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Thieves loot little league snack shack



Fierce Face

Austin Del Bosque pitches for the Kinney County Little League 12 year old All-Star Team at a recent tournament hosted locally.

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

Thieves broke into the Kinney County Little League concession stand the night of June 3, and cleaned out more than \$500, worth of sodas, chips and candies.

According to league coordinators, the snacks were purchased to sell and raise money for the local program at the first District 35 baseball tourney held in Brackettville in many years.

Hours after the supplies were purchased and locked in the stand, league volunteer Thomas Castillo passed by the youth complex located on Louise and

Gove streets and noticed the door to the stand was standing open.

Castillo reported the break-in to Kinney County Sheriff's Department at 8:55 a.m. on July 4, and Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was dispatched to the scene.

"The Little League is about the children of our community and the sad part is that they did this to our kids," said Susannah Castillo about the break-in.

Susannah Castillo, another volunteer, said the thieves cleaned out their entire inventory, including bags of chips,

cans of nacho cheese, several boxes of bulk candy, as well as multiple cases of soda and bottled water.

The sheriff's department believes the suspects are young and gained entry to the stand by cutting the lock with bolt cutters. Based on the amount of things taken from the stand, the suspects are also believed to have used a vehicle to haul away their loot.

Sheriff L.K. Buddy Burgess reported his office is actively investigating and have names of suspects.

Councilwoman Flores submits petition to fire city secretary

Upon her late arrival to the regular Brackettville City Council Meeting, Alderwoman Mary Flores, hand delivered a petition to Bonnie Mayes calling for her removal as City Secretary and then quietly took her seat on July 10.

The petition, however, did not include any signatures and was filled with grammatical and typographical errors.

"This petition also serves as a formal complaint by the below named signatures as to the outright dereliction of duties, incompetence, improper conduct and lack of communication skills required for her position," read the petition.

The petition did not detail examples of Mayes' alleged offenses, but did cite she had violated at

least two parts of the Local Government Code 22.076.

When questioned after the meeting about the petition, Flores was recorded saying she had nothing to do with the petition, but revealed Brackett residents Ralph Gonzalez and former municipal judge Charles Feagley were circulating it.

Flores also stated she did not know how many signatures were on the petition, but Gonzalez and Feagley were not finished collecting them.

Sources report about 100 signatures from city and non-city residents combined have been obtained.

Sources also report the petitioners have been soliciting signatures from people during work

hours in their offices at the county courthouse, as well as at the pumps at the Pico Gas Station.

Mayes made no comment on the matter, but Mayor Pro-Tem Matt Bland stated, "If the citizens of Brackettville have problem with the operations of the City then they need to come to the city council meetings so the problems can be publicly addressed. For people to blame an employee for the actions taken by the governing body is simply people blaming the messenger boy. The city secretary does what she is told to do by the council and it is her duty to uphold all city ordinances and policies. If people have a problem with the way city hall is being run then it is the fault of the council, not an employee."

Military wives and mothers honored

With other area cities canceling July Fourth celebrations due to inclement weather, Kinney County residents spent the day parading and socializing under partly sunny skies last Wednesday.

The large event began with a procession of floats and decorated golf carts down Ann Street and ended with a concert and old fashioned, picnic plate lunch at the Fort Clark Swim Park.

As each celebration honors certain groups of heroes, this year's Gold Star/Blue Star Salute observed the sacrifices the wives and mothers of servicemen and women make, especially during times of war.

Nearly twenty women were given the history of the Gold Star and Blue Star banners and then presented with an actual flag to display on their front doors or windows.

According to the American Legion's website, the Blue Star Banner tradition was started in 1917 and today by

its display in a home's front window represents that a family member is serving in the armed forces, "and reminds others that preserving America's freedom demands much."

Only one mother at the event was presented with a Gold Star Banner. A gold banner symbolizes an individual was killed while serving their country.

Shirley Holloway, a former resident of Brackett, was presented with two banners. A Blue Star for her son Micheal who is currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corp and a Gold Star for her son, Matthew, who was killed in Anbar Province, Iraq.

The day was capped off with chili coated hotdogs, homemade potato salad and a kids bicycle giveaway.

View photos from July 4th on www.thebrackettnews.com.



Salute to the stars of the armed forces

Sr. Ann, USAF Reserve Ana Talamantes salutes as the Pledge of Allegiance is recited at the July Fourth Celebration that started with a parade down Ann Street and concluded with a musical concert at the Fort Clark swim park.

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

News BRIEFS

Brackett All-Stars

Come support the 11 & 12 Softball Team Friday at 6 p.m. in Fredericksburg at the Sectional Tournament to play District 26.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday	Sunny	High: 95	Low: 74
Saturday	Isolated TStorms	High: 91	Low: 73
Sunday	Isolated TStorms	High: 90	Low: 73

Spaghetti Supper

Seven Brackett High School students have been appointed to leadership positions in BHS's FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Student Chapter. Samantha Moore and Jeff Sitgreaves will serve FCA as Captain and Co-Captain, respectively. Sam Stewart, Charles Conoly, Arlene Roth, Becca Mann and Christy Gomez have also been appointed to servant leadership positions for the 2007-2008 school year. Students were appointed to their leadership roles by FCA Coach Sponsors Rhonda and Charlie Marquardt at an officer meeting/cookout earlier this month. Student officers are also planning a Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser to be held on Sunday, July 22, from 11am til 1pm at Shahan Park. Student officers are selling tickets at \$5 a plate, which will include spaghetti, a green salad, bread and desert. The proceeds will be used to offset next

year's summer camp expenses. Nearly 30 Brackett students attended two FCA Camps this summer, held in Abilene and College Station.

