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## Water district votes to keep interim managers Directors take no action on attorney's alleged rouge appeal

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD) voted to extend their agreement with the interim co-managers, Caroline Runge and Vic Hildebran, at their regular meeting on Feb. 15, at the City Hall Annex.

The item was addressed twice early in the meeting and failed for lack of a majority. Board President Duke Meek did not vote. Chris Ring abstained. Lloyd Lee Davis voted against the matter, while Don Hood and Gloria Benacci voted in favor of it, both citing the pair provided much needed advice and certifications currently not held by any board members.

The item was addressed for a third time by Don Hood after the board returned from executive session and it passed as Meek, Hood and Benacci voted in favor of extending the contracts. Ring again abstained from the vote and Davis followed up by voting against the motion for a second time.

Since the meeting, questions have surfaced on the legality of the vote. Texas Water Code Chapter 36.063 requires a majority of the board and not a majority of the board members present as sufficient for transacting any business of the district.

In an interview with Hildebran on Feb. 21, he stated, "I don't think I am employed anymore and I am not interested in causing anymore friction within the community."

Runge and Hildebran were hired last fall, shortly after the resignation of former General Manager Darlene Shahan, to assist the directors in dealing with the three pending lawsuits and the districts poor financial condition.

"Concerning the contracts of Vic Hildebran and Caroline

Runge, I feel that the time has come when our District directors should feel confident enough to make our own decisions without the assistance of Vic and Caroline. They have been a great help to us, and I really do appreciate them. It has been a pleasure for me to get to know them personally. However, it is time for our District to modify and reduce their involvement in daily affairs," said Meek as he read from a prepared statement distributed by Director Beth Ann Smith, absent from last week's meeting.

Davis agreed with Smith's statement and expressed concerns that the board was not being advised of or consulted on decisions of great importance to the district.

Recently an appeal regarding Boulware et al vs. KCGCD was allegedly filed by the district's legal counsel Richard Lowerre without consultation with the directors and interested parties in Austin were aware the appeal would be filed, while local directors were not informed until well after the fact.

"I was astonished when Rick Lowerre filed an appeal on Pennington's decision without a board vote on the matter. I have been at every board meeting since Judge Pennington made his decision and I know that the District did not vote to authorize this appeal. I would recuse myself from voting on this motion, but the real issue is that Mr. Lowerre or someone other than the board is making legal decisions that affect this district. Rick Lowerre had ample time - three months - to put this matter to a vote by the elected representatives of the District and he failed to do so. This District's elected directors have a duty to the public to make policy, not the lawyers and not

the general manager. To do that, we have got to hold those people accountable when they fail to get the Board's approval in advance. This appeal is going to cause delay and cost a lot of money. The Board alone should decide important issues like that," continued Smith's statement.

Hood responded "I thought we had given Rick Lowerre whatever authority he was going to need to protect this district. He was only doing what he was authorized to do. We can go back in the records and find where we voted to have him do whatever for the case. He's only trying to protect this district."

"I'm standing here today asking for local control, because we don't have local control right now. I want my board to be enlightened about what's going on. We have too much too much of what Mr. Hood said. I have been to every board meeting and even if Ms. Shahan had given Mr. Lowerre in his contract carte blanche, it was the understanding that she should have brought that to the board for approval on any contract she made and that was never done. Intentionally, he (Lowerre) didn't bring that up to y'all because there is a hidden agenda there. We're not here in Kinney County to serve Mr. Lowerre's agendas. We're not here to serve TAGD's (Texas Association of Groundwater Districts) agendas," said local farmer and plaintiff Jennifer McDaniel.

"It appears that several individuals were informed about the appeal before the board was made aware of Mr. Lowerre's intention. Again, by all appearances, it looks like outsiders are manipulating KCGCD to further their own agenda, rather than the local directors exercising

their control over local water issues," concluded Smith's statement.

District directors took no action on Lowerre's contract, but

his relationship with the former general manager and his maverick decision making have been called into question by citizens over the last two months.

Attorneys, Paul M. Terrill III of Hazen & Terrill P.C. and Edmond R. McCarthy, Jr. of

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## FCS Chili Cook-Off



7th Annual Chili Cook- Winners

From Left: Second Place Winner Daisy Roach, Fourth Place Winner Nathan Kaufhold, Francine Collins who served for Third Place Winner Shirley White, First Place Winners Mac and Joyce Evans and Event Coordinator Darlene Sandwick. The Evans' were also awarded the People's Choice Award.



Presidents Day

The Brackettville Lions Club proudly placed more than fifty flags around the historic Kinney County Courthouse and the County Library. Local residents and organizations sponsor the purchase of the flags through the local Lions Club.

### Kinney County Commissioner's Court

## Seeking New Water Board Director

To fill the unexpired term of Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Director At Large Tootsie Herndon, the Kinney County Commissioner's Court will be accepting letters of interest up until it's next meeting on March 5, at 1 p.m., where a replacement will be appointed.

Letters must be addressed to: Kinney County Judge and Commissioners  
PO Box 1219, Brackettville, TX 78832  
or hand delivered to County Courthouse on Ann Street in Brackettville

**"This is the most serious long term issue for this Court," said Commissioner Marvin Davis.**

## News BRIEFS

### McNamara Pottery

John McNamara's pottery is on display at The Brackett News Office, 111 W. Spring St. The public is welcome to view and even purchase these unique art pieces.

### Grief Support Group

There is a new grief support group which is meeting the first Tuesday of each month in Slaton Hall of First United Methodist Church. All who are experiencing grief are invited to come and support each other in their journeys. Call Pastor Jean Reardon at 563-2823 if you have questions. Everyone is welcome.

### Country Music Opry

The Uvalde Arts Council will be hosting performances by John Conlee, Vale & Alyssa Rodriguez, Liz Talley, and Trey Wilson on March 3, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Opera House in Uvalde. Tickets are \$15 each. Ticket information call 830-278-4184.

### Relay for Life

Organize a Team and Be a Part of the 2nd Annual Relay for Life April 28th-29th. The theme this year is be a super hero against cancer by raising money for research to beat cancer. Please contact Angie Steelman at 563-5142 for more information on forming a team for Relay for Life.

### Gospel Concert

First Baptist Church will be having a special Country Gospel Concert featuring the group "2 Days Later" on Sunday, March 4, at 11:00 a.m. They will be leading us in worship and ministering in song. For more information call 563.2245.

### Charity Cake Walk

Relay for Life Teams Aloha I and Aloha ATPE will be sponsoring a fundraising cake walk March 4, at 1 pm in the school parking lot. The public is asked to support the teams as they raise money for the American Cancer Society.

