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Thursday, December 16, 2010 The Brackett News is Loved by many, Cussed by some, Read by them ALL! Kinney County Is Home To Frank Gomez

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CHRISTMAS

MUSICAL
OLD QUARRY SOCIETY TO
PRESENT CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM "Our Finest Gifts," the popular Christmas musical narrative written and directed by Old Quarry's own Suzanna Lowery, will be presented at 7:30pm on Dec 17 and 18 at the Post Theater. Tickets are \$5 and are available at Member Services, Adult Center, RV Park, and at the door, www.old quarry.brackettville.us.

5K FUN RUN/WALK Open to Community of

Brackettville. Brackettville will hold a 5K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010. Those wishing to participate can complete this flyer and drop off at Jones Elementary school prior to the event. Onsite registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. the day of the event with the run/walk beginning at 8:00 a.m. This event is being sponsored by Methist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas as part of their Get FIT program. This program promotes healthier lifestyles by educating both children and parents. This year initiative has also included elimination of sugary beverages in the school cafeteria, tracking of time children spend viewing TV and weekly parent lessons. The first 100 people completing the 5K run/walk will receive a FREE t-shirt. Please show your support for a healthier Brackettville by coming out on Saturday, Dec. 18th and participating in this event.

JONES E/I EVENT CALENDAR 13 -22 - No Tutorials 18 - Get Fit 5K Run 22 - End of the Quarter

FCS Duplicate Bridge will now be played every Friday afternoon at 1pm at the Adult Center. All Bridge players welcome.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Upcoming holiday schedule for BISD: Christmas Holiday: Early release on Dec 22 @ 1pm and return on Jan 11 as scheduled; Spring Break: Early release on March 11 @1pm and return on March 21 as scheduled

AA MEETING The Joy of Living Group of Alcoholics Anonymous closed meetings, has changed its meeting time from Saturday at 7pm to

Friday at 7pm at 803 E.

APPLIANCE

Crockett Street

REBATE The Texas Appliance Mail-In Rebate Program will begin on December 20, 2010. Only purchases made on or December 20, 2010, will be eligible. New Texas Appliance Mail-In Rebate Program Through unclaimed rebate funds, Texas will be able to offer a new appliance rebate program beginning December 20, 2010. Approximately \$10 million will be available for this program. The goal of the program is to promote awareness of **ENERGY STAR®** appliances and decrease energy consumption by encouraging appliance replacement. Visit http://www.texas powerful

smart.org/rebate/

Six arrested for cocaine trafficking

By Leigh Jenkins mybrackettnews.com

After several months of inresidents were arrested for trafing.
More than 40 law enforce-

Guadalupe Lumbreras, 31; Fernandez, 30; Vicente Flores, ficking cocaine early this morn- 18; Salvador Pacheco, 41; and Roxanna Julian, 20.

Drug Enforcement Adminis- US Border Patrol, Texas Game cessing and will make an ap-

ment agents decended upon four tration Resident Agent In Wardens and Brackettville Po- pearance before a federal magleading to the arrests of plained each of the individuals eration in today's arrests. will be charged in federal court vestigation, six Brackettville Marivel Fernandez, 23; Manuel and thanked the Kinney County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, Immigra-

different homes across the city Charge Armando Ramirez ex- lice Department for their coop- istrate this afternoon.

marijuana were seized during continues. the raids.

The individuals were all tion and Customs Enforcement, transported to Del Rio for pro-

Ramirez said more arrest Small amounts of cocaine and may follow as the investigation

Photos on Page 5

Wise men will seek out this play...



OLD QUARRY SOCIETY PHOTO BY PAT MELANCON - Magi from the East follow the Star of Bethlehem in this weekend's Old Quarry presentation of "Our Finest Gifts." This original production, written and directed by Brackettville's own Suzanna Lowery, will be performed at the Post Theater on Friday and Saturday at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the RV Park, Adult Center, Member Services, and at the door. Refreshments provided.

