred accounts, such as your Traditional IRA and your 401(k), more time to compound and potentially increase in value. If you have a tax-free account, such as a Roth IRA, save it for last to maximize the compounding on money on which you will never pay taxes. (Roth IRA earnings grow tax-free if you've had your account at least five years and you don't begin taking withdrawals until you're at least 59-1/2.) That said, this is just a rule of thumb. When should you take Social Security? You can begin taking Social Security as early as age 62, but your monthly checks will be considerably larger if you wait until your "normal" retirement age, which is likely 65 or 66. But if you need the money, you may be better off by taking Social Security at 62 and giving your tax-deferred accounts more time to potentially grow. As you can see, you'll need a lot of expertise to successfully manage your financial and investment situations during retirement. If you don't already work with a financial advisor and a tax professional, now would be a good time to start. Once you've got your financial strategy in place, you'll be better prepared to enjoy an active, fulfilling retirement.

## Money saving tip to warm up



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

We are all looking for ways to save money these days. I came up with a good one a few years ago. In 1996 I lived in a little community in Transylvania County North Carolina. It is called Balsam Grove and was just a few miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway, up a narrow mountain road. There were 78 curves between my little cabin and downtown Brevard. I was attending college and had to drive those curves every morning to get to

class. I barely had money for gas much less a cup of café mocha which was my favorite. That is when I decided to make my own. How hard could it be? It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know it contains coffee, chocolate and milk. I wanted a mix that would store easily, so all I had to do was put a scoop in a travel mug and fill it with hot water. I was good to go. Not only did I have a drink that was much cheaper than a cup of Café Mocha at the coffee shop; I treated myself to something special every morning. I could even take a little with me so that I could make some more for the drive home in the afternoon. Nothing says I love you like a cup of something warm and wonderful. Making your own Café Mocha does several things. Saves Money

2. Saves Time 3. Saves the Environment when you use your own travel mug. 4. Warms you up on a cold day 5. Best of all; You feel loved That is five good reasons for a cup of something warm and wonderful. Here is my recipe. Café Mocha: 1 cup of instant coffee I like Tasters Choice best, 2 cups of Nestles NESQUIK® and 3 cups of Carnation Instant Milk I have tried other brands and they don't taste as well. To make your cup of Café Mocha; boil your water, pour into your cup and add 3 tablespoons to your cup. If you have a big mug you will have to adjust the number to tablespoons you add to it. I like mine creamy. We have a great mug that keeps your café mocha hot. You know how we forget to drink it after we make it.

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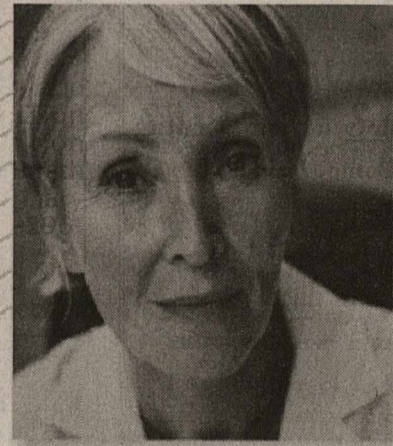
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Parents: Jesse & Valerie  
Siblings: Valerie  
What are your plans for the future?  
What are you most proud of?  
What do you think you'll be doing in the future?  
What are you most proud of?  
What do you think you'll be doing in the future?



**Sergio**  
Name: Sergio Cal  
Parents: Alex & Veronica  
Siblings: Alex  
What are your plans for the future?  
What are you most proud of?  
What do you think you'll be doing in the future?



**Joe Anthony**  
Name: Joe Anthony  
Mother: Veronica  
Father: Carlos  
Siblings: Jessica  
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Emily Cooper

