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### Local Governmental Meetings

The City of Brackettville will hold a special meeting this Friday, December 28, at 6 pm at City Hall at 219 Spring St and a regular meeting on January 8, 2008. Commissioners Court will hold a regular meeting on Monday, January 21 at 9 am in the county court room. Fort Clark Springs Association will hold a regular meeting on Saturday, January 19, at 9 am in the board room.



### Holiday Deadlines

The deadline for the Jan. 3 issue will be Friday, Dec. 28 at 12 noon.

### Aging Center Bingo

Bingo will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:30 to 11:30 am at the Aging Center. For more information call 563-2015 or 563-9141.



### Letters to our Troops

If you would like to send out a postcard or letter to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan please contact Bonnie French at 563-5372. Letter and notes are the most requested since it boosts their morale and reminds them that they are not forgotten.



Miss/Mister Kinney County Scholarship Pageant 2008 The Kinney County Chamber Office has added a scholarship package as well as a Mister Kinney County Age Category after a meeting this past weekend in Brackettville. Pageant date has been confirmed and will be Saturday March 1, 2008 to coincide and celebrate Texas Independence Day. Pageant will be held at the Brackett High School Auditorium with a \$5 admission for spectators. Pageant contestants should be Kinney County residents and the age

### Weekend WEATHER

**Friday**  
High: 61  
Low: 33  
Sunny

**Saturday**  
High: 60  
Low: 36  
Mostly Sunny

**Sunday**  
High: 70  
Low: 40  
Sunny

## Fire scorches nearly 1,000 acres



### Major Grass Fire in Kinney County

Courtesy Photo

A grass fire broke out Saturday, December 22 on Standard Lane, west of Brackettville. The fire consumed almost 1,000 acres over two local ranches.

The newly created Kinney County Fire Rescue members were able to test their new fire legs as they were called to a major brush fire on Standard Lane December 22.

At 11:26 a.m. last Saturday, Deputy Manny Pena, Sr. called in what was initially thought to be a controlled brush burn west of Brackettville.

Dispatchers contacted the foreman for the Dos Angeles Ranch to confirm whether or not they were burning, but when the foreman stated they were not conducting any burns, county fire units were readily dispatched.

Kinney County Fire Rescue Director Bruce Hudgens immediately requested back up and

state and local fire suppression agencies including Val Verde County Rural VFD, Brackettville VFD, Kinney County Office of Emergency Management, Uvalde VFD, Kinney County Sheriff's Office, Texas DPS, TW Equipment of Brackettville and aviation assets from the Texas Department of Public Safety, all responded.

The cause of the fire remains undetermined, but according to Hudgens, nearly 1,000 acres were affected.

The fire reportedly started on the Davis and jumped the highway onto the Dos Angeles.

No injuries or fatalities were reported and the fire's origin is still under investigation.



## Fort Clark springs to up assessments

By Allison Taylor  
Managing Editor

Fort Clark Springs Association Board of Directors held a regular meeting on Saturday, December 15.

The directors authorized a slab at the transfer station located on the Fort.

The Directors also approved an amendment to the Declaration of Protective Restrictions to increase assessments. Details were not available at press time.

Authorization was also given

to solicit bids for additional lots in Unit 38. The Directors received reports from the Architectural, Recreation, Planning, RV, Golf, Community Council and Festival committees.

The Nominating Committee nominated Sam Holloman and Brian Jones to fill the open position for the FCSA Election to be held in 2008.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Saturday, January 19, at 9 am in the board room.

## City Council to interview for Secretary once more

By Allison Taylor  
Managing Editor

The City of Brackettville Council met for a special called meeting Thursday, December 20, to discuss pending litigation with C&L Minimax. C&L filed suit against the City in

Council voted to table consulting with attorneys from the Texas Municipal League.

The council also voted to conduct second interviews with

applicants for City Secretary, a position that remains open after the resignation of Bonnie Mayes in November.

Laura Negrete was hired on probation as a utility clerk.

Council will meet again on Friday, December 28, to continue interviewing and possibly hire a new City Secretary.