Commissioners call for burn ban

By Leigh Jenkins mybrackettnews.com

The Kinney County Commisban at a Regular meeting on December 13.

experienced a sufficient amount TxDOT says removing the trash of rain in first part of the year, from Fritter Park, 277 Park and but the last few months have been very dry and have banned known as Pinto Park, costs more all outdoor burning until March than \$8,000 annually. 15, 2011, unless otherwise repealed.

Melancon, Joe Maltalvo, Woody housing 346 inmates and is need Massingill and Dennis Dodson of some equipment improveand Judge Tim Ward all in at- ments in the kitchen and launtendance, the court also voted dry room. to close the rest area located in Kinney County on Highway munity Education Centers 277. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) re- pany that supervises the detencently asked the court to close tion center, has agreed to pay all three of its roadside rest the county \$125,000 as part of stops, citing it would save the the settlement from last year's State more than \$25,000 per temporary shut down. The year. Money the State says county lost money after a prisimprovements inside the CEC employee and the US Marcounty. The court discussed the shal Service closed the facility suggestion last month, but be- for several weeks. CEC continlieves Fritter Park east of Brack- ued to employee local residents ettville is exactly that, a park, and during the shut down and a beautiful park at that and reaf- brought in new management firmed that they have no desire following the escape.

to close it. The court says it will research whether or not removing trash barrels from the two sioner enacted a 90-day burn remaining parks and posting "no dumping" and "no littering" signs will help alleviate some of The court says the county the burden of removing trash. the park west of Brackettville

The court also received an update on the Kinney County With commissioners Pat Detention Center. The center is

Judge Ward announced Com-(CEC), the management comwould be better spent on road oner escaped with the help of a

Fatima pays visit to Brackettville



Brackett News Photos By Leigh Jenkins - Left: Kinney County businessman Frank Gomez visits the mobile shrine for Our Lady of Fatima. Gomez generously allowed the Pere Family to park their RV and trailer at his home. Right: Our Lady of Fatima statue is encased in a custom trailer so that people of all faiths may visit it as the Pere's travel the country.

By Leigh Jenkins mybrackettnews.com

Brackettville was blessed by visit from the Fatima Rosary Mission on December 11.

Peter Pere has been crisscrossing North America for the last three to four months sharing a message of the Virgin Mother in tow. Mary's motherly love.

hicle with custom trailer that able to find another job. encases a statue of the Holy

Pere says people of all faiths

Pere, a retired state safety stop to honor The Virgin and he officer from the country of Por- has received many reports of tugal, sold his home and busi- miracles happening from those who ness eight years ago and is now have asked for Her help. An Altraveling with his wife and pine man told Pere he had recently daughter in a recreational ve- lost a job and after praying he was

Another story was of a grand-

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Publishers PLOG (or Paper Log)

Running for the sake of running.

As most of you know, in the summer of 2009 I started a six month diet and lost 40 pounds. I have been able to maintain my weight and still eat enchiladas and lots of hotdogs, but only because I was forced to start exercising.

I say forced because I do not like to exercise. I started walking and now I run (if you can call it running... I think the right term for it should be walking fast enough to work up a sweat and want to throw up). I hate it, but I do it because I'm vain. I don't want to chunky. I don't feel bad. I don't want to watch everything I eat and worry all the time that I'll be fluffy again. So what do I do? I run. I want to be healthy and fit, but Ive never been one to think about exercise as a happy experience. I want to look good in a bathing suit but I dont want to have to do one single sit-up to get there. I want to eat right, but tacos make me feel all warm inside.

This Saturday I plan to struggle through the 5K Run being sponsored by Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas not because I want to win, but finishing something like this would mean all the miles I've put on my aging body would not be for nothing! So come out and walk or run or join me in the "I don't. care what happens I'm going to finish this race and not walk, or stop, or throw up on my good running shoes" group

Leigh J.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS Saturday is the Big Event! We're Drawing for Barbara and Neal !!!!!