Local Gov't Meetings

County Commissioners Court meet on July 16 @ 9am in the First Floor Courtroom in the Courthouse. The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District meets on July 19 at the City Annex on Hwy 90 at 5:30 p.m. Fort Clark Springs Board Meeting July 21 in the Board Room at 9 a.m. The BISD School Board meets August 13 in the Central Office Board Room at 6:30 p.m. Brackettville City Council meets on August 14 at the City Annex on Hwy. 90.

Community News

TBN wishes to inform the public that it does not charge to print Birth Announcements, Obituaries, Engagement An-

nouncements, Quinceanera Announcements or other like events. Photos are encouraged! Wedding Announcements are subject to charge. TBN encourages the public to place their announcements in the paper by contacting 830-563-2852, or tbnnews@sbc global.net

Vacation Bible School

First Baptist Church of Brackettville has scheduled Vacation Bible School for July 16-20, 2007. The theme is SonForce Kids, A Spy Adventure. Please save medium sized plastic peanut butter jars/lids and discarded CD's for Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church, Brackettville. Just drop them by the church office Monday-Thursday or hang them on a door knob anytime.

BVFD Raffle

Look for the TRUCK! It's a raffle!! Splash Town Family Season Pass for 3, plus a \$50

gas card to get you to S.A. 1 ticket for \$2 or 3 Tickets for \$5. Want one? Contact or ask any Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department member. Donations are always welcome! Contact Fire Chief Leo Luna @ 830-765-3001.

Photos Online

Check out our NEW photo slide shows on the web: www.thebrackettnews.com. Click on Photos of the Week and see all the photos we take! You might even see a photo of yourself!

63rd District Court Docket

Cancel The Honorable District Judge Tom Lee will be hearing the following cases of interest: This case was reset for July 23, 2007: Petit Jury Trial with panel reporting at 9 a.m., The State of Texas vs. 2109CR-John Ford, III, 2110CR-John Ford, III, Scott W. McCrum, Atty. August 20, 2007: Petit Jury Trial

with panel reporting at 9 a.m.. The State of Texas vs. 2106CR-David Luna, 2107-CR- David Luna, 2108CR-David Luna, Michael Reyes, Atty.

Trophy Pics

TBN is looking for the best hunting photos for it's Award Winning Hunter's Guide. If you have a photo of a great kill or a story about the one that got away, submit it to the paper: tbnnews@sbcglobal.net or drop by 111 W. Spring. Deadline for photos, stories and reserving ad space is August 20.

Red Hatters News

"Red Hatters Limited" will meet July 18th at 12:00 noon at Rose Jenkin's residence in The Oaks. Due to the overwhelming response, golf carts or car pooling is recommended.

Thank You

I would like to thank each citizen of Kinney County for the cards, flowers donations and meals during the loss of our loved one J.B. Herndon. A special thank you to Brother Ray Melton who preached the memorial for J.B. Also, thanks to Stoney Burks, Sonny Tidwell and to the honorary Pallbearers, Don Nance, Joe Montalvo, Alex Solis, Joe York, Jr., Blackie Haby, Tully Shahan and Herb Senne.

We love you all and God bless each of you.

Tootsie Herndon and Family

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Declare your independence



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

In the United States of America we celebrate the anniversary of our Independence Day each 4th of July. The other night a young new reporter said that this was the day we won the war for independence. I thought Robert and I were going to scream our heads off at the TV. We just looked at each other in shock.

We were taught in school that July 4th 1776 was the day the 13 colonies declared their independence from Great Britain. The Boston Tea Party was in December 1773; this was

the beginning of our quest for this independence. The battles raged on various fronts all across the 13 Free and Independent States until late 1782.

I woke up this morning to this essay brewing in my head. We all have our own independence days. We don't just wake up one morning and we are free of the stress that is holding us in bondage. We have to declare at least to ourselves that we don't want to live this way another day and set out on our journey to find the peace that we so deserve.

In our perfectionism we just want it to wave our magic wand and have our houses in order, but that is not the real world. We have to go through the struggles to feel the value in what we are doing. This is why it is so important for us to be a part of the independence

process! We have to be the one taking charge of our homes.

Let's face it; if someone came in and got rid of all of our clutter we would still be living in CHAOS within just a few days! This is because we had not established the simple habits to keep the clutter from coming back. It takes time and practice to establish these simple habits and string them into routines. The smallest habits help us to win this battle on a daily basis!