The next regular City council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8.

range starts at 4 for both boys and girls. The title of Miss and Mister Kinney County will be given to a local resident who competes at the age division of 15 and up and single and will receive a \$500 Scholarship. Prizes will be given to everyone who enters. First ten to enter will receive a gift on stage! For questions on the pageant or to get your entry forms contact the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce at 830-563-2466 or Texas Choice Pageants at 210-273-2974.



### Fort Clark Calendar

**Aerobics** Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9am at Dickman Hall. **Thursday, December 27** Ceramics 10am RV Day Room. **Friday, December 28** Bingo at 7pm Shafter Hall. **Saturday, December 29** RV Breakfast 7-9am, Golf Scramble 9am. **Monday, December 31** New Years Eve Party 8pm-12:30 at the Post Theater.

### Attention 4th and 7th Grade Students and Parents

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Caddell-Smith Chapter are sponsoring a Texas History essay contest for all 4th and 7th grade students. Public, private, charter and home school students are invited to participate. The subject for 4th grade students is The Austins of Texas and the subject for 7th grade students is The Texas Rangers. Essays must be received by January 31, 2008. Please contact Sharon Tweedy of Brackettville at 830-719-3343 for any questions.



### LEPC Meeting

The December Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting has been rescheduled for Jan. 7, 2008

### Foreign Exchange Students

Contact: John Doty (1-888-PIE-USA1) Kinney County Area Host Families Needed Now Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester homestay programs, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families. The students are anxiously awaiting news of their new families. These young ambassadors are looking forward to fulfilling their life-long dreams. According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (PIE) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. Kinney county area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call PIE, toll-free, at 1-866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

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## Will "Subprime" Loan Crunch Affect You?



Emily Cooper

If you've even casually followed the news over the past several months, you've probably heard about "subprime loans." But the issue can be confusing, and if you're like most people, you really just want a couple of questions answered: How might these subprime loans affect the economy? And will I need to adjust my investment strategy?  
 To begin with, let's define subprime loans. Generally speaking, a subprime loan is a mortgage made to a borrower who might not otherwise qualify for a loan. Subprime lenders typically charged these borrowers higher interest rates, but some subprimes were adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs), which meant they carried a lower rate for the first few years of the loan. Many subprime borrowers took out ARMs, hoping their credit would improve enough for them to qualify for a better rate before the mortgage rate was adjusted upward. When this didn't happen, they were hit with higher payments and many faced foreclosure. Because many of

these mortgages had been resold and then packaged into other financial vehicles, the bad loans hurt these investments.  
 Ultimately, the subprime loan problem might jolt at least two sectors of the financial markets: housing and financial services. So, housing-related investments, such as real estate companies, and financial services firms, such as mortgage lenders, might experience some rough roads. Also, the subprime situation could lead to a potential slowdown in overall consumer spending. Why? Because if lending standards tighten, people may find it more difficult to tap home equity loans and lines of credit. And if consumer spending does slow, it could affect corporate profits, a key driver of stock prices.  
 As an individual investor, what moves, if any, should you make to prepare yourself for any potential subprime "after-shocks"?  
 To begin with, don't get so caught up in a possible subprime-fueled downturn that you overlook the many positive factors about the current investment outlook. Although the real estate industry is slumping, the rest of the economy remains relatively strong. Furthermore, inflation and interest rates remain low and stable, and corporate profits still exceed expectations.  
 And no matter what happens in the investment world, you can

hardly go wrong by following these tried-and-true techniques:  
 • Look for quality. Quality investments, such as the stocks of strong, established companies, historically tend to fall less than other investments in down markets, and they have frequently lead the way in the recoveries that follow. Past performance is not an indication of future results.  
 • Choose an appropriate mix of investments. Build a portfolio containing a variety of investments that are suitable for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. While diversification, by itself, can't guarantee a profit or protect against a loss in declining markets, it can help reduce the effects of market volatility.  
 • Hold investments for the long term. By following a "buy-and-hold" investment strategy, you can reduce your commission costs and avoid some of the other problems that can result from frequent buying and selling. Once you buy an investment, consider holding it until either your needs change or the investment itself has evolved in an unexpected way.  
 By looking beyond the possible turmoil and sticking with good investment habits, you may well escape some of the problems caused by the subprime fallout - while you stay on track toward your long-term investment goals.

