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Holiday observed

The City of Brackettville office and Transfer Station will be closed Monday, June 20, in observance of Emancipation Day. Regular business hours resume Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Soccer Registration

It's soccer time again! Registration is set for Saturday, June 18 and 25 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the public library. Registration is \$50. Siblings are at a discount.

Juneteenth parade

The annual Juneteenth Celebration is June 18 and 19, beginning at 9 a.m. each day. Emancipation Day will be celebrated by the Seminole Indians Scouts Association.

Everyone is welcome to join and help celebrate Juneteenth at Carver school grounds.

Parade gathering at the Alternative school building on Ann Street at 9:30 a.m.

The parade will start at 10 a.m. and will end at the Carver School parking lot.

LEPC hosting raffle

The Local Emergency Planning Committee is raffling a Bud Breen original oil painting as a fund raiser. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are available from Jewel Robinson or by calling the EMS office at 563-9090. Drawing is July 4.

Church in need

The First Baptist Church asks the community to save 1/2 gallon round ice cream cartons, large baby wipe boxes, powdered drink containers with plastic lids, small coffee cans. These items will be used for Vacation Bible School, July 18-22. You may drop them by the church Monday-Thursday from 10:00 - 3:00.

Volleyball Tourney

Sign up now for the Fourth Annual Andrea Garcia Volleyball Tournament.

All female teams of 8 are being accepted. Registration is \$70 call 317-9422 to register. The event is Saturday, June 25 at Fort Clark Springs.

Share your heart, home; hosts needed

Host Parents - with or without children at home are needed to host international exchange students for the 2005-2006 academic year. The students hope to arrive in early August and will stay with their host parent(s) for one semester or until the end of the school year. Students speak English are covered by medical insurance, and have spending money for their personal expenses. For more information, please call Yvette Coffman at the SHARE! Southwest Regional office, 1-800-941-3738.

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Council rescinds order; not terminating natural gas service

Councilman Bland admits mistake; offers an apology

GUS GARCIA
Editor

The Brackettville City Council did an "about face" and rescinded a previous ordinance looking to cut natural gas service to the citizens of Brackettville. The council approved that on April 12, 2005.

In a recommendation from the City Secretary Bonnie Mayes, the council had previously approved an ordinance that would stop the selling of natural gas to the city's 354 customers. That would have meant citizens would have to convert to either electricity or propane.

The council was met with a packed house during their regular meeting Tuesday night. Rearranging the agenda, City of Brackettville Mayor Joe Garza shared the results of a survey he sent out to the city's natural gas customers.

He noted that 354 surveys were sent out; 117 were returned. Of those 117, 110 preferred to keep their natural gas service; 4 would convert to propane and 3 would convert to electricity.

"I strongly recommend the city council rescind its previous action in order to keep natural gas service to its customer," Garza said, basing his recommendation on the survey. "I think this is what the public wants."

Garza noted the survey was sent out without the approval of the City Council.

Garza said the city was only trying to save people money. "People don't have money," he said. "We live in an economically distressed area. These are very difficult times."

"As a public servant, I want to do what I can to help the people make their living expenses."

"After receiving input from



City Secretary Bonnie Mayes

people and just talking to people," Garza said, "I noticed there was some serious doubts about this issue."

After meeting with the City Secretary and Council member Matt Bland, Garza says he felt it was a good idea to send out the questionnaires. "They thought it was a good idea, so I proceeded," Garza said.

Garza also said the council did not have access to this information - regarding the condition of the gas lines. Given the fact that we have the information now and given the fact that the public wants to keep the natural gas, it's the prerogative of the council to rescind it's action.

Garza entertained a motion to rescind the previous action, Bland made the motion while Francisca Garza made the second.

The measure was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Council members Mary V. Flores, Lydia Tipps, Garza, Tully Welch and Bland voted for the measure.

GUS GARCIA
Editor

In a prepared statement, Council member Matt Bland offered an apology to the residents of Brackettville for what he called a "mistake."

Bland read a letter he wrote referring to a "couple of mistakes that I have made concerning the natural gas situation."

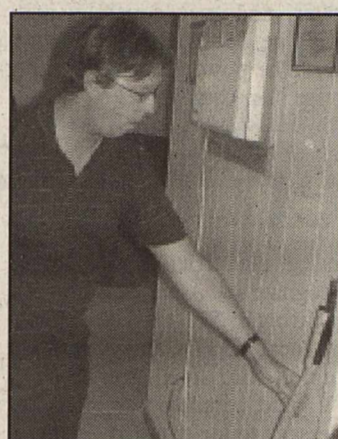
"When I looked into how much we were paying for our natural gas and how much we were making off of it, I kept coming up with a loss to the city of over \$4,000 a month, which was unbelievable. I could not possible (sic) see the City taking such a loss per month."

"What I did not know was that when I was adding up my figures I was inadvertently adding into my equation the amount of money that was passed owed to West Texas Gas. Doing so, showed the city at a loss every month."