Just last night I was talking to Eric Dodge. He was telling me how much having a before bed routine had changed his life. He said that he could no longer go to bed without putting his clothes out for the next day and straightening up his hot spots. I explained to him that I felt that the Before Bed Routine was the most important one of the day! He agreed with me because if he only does his Before Bed Routine his life runs smoothly.

Our routines free us from the bondage of CHAOS! Your Independence Day was the day you decided to join us in our quest for Peace! Every day we have a choice! We can get up and do our routines or we can allow CHAOS to continue to reign in our lives! Every day is a new day! We can jump in right where we are and take the baby steps of our daily habits to celebrate the victory of each day!

Now I am in tears. My sweet darling told me a little proverb. For the want of a nail a horseshoe was lost. For the want of a horseshoe, a horse was lost. For the want of a horse, a horseman was lost. For the want of a horseman the battle was lost and thus the country was lost.

I looked it up and it is a nursery rhyme and it was also quoted by Benjamin Franklin. How appropriate that we come full circle in our thoughts. Since Ben also signed the Declaration of Independence.

"For the want of a nail, the shoe was lost; for the want of a shoe the horse was lost; and for the want of a horse the rider was lost, being overtaken and slain by the enemy, all for the want of care about a horseshoe nail." Benjamin Franklin

So you see even the simplest of habits can make a difference in the way your day progresses. Every habit is a nail to hold your routines together to form the foundation for peace in your life!

You can do this! You have to start someplace! Go shine your sink! That can be your Declaration of Independence!

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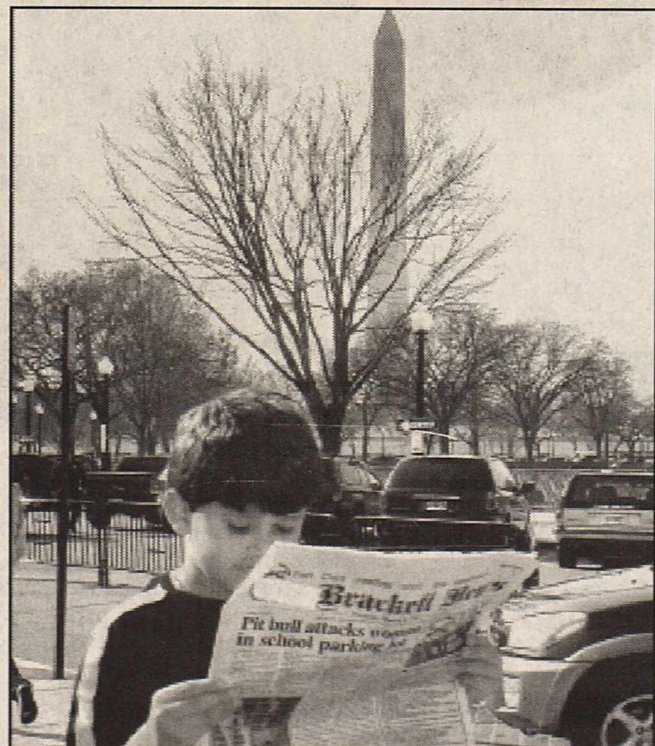


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Should you speed up mortgage payments or increase investments?



Emily Cooper

Most people who have mortgages dream of a day when they won't. In fact, many mortgage-holders speed up their payments to make that day arrive sooner. Is that smart, from a financial standpoint? Not necessarily.

This point is highlighted by a 2006 study prepared by economists for the National Bureau of Economic Research. About 38 percent of U.S. households are making the wrong choice when they speed up their mortgage payments rather than use the extra money to save in tax-deferred accounts such as 401(k) plans or IRAs, according to the study. These households are giving up a yield of 11 to 17 cents for every dollar they spend on extra mortgage payments, depending on their choice of investments in a tax-deferred account.

While these survey results are certainly interesting, they don't tell the whole story on the issue of making extra mortgage payments versus investing. If you have a quantitative nature, however, you can do a little analysis on your own. For example, if you were to pay down a mortgage with a 5.5 percent rate, it would be essentially the same thing as earning 5.5 percent on some type of investment.

But if you are in the 25 percent tax bracket, and you deducted your mortgage interest payments from your taxes, your 5.5 percent mortgage would really "cost" you just 4.125 percent. So, if you could find an investment that paid more than 4.125 percent, you'd come out ahead by investing, rather than paying down your mortgage. (Keep in mind, though, that you may have to pay taxes on your investment.)

It might not be that hard to find an investment that pays more than your after-tax mortgage rate. But that's not the only reason why it may make sense to choose investing over mortgage reduction. Here are two other factors to consider:

Paying off your mortgage early won't boost your ultimate return. Obviously, you want your house to appreciate in value. But paying off your mortgage early won't make your home worth more, though it will enable you to pocket more of the proceeds when you sell. On the other hand, the more shares you purchase of an investment, such as stock, the greater your potential for boosting your net worth. Of course, investing also has its risks; when you sell your stocks, you could receive more or less than the original investment amount.