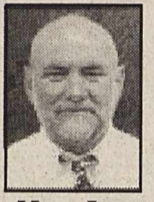
## New Year's Choices



The Fly Lady Marla Cillely

The holiday season will soon be coming to an end. We have either spent many weeks dreading it or enjoying the process. We always have a choice in how we look at things. If we think something will be hard then we make our own wishes come true. What we think about we bring about! We don't have to live in the shadow of negativity.  
 Every single day of our lives we have choices! Our first choice is whether to get out of bed or lay and wallow in our self pity! Every hour contains a new set of choices that need to be made. We may not even know that we are making choices. Sometimes our choices are made by not making a choice and just allowing whatever to happen. Does that sound like procrastination to you?  
 We are the queen of procrastination; even when it comes to being in control. We had rather blame circumstances instead of making a decision and accepting the consequences of that decision process. Then when things don't go our way we make a conscious choice to pout, whine and be in a bad mood. Here is the funny part of all of this. That is if you can call this kind of behavior funny!  
 If we can make the choice whether consciously or unconsciously to be in a bad mood then why in the world can't we make the choice to be in a good mood? Sounds simple doesn't it! WELL IT IS! It is all about making up our minds to be happy! Once we make the decision to be happy; our focus is on goodness! Release the negativity and walk with a positive attitude!  
 That positive attitude becomes a force field of joy that protects you from the circumstances that used to cause us to take to our beds and be pitiful. We have a choice to be happy or a choice to be sad and make everyone's life around us miserable. YOU GET TO CHOOSE! Imagine that! It is in your control and we just thought that our bad moods were produced by the people we live with. We have a choice and when we choose happiness; we create an atmosphere peace in our homes.  
 The weird result in choosing to be happy is that your tormentors don't get to see you respond to your buttons being pushed. They are no longer in control! YOU ARE!!!!  
 You have a choice! Put on a happy face and practice smiling! You are going to be so surprised at how your body responds to that smile! Those turned up ends of your mouth tell your head that you are smiling and that releases chemicals that actually make you feel better. So you see "Fake it till you Make it" is not such a silly cliché after all! It works! But you have to choose to be happy!  
 The choice has always been yours! As a good friend of mine told me once, "We get to change the channel, Marla!" We can choose to feel bad because we can't do anything to fix the situation or we can turn the channel and find something that we can do and do it! Then he quoted the first verse Serenity Prayer to me. When I got home I looked up the Serenity Prayer and read that first verse and then I saw that there was a second verse. I was so surprised. The line Reinhold Niebuhr wrote jumped out at me, "Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace."  
 I believe that the key word here is accepting! That IS making a choice! We all have choices. With the new year we have a choice to be happy or whine and feel bad. Over the years we have all suffered through bad things. I am thankful for each one of them because they have made me who I am today. I would not change any of them. I made a choice to see what good could come out of those trials, accept the consequences of my actions and smile!  
 Your smile tells everyone that you are happy! Pass that smile on and watch it light up the world from the inside out!  
 My gift to you; if you choose to open it is a sense of peace that comes from making a choice to be happy!

## Children and Chiropractic



Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C. FIAMA

Adults have three natural curves to their spines that help support their bodies. At birth,

an infant has only one curve. The other curves develop as the child begins to hold up his or her head and learns to crawl and stand. A child's spine can be stressed or injured during birth. As children learn to walk and run, they fall and can suffer strains and sprains. In the first year of life, a child's spine will grow 50% of its original birth length. This is more growth than at any other time in their lives.

A Doctor of Chiropractic has at least 6 years of professional training in the sciences and health care to obtain his Doctor of Chiropractors work to maintain or restore your child's health and guide you in a personalized approach to your child's overall wellness - through spinal care, exercise, and good nutrition. With a normally functioning spine and nerves and a healthy life-style, your child's body is better able to heal itself. Periodic checks by a doctor of chiropractic can help identify and developing weaknesses in your child's spine.

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## Junior High UIL take 2nd place

Submitted by BISS

Junior High placed first in their division with 579 points, LaPryor second with 558 points. Brackett placed second overall behind Sabin.