"The way I found this out was a couple of days ago. A citizen called me to ask me about the gas situation and what could be done to save our gas from being cut off."

After our conversation, I decided to set down with the City Secretary (Bonnie Mayes) and go over the whole thing with her. In doing so, the city secretary caught my mistake and pointed it out to me. Not only were we not losing money in the way of sales, but the city is clearing about .60 cents per BTU on the natural gas sales.

The City Secretary did point



City Councilman Matt Bland

out however that we are losing money with our natural gas in the way of service and repairs to our lines. The City Secretary pointed out that the city has not been adding any extra charges to the gas customers to overcome the additional cost to maintain our lines.

The gas lines was (sic) another big mistake, not being able to see how the city was losing over \$4,000 a month I thought there must be leaks in the lines since our lines are so old and have never been replaced. A few days after our council meeting where the council decided to do away with the natural gas the Railroad Commission came into town to check out our system.

In a meeting with them, one of the men from the Railroad commission stated that our lines were not insulated and that the city should think about putting in all new gas lines.

This confirmed what I had previously thought about our lines, but our maintenance super-

visor David Martinez told us that the lines were in fact insulated. David said he knew this because he saw the lines when they were put in back in 1967. The man from the Rail Road Commission did not believe Mr. Martinez and kept saying that back in 1967, they did not insulate the pipe.

On this issue, the city secretary contacted the person who handles the Cities Catholic Protection which basically is the person who checks our gas lines and makes sure that the gas system stays within all state and federal requirements, he also checks the system for leaks on a regular basis. The answer that came back from him was that the city's gas system was fine and that the lines did not need to be replaced.

This past weekend, someone hit a gas meter and broke it, when the city went to repair it they had to replace some of the line. This was the same line that was put back in 1967, the line is insulated as Mr. Martinez had said it was.

There was no signs (sic) of corrosion inside or outside of the line, so the Rail Road Commission and myself were wrong. Our gas lines are fine and should last for quite some time to come.

So, in short, the city seems to be doing fine with our gas system, but we are losing money in the way of maintenance and repairs.

Again, I do sincerely apologize for these two major mistakes and any inconvenience that this may have caused the citizens of Brackettville.

Kinney County 4-H Club announces new officers

Kinney County 4-H Club members elect new officers for 2005-06 year.

The Kinney County Junior and Senior 4-H Clubs held their last meeting of the year recently to elect officers and club managers for the upcoming 2005-06 year.

The Senior 4-H officers for next year are Justin Calk, president; Robert Davis, vice president; Harmony Pettett, secretary; Hayley Harris, treasurer; Emily Calk, reporter; and Bailee Allen and Summer Allen, council delegates. The

Senior Club Manager is Jenifer Harris.



The Junior 4-H officers for next year are Sarah Davis, president; Ramon Gutierrez, vice president; Austin "Bubba" Pettett, secretary; Bryan Calk, treasurer; Shelby Schuster, reporter; Korlee Allen and Cheyenne Smith, council delegates. The Junior Club Manager is Jackie Smith.

A training took place to orient the new officers to 4-H policies and procedures and a review of the parliamentary procedures.

Agents nab 50 pounds of pot

GUS GARCIA
Editor

Local Department of Public Safety officers, along with Kinney County Constable Bobby Guidry counted up about 50 pounds of confiscated marijuana Monday morning. According to Kinney County Sheriff Buddy Burgess, United States Border Patrol Agents became savvy of two males from Del Rio with a load of marijuana. In a collaborative effort, the duo was stopped just inside the Uvalde County Line, where the two were detained. The names of the individuals were not released at press time. But in the Kinney County Sheriff's



office, local DPS, along with county officials tallied up the cache to be 55 lbs.

At presstime, the individuals had not been formally charged.

Volunteers needed for Independence Day events

The July 4th Parade committee meets today in the county courtroom at 4 p.m. to step-up planning for this community event.

If you would like to help with parade preparations please plan on attending. The committee is circulating a sign up sheet for those organizations and individuals who wish to enter the competition for parade awards. Awards will be made for the best large float, small float, marching group, individual marcher, golf cart, and bicycle.

Tickets go on sale next week for the picnic plate (hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips, soft drink, etc.) which will be available in the Fort Clark Springs swim park immediately following the parade awards ceremony.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available from any committee member. Proceeds from picnic plate sales will be used to defray expenses from this year's parade with any surplus to be earmarked for next year's parade.

The committee is also seeking donations to help pay for the fireworks display planned for the night of July 4th.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this celebration of our Nation's birthday and to recognize the sacrifices of those who served our country in the Vietnam War. At the conclusion of our annual Fourth of July parade, on Monday, July 4, 2005, we will recognize the 30th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War by honoring veterans of the Vietnam War currently living in Kinney County.