Investing provides you with greater liquidity than paying down a mortgage. Once you make extra payments to your mortgage, you can't get at that money, except indirectly, through a second mortgage or home equity loan. But if you were to invest the money instead, you'd have access to it (though, again, you might have tax implications). This liquidity could be important if you lose your job or if you face an unexpected financial need, such as a major medical bill.

Still, there's another side to the mortgage/investment issue. If it just makes you feel better to whittle away your mortgage - or possibly pay it off altogether - that's something to consider.

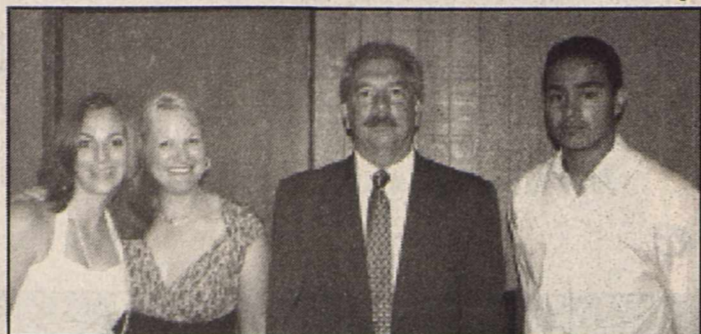
And if you're close to retirement, it may make particularly good sense, from both the psychological and cash flow perspectives, to get rid of that mortgage.

So, weigh all the factors carefully when deciding whether to pay down the mortgage or invest. Your choice can have big consequences for your future.

Moore and Schroeder attend GeoFORCE Academy

This summer, both Samantha Moore and Jacob Schroeder once again attended the GeoFORCE Academy. The trip this year was to Oregon and everyone had a fantastic time. Schroeder and Moore both said the trip was completely different from last year's because they saw different kinds of geology, much of which they did not see or study in the Southwest. The Northwest was simply amazing and all of the students loved learning about coastal geology.

Over the course of the trip, Samantha, Jacob, and the rest of their fellow GeoFORCE students visited seven different cities in Oregon. Every day consisted of approximately five stops and some of these stops included: Crater Lake, Cape Perpetua, Newberry Caldera, Mount St. Helens, Crown Point, Mount Hood, and Timberline Lodge.



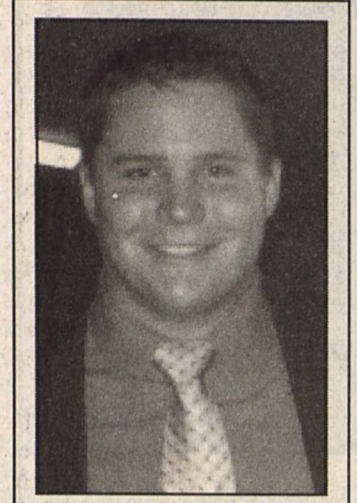
All of the stops along the trip were astounding and interesting in their own different way. By the time the trip had ended everyone had drastically increased their geology knowledge. In fact, on the final test for the field course there were 16 100%, 39 A's, and 1 B. All of the students are eager and excited about their GeoFORCE trip next year which will be to Florida.

Both Jacob and Samantha were awarded three honors for the trip. They both received a 100% on the final exam, and they were also awarded with best essay. Samantha also was rewarded for her hard work and dedication throughout the trip. She was honored as quiz queen for scoring a 100% on every quiz. Jacob was noticed for his compassion for others and his willingness to always help whenever it was needed. For this he received the M.V.P. award.



Brackett Sixteen and Under Select Baseball Team

Pictured kneeling in front, Rolando Guterrez. Middle, left to right, Ramon Guterrez, Issac Talamantes, Danny Molinar, Jeffrey Herrera. Back, left to right, Coach Carlos De La Rosa, Cody Clark, Coach Andy Sitgreaves, Adam Pinales, Jeff Sitgreaves, Daulton Woodson, Joe Anthony Sanchez, Coach Tom Ball. The team competed in Boerne, Shiner, Houston, and Brenham Tournaments. The guys also qualified to go to the Super Series State Tourmanet. The team would like to thank all those who contributed to help get them there!!



Rose named to Howard Payne's President's List

Brackettville native, Patrick Rose, received honors at Howard Payne University (HPU) in Brownwood. Rose, a senior at HPU, was named to the President's List for the spring semester of 2007. Students must earn a 3.65-3.99 grade point average to be named to the President's List.