**7th Grade: Ready Writing:** Meghan Flores, 5th. **Editorial Writing:** Brittany Sweet, 1st; Selina Gerrado, 3rd; Briana Garza, 4th. **Oral Reading:** Selina Gerardo, 1st; Meghan Flores, 3rd; Ryan Clark, 4th. **Impromptu Speaking:** Selina Gerardo, 1st; Meghan Flores, 2nd; Ryan Clark, 4th. **Calculator:** Vannerick Domenech, 1st. **Mathematics:** First Place Team, Alisha Pena, 1st; Sariah Guartuche 4th; Meghan Flores 5th. **Number**

**Sense:** First Place Team, Alisha Pena, 2nd; Meghan Flores, 3rd; Sariah Guartuche, 4th. **Social Studies:** First Place Team, Vannerick Domenech, 1st; Meghan Flores, 2nd; Kaleb Bowers, 4th. **Maps, Graphs and Charts:** First Place Team, Ryan Clark, 3rd; Kaleb Bowers, 4th; RJ Hernandez, 5th. **Science:** Third Place Team, Daniel Falcon, 6th tie; Kaleb Bowers, 6th tie. **Spelling:** First Place Team, Meghann Flores, 1st; Selina Gerardo, 2nd. **Listening:** First Place Team, Selina Gerardo, 1st; Vannerick Domenech, 2nd; Meghan Flores, 3rd. **Dictionary:** Kaleb Bower, 4th; RJ Hernandez, 5th, Maria Villarreal, 6th.

**8th Grade: Ready Writing:** Nevada Payne, 5th. **Editorial Writing:** Daulton Woodson, 1st; Cynthia Salazar, 4th; Jared Shirkey, 5th. **Dictionary:** Yanira Perez, 2nd. **Spelling:** Third Place Team, Brittany Hale, 4th and Daulton Woodson, 5th. **Listening:** First Place team, Jared Shirkey, 1st. **Number Sense:** Second Place team, Jared Shirkey, 3rd and Daulton Woodson, 6th. **Calculator:** Nevada Payne, 4th. **Science:** First Place Team, Brittany Hale, 3rd; Jared Shirkey, 4th; Daulton Woodson, 5th. **Maps, Graphs and Charts:** Brittany Hale, 3rd and Jared Shirkey, 6th. **Social Studies:** First Place Team, Jared Shirkey, 1st and Daulton Woodson, 5th.



## FCA Volunteered for a Good Cause

Courtesy Photo

Members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes volunteered their time to help set up and participate for Community Unity held Saturday, December 8, sponsored by the Kinney County Church Alliance.

From left to right: Susan Moore, Jeff Sitgreaves, Rebecca Mann, Emily Calk, Samantha Moore, Charles Conroy and Sam Stewart

## Junior High boys continue winning streak

Submitted by Coach Scott Swilley and Coach John Keenan

Brackett Junior High boys continued their winning ways with a pair of victories over Nueces Canyon. In the first contest Boys "B" team coasted to a comfortable 25-2 decision in a lopsided match. Scoring was evenly distributed with points from Ryan

Clark, RJ Hernandez, Cesar Castillo, Daniel Brinker, George Villarreal, Daniel Falcon, and Joel Talamantes. A tenacious defense featured Jared Shirkey and Tony Flores sharing the center spot. In the premier event of the evening, Brackett's "A" team had a hotly contested game with Nueces Canyon. Trailing at half time by a 8 to 6 margin, Joelson

Terrazas, Ervey Rodriguez, Keith Castillo, Adam Resendez and Erby Martinez led a furious third quarter charge. With crisp passing and superior conditioning, "A" team used an up tempo pace to take control of the game. Brackett boys scored 16 fourth quarter points to Nueces Canyon's 4 points. Final score Brackett 27, Nueces Canyon 21.