The group is creating an "Honor Roll" of Vietnam War veterans in order to begin identifying these very heroic men and women. To have your name appear on this "Honor Roll" you must live in Kinney County and have served in the Vietnam War.

Please contact Bill Haenn at 563-2323 or 2010 to have your name included on the roll.

You will be notified of the plans for the parade as soon as those plans are finalized.



KID ROCK

Brackett News photo by Jewel Robinson

Rogelio Aguilar, 6, gets hands-on experience as a rock mason. He's helping as workers complete the facelift of the drive-thru at The Bank and Trust. Aguilar is one of three "hired help" Jesus Aguilar, 11 and Roberto Aguilar, 10, who are helping with the columns.

Guard against skin cancer Texans divided on proposed Daylight Saving Time plan

Summer is a wonderful time of year. Whether you go to the beach or the lake, go fishing, hiking, or just enjoy a walk down the street, I hope you take advantage of the beautiful warm summer days. But, as you enjoy the summer, don't forget the damage sun can cause if you don't protect yourself from its harmful ultraviolet rays.



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

I was shocked to recently learn that over 90 percent of all skin cancers are caused by sun exposure, yet fewer than 33 percent of adults, adolescents, and children use sun protection.

Nothing beats fun in the sun, but we should use caution when we are outdoors. When you're packing your bag for outdoor activities, don't forget your sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses.

Be especially careful between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., when the sun is at its brightest. If you are out in the sun for long periods of time, sun-

screen does not offer enough protection. Covering your skin with clothing and wearing a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses will protect your skin and help keep you cool.

When planning for your summer days, you can find information about the strength of the sun's UV rays by looking at the National Weather Service's UV Index. Be extra cautious when the UV Index is 5 or higher. Remember that sun exposure can come from reflections off sand, water, and even concrete, and don't be deceived by a cloudy day. The powerful sun can still cause skin damage.

If you are planning a trip to the mountains, don't forget UV radiation increases at higher elevations, and plan accordingly.

According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, more than a million people will be diagnosed with skin cancer this year. The statistics are startling, especially for a disease that we can potentially limit through preventative measures. Self-examinations can aid in the early detection of skin cancer. If any moles have irregular (asymmetric) borders, are larger than the size of a pencil eraser, or are multicolored you should see your dermatologist. Regular, thorough self examinations are easy and could be life saving.

As we enter the long days of summer, remember your sunscreen and cover up as much as possible. Sun protection is not just cancer prevention- it also helps keep your skin looking healthy, young and wrinkle-free!

Daylight Saving Time plan

Every once in a while, one of my columns generates an unexpected response.

My early May column about Daylight Saving Time was one of those.

More than 300 of you responded to my question about whether Daylight Saving Time should be extended or not.

The whole idea of Daylight Saving Time was conceived by none other than Benjamin Franklin who wrote that we could take advantage of the longer days by moving our clocks forward to coincide with earlier sunrises.

His proposal languished until World War I, when the United States adopted Daylight Saving Time to boost production.

Public dissatisfaction led to its abolishment by Congress over President Woodrow Wilson's veto, but it was back to stay during World War II.

In 1986, Congress passed a law establishing the daylight savings period from the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October and allowed states to opt out.

Consequently, Arizona, Hawaii and sections of Indiana do not recognize Daylight Saving Time.

Because some studies say Daylight Saving Time saves one percent of total U.S. energy use, or the energy equivalent of 100,000 barrels of oil per day, the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee included the two-month ex-



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

tension of Daylight Saving Time when it passed the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The House bill requires the Department of Energy to do a study on the impact of the extension no later than 9 months after passage. The measure also retains the states' rights provisions which currently lets states opt out of the current Daylight Saving Time program.

While the House has included the extension in its version of the energy bill, it is still an open question whether it will be incorporated into the Senate version.

Accordingly, I asked you for your reactions, and I can now reveal the results.

Extending Daylight Saving Time brought 137 positive responses. Another 150 said they want to keep it the way it is now.

An additional 19 wrote in to suggest we cancel Daylight Saving Time altogether. Sonny, of Andrews, wrote: "I have been involved with ranching and the oil field all my life.

"I have never heard a rancher or oilfield hand say he would like a long hot West Texas summer day extended for one more hour."

Anthony, of Dallas, dislikes the idea of extending Daylight Saving Time, saying, "I consider such a thing like pouring salt in an open wound."

"The only thing worse than Daylight Saving Time would be to extend it to more of the year."

Another correspondent lamented that Daylight Saving Time forces everyone to reset their watches, clocks, car radios and VCRs after the time change. I dread changing them myself, so I can sympathize.

Most of those favoring an extension cited energy savings, while Sharrell of Floresville wrote that she "relishes having daylight hours to grocery shop, garden, take a walk, etc."

"It is very depressing to drive home in the dark."