As many of you know, Barkley and Amanda went back to the Heart Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio on December 4, 2010, and it is expected to be another lengthy stay.

The Simmons' are overwhelmed by your generosity, and the fundraising efforts continue. Friends of the Simmons' have decided to have a prize drawing for the amazing culinary talents of Barbara and Neal!!!!! The lucky winner of the drawing will receive an elegant dinner party for six catered by Barbara and Neal.

"Dinner Party for 6" Salad CRANBERRIES AND ROASTED WALNUTS IN TOSSED MIXED GREENS WITH BALSAMIC VINAGERETTE DRESSING

Entrée

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> Dessert **BREAD PUDDING WITH ZABAYON SAUCE**

To get your ticket for the drawing, you may contact any one of the following sellers. Diane Wilson, Nancy Musgrave, Christi Maddox, Trina Lee, Martha Padron, Jenna Musgrave or Debbie Ward. Tickets will also be sold at the Filling Station on Saturday evening just before the drawing. The drawing will be held on this Saturday evening, December 18, 2010 at The Filling Station. Although you don't have to be present to win, we hope you will join us from 7:00 to 7:30 pm for the drawing, hot cocoa and cookies, and so that we may thank you for your support.

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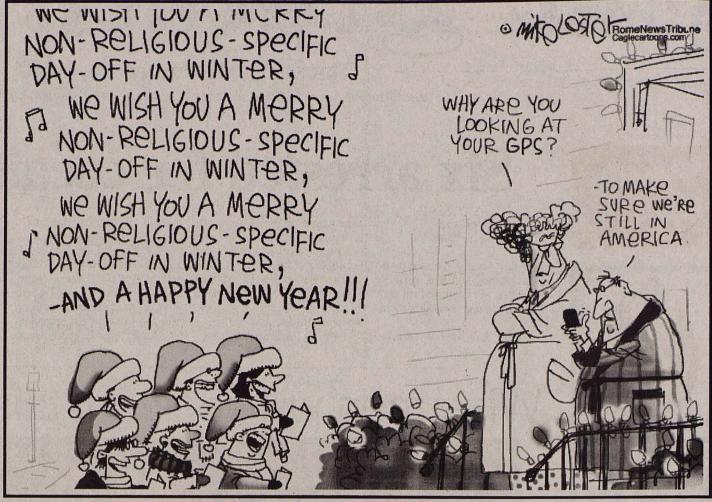
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Put out your hot spots



Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Do you feel like the whole world is crashing in on top of. you? Believe it or not it happens to all of us from time to time! Especially during the Holiday Season. When we get changed and you feel terrible! busy, we feel that we don't have time to do even the simplest of routines. So what do we do! We let our HOT SPOTS take over our homes! Yes that is all it is!

supper and I mean throw! Be- not feel so overwhelmed. cause when you are finished the off and you feel like you could to bed without doing the smallest of a before bed routine and never behind! Do you hear me? all of a sudden your home has husband is pitching one of his birds! It is what got your home in usual fits! Ugly words are ex- the shape it was in! It's our perfec-

that you don't have time or you don't have the energy to do

throw something together for That is all it takes to make you tion, you will hear yourself says

inside by causing us to feel bad get out of the way. By this time because we can't keep up, as you are so overwhelmed that well as zap our energy! Now I want you just want to hide so you go you to pay close attention! You used to think the same way and I can start over anytime! You are have changed my negative That stinking thinking of "I exploded in your face and your don't have enough time" is for the

tionism rearing its ugly head one Here is the secret to stopping more time! You can stop the downthis explosion before it starts. ward spiral by replacing those ter-When you hear yourself saying rible words, "I don't have time!" with "I can do just 5 minutes!"

