

# The Brackett News

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## Whats Happening

### 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.

### AMERICAN LEGION

We will hold our meeting to form an American Legion Post here in Brackettville on 12 March at 6:30 pm at Slaton Hall, across from the Methodist Church. It will be a Pot Luck dinner so bring a dish to share. We will need to have 15 veterans who have not been members of American Legion for a least 5 years if ever. This will allow us to request a provisional charter for a post here in Kinney County. If you are a veteran of WW2, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Grenada or the Gulf war or Iraq/Afghanistan, we would love to see you at this meeting. If you need further information please give me a call at 563-9396 evening, or email at jquigley2@gmail.com

### LITTLE LEAGUE

Kinney County Little League will hold its next registration on Friday, March 13th at 1:30 pm at the laundry mat next to Super S. Try outs will be Friday, March 27th and Monday 30th at 5 pm at Little League Field. Coach Pitch to age 12 (boys and girls) must attend one try out to be eligible for the 2009 season.

### OLD QUARRY VARIETY SHOW

The Old Quarry Society for Performing Arts will present their annual Variety Show on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Post Theater. This annual event features ALL types of talent - music, comedy, skits, etc. and is presented in conjunction with the Ft. Clark Members Annual Meeting at the request of the Board of Directors of Ft. Clark. If you are interested in participating, please call Donna Granchay at 830-994-1998 or 832-651-4345 for more information. Tickets are \$5 and may be obtained by contacting Ms. Granchay as well. Come join us for a fun evening usually with a few surprises!!

### Weekend WEATHER Friday

High: 82  
Low: 58

Partly Cloudy  
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High: 78  
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Isolated T-Storms  
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High: 82  
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Isolated T-Storms

## Body found on river possibly dragged by horseback rider

By Leigh Volcsko

A man found on the banks of the Rio Grande in Kinney County is suspected of being a victim of foul play.

A body, identified as Mexican national Oscar Carderon-Llanes, 34, was found by authorities on March 11 and pronounced dead by Kinney County Justice of the Peace Narce Villareal at 7:09 p.m.

The victim's body was found approximately 75 feet from river that separates Mexico and Texas on the Rancho Rio Grande.

The incident, now ruled a homicide, is the first murder in Kinney County in approximately seven years, reports Kinney County Sheriff LK Buddy Burgess.

The victim sustained three gunshot wounds: one bullet entry and exit wound to the head, one bullet entry and exit wound to the right arm and one bullet entry wound to the right side abdomen.

Carderon-Llanes also had a rope noose tied around his neck and evidence at the scene has led investigators to believe the man was dragged through the brush by a person on horseback.

The body is believed to have been lying in wait for two to three days before being discovered.

Questions surrounding whether or not the man was dragged across the river from Mexico and left on the Texas side and if this was a drug-related killing remained unanswered at press time.

The body was taken to the Bexer County Medical Examiner where an autopsy was completed.

According to the sheriff's department, official autopsy results have not been released and the investigation remains active.



Noose of Death

Courtesy Photo

A Mexican national was found dead on the banks of the Rio Grande River in Kinney County on March 11 with a rope noose around his neck.

## Community News

### FLOWER SHOW AND CHILDREN'S CONTAINER GARDEN COMPETITION COMING APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

A sure sign of spring at Fort Clark is the Mountain Laurel Garden Club's annual Flower Show and Children's Garden Competition. This year's show will be held at the Arbor Area behind the Member Services Building from 2 to 4 pm. In addition to the exhibits there will be plants, vases and pots for sale, a raffle for a striking container planted and ready to enjoy, and the Fort Clark Art Club Exhibit and Sale. Entry and refreshments are free. Music will be provided inside the Member Services Building. An exciting feature of the show is the second annual Children's Garden Competition. The theme for the Children's Gardening Contest is container gardening. The awards this year will be \$50 for first place, \$30 for second place, and \$20 for third place. All contestants will receive a certificate of participation. If you are twelve or under start now. Look about for a special or unusual container for your plants and make a garden that is unique and yours. The planted containers will be judged on creativity and design. Entries should be brought to the Arbor Area by 2 pm on April 5. The entries will be judged at 3:45 pm with prizes awarded immediately after.