We even received a response from the European Union Airport Coordinators Association which urged us to keep the system the way it is, claiming that changing Daylight Saving Time could wreak havoc on international flight schedules. Daylight Saving Time is just one part of the energy bill under consideration by Congress but, because it touches all of our lives, many people have strong opinions on the subject. Thank you for participating in the survey.

I will let my fellow senators know your thoughts on the subject as we debate this important legislation which is designed to improve America's energy security.

Wear red on Fridays

The Americans who support our troops, are the silent majority. We are not "organized" to reflect who we are, nor to reflect what our opinions are. We would like to start a grassroots movement using the membership of the Special Operations Association, and Special Forces Associations,

and all their friends, simply, to recognize that Americans support our troops. We need to inform the local VFW's and American Legion, our local press, local TV, and continue carrying the message to the national levels as we start to get this going. Our idea of showing our solidarity

and support for our troops is - starting Friday, and continuing on each and every Friday, until this is over, that every red-blooded American who supports our young men and women, wear something red if every one of our memberships share this with other acquaintances, fellow workers, friends, and neighbors, I guarantee that it will not be long before there are many people thinking of their well-being. Let's get the word out and lead by example: wear red on Fridays.

Big Mama Sez!

Housework is something you do that nobody notices unless you don't do it.

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Bonilla launches new website

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Beginning this week, constituents of the 23rd Congressional District will have even greater access to congressional assistance and services. Congressman Henry Bonilla has launched a new official website and it is packed with useful information.

"In today's age of technology, people are as likely to access my website as write me a letter or even call one of my offices. Because of its popularity, I want my website to include the best possible information and most useful technology for my constituents," said Bonilla.

Bonilla's new website still includes many sections that constituents have come to trust, such as news releases, access to his weekly columns, contact information, access to Bonilla's e-mail service, flag requests and Washington, D.C. tour information. Moreover, Bonilla has improved old standards including his photo gallery, academy nominations page, and access to constituent services.

Bonilla has also added several new sections to his website. Constituents will notice there is more information available regarding issues affecting the 23rd district. An entire "issues" section has been dedicated to Bonilla's position on important topics. Bonilla has also added sections for students and children visiting the website; information for constituents interested in obtaining grants; federal government links; and a page where constituents may sign-up for Bonilla's weekly newsletter.

Bonilla is especially excited about a new section called the "Texas Pride Project."

The project is a gathering of essays written by Texans about why they love their state. This

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month's featured essay is written by Mike McKay of Boerne, Texas.

"This is the type of website that people of all ages and all regions can utilize. I already know several constituents who have book-marked the page and use it frequently when interested in the latest news, issues and questions affecting their lives," said Bonilla. The website has already received outstanding reviews from local leaders. Mayor Dora

Alcala of Del Rio called the website, "a great tool for people throughout Texas." Brian Bondy, Executive Director of the Kerrville Chamber of Commerce, found the Issues section "informative and very well organized." Dr. Vic Morgan, President of Sul Ross University in Alpine enjoyed the "quick access to recent news." Mike Trevino, CEO of Laredo's Gateway Community Health Centers, liked "seeing what Henry is up

to by visiting his photo gallery."

To learn more about Bonilla's website and see it for yourself, visit www.house.gov/bonilla.

Congressman Henry Bonilla has represented the 23rd District of Texas since his first election to Congress in 1992. He currently serves as chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee and is a senior member of the Defense and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittees.

Heat precautions put on the front burner

Forget the thermometer. Hot is hot in Texas in the summer. And whether the weather is dry and parched or humid and damp,

intense heat can create serious health problems. Usually the elderly, the very young, people with chronic diseases and those without access to air conditioning are most severely affected by heat, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

The body normally cools itself by sweating. But under some conditions, sweating is not enough. The body's temperature may rise rapidly to dangerous levels, leading to the possibility of heat illness or death.

The combination of high temperatures and high humidity especially can cause this natural cooling system to work overtime. When humidity is high, sweat

does not evaporate efficiently, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly.

Staying in an air-conditioned area, either at home or in a public place such as a mall, library or recreation center, is the most effective way to combat heat. If air conditioning is not available, pull the shades over the windows and use cross-ventilation and fans to cool rooms.

Symptoms of heat illness include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches. People with these symptoms should find shade, drink water slowly and make sure there is good ventilation.

If fluids are not replaced soon enough, heat stroke can follow.

To help a person showing severe symptoms, get the victim into shade, call for emergency

medical services and start cooling the person immediately with cool water or by fanning.

Children especially can quickly become dehydrated. They need to drink fluids frequently, especially water, and wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothes. Avoid drinks that are heavily sweetened or contain caffeine. Check on children often, especially if they are playing outside in high temperatures.

Other heat precautions from DSHS:

• Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle in hot weather, even for a short time.

• Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar. Don't wait until you are thirsty. Start drinking fluids at least 30 minutes before going out.

• Plan strenuous outdoor activ-

ity for early morning or evening when the temperature is lower.