### Weekend WEATHER

**Friday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High:63  
Low:42

**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High:66  
Low:41

**Sunday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High:62  
Low:42

### Quilt Exhibit

An exhibit will be at John Nance Garner Museum, 333 North Park St. Uvalde, Texas. February 6 through March 17, 2006, call 830 278-5018 for more information.

### Little League Information

KC Little League is looking for Kinney County's Past Time Little League Players to be honored at the 2007 Opening Ceremonies on March 24<sup>th</sup>. If you played Little League ball in Kinney County 20, 30, or 40+ years ago, please contact Theresa Quiroz at 563-2235.

### LEPC Meeting

There will be a special program at the February LEPC Meeting on Monday the 26th. The meeting will consist of a D.V.R. (Disaster Volunteer Reserves) Class lasting approximately 2 hours and will be presented by a Red Cross instructor from the San Antonio area. Please, Members of the LEPC Committee, make a special effort to attend this class. It will provide the foundation we need to begin a truly comprehensive disaster program here in Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs. Any further training will be an extension of this class.

### Elks Charity Golf Tournament

March 3 at the Fort Clark Springs Golf Course, Brackettville, Texas. Shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m., 4 person team, it will be scramble format. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, third and fourth place teams.

### City Council Election

The first day to file an application for City Council Place 1, a position currently held by Ponce Padron) and City Council Place 3, a position currently held by Mary Flores was Feb.12. The last day to file is March 12, at 5pm at City Hall.

### Historical Society

The Fort Clark Historical Society will be hosting " All in the Family: The Untold Story of a Lakhota Family" Feb. 24, 10am at the Palisado Building on FCS.

## Letter to the EDITOR

I am Cecilia Barrera Duran. I came to San Antonio for Thanksgiving and my son's (Ramon Duran) wife Polly suggested we go to Brackettville. My mother was Otila Romo Barrera, her father was Alvino Romo married to Refugio San Miguel married on the 5th of Dec. 1894, in Brackettville. Relatives or descendants of Victorens San Miguel & Catasena De La Cruz married on 04/10/1887. My aunt Luz Romo Santiestevan came from California. She is the last sibling living from Alvino's family. I want to know if we have any relatives in Brackettville? Or maybe Uvalde or Del Rio?

Cecilia B. Duran  
11638 Alameda, Socorro TX 79927

## Editors PLOG

Out there in the world are people who believe that it doesn't matter what the people of this county want - they know what is best and what they want is what we get.

Too bad the people telling us what we are going to get are people that we duly elected into office.

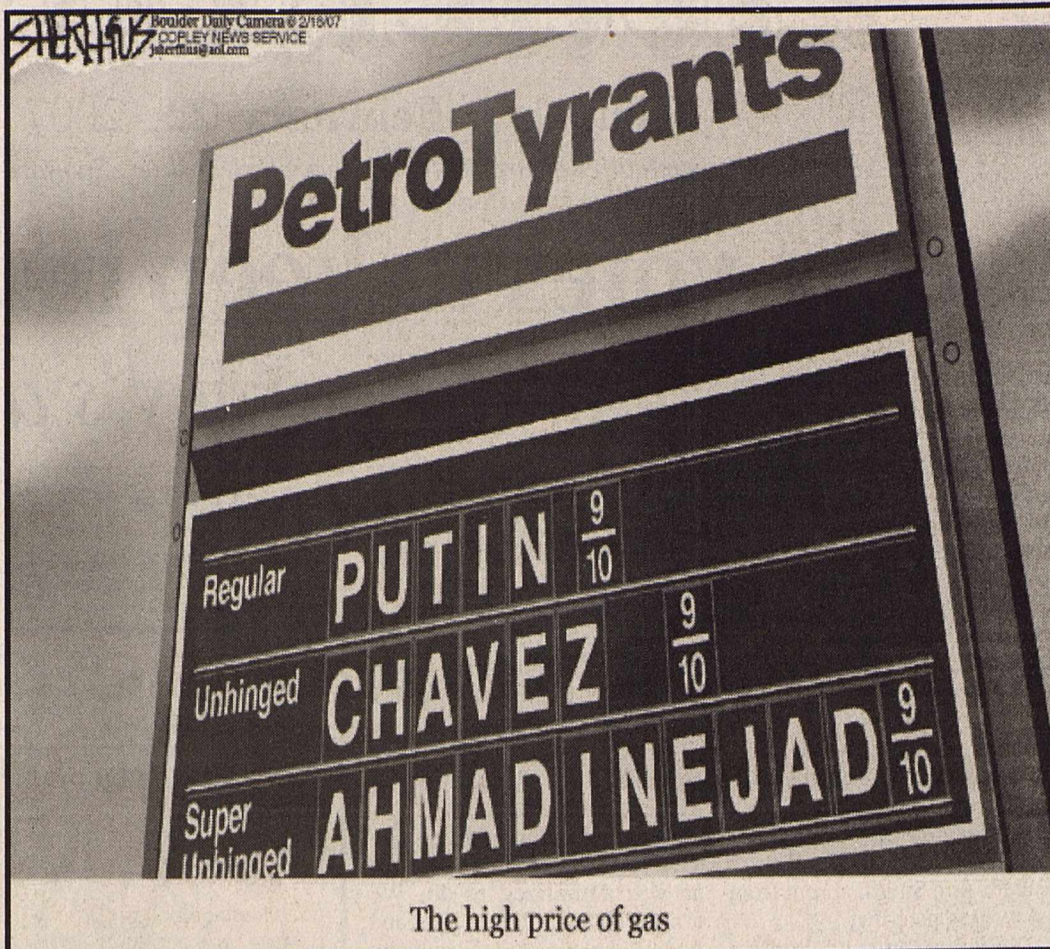
I get the feeling the county commissioners - less the Judge and Nat have little desire to give the people of this county what they want - like we don't deserve to have a pool and a nice playground because we won't take care of it or it's not on the fort and it doesn't make a profit.

I just want to give a little political advice...I can appreciate the fact the commissioners have been good money managers, but the voters can't see a million dollars in the bank. What they can see are parks and clean streets. People can also respect leaders who DEMAND that the standard of living come up a notch or two.

When's the next election?

To the older teens and young people hanging out down at the basketball courts. When you litter, vandalize and break beer bottles everywhere - YOU are the ones holding the people down.

Leigh V.



# The power to change our world



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Today has had me thinking about the memories we will leave with our family.

We may not aspire to be a head of state but we can take babysteps to make a difference in our world. We are the shining example in our homes. Our personality whether it is positive or negative flows through our family. It is up to us to set

the tone in our home. If we are grouchy then our babies will be grouchy, our critters will be fussy and our spouses will go hide.