## Lady Panthers upset Tigerettes

Submitted by Coach Ricky Creel

Brackett Varsity Tigerettes went up against the Comstock Lady Panthers. The first quarter the Lady Panthers took control of the court scoring 13 and the Tigerettes 8. Comstock remained dominate scoring 25 in the second, Tigerettes with 10. Both teams scored evenly in the third quarter with 16 points each. The Tigerettes tried to pick up their game scoring 15 in the fourth quarter and Comstock only scoring 6. It was not enough for the Tigerettes, they

lost to Comstock 60-49. Bailee Allen was the lead scorer with 14 points and top rebounder with 12. Allen also added in 2 steals. Julie Castillo scored 7 points for the team, 6 rebounds, 3 assists and 1 steal. Hayley Harris added in 6 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist and 2 steals. Daphne Hunt also put in 6 points for the team, Hunt had 4 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 steals. Nena Molinar had 6 points for the team, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, and 2 steals. Veronica Talamantes scored 4

points and 1 assist. Bianca Terrazas had 3 points for the Tigerettes, 3 rebounds, 1 assist and 4 steals.

Meghann Davis had 3 points scored, 2 rebound and 1 steal. Bianca Martinez had 2 rebounds.

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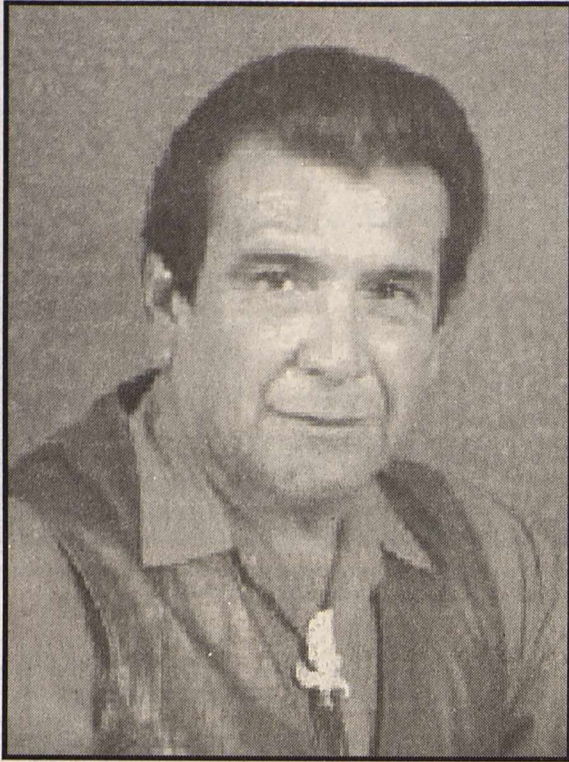
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## OBITUARY

### Freddy Falcon

October 8, 1944 - December 14, 2007



Freddy "Lico" Falcon, born October 8, 1944 in Brackettville, TX and resident of Madera, Ca., departed this world and joined our heavenly Father on Friday, December 14, 2007 at the age of 63.

Freddy is survived by the love of his life and mother of his children, Casilda Flores, his 6 children; Eddie Beatle Falcon of Tulare, Roseanne Ornelas, Mary Jane Valdez, Maria Dora Diaz, Flora Munoz, Belinda Munoz; twenty-three grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren, all of Madera.

He is also survived by 3 brothers; Nick Falcon of Atwater, Lupe and Ramon Falcon of Texas; 2 sisters Agustina De La Cruz of Madera, Maria Juarez of Texas and his stepmother Antonia Falcon of Texas, as well as many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Freddy was a retired Fireman, but his true calling was in the music industry and was a musician all his life. Those who knew him recognized his passion and remarkable talent.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2007, at 7:00 pm at Valley West Christian Center, located in Madera, California. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 11:00 am at St. Joachim Catholic Church, in Madera, Ca. Interment followed at Calvary Cemetery in Madera.

## Angel Food Ministries



"A Food Ministry With A Servant's Heart"

### New information about Angel Food

There have been a few changes in the Angel Food Ministries program effective January 1, 2008. Although the program is managed locally by First United Methodist Church, these changes have come from the Angel Food headquarters. Our ordering deadline is now earlier in the month. Usually it will be the first Monday. Our distribution date will continue to be the last Saturday of the month, except in November and December. Like

everything else, the cost is also going up. The cost of a general box will now be \$30, which is still a bargain for what you get.