• Take frequent breaks when working outside.

• Wear sunscreen SPF 15 or higher, wide-brimmed hats and light-colored, loose-fitting clothes.

• Eat more frequently, but be sure meals are well balanced, cool and light.

• Dress infants and children in cool, loose clothing. Shade their heads and faces with hats or an umbrella.

• Check frequently on the elderly and those who are ill or may need help.

• Adjust to the environment. Sudden change in temperature - an early heat wave or travel to a hotter climate - will be stressful to the body. Limit your physical activity until you become accustomed to the heat.

Crab meat great addition to seafood recipes

Many years ago, while RV'ing in the upper New England states, I learned to appreciate seafood other than shrimp and oysters.

A nice addition to a fish meal is a small crab cake. I've had trouble in making them to my satisfaction. This recipe showed a lighter way to make them in texture and calories. Big tip: Just as in pie crusts and biscuits, the less you handle them, the lighter they will be. I believe you will enjoy the sweetly delicate and luscious taste of these crab cakes.

Eastern Shore Crab Cakes

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. Old Bay Seafood seasoning.
- 1/2 tsp. coarse dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp. hot pepper sauce
- 14 saltine crackers
- 1 lb. crabmeat, drained.
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil, divided
- lemon wedges

In large bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, egg, lemon juice, seafood seasoning, mustard and hot pepper sauce until smoothly blended. Crush crackers by hand and add to mayo mixture. Gently stir until blended. Very gently stir in crab meat.

Use a scant, loosely packed 1/2 cup mixture crab to gently form into 12 (2 1/2 inch) patties about 1/2 inch thick.

Place on foil lined baking sheet.



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

Cover and refrigerate one hour or until firm.

Heat 1 tbsp. of the oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Cook crab cakes in batches 5 to 8 minutes or until lightly browned, turning only once. Add additional oil as needed. Drain on paper towels. Serve with lemon wedges.

*Crab cakes may be made up to four hours ahead. Cover and refrigerate. To reheat, heat oven to 425 degrees. Place wire rack on rimmed baking sheet. Place crab cakes on rack. Bake 8 to 10 minutes.

Making crab cakes
A gentle touch is required when making crab cakes, from mixing them to cooking them. Follow these tips to keep them moist and tender on the inside and crisp, golden brown on the outside.

Mix all of the ingredients thoroughly before adding the crabmeat. Gently but carefully stir in the crabmeat. Don't overstir or you will break up the delicate meat.

To form the mixture into patties, scoop it into measured portions and gently but firmly press the mixture together (a fork

works well). The patties should not be compacted but firm enough to hold together. If the crab cakes are breaded, coat them gently.

Once formed and breaded, it's important to refrigerate crab cakes for 1 hour or until firm before cooking. Do not skip this step! It helps to evenly distribute the moisture, which holds the ingredients together and makes it easier to turn the crab cakes during cooking.

Gently cook the crab cakes in batches until they're lightly browned. Wait until the first side is golden brown before turning, and turn only once to avoid breaking them.

Types of crabmeat
There are many varieties of crabs sold in markets, from the common blue crabs of the East Coast to the Dungeness crab of the West to the stone crabs of Florida.

There also are Jonah crabs and peekytoes, snow crabs and Alaska king, and imported varieties, many of which are similar to the blue swimming crab. Any of these varieties can be used for crab cakes.

The essence of good crab cakes is the crabmeat, so make sure you buy from a trusted source. Purchase picked crabmeat (the meat has been removed from the shell) it's available refrigerated, frozen, Pasteurize or canned.

If you can't get fresh, don't worry there are very good

frozen, pasteurized and canned products.

Look for ones with minimal added ingredients. When calculating how much canned crabmeat to buy, you may need to purchase more than the weight stated because the can also contains liquid, which will be drained. And don't be surprised to find the canned pasteurized crabmeat in the refrigerated section of the store.

Crabmeat (particularly blue crabmeat) is sold in a variety of styles. The size of the pieces and the type determines the cost. For crab cakes, a combination of styles often works best. For example, combine lump crabmeat (because it has nice-sized pieces) with claw meat (for its flavor and price).

Jumbo lump, big pieces of beautiful white crabmeat; it's the most expensive but perfect when you want large pieces of crab to stand out.

Lump, nice-sized pieces of white crabmeat but not as big as jumbo lump and less expensive.

Backfin, this meat, from the crab's body, can contain some larger pieces. It's not as attractive as lump, but it tastes good and costs less.

Claw, typically the least expensive crabmeat, it's reddish brown in color and comes in small pieces.

It has a firm texture and strong crab flavor, making it a favorite in crab cakes or where color doesn't matter.

Local students earn honors

Southwest Texas Junior College President Ismael Sosa and Dean of Services Hector Gonzales have recognized 221 students for academic excellence during the 2005 spring semester.