BISD HONOR ROLL

- Sixth Six Weeks Honor Roll**
High School All "A" Honor Roll
- Freshmen**
Victor Cantu and Brooklyn Gose
- Sophomores**
Rebecca Mann, Samantha Moore, Jacob Schroeder and Laura Swinson
- Juniors**
Bailee Allen, Travis Bonner, Meghann Davis, Daphne Hunt, Gabriella Schroeder, Bianca Stewart and Anolda Watkins
- Seniors**
Justin Calk, Dolores Cano, Laura Meyer, Austin Shewbart and Brenda Tate
- Junior High All "A" Honor Roll**
- 8th Grade**
Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Hayley Hale, Joshua Smith
- High School AB Honor Roll**
- Freshmen**
John Blake, Cynthia Bland, Charles Conoly, Shaun Davis, Brianna Escamilla, Aracely Martinez, Elena Molinar, Elidia Molinar, Adan Pinales, Jaleel Proulx, Ashley Shadwick, Jeffrey Sitgreaves and Isaac Talamantes
- Sophomores**
Laura Adams, Summer Allen, Amanda Braesicke, Emily Calk, Serenity Gammell, Veronica Garza, Jessica Gonzalez, Moises Gonzalez, Bianca Martinez, Maribel Rivas, Arlene Roth and Sandy Tate
- Juniors**
Michael Bland, Cesar Cantu, Julie Castillo, Lauren Cornelius, Doolie Fernandez, Joshua Kluzek and Ashley Stephenson
- Seniors**
Clint Conrad, Robet Davis, Samantha Davis, Cullen Duncan, John Moore, Robin Pevehouse, Ivan Pinales, Jessica Siegel, Natasha Smith and Michael Stephenson
- Junior High AB Honor Roll**
- 7th Grade**
Amanda Herrera, Yanira Perez and Joel Talamantes
- 8th Grade**
Sarah Davis, Michael Flores, Valeria Garza, Stella Guajardo, Courtney Kirkland, Aylard Letsinger, Rachael Nash, Janine Rex, Sahara Rodriguez, Icela Rueda, Suzanna Seargeant, Travis Titchenell and Roberto Torres



Brackett All-Stars beat Crystal City 13-3. Coach Tommy Castillo, McKensie Castillo, Priscilla Aguirre, Vianey Flores, August Stephenson, Salina Gerardo, Coach Vanessa Castillo, Clarissa Cruz, Natasha Samaniego, Soria Guartuche, Kali Campos.

Terrazas Sisters Give Recognition to their Hometown Educators



On May 10th Cecilia Terrazas received her Baccalaureate Degree in Psychology from University of Texas in San Antonio where she resides with her husband Humberto Solis and her four year old son, LT. Two days later on May 12th her sister Celina Terrazas received her Associates Degree in Biology from Temple College in Temple, TX where she resides.



aging words; to Joy Ralston for believing in her and helping her get started with college. Both girls feel blessed to be living out their dreams. Cecilia has started out her career as Therapist at Nueva Vida Behavioral Clinic, and Celina is working as a Technician at the Temple Veterinary Hospital. Celina plans to continue her studies at Mary-Hardin Baylor University in Belton this fall.

Both girls are very proud of their accomplishments and give thanks to their parents and family for their unconditional love and support. However, they did not fail to mention the impact that the teach and other members of the community made in their decisions and accomplishments. Cecilia contributes part of her success to her teachers Jamie Ballew, for believing in her even when she did believe in herself; to Karen Crumley, for encouraging her in the field of biology and to Angie Meek, for caring enough about her to bring out her full potential.

As for Cecilia, she contributes part of her success to her teacher and mentor Candy Bader, for being more than just a teacher, for being a trusted counselor with her kind and understanding words; to Jennifer McDaniel for her friendship, time and encour-

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A handsome bird with an unruly crest, the belted kingfisher is one of the most widespread birds in North America. Often spotted perching over open water as it spots for fish, the aggressive bird vigorously defends its fishing territory with aerial chases along the shorelines of rivers, lakes and seacoasts.

Kingfishers are solitary except in late spring and summer, when they pair up in cooperative teams to breed. Unlike many birds, kingfishers excavate a tunnel in a stream-bank to nest. Digging with their stout bills and pushing the soil out behind them with their feet, their burrows may reach 7 feet into the dark underground,

where the female lays her clutch of pure white eggs on bare ground.

Both parents incubate the eggs until they hatch and the naked chicks begin choking down regurgitant provided by the father. Once they sprout a few feathers, mom joins in the ever-increasing demand of feeding the rapidly growing bottomless pits. But not until they're 5 weeks old do they exit to the outside world and learn to fish on their own and assume the purposeful, solitary life of an adult.



Photo by Jason Hahn www.jasonhahn.com

WHERE TO OBSERVE

- Mississippi River, Ark.
- Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge, Fla.
- Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, Idaho
- Cypress Island Preserve, La.
- Lillian Annette Rowe Sanctuary, Neb.
- Great Swamp Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, N.J.
- Shorakapok Preserve, N.Y.
- Cape Romain Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, S.C.
- Falls Park, S.D.
- Great Smokey Mountains Nat'l Park, Tenn.
- Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Va.
- St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, Wis.

LOOK FOR

- stout bird with ragged crest
- blue-gray above and on head
- white collar
- thick bill
- white belly with blue-gray breast band; females have additional rust-red belly band
- irregular, rowing wingbeats

LISTEN FOR

- loud, harsh rattling call

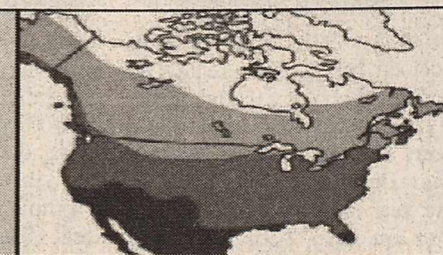
Belted kingfisher

11-14 inches

Habitat: streams, rivers, lagoons, wetlands

Range Key: Breeding Year-round Nonbreeding

Ceryx alcyon



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What is a Patriot moment and ask you a patriot? Some think of the time during the Revolutionary War and fought to win our freedom and liberty. think of soldiers battles and wars peace time who serve.