To make things easier for our customers, we are accepting mailed in orders paid by check FROM THOSE WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY PAID BY CHECK. The first time you pay by check, we need you to come in so that we can verify information. Orders that are mailed must be received before the deadline.

We finalize our orders on the Friday before the Monday deadline, but can make adjustments through Monday.

This is a wonderful ministry and we hope that more people will take advantage of the good food at an affordable price which it offers. Remember, there is no qualifying for this ministry. Anyone can order. We are working with First United Methodist Church of Del Rio and an organization in Quemado to try to get

enough orders so that Angel Food will send a distribution truck closer to us. Right now, the food is transported by volunteers who drive to Lytle to pick it up.

Menus are posted in many areas around town and on the fort. They are also available at most local churches. If you need more information call First United Methodist Church at the numbers listed on the menu found elsewhere in this paper.



### Foreign Exchange Student returns

Photo by Allison Taylor

Former BHS Exchange Student, Mattias Katzfuss, of Germany, returned to Brackettville for a visit over the Christmas holidays. Katzfuss is back in the states currently studying at Ohio State University.

### Christ is all and in ALL!



Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but

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Colossians 3:11-13

Praise the Lord

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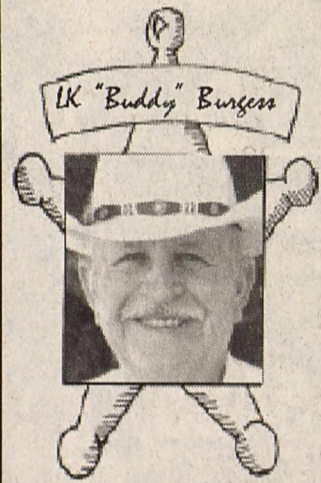
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### Kinney County Sheriff's Report



**Tuesday, December 11**  
4:00 pm Stephen Atkinson, 50, of San Antonio was arrested by warrant for evading with vehicle. Atkinson was still being held at press time.

6:00 pm Jose Reyes, 23, of Del Rio was arrested by warrant for burglary of a building. Reyes was still being held at press time.

**Thursday, December 13**  
10:54 am Beatrice C. Benites, 30, of Brackettville was arrested for theft by check. Benites was released on a \$1,200 bond.

**Saturday, December 15**  
3:51 am Joaquin Rivas, 19, of Brackettville, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving with license invalid. Rivas was still being held at press time.

**Monday, December 17**  
2:18 am Rosalia Hernandez, 44, of Del Rio, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

11:54 pm A man reported a train was blocking the road on Hwy 131 at Spofford. Union Pacific was notified.

**Thursday, December 20**  
1:38 am Brackett CBP reported a white truck ran into a light pole and took off right outside the station. A deputy was en route in search for the vehicle.

2:11 am Jose Mosimo Lopez was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Lopez was released on a \$1,200 bond.

### She's in the Navy Now

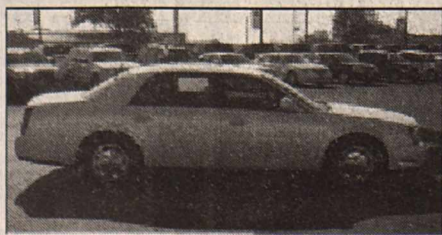


Mandy Lee Harris, a former student at Brackett ISD, left Monday, December 17, 2007, for Great Lakes, Illinois to attend Navy basic training. She is the daughter of Dana Harris, the granddaughter of Bob and Betty Lee, and the niece of Tom and Linda LaMarre. After basic training she will go into Sonar and Navigation.