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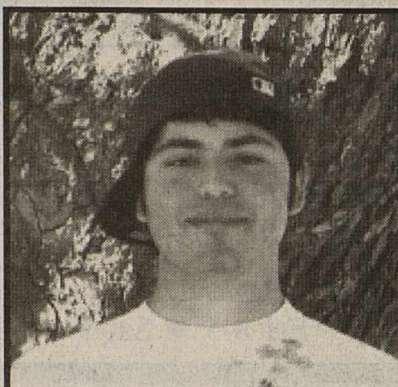
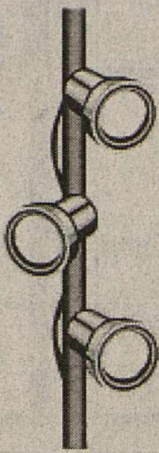
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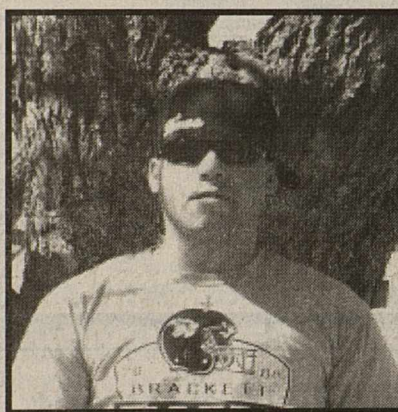
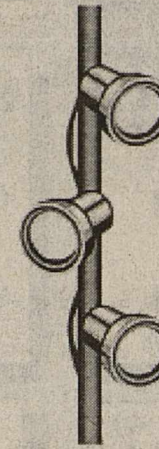
Bianca Terrazas

**Name:** Bianca Terrazas  
**Parents:** Jesse & Elda Terrazas  
**Siblings:** Valerie, Melissa and Jesse Jr.  
**What are your plans after graduation?** I plan on attending Sul Ross and major in Criminal Justice.  
**What teacher influenced you the most?** All my teachers influenced me. They all played their little roles in helping me plan my future.  
**What are you most looking forward to after graduation?** Trying out for the softball team at Sul Ross and seeing if I can at least make the team.  
**What do you think you will miss the most after graduation?** Walking down the halls and seeing all my friends and teachers. Hearing all the pointless conversations we used to have and just being with my friends and family.



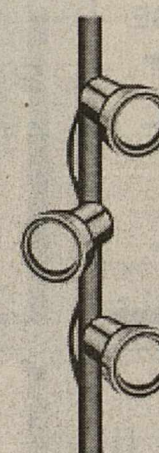
Sergio Calvillo

**Name:** Sergio Calvillo  
**Parents:** Sergio and Celia Calvillo  
**Siblings:** Alex and Celia  
**What are your plans after graduation?** My plans for after graduation is attending UTSA.  
**What teacher influenced you the most?** The teacher that most influenced me was Mrs. Hernandez.  
**What are you most looking forward to after graduation?** Finally starting my life.  
**What do you think you will miss the most after graduation?** I think the most I will miss after graduation is baseball.

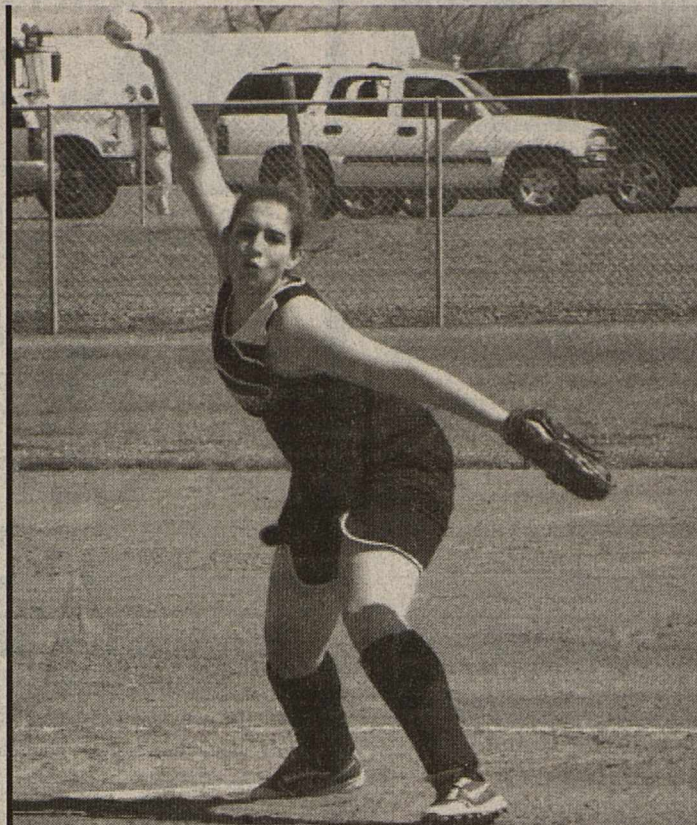


Joe Anthony Sanchez Jr.