Isn't it better to have our babies remember us for the twinkle in our eye when they ask if we could come and play and then we say yes!! All because our homes are not weighing heavily on our hearts; now I have huge puddles rolling down my face. Life is too short to not live it to the fullest. When you are dead and gone your babies are not going to remember how clean our homes were, but they will remember that their mother or father was happy and filled their home with love.

I just heard the music Going Home from Antonin Dvorak's New World Symphony on TV. I turned off the TV and put on my favorite radio station to hear mine and Robert's favorite symphony by Camille Saint-Saens: The Organ Symphony. That beautiful music brought back a touching memory of our first kiss. I guess it is those little memories that stay with us all of our lives. My sweetie choreographed our first kiss to the 4th movement when the organist pulls out all the stops on the organ and fills the air with the most wonderful sounds. We don't listen to it often but when we do we are touched by its beauty and power. I feel that this was a God Breeze to affirm this message to you!

We all have the power to change the world even if it is just our little neck of the woods. Our attitude is everything. I want for you what I have Peace! Peace in knowing that I will be remembered for my smile and my positive contagious spirit! I live by these three rules.

Don't sweat the small stuff; what doesn't matter doesn't matter. Laugh every day even if it is at yourself. And love like there is no tomorrow!

We all have the power to change the world in our little neck of the woods; it doesn't matter if you are from a big city or a small town!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free mentoring group at [www.FlyLady.net](http://www.FlyLady.net) or her book, Sink Reflections published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Fireside.

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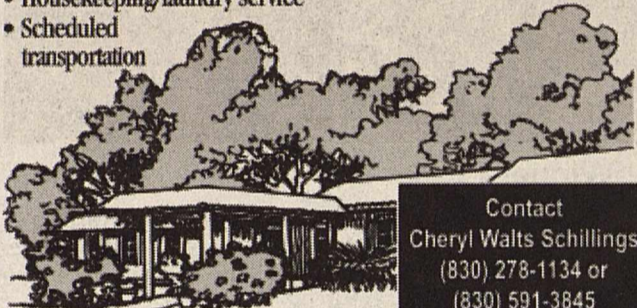
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Want to achieve financial goals? Do the math.



Emily Cooper

If you breathed a sigh of relief when you put away that algebra or geometry textbook for the last time, you might not be eager to take up the subject of math again.

However, by doing some number crunching, you can put a "price tag" on your long-term financial goals - and that's the first step toward achieving them.

To quantify the costs of your objectives, you must be specific about what you're trying to accomplish.

Do you want to retire as soon as you possibly can and then spend your time traveling the world?

Or are you planning to work until 65 and then open your own small business? Obviously, these are vastly different goals - with vastly different costs to you.

Once you know what you really want to do when you retire, you should be able to project your annual yearly expenses.

Then, you can ask yourself these questions:

• How many years will I spend in retirement? None of us can predict exactly how long we will live.

But if you consider your overall health, your lifestyle habits and your family's history of longevity, you can come up with a reasonable estimate of how many years you might have to pay for in retirement.

• Where will my income come from? To pay for your retirement goals, you'll likely need to draw on all types of income available to you, including Social Security and your investments, such as your IRA, 401(k) and whatever individual stocks and other securities you may own.

To help reach the level of income you'll require, you will need to monitor all these investments over the years, and make changes as needed.

Calculating Costs of Other Goals Achieving the "ideal" retirement might be your biggest financial goal, but it's almost certainly not the only one.

But no matter what goals you have, you'll still need to "do the math" necessary to calculate costs and arrive at solutions.

So, for example, if you'd like to help pay for college for your children (or grandchildren), you'll need to look at what college costs today, how much it's likely to cost in the future and how much money you can devote to paying those costs.

To illustrate: For the 2006-2007 school year, it costs, on average, \$16,357 for students attending four-year public colleges and universities, according to the College Board.

If college costs were to rise five percent every year, today's newborns can expect to pay about \$162,000 for four years at a public school.

With the presence of scholarships, loans and work-study arrangements, you might not have to foot the entire \$162,000 bill.

But at least you'll know what you might need - and you can start planning the appropriate savings and investment strategies.

And you can take this same approach to other long-term goals, such as buying a second home or a new business.

Keep in mind, though, that "doing the math" can involve a lot of variables, so you may well want to consult with a financial advisor - someone with the tools and experience to help you chart your course toward your goals.

But don't wait too long - the sooner you start planning, the more pleasant "the math" will be for you.

## BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Class of 2007



#### Cesar DeLeon

**Name:** Cesar DeLeon, Jr.  
**Mother:** Olga DeLeon  
**Father:** Cesar DeLeon  
**Siblings:** Jessica Crumley and Crystal DeLeon  
**What Are Your Plans After Graduation?:** Go to college and if not to the railroad.  
**What Teacher Influenced You The Most?** Mrs. Curry, she pushes me to learn more.  
**What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate?** School, friends, football and baseball.



#### Marisela Talamantes

**Name:** Marisela Talamantes  
**Mother:** Ana Perez  
**Father:** Javier Talamantes  
**Siblings:** Alejandra Talamantes and Jose Javier Talamantes  
**Family:** Grandparents, Manuela and Luis Talamantes and Raymundo and Altigracia Perez.  
**What are your plans after graduation?** Go to SWTJC at Uvalde.  
**What teacher influenced you the most?** Mrs. Hernandez because she is a good listener and pushes us to do our best.  
**What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate?** All of my friends.



**BISD Students Demonstrate Science Skills to Rotary** *Courtesy Photo*

Submitted by Paula Renken

B. Schroeder brought students from her 7<sup>th</sup> grade science, computer science I and web mastering classes to Rotary on Feb 15<sup>th</sup>.

7<sup>th</sup> graders Bradley Edwards and Daulton Woodson demonstrated projects they had completed that dealt with the concepts of simple machines. 9<sup>th</sup> grader Shaun Davis represented

the Computer Science I class at BHS. He discussed and showed products from the Athletic Programs project that the class undertook in the fall. Junior Cesar Cantu and senior Jessica Seigel showed projects that they had completed using Moviemaker in their web mastering class. Teacher B Schroeder has been with BISD for 3 years teaching science and technology classes and coaching.

### Water district board votes to keep interim leaders; legality questioned

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Jackson, Sjoberg, McCarthy & Wilson LLP, representing Boulware et al filed a motion to dismiss the appeal filed by Lowerre in the Fourth Judicial Court of Appeals in San Antonio.

The motion pleads with the court to, "...cause Appellants' counsel to appear before the court and show his lawful authority to act in this appeal. Upon his failure to show such authority, Appellees respectfully request that the Court dismiss this appeal."

All parties are now waiting for the court's response.

Giving a report on recent board activities, Bennaci stated she is working closely with Office Manger Diana Ward to totally reconstruct the books from 2006. This task must be completed in order to be able to turn

the books over to the auditing firm of Coleman Horton & Company.