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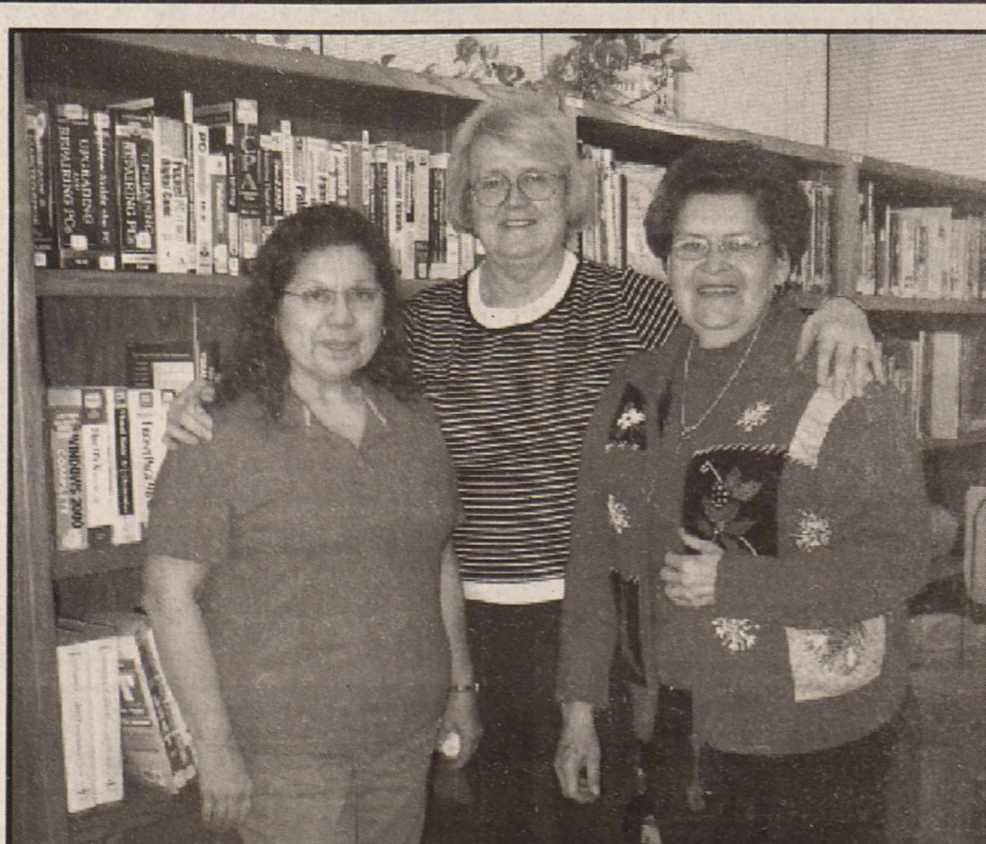
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**Library Director:** Sarah Terrazas

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# Classified Market

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## Employment

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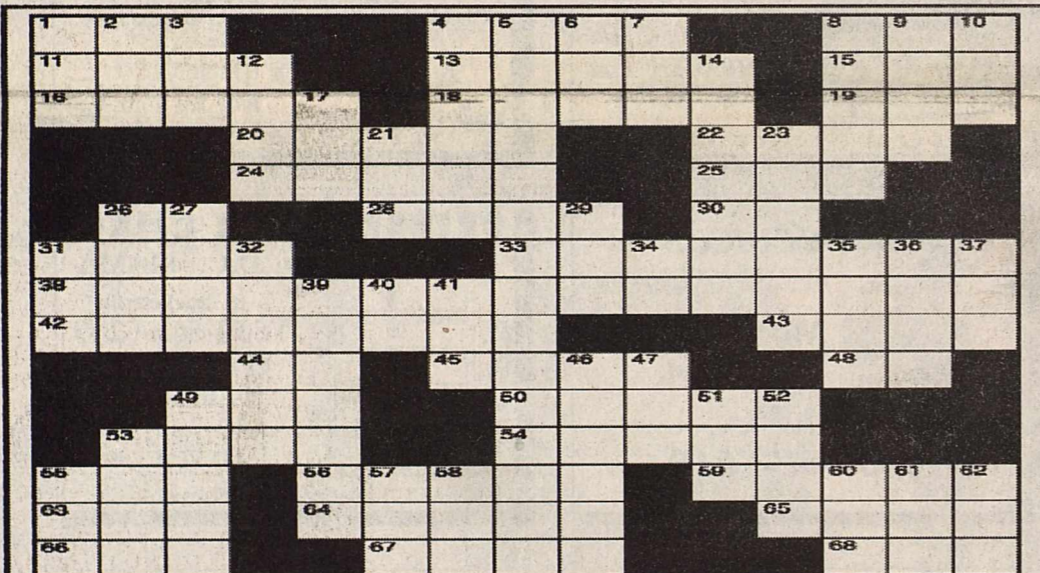
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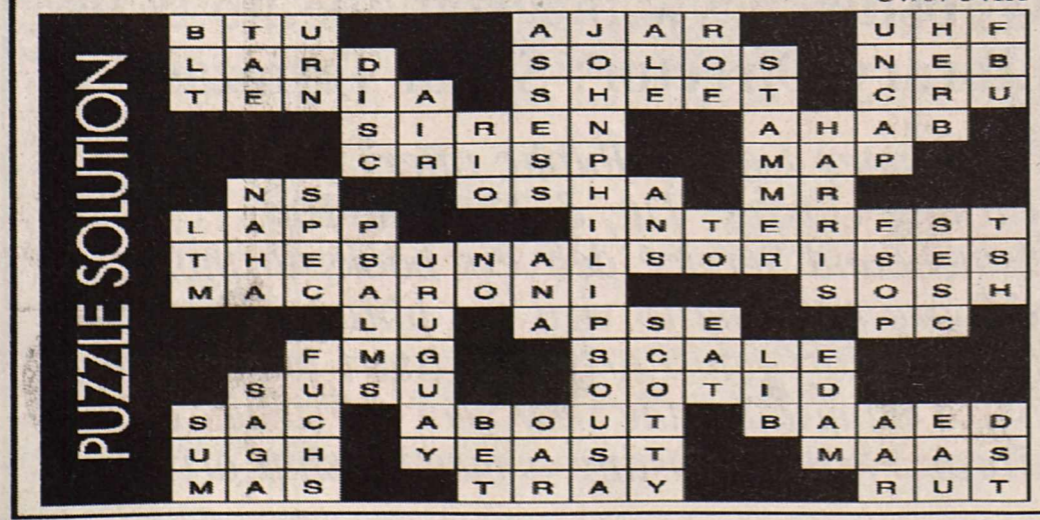
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## YOUR HOROSCOPE