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**Siblings:** Jessica and Carlos Jr.  
**What are your plans after graduation?** Attend USTA and major in Criminal Justice.  
**What teacher influenced you the most?** All my teachers influenced me in their own way.  
**What are you most looking forward to after graduation?** I'm looking forward on going to college.  
**What do you think you will miss the most after graduation?** Playing sports and hanging out with my friends.



## Varsity softball takes championship at LaPryor Tourney



### One Hitter Wonder

Photo by Leigh Wolcko. Brackett High Junior Katryna Swilley pitched a one-hitter at a recent tournament in La Pryor.

By Coach Lindsey Kunz

A big win on Saturday, February 28, aided by a pair of wins from Thursday earned the Tigerettes the Championship trophy at this weekend's La Pryor softball tournament. The tournament began with Brackett defeating Uvalde by a score of 10 to 3. Junior Amanda Del Bosque and Senior Bianca Martinez lead the offensive attack with 2 hits and 2 runs each. Senior Natalie Aguirre pitched the complete game to earn the win on the mound. Next tournament action saw the Tigerettes take on district rival and tournament host La Pryor. Again the Tigerettes came out strong by taking the lead in the top of the first and never looking back. The final score 9 to 0.

Senior Bianca Terrazas lead the offensive attack by going 4 for 4 at the plate, scoring 2 runs of her own while driving in 2 more.

Junior Katryna Swilley pitched a one-hitter to earn the win.

The win advanced the Tigerettes to the Championship game to face the Eagles from Eagle Pass.

The one-two punch of Terrazas and sophomore Marisol Aguirre began the game with 2 runs and 2 hits to set the Tigerettes up for a victory by the score of 7 to 2.

In addition, Martinez had 3 hits to aid the Tigerette offense. Swilley took the win on the mound, while Natalie Aguirre earned the save.

Seniors Terrazas and Aguirre were awarded Co-Most Valuable Players for their play during the tournament.

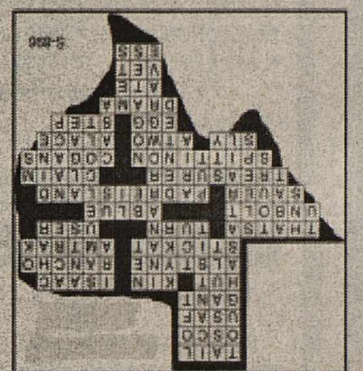
## Boys relay team places third at Dilley

Stats Submitted By Coach Ralph Almanza

The Brackett boys track team met in Dilley on February 28. Moises Gonzalez placed fifth in the 800 meter varsity race with a time of 2:18.54. Junior Varsity results: Victor Roman placed sixth in the 3200 meter race with a time of 13:01. Tony Esquivel, Bradley Edwards, Steven Rodriguez and Victor Roman placed fifth in the 400 meter relay with a time of 49:55. Chris Blake placed fourth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:22. Tony Esquivel placed fifth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12:29.

Steven Rodriguez placed fourth in the 400 meter run with a time of 59.51.

In the 1600 meter relay Tony Esquivel, Steven Rodriguez, Victor Roman and Chris Blake placed fifth with a time of 4:04.74.