A Patriot is a loves and is devoted try and its welfare. be a man, woman, A Patriot can be 6 she can be old or can be either a soldier. Skin color determine who is or is not. What determines who isn't a Patriot is truly love their country devoted to its welfare many Patriots here.

John F. Kennedy fellow Americans, your country can do what you do for it." To me that is the definition of what a Patriot looks for when he or she can roll up and help their country better place to live. look for a handout offer themselves.

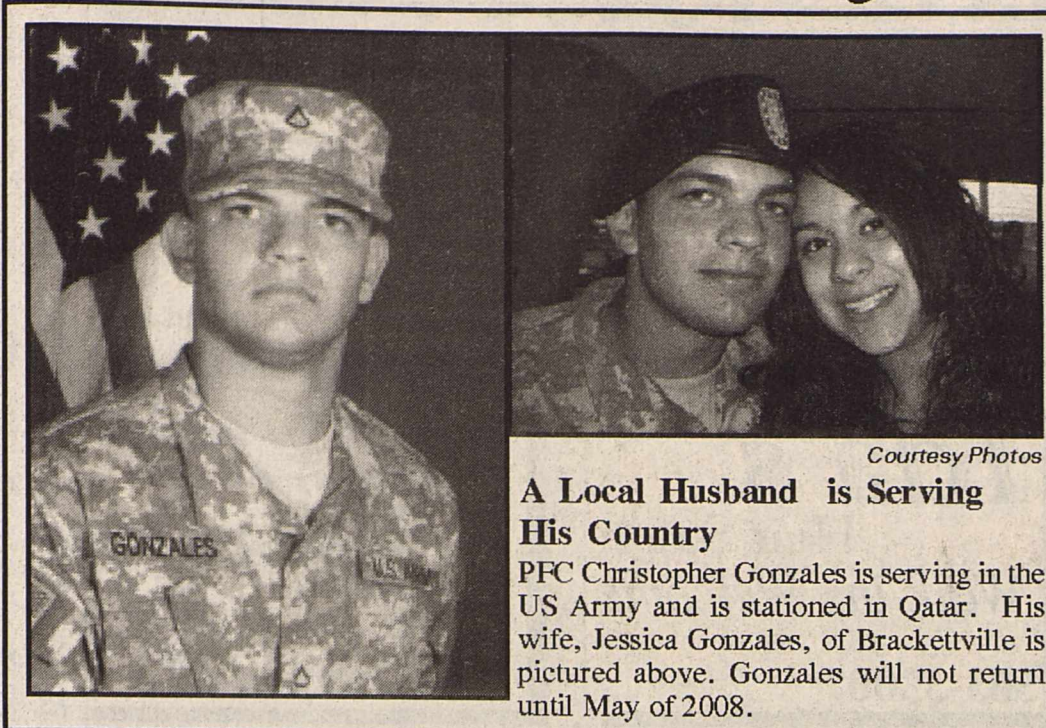
Patrick Henry's not what course others but as for me, give me death." Artificial. They are their all, even their country and their families. Even when the overwhelming odds.

A Patriot is a stands by their country thick or thin. In good times and in the bad times. A Patriot does not dishonor our country by burning in protest shows respect to our elected officials or she agrees or disagrees with them. A Patriot honors the laws of the land realizes that with the citizenship comes responsibility and accountability.

I have had the going to both Arlington Cemetery and the Memorial at Pearl Harbor. 1100 Sailors are on that ship. As I find that Memorial I feel holy ground. We forget all those men who have sacrificed order for you and your freedom and liberty.

Theodore Roosevelt

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A Local Husband is Serving His Country

PFC Christopher Gonzales is serving in the US Army and is stationed in Qatar. His wife, Jessica Gonzales, of Brackettville is pictured above. Gonzales will not return until May of 2008.

Courtesy Photos

A Patriot in America



Jeff Janca

What is a Patriot? Take a moment and ask yourself what is a patriot? Some may instantly think of the time during the Revolutionary War and the men who fought to win our country's freedom and liberty. Others may think of soldiers in previous battles and wars and even in peace time who served our country.

A Patriot is a person who loves and is devoted to his country and its welfare. A Patriot can be a man, woman, boy, or girl. A Patriot can be 6 or 96. He or she can be old or young. They can be either a soldier or civilian. Skin color does not determine who is or isn't a Patriot. What determines who is and who isn't a Patriot is whether they truly love their country and are devoted to its welfare. There are many Patriots here today.

John F. Kennedy said, "My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you...ask what you can do for your country." To me that is a wonderful definition of what a Patriot is. A Patriot looks for ways in which he or she can roll up their sleeves and help their country become a better place to live. They don't look for a handout, instead they offer themselves.

Patrick Henry said, "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death." A Patriot is sacrificial. They are willing to give their all, even their life for their country and their fellow countrymen. Even when they are facing overwhelming odds.