This is a huge attitude adjust-You come in the door tired and something. Stop dead in your ment for most of us. It takes time ready to drop your load where tracks and set a timer for 5, 10, and worst of all we don't even re- long way toward helping you ever you can put it! Then you or even 15 minutes and do a alize we are doing it. Now that it find this peace!

crash! No wait you have to quick pick up and put away. has been brought to your attenthose words. When you do; turn Our Hot Spots attack more them around and just set your kitchen looks like a bomb went than our home. They hurt us timer and do just a little. I can hear you now! "BUT! I really don't have the time! She doesn't understand. Well I am here to tell you that I thoughts into positive ones and you can too. It all starts with the realization of what you are doing to yourself with those words. It is a form of WHIN-ING! You know I don't allow whining!

> I want for you what I have: PEACE! This peace came for letting go of negative thoughts and replacing them with positive actions. Even a little will go a

Consider establishing a business retirement plan



Emily Cooper Edward Jones in Del Rio

If you're self-employed or you own a business, you've got a lot to think about: attracting new customers, maintaining cash flow, upgrading equipment and facilities — the list goes on and on. Yet, as busy as you are today, you can't forget about tomorrow - which means you plan in place.

All retirement plans offer some features in common, such as tax-deferred growth of earnings. So how can you pick the plan that's right for you? You'll need to consider your business' All Sales Final annual income, number of em- a few employees or are self-employees and other factors. Fortunately, you have some good plans from which to choose.

Here are a few to consider:

ployees other than your spouse mum of \$245,000. You fund the deduction. or a partner, the Owner-only plan with tax-deductible contriyou. Also known as an indi- eligible employees - at a minividual 401(k), an owner-only mum, those who are at least 21 401(k) offers you many of the and have been with your comsame advantages of a traditional allows you to make after-tax contributions that have the op-\$16,500 as a deferral, and total need to have a solid retirement contributions cannot exceed \$49,000 or \$54,500 if you're 50 or older. But you must plan ahead to take advantage of this plan for 2010 because it will need to be set up prior to Dec. 31, 2010.

SEP IRA — If you have just ployed with no employees, you may want to consider a SEP IRA. For the 2010 tax year, you can put in the lesser of \$49,000 or Owner-only 401(k) — If you 25 percent of your compensa-

are self-employed with no em- tion, which is capped at a maxi- ing deadline, to get a 2010 tax

Solo defined benefit plan 401(k) may be an option for butions, and you must cover all — Generally speaking, this plan, which is similar to a traditional pension plan, may be suitable for you if you have relapany for three out of the imme- tively high earnings and can 401(k): a range of investment diately preceding five years. afford to take advantage of the options, tax-deductible contribu- (Employees themselves cannot high contribution limits, which tions and tax-deferred earnings contribute.) Keep in mind, are determined by an actuarial growth. You may even be able though, that the percentage of calculation. Your contributions to choose a Roth option for compensation contributed to a are tax deductible. In choosing your owner-only 401(k), which SEP IRA must be the same for a retirement plan, you may want you and your employees. If you to consult with your tax adviser. don't get a plan set up prior to But don't wait any longer to get portunity to grow tax-free. For year-end, the SEP IRA is the started. The future will be here 2010, you can contribute up to only plan that you can set up soon enough — so you'll want and fund, up until your tax fil- to be prepared for it.

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Brackett Jr. High and High School students who participate in the 5K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, Dec. 18, will be eligible to have their name entered in a drawing for a \$100, \$50 or \$25 Wal-Mart gift card

JV Boys Basketball Scores/Stats

Dilley JV Tournament December 9-11, 2010

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Jonathan Pinales	6 pts					
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Chris Cruz	4 pts					
Daniel Falcon	4 pts					
Charlie Resendez	2 pts					
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Paul Resendez	6 pts					

Daniel Falcon 2 pts Jr. Falcon 2 pts Wyatt Blake 2 pts

Fuesday December 14, 2010

	1st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Brackett JV	19	2	13	4	38
Brackett JV Rocksprings JV	3	8	3	9	23

** JV Boys Record - 7-2

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Basketball News



On November 30th, Varsity Basketball Girls played against the Utopia Lady Buffs.