### 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

### FORT CLARK DAYS LIVING HISTORY AND 5K RESULTS

For a second year, the Fort Clark Days 2009 Committee was excited to host near 500 school and home schooled children from Brackettville, Del Rio, and Uvalde on Friday. All learned about chuck wagon cooking, Lipan Indian living, the part the Buffalo Soldiers took in protecting this part of Texas, the Texas Camel Corp, history and artifacts from surrounding forts, period school master, how to make arrowheads, rope and soap. They had hands on with a cannon, a Gatlin gun, small mortar and other small arms. There were representatives from Indian wars, Civil War, Spanish American War, Mexican Revolution, and more. The 5K, race results: Jesus Rene Arreala Acosta finished first place overall 5K Run with a record time of 18.08 minutes. Second and third place were Rene Calvetti (23.49min.) and Luis Arteaga (27.39) all of Acuna. First, second, and third place Women were Lynn McCarson (26.10), Jennifer Winfree (30.09) and Christie Palmer (30.11), Finishing 4th in the women's division was Mary Kaplan (time 35.07) age 69. Mary and her husband, Hal, traveled here from Sunrise Beach, TX, Following is his father's foot steps finishing first place Children's Run/Walk was Rene Arreala, age 10, son of overall first place winner Jesus Arreala. Second and third places were Aubrey Stewart, age 10 and Sam Palmer, age 8.

## Students compete at music festival

Thirteen piano and voice students of Lynn McNew participated in a Music Festival in Kerrville, Texas on Saturday, March 7.

Sponsored by the Texas Federation of Music Clubs, the festival is an opportunity for music students to perform before a

judge. Students who receive a "Superior" rating are eligible to participate in the State Festival, May 16, at Texas State University in San Marcos.

The students and their awards include: Adrienne Loftus, superior, piano solo; Erica Loftus,

superior, piano solo; Daniel Loftus, superior, piano solo; Rachel Loftus, superior, piano solos; superior, theory; Morgan Sewell, superior, vocal solo and superior, piano solo. Also, Elizabeth Rangel, superior, piano solo; Cati Guzman, excellent, piano solo; Justin Hidalgo, su-

perior, vocal solo; Gage Brown, superior, vocal solo. In addition, Kalyn Stephens earned superior, piano solo and superior, vocal solo; Shelby Schuster, superior, vocal solo; Angel Villarreal, superior, piano solo; and Seva Nix, superior, piano solo and excellent, theory.



Musical Talents

Courtesy Photo

Pictured from left to right: Shelby Schuster, Rachel Loftus, Daniel Loftus, Adrienne Loftus, Angel Villarreal, Morgan Sewell, Elizabeth Rangel, Erica Loftus, Kalyn Stephens and Cati Guzman. Not pictured: Gage Brown, Justin Hidalgo and Seva Nix.

## School board takes no action on pipeline resolution

By Leigh Volcsko  
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Brackett ISD Board of Trustees drowned attempts by its neighbors to the east to enlist

another governing body in Kinney County to oppose a pipeline project being proposed in Uvalde County.

School Board President John Paul Schuster received a letter

dated February 23, 2009, from City of Uvalde Mayor Cody Smith requesting the trustees vote unanimously to oppose the proposed pipeline project in Uvalde that would transport water from Uvalde to San Antonio.

Mayor Smith has been successful in garnering support from surrounding cities and counties including Eagle Pass, Del Rio and their respective county governments. The City of Brackettville and the Kinney County Commissioners Court both voted to support the Uvalde resolution; however, the commissioners approved a kinder-friendlier resolution that omitted the harsh language regarding the pipeline's long term affects and left a loop hole as to not completely circumvent the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District's authority over control of local water.

According to a presentation delivered to the trustees by Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD) members Dr. Kent Lowery, Lloyd Lee Davis and Stan Metcalf, Uvalde landowners sold their water rights to SAWS (San Antonio Water System), but have not been able to success-

fully deliver the water through natural underground processes.