A Patriot is a person who stands by their country through thick or thin. In good times and in the bad times. A Patriot does not dishonor our Country's flag by burning in protest. A Patriot shows respect to others even to our elected officials, whether he or she agrees or disagrees with them. A Patriot honors and obeys the laws of the land. A Patriot realizes that with the privilege of citizenship comes responsibility and accountability.

I have had the privilege of going to both Arlington National Cemetery and the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor. Over 1100 Sailors are still entombed in that ship. As I first walked on that Memorial I felt like I was on holy ground. We must never forget all those men and women who have sacrificed so much in order for you and I to have freedom and liberty.

Theodore Roosevelt, who



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served as the 26th President of the United States 100 years ago, said "The things that destroy America are prosperity at any price, peace at any price, safety first instead of duty first, and the love of soft living and the get-rich-quick theory of life." He said those words nearly 100 years ago and they sadly paint a very clear picture of what America has become.

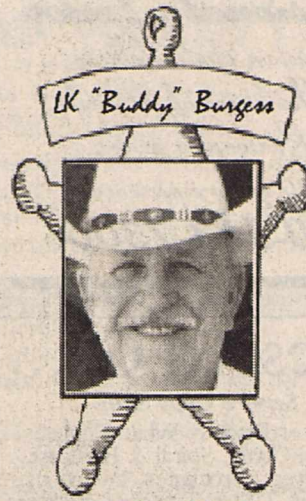
It was 231 years ago that the Declaration of Independence was approved by the 13 colonies. Eleven years later in 1787, the Constitution of the United States was approved. But before it was approved the representatives to the Constitutional Congress came to an impasse. Seeing the problem, Benjamin Franklin said the following statements. "I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings (Bible) that except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it. I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven and its blessings on our deliberations be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business and that one of the clergy in the city be requested to officiate that service."

In those words, Benjamin Franklin moved that they ask the Lord for help in making their

decisions. His motion was approved and with the Lord's Help they finished the Constitution of the United States. It is very important that we pray for our Nation and that we seek God's blessing upon our Country. God has truly blessed us. May God Bless America.

Jeff Janca
First Baptist Church
Brackettville

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Tuesday, July 3

9:45 am Edwards County reported a vehicle had been swept away in the Nueces River crossing on 674. Units and departments responded and assisted in the situation.

7:22 pm A local woman reported kids setting off fireworks. A deputy was notified and enroute.

Wednesday, July 4

8:55 am A local woman reported someone had broken into the Little League concession stand. A deputy was notified and enroute.

4:01 pm A local woman reported she found a container of pills in her back yard that were not hers. A deputy was notified and spoke to the woman.

4:28 pm A local woman reported she had money stolen from her earlier in the week and was requesting assistance. A deputy was informed.

10:52 pm A local man reported that a suspicious man was knocking continuously at his door. A deputy was notified.

Thursday, July 5

8:50 am A man reported that a van was driving recklessly on Hwy 90 and had almost ran him off the road. DPS was notified.

3:30 pm A local man requested a deputy. A deputy was enroute. 9:00 pm Homeland Security advised the Sheriff's office that an unidentified aircraft had crossed over from Mexico and about to land near Brackettville. Border Patrol as well as a deputy were enroute to the scene.

9:18 pm A man reported that his wife's purse was possibly stolen by an employee of a local business. A deputy was advised of the situation.

Friday, July 6

2:00 pm A caller reported a white SUV full of kids were driving recklessly on Pear Alley. A deputy was notified.

2:40 pm Numerous callers had reported an elderly man walking alongside Hwy 90 towards Brackettville. A deputy was notified. The man was taken to the hospital and was later picked up by his family.

by his family.

9:00 pm Christopher Lee Luna, 17, of Fort Clark Springs, was arrested for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana. Luna was released on \$1,200 bond for possession and another \$1,200 for assault.

9:00 pm Justin Lee Luna, 19, of Fort Clark Springs, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Luna was released on a \$1,200 bond.

Saturday, July 7

1:30 am Damian Toms, 23, of Fort Clark Springs, was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. Toms was released on July 9 on a \$15,000 bond.

1:30 am Everett Chambers, 18, of Fort Clark Springs, was arrested for consumption of alcohol by a minor. Chambers was released on July 10.

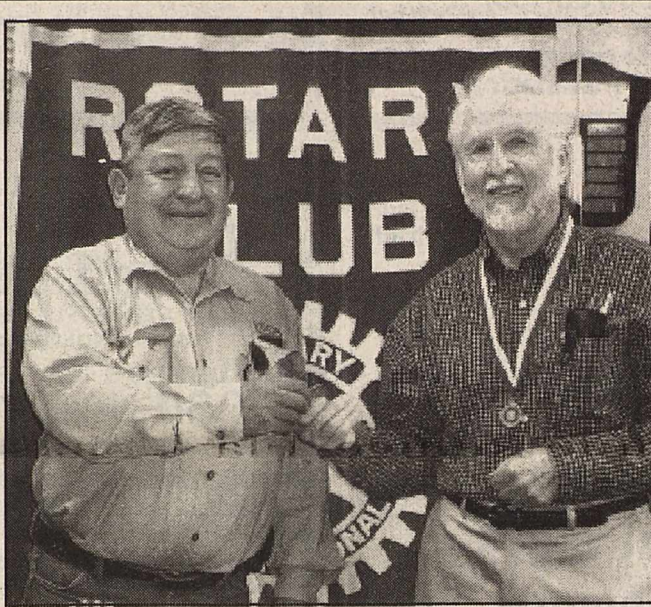
Sunday, July 8

7:21 pm A man reported his SUV was stuck under the bridge on Hwy 277. A deputy and a wrecker truck were enroute to the location.