ARIES ☽ Mar 21/Apr 20  
Aries, avoid the urge to rush through something you have to accomplish. While it certainly will get the job done faster, you'll have to spend more time redoing it.  
TAURUS ☽ Apr 21/May 21  
An inspirational meeting will take place, Taurus. Take what you can from the experience and use it to impart positive changes in your life through next year.  
GEMINI ☽ May 22/Jun 21  
A conflict at work escalates, Gemini. Remember, it takes two to tango, so don't assume you don't have any responsibility in this altercation. Good money days arrive next week.  
CANCER ☽ Jun 22/Jul 22  
For those Cancers thinking about settling down with someone special, now is the time to do so. For Cancers already in a relationship, solidify your feelings.  
LEO ☽ Jul 23/Aug 23  
Leo, an adventure can occur if you throw caution to the wind and dive right in. The trouble is that you're feeling a bit grounded, something you have to overcome.  
VIRGO ☽ Aug 24/Sept 22  
Virgo, do something that is outside of your realm of experience. You will get a charge from the new surroundings and tasks learned.  
LIBRA ☽ Sept 23/Oct 23  
Rash decisions are not advised at this time, Libra. Keep the status quo into early next year and then reassess your plans for the future. Cancer proves a thorn in your side.  
SCORPIO ☽ Oct 24/Nov 22  
Don't let your temper get the best of you, Scorpio. Level-headedness is what's needed to make it through some stressful days ahead. Times for relaxation are not far off.  
SAGITTARIUS ☽ Nov 23/Dec 21  
Others will expect you to be the life of the party. The trouble is, you find it difficult to muster the energy needed to be all smiles this week. Enlist a pinch hitter.  
CAPRICORN ☽ Dec 22/Jan 20  
Capricorn, if money issues get you frazzled, it should come as no surprise. Money has been flying out of your wallet faster than you can replenish it.  
AQUARIUS ☽ Jan 21/Feb 18  
There's no use fighting the waves on an issue that proves a bone of contention, Aquarius. You are outnumbered in your views and will not win this battle.  
PISCES ☽ Feb 19/Mar 20  
Pisces, if others are looking at you strangely it could be because you're giving off odd vibes. But you enjoy marching to your own beat.



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