A memo from the District's newly formed Finance Committee reads, "Mr. Ede expressed concern regarding district payroll procedures since district employees do not meet federal requirements to serve as contract labor. They are in fact, part-time employees of the district, and as such their wages are subject to Social Security and other federal withholdings."

Meek reported the start of the dye test to be conducted by independent contractors working with the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) has been delayed due to wildfires in Helotes County. Meek stated resources have been temporarily redirected and the project will resume in the near future.



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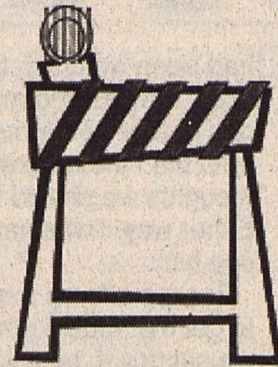
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- \* Beef Taco - \$0.99

**This Sunday's Special:**  
Homemade Lasagna



### PUBLIC FORUM: FULTON STREET CLOSURE



A public forum will be held February 27, 2007, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the High School Annex (old High School), Room 15. The purpose of the forum is to discuss the closure of Fulton Street between the two high school buildings.

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### Brackettville Lions Club

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The flags are displayed on ten major holidays throughout the year, beginning November 2006 through October 2007. If you would like to sponsor a flag, please contact Martha Padron at 563-2688 or Tom McNew at 563-9229.

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America, Land of the Free, because of our Brave. God Bless America and our Troops.

## Order of Election

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 12, 2007 for the purpose of Board of Trustees Election. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the BISD High School Auditorium between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 30, 2007 and ending on May 8, 2007.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
Susan Esparza, Early Voting Clerk  
PO Box 586  
Brackettville, Texas 78832

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 4, 2007. Issued this the 12th day of February, 2007.

Henry Lutz  
Signature of Presiding Officer

## Orden De Eleccion

Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el 12 de mayo, 2007 con el proposito de:

Eleccion de la mesa Directiva

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en BISD autitorio entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 30 de abril, 2007 y terminando el 8 de mayo, 2007.

La votacion en adelantada ademas se llevara a cabo de tal manera:

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Susan Esparza, Early Voting Clerk  
PO Box 586  
Brackettville, TX 78832

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 4 de mayo, 2007. Emitida este dia 12 de Febrero, 2007  
Henry Lutz, Firma del Oficial Que Preside



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# Lost in the FOG

By Ivan the Scientist

On a dark, cold night, the misty fog hindered my vision. We all know what happens on a dark, cold, foggy night — but this was different. There was a dark feeling in the air ... a foggy feeling. As I walked down the street, people would practically run into each other because they could hardly see. All of a sudden I hit something — something big and soft. "Hi Ivan!" it said in a big, booming voice. Trembling, I looked up and there was a big smile and two big white eyes! It was Bossco! I practically hugged him, I was so relieved. Bossco laughed with me and told me I

had been watching too many scary movies and my memories of them were more powerful than the natural good thoughts we should have. Either way, I was happy to see him. Bossco offered me a soda to get me settled down. While we sat down, he asked, "What is fog, anyway, Ivan?" Basically, fog is a cloud that is very close to the ground. Fog is a little different from other clouds because it's the only cloud that touches the surface of the Earth. At Kid County, we get a little fog, but one of the foggiest places in the world is the Grand Banks off the island of Newfoundland, Canada. The cold Labrador Current from the North Atlantic Ocean

meets the much warmer Gulf Stream from the south. The air over those currents meets and mixes, and creates fog. The foggiest land areas in the world are Point Reyes, Calif., and Argentia, Newfoundland, each with more than 200 foggy days a year. If you thought all fogs were created equal, think again. There are radiation fog, sea fog, ground fog, advection fog, steam fog (also called evaporation fog), precipitation fog, upslope fog, valley fog, ice fog, freezing fog and artificial fog — like the stuff at rock music concerts. Bossco began to laugh and slapped me on the shoulder and said let's make a toast to fog — the scariest cloud we ever met!



# Mufflers Keep It Quiet!

By Sam

OK, I have to admit — I love mufflers! Does that sound weird? Speaking of sound, a muffler is a device that reduces the amount of sound a machine makes, like the engine in your family's car. It would be really loud without a muffler. The first muffler was invented by Hiram Percy Maxim to silence firearms. After that, it was used on engines to keep some of the unwanted noise down. When carmakers designed cars with cabs to protect riders from the wind and rain, they had to make pipes to carry the exhaust out behind the car.

The pipes made a lot of noise, so they made some changes to Maxim's muffler and put one on each car. Inside a muffler, you'll find a combination of tubes, one inside the other, with holes in them. These tubes control the sound. As the exhaust enters, the tubes cancel the noise out, a little at a time. Muffler manufacturers do a lot of research to find the best design. Badly designed mufflers can hurt your engine because they will not let the exhaust through, and that forces the engine to work too hard. The right muffler can maintain good power and save gas. Make sure you have your local mechanic check your muffler the next time you're in for a tune-up.

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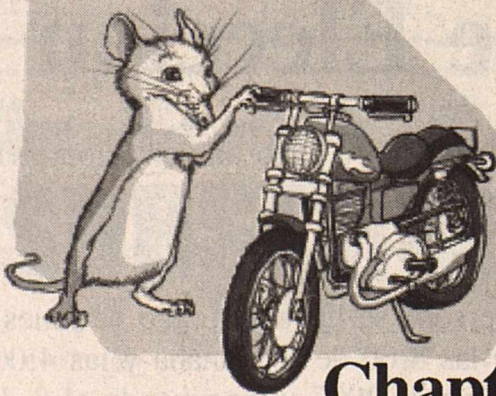
By Bubbles  
What is your favorite food covered in chocolate? Is it cherries, pretzels, strawberries or bugs? Bugs? Yep, some people sell bugs covered in chocolate. But not just any bugs. These bugs are rich in protein and taste very good. Have I tried them? No! Are you kidding? Not me — no way! I am not as brave as one would think. I did carry some at the sweet shop just to get people talking around Kid County. If you're not familiar with this tactic, it's called "marketing." Some chocolate-cov-



ered candies are made very simply and some are made with the utmost detail and care. Candy makers use special ingredients for fillings like real vanilla whip, fresh fruit and — my favorite — mint creme. They cover them with all kinds of chocolate, like milk, dark and sometimes white chocolate. So, the next time you eat favorite foods like apples, french fries, tater tots, broccoli and carrots — or if you see a neat bug — imagine what it would taste like dipped in chocolate. Good eats!