The Varsity had a total of 54 points- Priscilla Aguirre: 19, Paige Nowlin: 13, Rachael Nash: 8, Jaclyn Abbey: 6, Selina Gerardo: 5, Shelby Schuster: 2, Meghan Flores: 1, 30 rebounds-Paige Nowlin: 10, Selina Gerardo: 7, Kelsey Bruce: 3, Jaclyn Abbey: 3, Rachael Nash: Lady Horns. 2, Mercedes Ocasio: 1, 13 steals-Jaclyn Abbey: 3, Rachael Nash: 3, Kelsey Bruce: 3, Paige Nowlin: 2, Shelby Schuster: 1, Priscilla Aguirre: 1, 11 assists-Flores: 1. Jaclyn Abbey also had 2 blocks. The

Tigerettes won 54-41. On December 2nd, the Tigerettes played in a tournament in Dilley against Winston of San Antonio and the Dilley Lady

Against Winston, the Tigerettes had a total of 49 points-Paige Nowlin: 18, Kelsey Bruce: 11, Shelby Schuster: 6, Rachael Nash: 2, Jaclyn Abbey: 2, Selina Gerardo: 2, Meghan Flores: 2, Briana Garza: 2, Mercedes Ocasio: 2, 38 rebounds- Paige Nowlin: 10, Shelby Schuster: 8, Jaclyn Abbey: 7, Kelsey Bruce: Flores: 3, Briana Garza: 2, Mercedes Ocasio: 1, 15 Schuster: 3, Selina Gerardo: 2, Jaclyn Abbey: 2, Mercedes Ocasio: 2, Paige Nowlin: 1, McKenzie Castillo: 1, Priscilla Aguirre: 1. Jaclyn Abbey also had 2 assists. The Tigerettes won 49-21. Against Dilley, the Tigerettes had a total of 26 points-Paige Nowlin: 14, Rachael Nash: 8, Shelby Schuster: 2, Jaclyn Abbey: 1, Priscilla Aguirre: 1, 24 rebounds- Paige Nowlin: 9, Rachael Nash: 3, Jaclyn Abbey: 3, Kelsey Bruce: 3, Shelby Schuster: 2, Meghan Flores: 2, Selina Gerardo: 1,

Priscilla Aguirre: 1, 9 steals:

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blocks- Paige Nowlin: 1, 2, Brandon Sandoval: 2. Rachael Nash: 1, Meghan Flores: 1. Kelsey Bruce also had

The Tigerettes lost 40-26. On December 9th and 11th, D'Hanis Colts. the JV Girls played in a Tournament in Dilley against Dilley, Kennedy of San Antonio, and George West. On the 9th, the 6, Brandon Blevins: 2, Anthony 16. team had a total of 39 steals-Mercedes Ocasio leading with 14, 35 ebounds- Shelby Schuster leading with 9. The team won against Kennedy and lost against Dilley. The Girls then traveled back to Dilley on the 11th to play against the George West

The team had a total of 22 points- Mercedes Ocasio: 14, Shelby Schuster: 6, Haley Smith: 2, 17 rebounds- Shelby Schuster: 6, Calli Campos: 4, Kelsey Bruce: 7, Paige Nowlin: Haley Smith: 2, August 2, Rachael Nash: 1, Meghan Stephenson: 2, Mercedes Ocasio: 1, Elvia Guerrero: 1, Jackie Yandell: 1, 8 steals- Mercedes Ocasio: 4, Shelby Schuster: 2, Jackie Yandell: 2

The team lost 34-22. On November 23rd, the Varsity Boys Basketball team played against the Nueces Canyon Pan-

The team had a total of 48 points- Jonathon Quiroz: 11, Erbey Martinez: 9, Edgar De Leon: 8, Sam Stewart: 6, Joelson Terrazas: 5, Ayland Letsinger: 4, Mikey Flores: 3, Cesar Castillo: 2. The Tigers won 48-

On November 30th, the Ti-4, Selina Gerardo: 3, Meghan gers played against the Utopia

The Boys had a total of 66 steals:elsey Bruce: 3, Shelby points- Erbey Martinez: 16, Joelson Terrazas: 15, Cesar

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Kelsey Bruce: 4, Paige Nowlin: Castillo: 10, Victor Robledo: 8, Aldaco: 2, Nolberto Martinez: Flores: 1, Selina Gerardo: 1, 3 Letsinger: 5, Jonathon Quiroz: 22.