Two Brackettville students earned academic recognition at SWTJC this past spring.

Jack Bates received President's List recognition and David Latimer was named spring 2005 Dean's List.

A total 106 students were honored by earning recognition

on the President's List. An additional 115 students qualified for Dean's List honors. To make Dean's List, students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours and maintained at least a 3.6 GPA. "It is always an honor to recognize students who have achieved great success in the classroom," president Sosa said. "Their success is a reflection of the students' hard work and the dedication of our instructors at Southwest Texas Junior College."

Castilla named to SRSU Dean's List

Stacey Lynn Castilla has been named to Sul Ross State University's Dean's Honor List for the Spring Semester, 2005.

Criteria for selection include enrolling as an undergraduate student in Sul Ross State University for at least 12 semester hours and achieving a grade point average of at least 3.30 during the semester.



KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, June 6

8:15 a.m., A security company reported that an alarm was sounding at a local ranch. The owner of the ranch was notified.

4:34 p.m., A woman requested a deputy at the Fort Clark Springs stables. Deputy Ron Ring was notified and enroute.

7:18 p.m., A woman requested to speak with a deputy in reference to the poisoning of her dog. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was notified of the situation and enroute to her residence.

11:09 p.m., A woman reported a man kept bothering her. Deputy Gutierrez took care of the situation.

Tuesday, June 7

12:37 a.m. A woman called concerned for her daughter who had not returned home. Deputy Gutierrez was informed.

4:36 p.m., A man reported goats on Highway 693, near a local business. Deputy Gutierrez was informed and enroute and tried to contact the owners.

4:55 p.m. A woman called, requesting a deputy to arrive at the Fort Clark Springs stables in reference to an individual who was believed to have been trespassing. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.

10:22 p.m., A man reported a brokend own vehicle on U.S. 90, five miles west of the immigration check point, a hazard to other vehicles. Deputy Kenneth Freitag was notified.

Wednesday, June 8

4:25 a.m. A woman called to report that she fell down, but was fine. She asked the dispatcher to notify her complex' maintenance man to enter her home and help her up. The dispatcher did so.

7:23 p.m. A man requested a deputy at his home. The man reported his brother was breaking windows. Deputy Freitag was

notified and enroute to the location.

10:39 p.m. An unknown caller requested a deputy at their residence on W. El Paso St. The caller reported having problems with a resident there. Deputy Freitag was notified and enroute.

Thursday, June 9

9:19 p.m., A man arrived at the sheriff's office to report that someone was harrasing his daughter, and was requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Freitag was notified and spoke with the man.

9:22 p.m., A woman reported that a man had threatened her and was harrasing her. She also claims he almost hit her and she had witnesses. She requested to speak with a deputy. Deputy Freitag was notified and enroute.

Friday, June 10

6:28 p.m. A woman reported a red Ford Explorer driving wreckless on Ann Street and Sweeny Street. Deputy Freitag was notified and said he would take care of it.

11:30 p.m., The manager of a local convenience store reported a black car had been left on the store's parking lot and appeared to have been in an accident. No license plate was on the vehicle. Deputy Freitag was notified.

Saturday, June 11

2:04 a.m., A man reported that two people were outside his mother's residence. The man claimed to have seen one person dressed in all black while the other person was dressed in black shorts. He reports that his mother's van door was open and their dogs were "going crazy." Deputy Freitag was notified.

3:23 a.m. A woman in Spofford requested a deputy at her residence. She reported her home was vandalized. Deputy Freitag was notified and enroute.

5:34 p.m. A woman reported a gas leak on Fort Street. The dispatcher called the city's on-call cell phone, but received no answer. Deputy Ron Ring went to the city manager's home, but did not find her; the on-call cell phone was called again, but no answer. Deputy Ring went to the four city crew member's homes; none were a found. Deputy Ring contacted a city council member, who called the on-call cell phone, which was answered by the on-call personnel.

5:40 p.m. A woman reported that Fort Clark Security personnel had seen a javelina near the pond and swimming area on Fort Clark Springs. The caller requested speaking to Manny Pena. Deputy Pena was notified and enroute to the swim pool area.

Saturday, June 11

Luis A. Guajardo, 25, of West El Paso St., was arrested for public intoxication. He was released for time served.

Joseph Aaron Lazario, of the 400 block of Meadow View Drive in Schertz, Texas was arrested for Driving While License Invalid.

He was released on a \$1,000 bail bond.

ing trash and the fumes were entering his home. Deputy Gutierrez was notified and enroute.

8:12 p.m., A woman called requesting a deputy at her residence because she did not want her husband there. Deputy Gutierrez was notified and enroute. She called back and reported her husband had left and she would speak with Justice of the Peace John Ford to file a complaint.