## The Mouse and the Motorcycle

By Beverly Cleary



### Chapter 3

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Trapped!  
Even though Ralph woke up feeling sick and dizzy, his first thought was of the motorcycle. He hoped it was not broken. He

sat there at the bottom of the wastebasket until the whirly feeling in his head stopped and he was able, slowly and carefully, to stand up. He stretched each aching muscle and felt each of his four legs to make certain it was not broken. When Ralph was sure that he was battered but intact he examined the motorcycle. He set it upright and rolled it backward and forward to make sure the wheels still worked. One handlebar was bent and some of the paint was chipped off the rear fender, but everything else seemed all right. Ralph hoped so, but there was no way he could find out until he figured

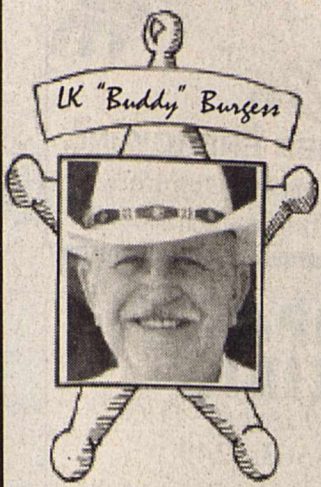
out how to start the engine. Now he ached too much even to try. Warily Ralph dragged himself over to the wall of his metal prison and sat down beside the apple core to rest his aching body. He leaned back against the side of the wastebasket, closed his eyes, and thought about his Uncle Victor. Poor nearsighted Uncle Victor. He, too, had landed in a metal wastebasket, jumping there quite by mistake. Unable to climb the sides, he had been trapped until the maid came and emptied him out with the trash. No one knew for sure what had happened to Uncle Victor, but it was known that trash in the hotel was emptied into an incinerator. Ralph felt sad and remorseful thinking about his Uncle Victor getting dumped out with the trash. His mother had been right after all. His poor mother, gathering crumbs for his little brothers and sisters while he, selfish mouse that he was, sat trapped in a metal prison from which the only escape was to be thrown away like an old gum wrapper. Ralph thought sadly of his comfortable home in the mousehole. It was a good home, untidy but comfortable. The children who stayed in Room 215 usually left a good supply of crumbs behind, and there was always water from the shirts

hung to drip-dry beside the washbasin. It should have been enough. He should have been content to stay home without venturing out into the world looking for speed and excitement. Outside in the hall Ralph heard footsteps and Matt, the bellboy, saying, "These new people in 215 and 216, somehow they got the idea there are mice in the hotel. I just opened the window and told them the management wouldn't stand for it." Ralph heard a delighted laugh from the second-floor maid, a college girl who was working for the summer season. "Mice are adorable but just the same, I hope I never find any in my rooms. I'm afraid of them." There were two kinds of employees at the Mountain View Inn—the regulars, none of them young, and the summer help, who were college students working during the tourist season. "If you don't like mice you better stay away from that knothole under the window in Room 215," advised Matt. The sound of voices so close made Ralph more eager than ever to escape. "No!" he shouted, his voice echoing in the metal chamber. "I won't have it! I'm too young to be dumped out with the trash!"

In spite of his aches he jumped to his feet, ran across the wastebasket floor, and leaped against the wall, only to fall back in a sorry heap. He rose, backed off, and tried again. There he was on the floor of the wastebasket a second time. It was useless, utterly useless. He did not have the strength to tip over the wastebasket. Ralph was not a mouse to give up easily. He considered his problem a moment before he rolled the motorcycle over to the wall of the wastebasket. Then he seized the apple core by the stem and dragged it over to the motorcycle. By putting his shoulder under the stem end, he managed to raise the core until it was standing on its blossom end, but when he put his front paws around it and tried to lift it, he found he could not. The core was too heavy to lift up onto the seat of the motorcycle. Ralph was disappointed but when he stopped to think it over, he saw that even if he could manage to get the apple core on top of the motorcycle, it still would not be high enough to allow him to climb out of the wastebasket. Bruised and defeated, Ralph dropped the core and decided that he might as well be thrown out with the trash on a full stomach as an empty one. He took a

bite of apple and felt a little better. It was the best food he had eaten for several days—juicy and full of flavor and much better than the damp zwieback crumbs the last guests had left behind. He took several more bites and settled down to a hearty meal, saving the seeds for dessert. Two ant scouts appeared on the rim of the wastebasket. "Go away," said Ralph crossly, because he did not like to eat food crawling with ants and because it embarrassed him to be seen in such a predicament. The ants left as silently as they had come. When Ralph had eaten his fill of the apple he curled up beside the core. He only hoped that someone might happen to drop a Kleenex over him. It was bad enough to be carried to one's doom in a wastebasket, but to be carried to one's doom by a shrieking maid was unthinkable. There was one tiny ray of hope—if someone did happen to drop a Kleenex over him, he just might have a chance to jump and run when the maid tipped the basket up to empty it into the incinerator. The thought that the boy was sure to miss his motorcycle and start looking for it kept Ralph tossing and turning behind the apple core until, stuffed and exhausted, he finally fell asleep.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report



**Tuesday, February 13**  
8:02 p.m. A 911 caller reported a reckless driver on HWY 90 close to Sycamore Creek. Del Rio DPS was advised.  
9:57 p.m. Joaquin Israel Fernandez, 18, of Brackettville was arrested for possession of marijuana. Fernandez was released the next day on a \$1,200 PR bond.  
**Wednesday, February 14**  
2:40 p.m. Leslie James Bigham, 23, of Monahans was arrested for possession of marijuana. Bigham was released the next day on a \$2,000 bond.  
4:20 p.m. Jesse Ead Smith III, 23, of Brackettville was arrested for revocation of probation. Smith was released the same day on a \$1,000 bond.  
**Thursday, February 15**  
1:13 a.m. A 911 caller re-

ported her son accidentally stabbed himself. Caller stated her son heard someone knocking on the window and went outside with a knife, started chasing the individuals, fell and accidentally stabbed himself in the stomach. EMS was dispatched and a deputy was was notified.  
11:30 p.m. Aaron Scott Taylor, 26, of Brackettville was arrested on a warrant out of Nueces County. Taylor was released on a cash bond.  
**Friday, February 16**  
8:56 p.m. Uvalde Police Dept. reported a possible intoxicated driver on HWY 90.  
**Saturday, February 17**  
2:25 a.m. Landon Beau Rice, 25, of Fort Clark was arrested for public intoxication. Rice was released the next day on time served.  
**Sunday, February 18**  
4:40 p.m. A man reported someone had stolen items from his property.  
5:41 p.m. Fort Clark Security reported a vehicle accident at the NCO club.  
7:45 p.m. Jose Guadalupe Vasquez, 34, of Rocksprings was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Vasquez was released the next day on a \$1,200 bond.  
**Monday, February 19**  
8:14 p.m. A 911 caller reported a fight in progress. A deputy was informed of the situation.