> The Tigers won 66-44 On November 29th, the 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball teams played against the

40 points- Walt Ashley: 17, 1, Ryan Lindhorst: 1. Jaido Pinales: 7, Julian Quiroz:

2, Shelby Schuster: 1, Meghan Sam Stewart: 8, Ayland 2. The 7th Grade Boys won 40-

The 8th Grade Boys had a total of 49 points- David Ortega: 16, Saul Talamantes: 8, Matt Gutierrez: 6, Blake Duncan: 6, Jose Talamantes: 6, Christian Quiroz: 2, Colten Stephenson: The 7th Grade had a total of 2, Mark Garcia: 1, Teno Flores:

The 8th Grade Boys won 49-

BISD Employee of the Week



Olivia Robinette

5th Grade Teacher, Jones Elementary

Six Things About Me You Probably Didn't Know...

- 1. I am a certified Scuba Diver.
- 2. I play the piano, but not as often as I like.
- 3. I have two very odd dogs; a Brittany and a Bassett. 4. I love to do crossword puzzles.
- 5. My favorite puzzles are cryptoquips.
- 6. I was a Commercial Real Estate Broker in Dallas, and had my own company.

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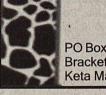
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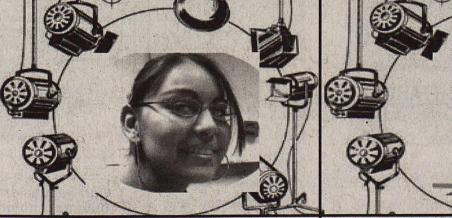


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BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



littani A. Rodriquez

Mother: Nelly Serrano Father: Jose Oscar Rodriguez Siblings: Edgar Rivas, Edith Rodriguez, Louisanna Rodriguez

and Mariel Rodriguez What are your plans after graduation? I plan to attend either St. Mary's University or Angelo State University What teacher influenced you the most? Mr. Ramon always

encouraged me to get things done. What are you most looking forward to after graduation? I am looking forward to experiencing life on my own, leaving

Brackett and meeting new people What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? My mom, my family, friends and my teachers, especially Mr. Ramon

Wyatt Guidry

Parents: Debby and Bobby Guidry

Siblings: Ryan

What are your plans after graduation? I plan to work in the field of computers What teacher influenced you the most? Mr. Swilley influ-

enced me the most What are you most looking forward to after graduation?

Additional learning in the field of electronics

What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? How everyone in Brackett's such a character

Community

Katherine Mathews Smith

December 10, 2010

A graveside service for Katherine Mathews Smith was held at 11 am Monday, December 13 in Del Rio at Westlawn Cemetary. She was born November 23, 1916 in Lampasas, Texas and went home December 10 to be with her Lord, Jesus, the King of Glory. Katherine was the daughter of Bessie Beatrice Smithwick Mathews and Richard Worth Mathews who both died in the flu epidemic of 1918. She was raised by her beloved grandparents, Donna and Jeff Smithwick. She was married to W.B. "Red" Smith for almost 67 years at the time of his death in 2003. Katherine always said that she had a wonderful life and that life with Red was never dull. Katherine loved Jesus and was involved with her church, First Christian of Del Rio, teaching Sunday school, participating with Christian Women's Fellowship, cooking for the annual church bazaar, singing in the choir and reaching out to those in need. Katherine's last years were spent enjoying St. James Episcopal Church where she found many friends, both old and new.
She was a member of the Mignonette Garden Club, A&M
Mother's Club and Del Rio Porcelain Art Club. She was a
homemaker, with a gift of hospitality, who loved to cook.
Katherine is survived by all her children, her sons David and
wife Leigh of Manhattan Kanagas Righard and wife Beth Ann wife, Leigh of Manhattan, Kansas; Richard and wife, Beth Ann of Brackettville and her daughter, Elaine and husband, Gary Neisemier of Junction. She is also survived by honorary son, Walter Wilson and wife, Nancy of Rochester, Minnesota as well as six grandchildren, Cameron Smith and wife Kristen, Dale, Brent and Ashley Smith, Jay Neisemier and wife Darla and Katherine Neisemier. She is also survived by three great grandchildren