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HOROSCOPES
 by Charles Cooper

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Just when you're about to throw in the towel on a project, you receive a lightning bolt of inspiration. Follow through on this. You're on the right track for success.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You sink your teeth into a project that seems to have your name written all over it. Avoid tunnel vision, though. Someone else just may have a good idea, too.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You struggle a bit early in the week to get focused on work. However, once you overcome this, you can't be stopped. You end the week on a decidedly high note.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're not being fair to a certain family member. You may find this hard to admit, but this person is older and wiser than you. You'd do well to listen instead of shooting off your mouth.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good week for you to lie low on the social scene. Instead of getting out and about, stick close to home. This applies to the weekend as well.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You need to get back in touch with your practical side. Your head's in the clouds way too much this week. Come back down to earth and join the rest of us!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a lucky week for you. You seem to be able to pick and choose where you want to take your career. This could, though, inspire jealousy in a certain co-worker, so be careful.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You and your mate are not on the same wavelength this week. You want some peace and quiet. Your mate wants to party; compromise will win the week for both of you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You usually have the ability to see both sides of a matter. However, once you make a decision, that's it. Family members are surprised this week when you stick to your guns.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Someone is working behind the scenes for your benefit. Once you find out who this is, be generous in your thanks. This person deserves it for helping you so much.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're irritated this week by a close friend's quirks. Why? Think about it; you usually overlook this, so something else is going on.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Avoid a tendency to brag this week. Sure, you feel things are going well and you'd like a pat on the back. However, asking for it won't get it but have the opposite effect instead.

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OBITUARIES

Charles J. Veltmann
Sept. 28, 1930 - June 13, 2005

Charles J. Veltmann, Jr., passed away peacefully Monday, June 13, 2005. He was born Sept. 28, 1930, in Del Rio, Texas to Charles and Ruby Veltmann. He was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville, Texas. He graduated from Brackett High School in 1948. He also attended Uvalde Junior College. Later, he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas. Charles' passion was acting, which he was able to fulfill while being an actor at the Pasadena Play House in California. He dedicated many years of his life to teaching in Eagle Pass

and Brackettville. He was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Ruby Veltmann and his son, Charles J. Veltmann, III. He is survived by his sons, Mark Veltmann and wife Ale; Conrad Veltmann and wife Angela and five grandchildren, Mark, Caitlin, Stephanie, Allyssa, Paul; numerous nieces, nephews and other loving relatives and friends. Visitation is at Rushing-Estes-Knowles Funeral Home in Uvalde tonight.

Funeral services are Friday, June 17, at 3 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville. Burial will follow at the Brackettville Cemetery

Sara Webb Higgins
Jan. 15, 1918 - June 9, 2005

Sara Webb Higgins, of Fredricksburg, Texas, went to be with Our Lord on Thursday, June 9, 2005 after 87 years of vibrant life on this earth.

She was born in Del Rio, Texas, Jan. 15, 1918, to Elisha and Fanny Webb.

She was preceded in death by parents and husband Frank T. Higgins III.

She is survived by daughters

and sons-in-law Fran and Mike Guentert of Joseph, Ore.; Pinky and Matt Pace of San Antonio; son Frank T. IV of Fredricksburg, two grandchildren, three great grandchildren and sister Virginia Webb Shahan of Brackettville.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 18 at the St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Fredricksburg.

Preceptor Theta Sigma meets

Preceptor Theta Sigma chapter of Beta Sigma Phi celebrated the 74th anniversary of Founder's Day on April 30, 2005, in the Green Room of the FCS Golf Course. The highlight of the event was the announcement of Bobbi Waddill as Woman of the Year.

The meeting opened with the National Anthem, followed by a moment of silence honoring all our military personnel. The Opening Ritual was then recited and Bobbi Waddill read the Beta Sigma Phi Grace.

A delicious lunch of chicken stir fry, salad, carrot cake and iced tea was enjoyed by 7 members and one guest, Barbara Miller, who was welcomed by Vice-President Louise Pflughoeft. Louise also read the Founder's Day Pledge.

Arllys Simpson read a message from International, followed by presentation of awards, including pins for out-going officers and the awarding of Woman of the Year. Louella Gilliland announced the theme for 2005-2006, which is "The Good, the True and the Beautiful."

Instead of a program, the Exemplar Ritual was conducted for Louise Pflughoeft by Arlyns Simpson and the Master Ritual was conducted for Bobbi Waddill by Luella Gilliland, Jan Chism

and Alicia Raymer. Following the Rituals, officers for the 2005-2006 year were installed by Alicia Raymer. The officers include Lynn McNew, President; Bobbi Waddill, Vice-President; Arlyns Simpson, Secretary; and Luella Gilliland, Treasurer.

On Monday, May 2nd, the Chapter met in the home of President Lynn McNew for the regular monthly meeting. Seven members enjoyed lunch, followed by a business meeting. Plans for a summer social were discussed, as well as programs for 2005-2006. It was decided that each hostess would present her program on a holiday celebrated in that month and how her family celebrates that holiday.