## Triumph in suffering



Jeff Janca

There was a man who lived in a western city. He was crippled and blind for over 15 years. When he wanted to go to Church, he had to be carried on a stretcher. He had to have a nurse care for him. Bible Scholar, J. Sidlow Baxter tells of the time that he met this man. He noticed that this man had a glow on his face.

Mr. Baxter talked with a lady who had been this man's his nurse. Through this nurse he learned that this man had been used by the Lord to lead 166 people to a saving knowledge of Jesus. He also learned that many people would call him up asking for spiritual counsel. He learned too that this man "rejoices evermore" and is "always abounding

in the work of the Lord."

This man is a wonderful example of how the Lord uses those who make themselves available to Him. He refused to surrender to bitterness and anger and instead turned to the Lord for hope and help. The Lord then showed this man, opportunities in which he could minister to and help others.

He learned that the Lord does not look at abilities, but rather at a person's willingness and availability. J. Sidlow Baxter says that if we could just eliminate our resentings, our refusings, and our rebellion, the Lord would use us beyond our wildest dreams.

How about you? Are you wanting to be made useable for the Kingdom of God? If that is you then just come to the Lord Jesus, surrender your life and your all to Him and He will use you for His glory and honor. Living for Jesus is awesome!

Jeff Janca  
First Baptist Church, Brackettville

## A young mother's apology



Brother J.

Recently a young mother and her year and a half old son were visiting our Church. They sat in the pew directly behind us. The baby made a little noise and moved around somewhat during the worship service but it was not disturbing. One thing I observed was that this young child was already listening to and obeying his mother, (Ephesians 6:1-3). After the service, she came up to me and started apologizing for the disturbance. I told her that she did not need to apologize and that I was glad that she was bringing her young son

to Church. I thought she was doing the right thing by starting him off in life in the things of God. As she walked out the Church I prayed a silent prayer that her young child would always want to be there and he would grow up to have a wonderful relationship to the Lord Jesus, (2 Timothy 3:15). I cannot think of a better place or way for a child to grow up. I wish our churches had children all over the place, babies crawling on the floors and then maybe our drug problems, crime rates would be down and the youth prisons would not be so full. The Bible teaches that children are a gift from God, (Psalm 127:3) but parents are given the responsibility of teaching them about the things of God, (Deuteronomy 11:18-20, Proverbs 6:20-23).  
See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

## OBITUARY

### Margaret Martinez Mendias

Margaret Martinez Mendias passed away Saturday, February 17 at the age of 84. She surmoted to a heart attack. Margaret was born in Marfa, TX the fourth of six children. She worked for special weapons out for the U.S. government for 37 years. She traveled all over the world with her job. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Fay Mendias. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Henry B. Mendias, her son, Rene Mendias and two grandchildren, Aaron and Michelle Mendias. Henry and Margaret were residence of Fort Clark Springs for over 20 years. She is mourned by family and friends.

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Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways and see and ask for the old paths where is the good way and walk there in and ye shall find rest for your soul; but they said we will not walk there

in. Also I set watchmen over you saying, hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said we will not hearken.

Therefore hear ye nations and know, o congregation, what is among them.

Hear, o earth: behold I will bring evil upon this people even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words nor to my law, but reject it.

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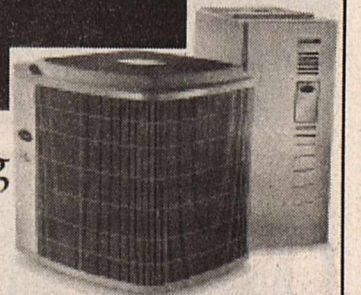
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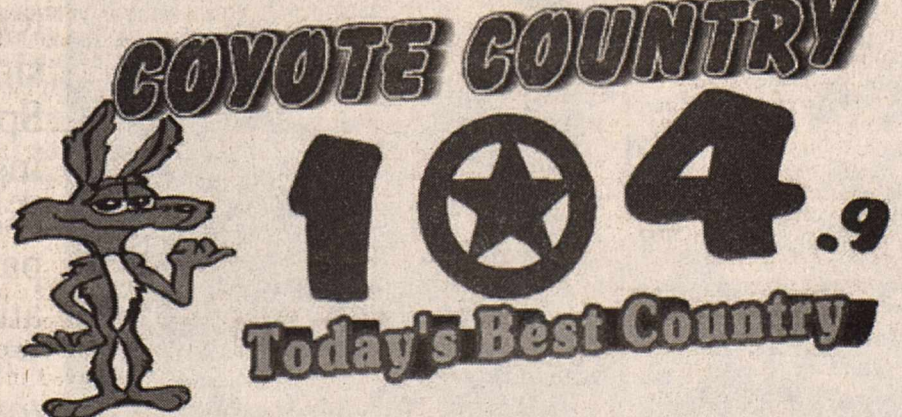
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 Unit 32, Fort - Comfortable and roomy, 3BR, 2B, big yard. Call for an appointment.  
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**GARAGE SALE, FORT Clark,** Unit 14, Lot 5. Sat Only, Feb 24, 9-4.

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**155 Warrior:** custom built brick home, 1,900 +/- sq. ft., FP, office, tiled party room with hot tub, workshop, garage & carport, fenced yard.  
**122 LaMotte:** 3BR, 2B home, large screened & tiled porch, roomy workshop, fenced yard.  
**Avenida Juarez:** neat historic home, 2BR, 2B, large screened porch with FP & bar, lovely landscaping.  
**Unit 38:** RV lot in choice locale, offers slab, 50 amp service. Reduced Price!  
**Unit 36:** custom built apartment, 1,100 +/- sq. ft., great kitchen, tile floors, covered RV parking  
**Unit 34:** furnished 2BR, 1B apartment, with patio, storage, garage & RV cover!  
**Unit 14:** 2BR, 2B home recent upgrades. **What a Deal at \$22,500.**  
**Unit 14:** cute apartment & covered parking for RV, some furnishings!  
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**Unit 1, Lot 55:** Beautiful creek front townhouse. Lovely setting for this 3B2B unique in style... patio with screened porch. Must see to appreciate cozy home, park at your door. \$95,000  
**Unit 3, Lot 6:** 2BR 1B single wide mobile home with furniture, dishes, washer/dryer, well kept place, with covered parking and storage shed. \$13,000  
**Unit 3, Lot 34:** Manufactured home, 2BR, 1B, 2nd roof, covered parking, storage shed, Great shape! Great Find! EZ to maintain. \$28,000  
**Unit 7, Lots 47 & 48:** Cute & well maintained 3BR, 2B duplex converted to one unit, corner lot, tile floors, remodeled kitchen, nice yard with sprinkler system and screened porch. \$68,000  
**Unit 7, Lot 1:** Rustic, clean and comfortable 3BR, 1B unit, with circle drive, picnic table, gas grill, washer and dryer, partially furnished, ready to sell. \$47,000  
**Unit 14, Lots 49 & 50:** RV home, with kitchen, laundry and sitting area down stairs with 1/2 bath. Upstairs, a master suite with restroom and closet space galore. Lovingly cared for with ceiling fans, dishwasher, storage shed, fenced yard. \$46,000  
**Unit 15, Lot 50:** 3BR, 2B mobile home, fenced yard, and lots of plants. Some recent remodeling and updates have been started on this home, handyman special with lots of potential. \$22,500  
**Unit 12, Lot 16:** 3BR, 2B beautiful home with tile throughout. Spacious open plan. Eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, and cedar back porch. The home was built with finest quality with lots of extras. \$143,000  
**Unit 27:** 3BR, 2B manufactured home with open floor plan, FP, deck, laundry room and island kitchen, fenced yard, garage. Very nice!!! Golf course is across the street. \$79,000  
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Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