OBITUARY Down and Dirty



Brackett News Photo By Leigh Jenkins - City of Brackettville employees work to repair a waterline leak on last week on East Fulton Street. The water from the busted pipe flooded the area between the school facilities and trickeled down Ann Street as far as the courthouse. Pictured down in the ground is Patrick Sheedy. Pictured standing from left: Michael Hargis and Javier DeLeon.

Tomas Herrera

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December 22, 1973 - December 7, 2010

Tomas Herrera, age 36, entered into rest December 7, 2010 in Uvalde, Texas. He was born December 22, 1973 in Cd. Acuna, Mexico. He is preceded in death by his toddler brothers Rafael Herrera Venegas, infant brother Mario Herrera Venegas and infant sister Reyes Maria Hererra Venegas.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 20 years Nancy S. Herrera, Children, Esna Villanueva and husband Joe, Jeffery Daniel Herrera, Amy Herrera, Tomas Herrera Jr, Parents Esteban Herrera Rodriguez and Margarita Venegas Cardona. Brothers, Mario Herrera, Jose Herrera, Alberto Herrera, Arturo Herrera, Miguel Herrera, Juan Luis Herrera, Rafael Herrera, Gabriel Herrera. Sister's, Cesaria Herrera, Maria Herrera, Esperanza Herrera, Grandson, Joe Daniel Villanueva. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews

Visitation was held Wednesday, December 8, from 4 pm to 9 pm, Brackettville Sunset Memorial Funeral Home, Mass of Christian Burial will be held today, Thursday, December 9, 2 pm, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Burial to follow at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery.

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Fatima pays visit to Brackettville

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mother who asked that her sick grandchild be healed and were answered.

miracles and of his clear mes-Pere pulled a small cross from in 1919 and 1920 respectively. his shirt pocket, made the sign There were beatified by Pope of the cross and then called out Jean-Paul II on 19th May 1989. to the Lord for help. Pere says Lucy Dos Santos took her vows the man and his three passengers just drove away into the night.

Fatima-direct.com explains, .. In the spring of 1916, Cabeco, an angel appeared to three small shepherd children. Lucy de Santos, then aged 10, was accompanied by her two cousins Jacinta (7) and Franstory of the six Apparitions of

Santos, their major seer. Lucy version of the Apparitions of the years.' de Santos, who later became Sister Lucy, described the scenes she witnessed in great the next morning, her prayers detail. During these many apparitions, the Virgin Mary an-The true joy of his mission nounced, what is recognized is evident in the tone of Pere's today by the church as the 3 voice when he speaks of the secrets of Fatima: the start of the second world war, the arrival of sage of forgiveness for those communist regimes and the last who at times have made his secret which was interpreted as journey a bit dangerous. Once the announcement on the assasa man pulled a gun on him while sination attempt against the Pope he said his evening prayers in in May 1981. Francisco and front of the Fatima Virgin and Jacinta Marto died very early

the Virgin Mary, which took in 1928 and received new ap- Virgin of Fatima. Sister Lucy,

place the Cova da Iria near paritions from the Virgin Mary the last surviving seer of Fatima, Fatima in Portugal in 1917 as in 1925 and 1929. She wrote passed from this life on Februwritten down by Lucy de her story herself, the official ary 14, 2005 at the age of 97