6:00 pm Reymundo Padilla, 63, of San Antonio, was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Padilla was released.

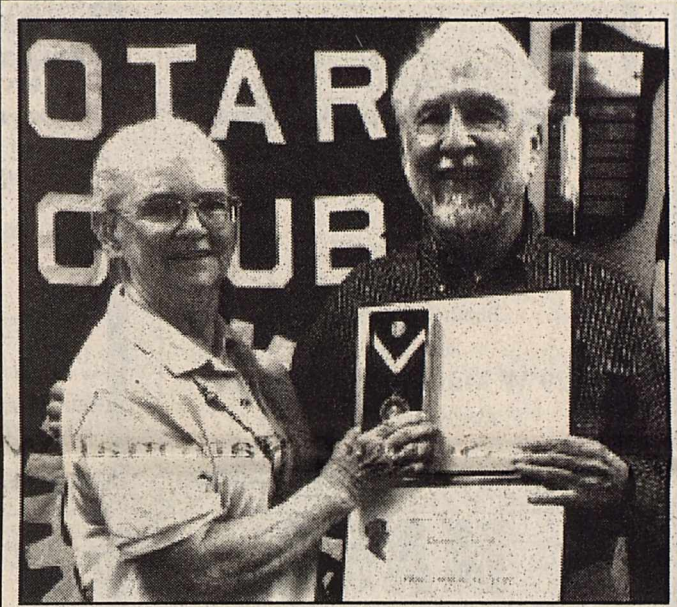
A local man reported someone had stolen his dad's love birds. One was yellow, the other green. A deputy was notified of the situation.

ROTARY UPDATE



Pena Discusses Wildlife in Kinney County

Rotarian, Dr. Charles Schmidt (right), presents a "Four Way Test" coin to program speaker, Manny Pena, at the regular Brackettville Rotary Club luncheon Thursday, July 5th. Mr. Pena, Deputy Sheriff and Wildlife Damage Technician related many aspects about wildlife in our area.



Chambers Receives Rotary Award

Rotary President, Ella Chambers, presents Dr. Charles Schmidt with the "Paul Harris Fellowship Award" at the regular Rotary luncheon meeting July 5th. The Paul Harris Fellowship Award is a distinguished Rotarian service award.

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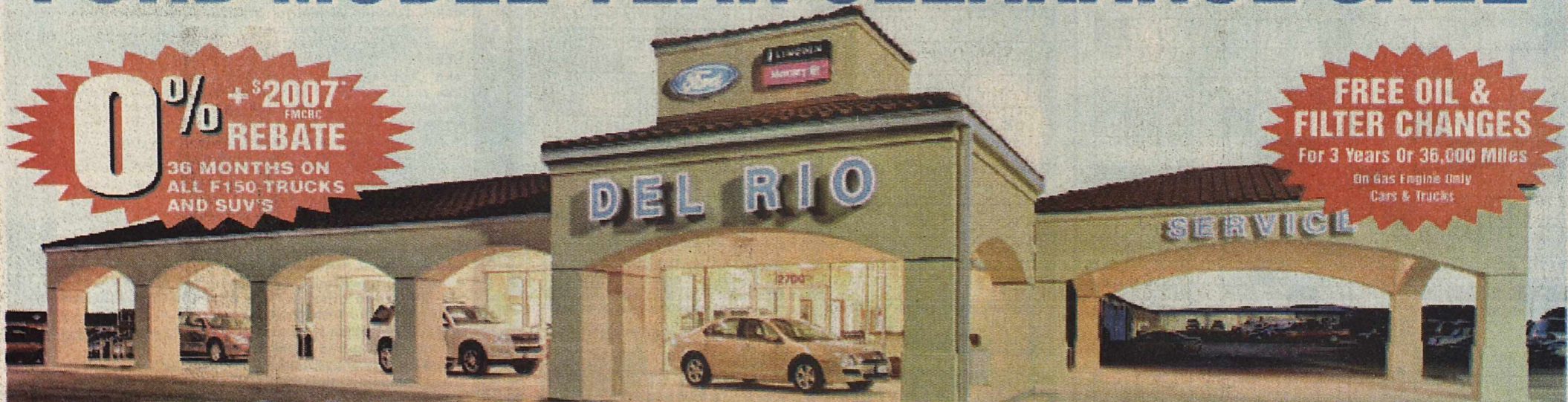


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