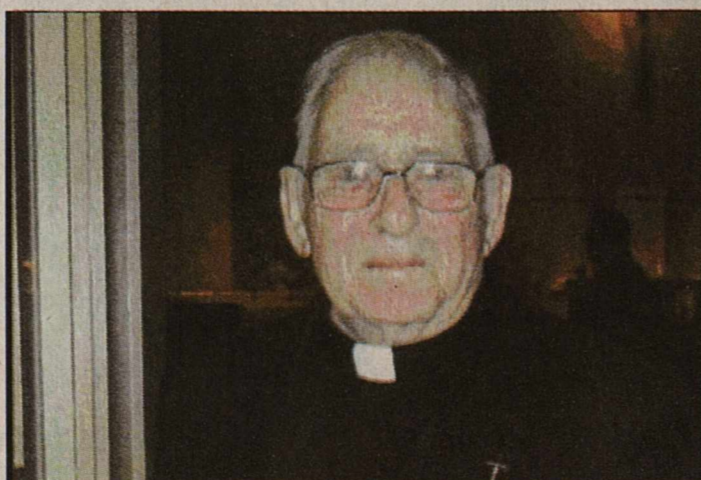
Davis explained the failure has caused a strain on the aquifer in western Bexer County and has created the need for an alternate way to transport the water, thus introducing the idea of building a pipeline.

Lowery said a pipeline is basically a private landowner issue and the KCGCD has no authority to regulate such a project and that currently there are laws in effect that specifically protect Uvalde County from such a pipeline.

Trustee Sondra Meil said, "I feel as a school board that we should not approve this resolution; we should not get involved. We are here for the kids and for their education. I think when we get mixed into politics; we're only asking for trouble...Getting mixed up in the water issue is not something we should do as a board."

Schuster reiterated Meil's sentiments and Trustee Dan Laws expressed his personal misgivings towards a pipeline project, but stated all the resolutions being signed mean absolutely nothing to the legislators in Austin.

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Father Cornelius Scanlan

Father Cornelius Scanlan, OMI received The Papal Cross "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" award granted by Pope Benedict XVI, on February 6, at the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart in San Angelo. This award, which is translated "For the Church and the Pontiff", is among the highest awards that can be conferred by the Papacy. Father Scanlan served as Pastor of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville for several years prior to his semi-retirement in San Angelo. Father Scanlan was a big fan of Brackett ISD sports. He now serves a reduced ministry for the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Angelo, TX. Several residents of Brackettville were in attendance for the awards ceremony and Mass celebrating the conferral of Papal Honors.

## LETTER to the Editor

Washington is about to crack down on carbon dioxide emissions. As an individual and as a Director on the Rio Grande Electric Coop. board, I want to call this to your attention as it will have impact on consumers as well as the American economy. Cap and trade bills as these are known are government re-engineering of the American economy. The cap rations the use of coal, oil, and natural gas which currently provides 85 percent of American's energy. Carbon dioxide is the by-product the bill is trying to reduce. Changing from these energy sources is predicted to cost from \$800 to \$1,300 per year per household by 2015. These cost projections may even be underestimated. For consumers, cap and trade means more expensive gasoline and electricity. Also, the American economy will experience outsourcing of manufacturing jobs to those nations with lower energy costs. There is little environment gain. Carbon dioxide makes up less than four hundred parts per million by volume of our atmosphere. Among greenhouse gases, carbon dioxide is a weak member. It makes up less than 4% of total greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. I ask that you contact your representatives at all levels and ask them to vote against any form of the cap and trade bills.

Cindy E. Whitehead

## Publishers PLOG

Every now and then a little pat on the head makes you feel good. I was working late one night this week and here's one of the emails I read: "Brackett News. With so many newspapers shutting down in larger cities, Brackett is fortunate to have the News to report on local happenings. You have responsibly reported the facts surrounding stories of local interest (eg. preferential water allotments, irrational and irresponsible destruction of trees at Ft. Clark) and have dared to express your opinion on these matters. By separate letter via snail mail, I am extending my subscription for another year. I enjoy your paper!" This was from one of our out of state subscribers.

Leigh V.

## 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.

NEW website mybrackettnews.com is up but under construction. Take a peek!

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## A beautiful clean



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Did you ever dread going home? You knew what was waiting for you; the dirty dishes, Mount Washmore and hotspots turning into flaming avalanches of papers. No wonder you dread going home. Maybe it will look better in the dark of night. You deserve to have a home that hugs you when you walk in your door.

Just a few short years ago when I was surrounded by clutter and CHAOS (Can't Have Anyone Over Syndrome) it would take several days to get ready for guests to come to our home. I have even hired someone to come in and help me get our home company ready. Those poor people didn't know what to do with our clutter either. It would get boxed up and stuck in the basement or the extra bedroom. When you rake the hotspots into boxes your home will look better, but it doesn't feel clean. You know the clutter is hiding in those boxes and as a result we would spend hours searching for things that used to be in those hot spots. All we really want is to open the door of our home and be greeted with the feel of a beautiful clean. Not that fake clean that still leaves

you with the guilt that is hiding in those boxes, but a clean that starts at your toes and penetrates every sense you have.