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## Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier  
**Could We Try These?**  
 Which of the following is grammatically incorrect?  
 1. Victoria could of had any engagement ring she wanted.  
 2. The city should of plowed the roads last night.  
 3. We could of picked up George at the airport for you.

Answer: All of the sentences above are written incorrectly. They each contain the word "could of" instead of the helping verb "have." The correct form is "could have" or "should have" or "would have" instead of "of." Try rewriting the sentences again using the word "have" instead of "of."

## Tejas Properties

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**● Immaculate 3BR/2B,** large fenced yard and storage shed.  
**Brackettville:**  
**● 7 lots,** Spring and Crockett \$31,500.  
**THE OAKS:**  
**● Lovely,** spacious rock home. 2,100 Sq. Ft. 4BR/2B/2. CHA. Remodeled kitchen. Fenced back yard with beautiful trees. Great neighborhood!  
**● Beautiful** new home overlooking Las Moras Creek. 3BR/2B/2 with office (or 4th BR). Comfortable open floor plan. Tiled throughout.  
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**3BR/2B** on 5 acres Kinney Co. Ranch Estates was \$79,900.00 now \$75,000. 600 ft. well, good water.  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

No. 1056 IN THE ESTATE OF FELIX GONZALES, DECEASED, IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Felix Gonzales, Deceased, were issued on January 24, 2007, in Cause No. 1056, in the County Court of Kinney County, Texas, to: Frances G. Hidalgo. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Laura D. Heard, Attorney at Law Law Office of Laura D. Heard, PC A Texas Professional Corporation 10615 Perrin Beitel Rd., Ste. 100 San Antonio, Texas 78217-3138 DATED the 20th day of February, 2007. Respectfully Submitted, The Law Office of Laura D. Heard, PC A Texas Professional Corporation 10615 Perrin Beitel Rd., Ste. 100 San Antonio, Texas 78217-3138 Telephone: (210) 655-9090 Facsimile: (210) 655-8318

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## YOUR HOROSCOPE BY WANDA PERRY

**ARIES** (March 21 - April 19): You can obtain the answers to many of life's questions through meditation or prayer. Relax, get quiet and ask your subconscious for guidance and inspiration.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 - May 20): Be the first one to reach out and break down the barriers that stand between you and others. Leave your doubts or prejudices behind and make new friends.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 - June 21): As you reach a high point in your career, professional satisfaction seems to diminish. Take time to readjust your expectations and to redefine your goals.  
**CANCER** (June 22 - July 22): Learning something new is the quickest way to get your creative juices flowing. Welcome a plethora of exciting information and become overjoyed with inspiration.  
**LEO** (July 23 - Aug. 22): This is a good time to make inquiries or to seek alternative options in finances. Postpone definitive decisions until after you have received all of the facts.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You are in the driver's seat in a key personal relationship. Keep your eye on the road, your foot steady on the gas and guide your heart to the desired destination.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Make a realistic estimate of what you can and cannot accomplish. Review the tasks on your "must-do" list and avoid getting bogged down, backlogged or overwhelmed.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Make an attempt to clearly identify your goals for the next month or two. With this information in hand you can easily chart your course to success.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Be patient with a family member who may be in a state of disarray. Help him or her to calm their raging emotional waters and make sense of a domestic situation.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You may be identified as mentally scatterbrained or easily distracted this week. Make an extra effort to stay focused and determined to understand.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): People who urge you to spend beyond your means do not have your best interest at heart. Stick to your budget and stay away from costly activities or expensive hobbies.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19 - March 20): Put yourself in a position to be free, to be who you want to be. Go along with the flow of cosmic forces and expect personal fulfillment and success.  
 If your birthday is this week, do your best to avoid emotional power plays or serious acts of manipulation between you and your loved ones during the coming year. Practice a degree of self-control, express yourself with honesty and integrity, and you can look forward to acceptance and respect from your peers and colleagues. You should consider more aggressive or adventurous tactics in your financial or romantic affairs. Dare to be a trendsetter and venture outside of the norm.

### PERSONALITY PLUS

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COPYLEFT NEWS SERVICE By Charles Preston

**ACROSS**

1 Roughs it  
 6 Cute one  
 10 Infield cover  
 14 Alaskan islander  
 15 Mayberry role  
 16 List ending  
 17 Ownership  
 18 Simplicity  
 19 Kind of filler  
 20 Sprite singer?  
 23 Egg \_\_\_\_ yung  
 24 Joins together  
 25 Uplifting Yankee player?  
 32 Musicmaker  
 33 Mouthed  
 34 Shader  
 37 Painfully blunt actress?  
 42 Somebody  
 43 Rodent runner  
 44 Diamond's Slaughter  
 45 Banal address?  
 49 So as to be heard  
 52 Branch  
 53 Happy silents' actress?  
 59 Met solo

**DOWN**

1 Tom or bob  
 2 Ring zinger  
 3 Apportion  
 4 Influence  
 5 Graf on the court  
 6 Manages nicely  
 7 Aquarium fish  
 8 Computer language  
 9 Villainous look  
 10 More to the point  
 11 Pay this in Bikini?  
 12 Assessed  
 13 Gambits  
 21 Int. Olympic organization  
 22 Barney, of Olympic gold  
 25 Mossback  
 26 Jet black