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OBITUARY

Charles Castro Olvera

September 30, 1923 - December 3, 2010

Charles Castro Olvera, also known as John Charles Chale Olvera, passed peacefully on December 3, 2010 in Phoenix, Arizona at the age of 87. He was born in Brackettville, Texas on September 30, 1923, son of Emily and Blas Olvera. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters Lillian, Leticia Acosta and Alice Garcia. He is survived by his brothers Claude of Arlington, Texas and Richard of Brackettville, Texas as well as his sister Mary Canales of Fort Clark. Charles was a graduate of Brackettville High School. He met the love of his life, Dorothy May Woods, while stationed in Salt Lake City, Utah. She and their five children followed Charles around the world on many of his adventures. Dorothy passed away in October, 2006. Charles is survived by his five children and their spouses: John C. Jr. (Alice) of South Carolina; Dennis R. (Kay) of Indiana; Rosa Linda Strickland (John) of North Carolina; Dianne Woods-Olvera Cavness (John) of Phoenix, Arizona; and Gordon A. (Carolyn) of Pakenham, England. He was a proud to have thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Charles was interred at Green Acres Mortuary & Cemetery in Scottsdale, Arizona on December 9

whereas the First World War was raging, at the Loca du

cisco Marto (10), all three from a very poor peasant family. The shepherd children saw the vision of an angel of peace whose mission was to prepare them for the Coming of the Virgin Mary three times. For each Apparition, the angel invited the children to pray and accompanied them in their reverence...the

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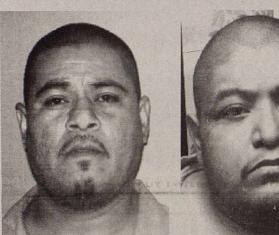
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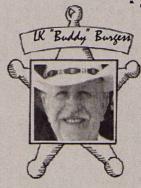
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Sunday, December 5 Victor Hugo Zamaripa, 18, of Del Rio was arrested for reck-

less driving. Zamaripa was still being held at press time.

Tuesday, December 7 A security company called to child had been bitten by a dog. report an alarm was sounding off at the school.

way 90.

Friday, December 10

report an alarm was sounding office at the BISD central office. Saturday, December 11

a five year old Kinney County the house.

A woman called to report a A federal agent called to re- The woman said a white van was times by a dog. port a reckless driver on High- swerving all over the road and the storage business and then Street. A security company called to later swerved into the parking

lot of the liquor store. A woman called to report a man urinating in her front yard

A nurse at Val Verde Re- and making verbal threats gional Medical Center to report against another person inside

Sunday, December 12

A man called to report his reckless driver on Highway 90. horse had been bitten multiple

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see some rain. Once again the Fort Clark Springs Pro Shop Manager, Don Lee, provided a great lunch, with terrific hamburgers and all the fixins, with assistance from several players prior to play.

Next months Tournament was changing and the wind will be on January 8, 2011 with played a factor in the outcome a 12 NOON TEE TIME. Check in time is 11:30 A.M. The tour-However, all players perse- nament fee is \$15, not includvered and had a great day of golf. ing cart and green fees. Come Manolo Rosas & Robert out and join the fun for a great Hernandez shot a 64, which was day of golf. Contact the Fort tied by Felix Cerna & Ronnie Clark Pro Shop for information Mata for first place. In third or to signup, 830-563-9204 or

It's hard to believe that an-Teikin won the "Closest to the other year will have passed by the next tournament. Merry The course continues to re- Christmas and Happy New Year main in great shape with faster from the Fort Clark Springs Pro and faster greens; although, all Shop personnel, the best place

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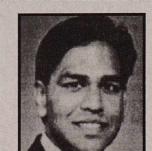
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The United States House of Representatives passed a resolution (H Res No. 1727) on November 18, 2010 to formerly recognize Rotary International for it's 105 years of service. Rotary International has 1,200,000 members in 34,000 clubs in 200 countries of the world.



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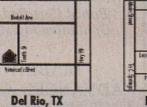


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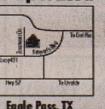
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