Our perfectionism has caused us to live this way! Do you ever hear yourself say, "I don't have time!" I want you to finish this sentence! You don't have time to WHAT?

Clean? Clean like your mother taught you to; spending hours making everything picture perfect! We all have the same hours in a day! We just need to get things done and quit complaining that we don't have time because we really do if we will just do it!

We were taught since the day we were born that if we can't do it right, then don't do it at all! We listened very well. We have also been punished for not living up to that white glove clean. We were forced to redo things to live up to someone else's unrealistic standards. I don't know about you but we live in our home and it is not a museum and it is not a junk yard either. It is our sanctuary from the busy world. After all housework done incorrectly still blesses your family!

With a five minute room rescue, a two minute hotspot fire drill, a shiny sink and a simple swish and swipe daily, your home can have that beautiful clean feeling too! So when you hear yourself say, "I don't have time!" Then just do two minutes. You will be surprised at how fast and easy you can create that beautiful clean feeling in your

home.

Are you ready eliminate "I don't have time" from your thoughts and do two minutes! Now set your timer for two minutes and go wipe down your appliances fronts.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free life coaching at www.FlyLady.net listen to her channel http://www.blogtalkradio.com/channels/flylady show or read her books, Sink Reflections published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Fireside. Copyright 2009 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

## Seven Unities



Pastor Judith Adams

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all and in you all. Ephesians 4:4-6

## Give your investment portfolio a spring cleaning



Emily Cooper

Spring is almost here time to spruce up your house and get rid of your clutter. But this year, don't confine your spring cleaning to your home and yard. Why not "freshen up" your investment portfolio at the same time?

Of course, you can't just take a mop and broom to your brokerage statement. But some of the same principles that apply to your basic spring cleaning can work just as well when you tidy up your investments. Consider the following suggestions:

-Take an inventory of your belongings. If you're like most people, you've got some things lying around your house that have outlived their usefulness. It might be that lawn mower that died in 2004 or the toaster that warmed its last slice during the Clinton Administration, but whatever it is, it's beyond repair and it should go.

And the same may be true of some of your investments. If one hasn't performed the way you had hoped or no longer fits into your long-term goals, this might be a good time to speak with a financial advisor.

-Dispose of your duplicates. If you went through your house carefully, you might be surprised at how many items you have that do the same thing. Do you really need two colanders? And how many radios can you listen to at one time?

If you looked at your investment portfolio the same way, you might be surprised by some of the redundancies that pop up. For example, you may have several stocks issued by similar companies that make similar products.

This might not be a concern when the stock market is booming, but it could be a definite problem if a downturn affects the industry to which these companies belong.

Always look for ways to diversify your holdings. While diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, it may help reduce the effects of market volatility.

-Put things back in order. Over time, and almost before you're aware of it, the spaces in your home can get "out of balance." Perhaps you have too many chairs in one corner, or maybe your new desk takes up too much space in your home office. With some rearranging, however, you can get things back in order.

The same need for rearrangement may apply to your portfolio, which might have become unbalanced, with too much of one investment and too little of another.

This situation could undermine your financial strategy, especially if the imbalance means you are taking on too much risk or, conversely, if your holdings have become too conservative to provide the growth you need. So, look for ways to restore your portfolio to its proper balance.

By giving your portfolio an annual spring cleaning, you can help make sure it's up-to-date, suited to your needs and well-positioned to help you make progress toward your key financial goals. And you can do it all without going near a dust cloth.

What's your opinion?