27 Part  
 28 Classic car  
 29 "Outlaw \_\_\_\_ Wales": 1976 film  
 30 \_\_\_\_ shrew: vole kin  
 31 Greek letter  
 34 Atlantic bird  
 35 MGM roarer  
 36 Growth on stones  
 38 Little \_\_\_\_ a state pet name  
 39 Sculler  
 40 Samovar  
 41 "My Name Is Asher \_\_\_\_"  
 45 Parish priest  
 46 Light field guns  
 47 Convey; abbr.  
 48 Overacted  
 49 Pile up  
 50 "Big, Bad \_\_\_\_ Brown"  
 51 A constellation  
 54 Conceal  
 55 Plan  
 56 Commissioner  
 57 Apple choice  
 58 Replace discards  
 62 Deadlock  
 63 Culbertson, of bridge

### The OSCARS for NON-MOVIE GOERS

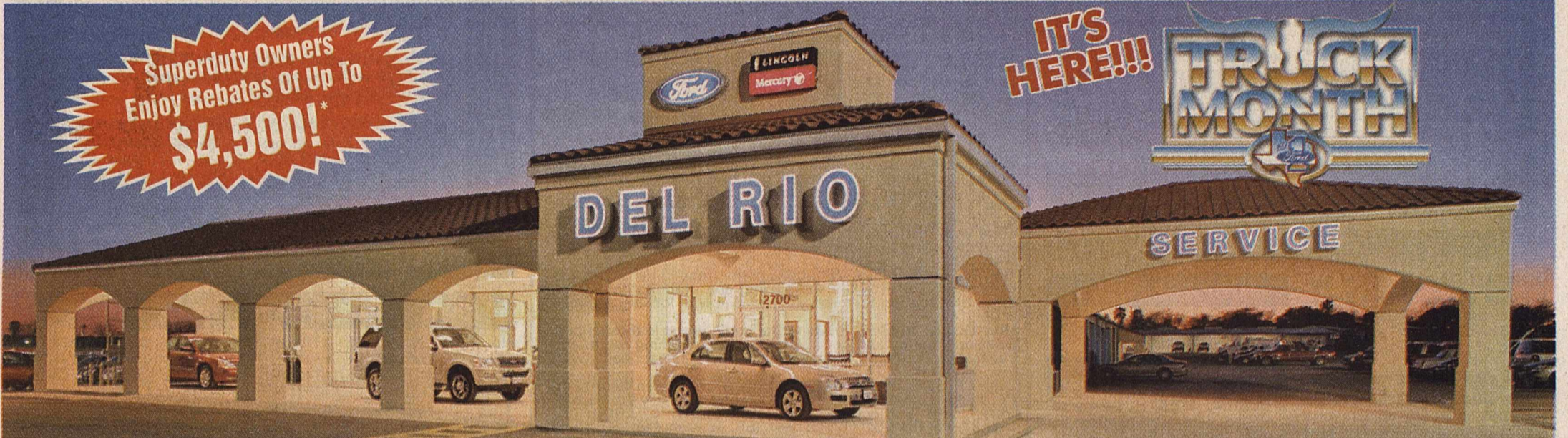
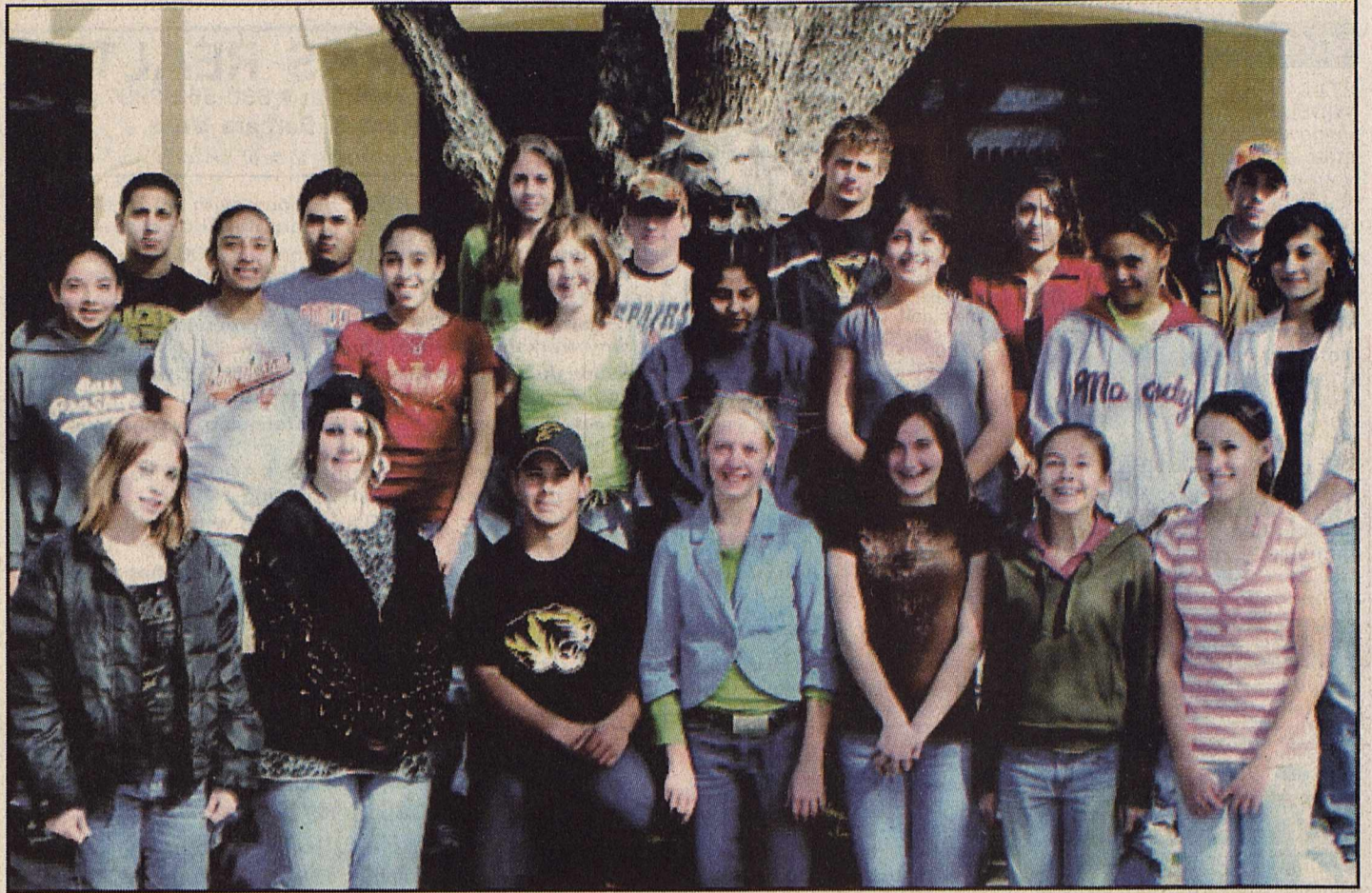
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