## Varsity girls track place 3rd at Dilley

Stats Submitted by Coach Dusty Brotherton

Brackett High Varsity girls track team placed third at the Dilley meet on February 28. The Pearsall team took first place with 203 points, while Poth placed second with a score of 125 points, followed by the Brackett girls with 98 points. Individually Rachel Nash, Karley Harris, Brook Gose and Cheyenne Smith placed third in the 400 Relay with a time of 54.0 seconds. R. Nash, Kelsey Bruce, C. Smith and Icela Rueda placed first in the 1600 Relay with a time of 4 minutes, and 30.9 seconds. Running the 3200 meter race K. Bruce placed first with a time of 12:42.9; Erica Villanueva: third place with a time of 14:08 and Haley Hale: fourth place with a time of 14:10. In the high hurdle competition, K. Harris placed first with a time of 17.4; and Bianca Cruz placed fifth with a time of 18.6. Kelsey Bruce placed second in the 800 meter race with a time of 2:38.1, followed by I. Rueda in third with a time of 2:45.2. C. Smith placed fifth in the 100 meter race, while R. Nash placed fifth in the 400 meter race. In the intermediate hurdles, K. Harris placed second with a time of 52.9 followed by B. Gose in fifth with a time of 55.3. K. Harris placed third in the triple jump with a mark of 31.5 feet. Junior Varsity Results: In the high hurdles, Britnany Hale placed third with a time of 19.9 and fourth in the intermediate hurdles with a time of 60.2. Lily Valdez placed third in the 800 meter race with a time of 2:59.6. Jessica Earwood placed first in the high jump after clearing 4.0 feet. The girls will travel to La Pryor today for their second meet of the season.

## Thank You

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our family and friends who have participated and organized fund-raisers for our family. We thank God daily for always being there with us to help us get through the tough times. We thank Him for blessing us with great family, friends and especially our local churches who have constantly kept us in prayer. Please know that it is through God's grace and your prayer that this family has been able to move forward. We truly have been blessed to be apart of this wonderful community. Thank you,  
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## Lady golfers: Time to TEE OFF!



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**Submitted by Lady Golfers**  
Fort Clark Springs lady golfers held their monthly meeting at the clubhouse green room Tuesday, the tenth, before their weekly game.

Deb Tischler and Diane Daniels planned the activity to include all golfers, 18-hole and 9-hole players.

The ladies golf league voted to return to the regular Tuesday tee-time at nine o'clock instead of nine-thirty.

During the meeting, discussion was lively about wanting the 9-hole group to join in group play each month on meeting days.

Since some who play only nine holes felt they didn't know the local rules, a friendly exchange between the groups defined some of the terms and discussed the ideas behind "winter rules."

"It caused me to recall when I began golfing.

I was pleased after missing the cup with my first putt by only inches that one of the four-some declared that I could "take" the putt. I turned to my husband for clarification, and he explained that John was "giving" me the putt, and I should pick up my ball.

I was elated, thanked John and said, "then I had only one putt?"

"No, explained my husband, "you have to count the putt John gave you, too."

"Well," I replied, "then he didn't give me anything since I could certainly make a two inch putt!"

Everyone laughed at my response, but it was the start of my journey in learning the golf vocabulary and the rules around the game of golf.

The ladies were grouped and off to play "best-ball" for nine holes.

First place went to the team

of Darlene Sandwick, Lou Green, and LuAnn Pendorf.

Second place went to Debbie Isaacs, Dee Curry, and Cindy Anderson, with third place won by the team of Sheri White, Pat Rogers, and Natalie Thelen.

Afterward, several of the 9-hole players expressed pleasure in the day's team play.

Hopefully, after the team-

work, the two groups melded into one cohesive Fort Clark Springs Ladies League!

All lady golfers are encouraged to join the league on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am for meetings, and join in the day's game play each Tuesday by signing up in the green room before play commences on the tee-box at 9am.

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Rita was born December 7, 1919, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Albertson of the Pecos Valley area.

Rita was a college graduate and registered nurse. Rita was also a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Brackettville, and a member of the Uvalde Lodge of the Delta Kappa Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her two sons, John Rosensky and his wife Malinda, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Edward Rosensky and his wife Mary, of Houston, Texas, and three grandchildren.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Karyn Jones.

A funeral service for Rita's family will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, at the Uvalde Memorial Home. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial should be made to a charity of personal choice.

### Did you ever wonder how you got to be what you are?

By The Colonel  
Did you ever wonder how you got to be what you are? I mean really how did you get to be the person that you are today? You think you are... and just how did you get to be the person that you are today? I think I am?  
Well, it seems to me that it is more than genes, environment, and good habits.  
I think we are what we are because of the choices we make.  
You really don't know what you are because you are doing things that you are doing.  
While we really are seeing to come from how we are seen and judged from the outside.  
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