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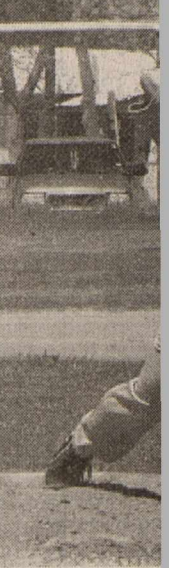
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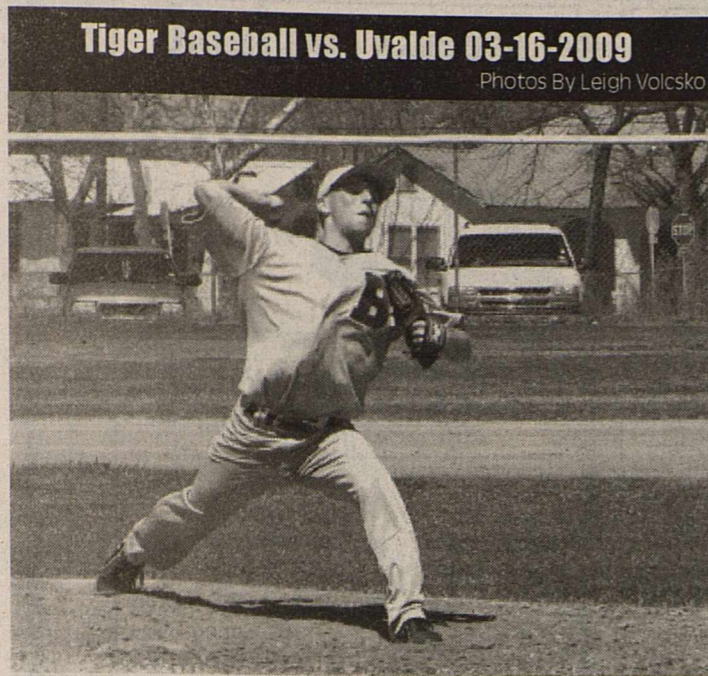
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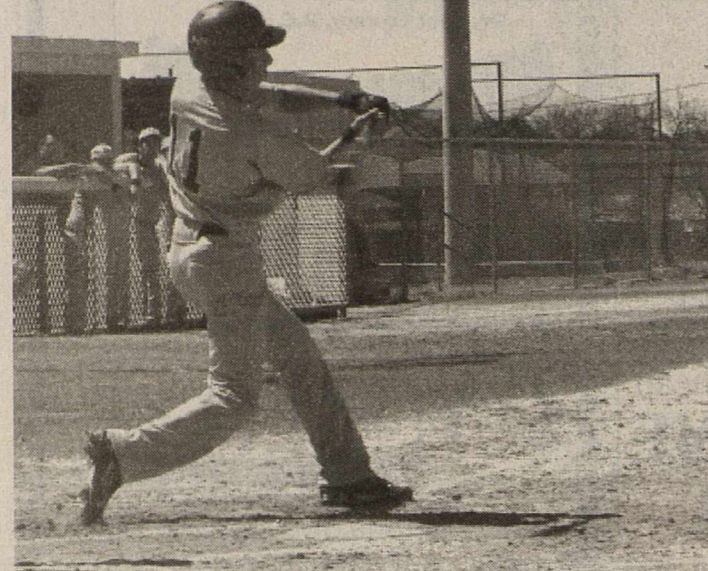
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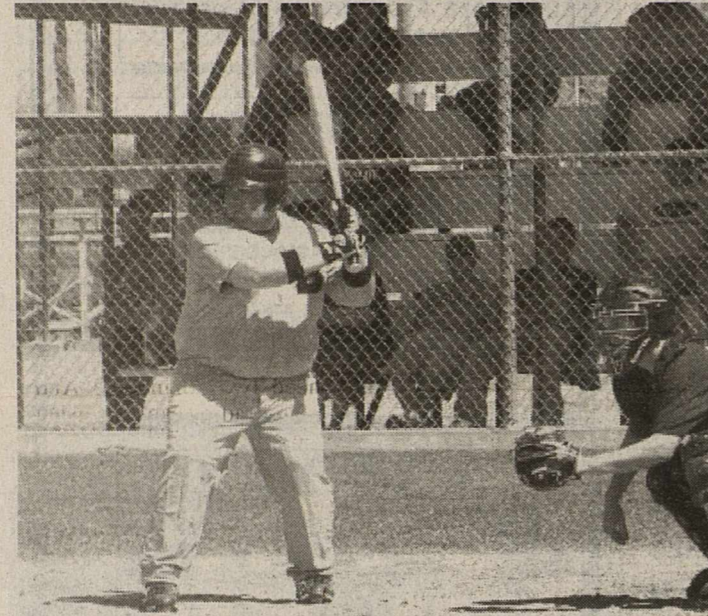


Tiger Baseball vs. Uvalde 03-16-2009  
Photos By Leigh Volcsko

Brandon Allen



Daniel Molinar



Robert Salmon

## Cheerleading try-out results posted

The time came around once more when a group of spirited girls met in the gym, performed high kicks and splits, threw up their spirit fingers, and carried a huge smile all through cheerleading tryouts.