New pledge Connie Jo Taravella was received into the chapter with a Pladge Ritual. The Chapter met again on Monday, June 6th, in the Green Room at the Golf Course, with Arlyns Simpson as hostess. Six members enjoyed various luncheon selections from the menu. A short business meeting followed. Bobbi Waddill presented an interesting program about her family.

The next meeting will be an Ice Cream Social, with spouses included, on July 11th, at the home of Bobbi Waddill.

State and local sales tax revenues rise

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today announced that the state received \$1.45 billion in sales tax revenue in May, up 10.7 percent, compared to May 2004. Strayhorn sent \$344.8 million in June sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 6.2 percent compared to last June.

Since January, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 6.8 percent ahead of last year.

The Comptroller said May's 10.7 percent increase in sales tax collections follows an 8.1 percent decline in April, but does not indicate an economic shift. Adjusting for the Comptroller's successful tax amnesty program in 2003, April state sales tax revenue increased 3.6 percent compared to April 2004.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent June sales tax allocations of \$233.4 million to Texas cities, up 5.5 percent compared to June 2004.

Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 7 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$20.3 million, up 6.1 percent compared to one year ago.

Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 9.8 percent higher than last year.

Another \$9.9 million went to 97 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 15.8 percent compared to last June.

Ten local transit systems received \$81 million in sales tax

allocations, up 7.5 percent compared to a year ago.

State sales tax collections in May and local sales tax allocations in June represent sales that occurred in April and were reported to the Comptroller in May.

For details of June sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

He's given purpose to my life

"Hey Richardson, you got a visitor," the guard shouted. "Somebody real pretty," he said with a smirk.

Rick looked at the guard. His eyes flashed anger. "One of these days Donovan, you and I are goin ta meet in'n alley somewhere. I'll even the score."

Donovan laughed. "That'll be the day Richardson. Now c'mon. A real pretty lady's awaitin'."

Donovan opened the door of the visiting room and stepped inside following Rick. Rick's heart was racing. Another door opened and Amy stood on the other side of the wire screen. She was smiling.

Rick struggled for words. "You look great," he stammered. "You look happy." Amy said nothing. She just looked into Rick's eyes searching them for meaning. Rick continued. "I thought you wuz never comin back. I'm really glad you're here."

"I never said I wouldn't be back. I just needed time for," she paused, "other things."

Rick felt awkward, not knowing what to say. "It's been a long time. And the kids?"

"They're fine, Rick. They ask about you and wonder when you're coming home. They've accepted the situation and've learned to live with it."

Rick couldn't hold back his



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Dr. Donald Smith

feelings any longer. "And who's the other man, Amy? You look like you're happy with him."

Amy laughed which angered Rick, but he said nothing. She searched his eyes. Her tone became emotional. "He's done so much for me Rick. He shares my sorrow and pain. He loves me in a way that no other person could ever love. He's given purpose to my life. I've turned my life completely over to him."

She paused again. The silence was awkward and she could tell it was getting to Rick. "His name, Rick, is Jesus. After your trial, I was really down and everything looked hopeless. All I could think of to do was go to a church and pray."

Amy's eyes began to fill with tears. She continued. "I stumbled to the front and knelt at the altar. There was nobody else there. I looked up at this huge cross on the wall. There was an image of a man hanging there on that cross. He was looking straight down at me. His eyes were kind and loving."

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I had a little time while my wife was shopping so I decided to go to a small airport nearby and look at the small airplanes.

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No one really knows all the sacrifices or hardships that fathers go through for their families.

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Jerry Davenport
Brother J.

God, Deuteronomy 4:9,10) what a beautiful thing it is, (Proverbs 20:7, Ephesians 6:1-4). Next Sunday will be Father's Day, maybe we can pay a little extra attention to fathers.

A cup of coffee or his favorite breakfast is good, but a simple hug or a thank you could even be better.

We might call them on the phone or get them a small gift. If they have passed on, thank God for them.

I personally enjoy and remember a little hug with a thank you more than a gift. See you in Church next Sunday.

Comptroller Strayhorn certifies House Bill 10 balances; Budget process complete

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today completed her constitutional responsibility in reviewing House Bill 10, and announced the measure passed by the 79th Legislature is balanced.

House Bill 10 drained \$1.9 billion out of the state's Rainy Day Fund, Strayhorn said.

"Since I was sworn in as Comptroller I have said we need to be like hard-working Texas

families — spend wisely, invest wisely and save for a rainy day," she said. "That is not the case here." This final piece of the budget puzzle brings the total appropriation for the 2006-07 biennium to \$139.4 billion. House Bill 10 also appropriated an additional \$2 billion (supplemental appropriation) for the current 2004-05 biennium. The total amount appropriated by the 79th Legislature was \$141.35 billion.

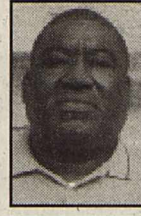
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