The 2009-2010 cheerleading tryout results were posted on March 16.

The following girls made the high school cheer team: Nevada Coe, Bianca Cruz, Jessica Earwood, Brianna Escamilla, Amanda Flores, Selina Gerardo, Suzanna Seargeant, and Lilianna Valdez. Junior High cheerleading results are as followed: Korlee Allen, Leslie Allen, Morgan Brown, McKenzie Castillo, Jenna Musgrave, Te'a Sandoval, and Shelby Schuster.

This season, the high school mascot will be Ashley Shadwick.

## School board takes no action on pipeline resolution

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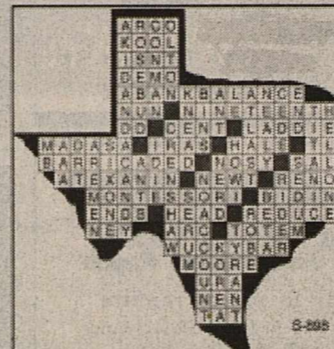
Although the board took no action on the matter, effectively killing the item, Trustee Tony Ashley asked the KCGCD members why the City of Brackettville and the County of Kinney were so quick to jump on signing the resolution.

Davis explained that the KCGCD has its opponents and they are using the "fear factor" to scare people into jumping on a band wagon against a pipeline. Davis said the law is very clear about restricting water and the water board's objective is to protect spring and stream flow in Kinney County.

New Superintendent Robert Westbrook was given the authorization to respond to Smith's request and express the trustee's position.

Trustees Dan Laws, Sondra Meil, Tony Ashley, Tony Molinar and John Paul Schuster were present. Brad Coe and Mark Frerich were absent.

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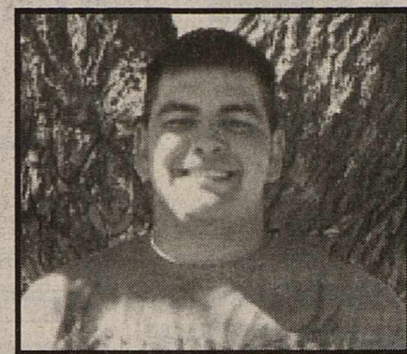
## BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Class of 2009



Mariana Salmon

**Name:** Mariana Salmon  
**Parents:** Henry & Maribel Salmon  
**Siblings:** Denise Salmon  
**What are your plans after graduation?** Well my plans after graduation are to go to South West Junior College in Uvalde, then maybe transfer to Angelo State University or UTSA to major in nursing.  
**What teacher influenced you the most?** Mrs. Bader, because she was so nice and always influenced me to keep on going.  
**What are you most looking forward to after graduation?** On becoming a better person and making my family proud in what I accomplish in.  
**What do you think you will miss the most after graduation?** Well I will miss my friends and all the sports that I played through my high school years.



Jonathan Estrada

**Name:** Jonathan Estrada  
**Mother or Guardian:** Veronica Estrada  
**What are your plans after graduation?** My plans are to go to college.  
**What are you most looking forward to after graduation?** The most I'm looking forward to is getting out of Brackett.  
**What do you think you will miss the most after graduation?** I will miss my friends and family.

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
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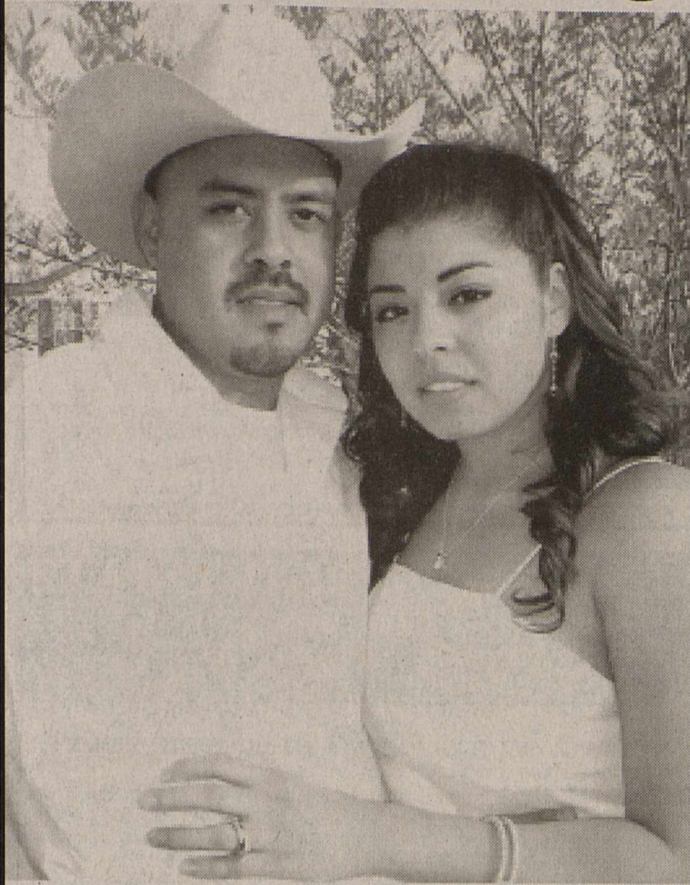
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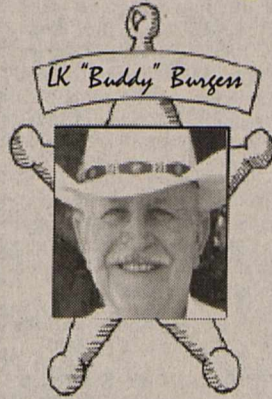
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## Talamantes-Lopez Wedding



Monica Talamantes and Adan Lopez will join in holy matrimony March 21, 2009 in Del Rio, Texas. Monica is the daughter of Aracely and Orlando Talamantes, of Brackettville. Adan is the son of Blanca Estela and Abelino Lopez, of Del Rio. Monica graduated from Brackett High School. Adan is currently attending San Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas and will graduate in May. The couple plans to live in Del Rio.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report



**Wednesday, March 4**  
4:05 pm A caller reported a lady in a green van 3 miles west of check point had a flat tire and needed assistance due to taking her baby to the hospital. A deputy and Ems were notified.  
8:00 pm Jessie Sanchez, 27 of Brackettville was arrested for public intoxication. Jessie was released after time served.  
10:49 pm A caller reported men fighting at the Alibi. Deputies were notified.

**Thursday, March 5**  
4:55 pm A caller reported a suspicious person on the side of the road on Hwy 674. A deputy was notified.  
5:24 pm A woman reported a reckless driver passing by her house and believed the driver was intoxicated. A deputy was advise of situation.  
6:55 pm Security of FCS

called needing assistance of a deputy to put a raccoon down. A deputy was advise.  
6:58 pm A man reported loose cow on Hwy 277. A deputy was advise.

**Friday, March 6**  
2:26 am A woman reported someone walking around her yard. A deputy was notified.  
5:15 am A caller reported loose donkeys near the road at 1572 and Hwy 90. A deputy was advise.  
6:40 pm Michael Jackson, 22 of Spring, AL was arrested for a warrant on failure to appear.

8:00 pm A woman reported a reckless driver on Ann Street. A deputy was notified.  
8:25 pm Anthony A. Jamail, 67 of Brackettville was arrested for interfering with public duty. Anthony was released after time served.

**Saturday, March 7**  
12:37 am Security Services called to report alarm going off at the Dollar General Store. A deputy was advise.

2:46 pm Security Services called to report alarm going off at Double Ranch out on Hwy 90. A deputy was informed of the situation.

**Sunday, March 8**  
1:00 am A caller reported a loose longhorn 5 miles south of Sycamore Creek on Hwy 277. A deputy was advise.

1:06 pm A caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 90 west. A deputy was advise.  
1:33 pm A man reported his daughter was having problems with her husband stating he don't work and he's always drinking and wanted him out of the house. A deputy was notified.  
6:10 pm A caller reported a green van stranded on Hwy 277 with family in it. A deputy was advise.  
8:35 pm A caller reported a broken window in front of the high school. A deputy was dis-

patched.

**Monday, March 9**  
12:30 am A caller reported a vehicle in roadway with no wheels on Hwy 277. DPS was notified from Maverick County.

12:52 am A caller reported a road over with a person trapped underneath vehicle on Hwy 90 14 miles east of Brackettville. Deputies were dispatched to location.

3:00 am Olgaano Vengas Jr. 54 of Egale Pass, Tx, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Olgaano was released on a \$1,200 bail bond.

## OBITUARY

### Ethel Kate Hinds Avalos

January 19, 1921 - March 11, 2009



Ethel Avalos was born on January 19, 1921 to Howard and Baselia Hinds in Brackettville, Texas. She died on March 11, 2009. Ethel married Ernest Avalos when he returned from serving his country in World War II. Ernest and Ethel had their first child, Grace, in Brackettville and moved to Austin, where they had two additional children - Ernest, Jr. and Robert Avalos. Ethel had 5 siblings - Frank, Howard, Edward, Mary, and James. All of her siblings have predeceased her. Ethel graduated from high school in Brackettville and was employed as a secretary at Fort Clark prior to her marriage to Ernest. After her marriage, she was a full time wife and mother. One of her favorite pastimes was window shopping and bargain hunting. She also enjoyed word puzzles, dominoes, and Scrabble. She is survived by a son Robert, a daughter Grace Avalos-Sanders and husband Charles, a son Ernest, Jr., who cared for her for 8 years after Ernest, Sr. died, and her grandsons, Tony and Danny Sanders and Westley Avalos. She also leaves behind her nieces and nephews from Austin, El Paso, and California. Ethel always had a love for her hometown of Brackettville, and always spoke fondly of her growing up years there. We will miss her. A special thanks to Hospice at Odyssey, Park Bend, and Buckner Villa staff. A Rosary was recited on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Austin. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m., Friday, March 13, 2009 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment followed at Cook-Walden Capital Parks Cemetery.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

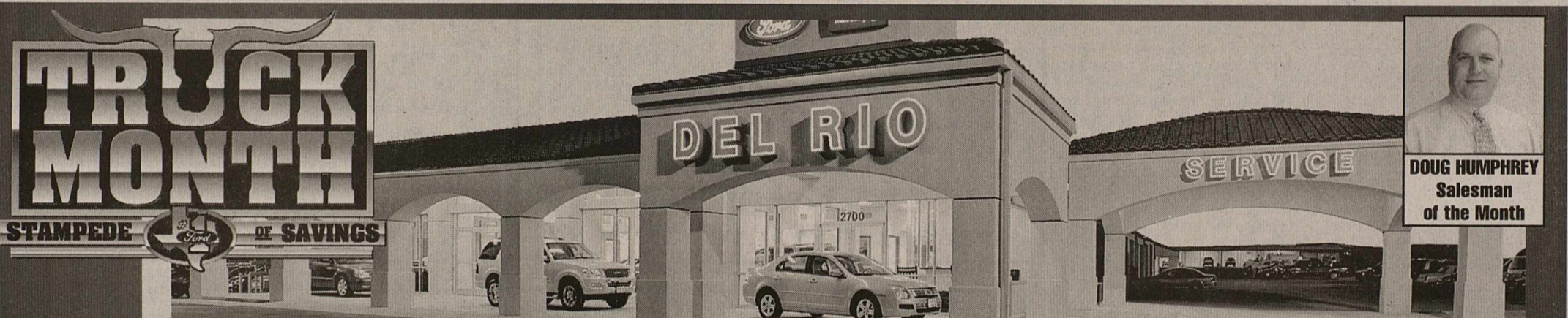
### Barbara Miller

Barbara Miller of Fort Clark Springs passed away on October 2, 2008. Her Minnesota Family will be here to have a Memorial Service for her on Monday, March 23, beginning at 10:00 am at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with Pastor Nathan Lafrenz officiating. There will be a luncheon at the Parish Hall immediately following the memorial services and spreading of ashes will be at Fort Clark Springs Golf Course after the luncheon. All friends are invited to attend these services.

## Thank You

The family of Maggie Garcia want to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to moms friends and acquaintances that brought the food, flowers and prayers. Special thanks to Diana Flores for reciting the rosary, Cindy Rhinesmith for her beautiful hymns and the St. Mary Magdalene ladies group for providing the wonderful reception at the Parish Hall. Thank you and may God Bless You, *10881 XT 341AVU*

The Garcia Family



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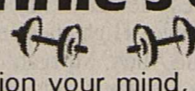
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