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Community News

Tiger Scrimmage The Brackett Tigers will scrimmage Falls City at 10am this Saturday, August 16 at Tiger Stadium

Local Governmental Meetings

Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors will hosts a Regular meeting in FCSA Board Room on Saturday, August 16 at 9am.

Kinney County Commissioner's Court will hold a Regular meeting on Monday, August 18 at 9am in the County Courtroom.

County Court Kinney County Court will be held on August 27 at 9am in the County Courtroom.

District Court The 63rd District Court will be held on August 26 at 9am in the District Courtroom at the

Kinney County Courthouses. Sales Tax Holiday Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 15, 16 and 17 - the state's annual tax holiday. For information call

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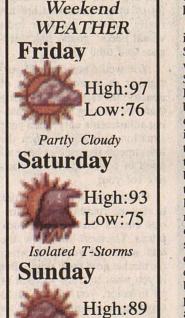
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TOPS Meeting TOPS is Take Off Pounds Sensibly and is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support group. Meetings on Thursday's. Weigh-Ins will be from 5:00 -5:30pm. Meeting will be from 5:30 - 6:00pm. Slator Hall, First United Methodist Church, 109 James Street. Call if you have any questions: Junetta Myers, 830-563-9984 or 830-703-6221 or email junetta2002@ yahoo.com

Food Pantry Distribution Volunteers are needed at the newspaper office at 7:30am on August 21 to unload the trucks and at 12:45pm to assist clients with loading the commodities into their vehicles.

The CSFP Over Age 60 Distribution will be on August 21 from 1pm until 5pm at the newspaper office. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY AND YOU MUST PICK UP ON THIS DAY.

The KCCA TEXCAP Food for Families Program will be distributed on August 22 from 1pm until 5pm at the newspaper office. If you are eligible for commodities on this date, you will receive a phone call. There is a waiting list. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY AND YOU MUST PICK UP ON THIS DAY.



Scattered T-Storms

Ex city manager pleads nolo Luna does not contest theft of city money

By Allison Taylor Editor

G. Luna pled Nolo Contendere,

ettville from 1998 through the Verde County. abrupt termination of his em-

ing no contest to all the charges against him.

Theft charges were originally Former City Secretary David handed down by a Kinney County Grand Jury indictment or no contest, to three felony in April 2005 and following a charges in 63rd District Court three-year long series of motions in Del Rio on Monday, August between the Luna and the court, Luna requested and received a Luna, accused of stealing change of venue in September, money from the City of Brack- 2007 to move his case to Val

District Attorney Fred Herployment in 2003, ended nandez stated Luna's plea of no Monday's proceedings by plead- contest is equivalent to a guilty Texas cities are constitutionally

plea and said he would be ask- prohibited from extending credit ing the judge for penitentiary to private individuals or orgatime and not probation with re- nizations. On July 27, 1990, the payment. Hernandez stated Texas Attorney General issued Luna, as a City official, stole opinion no. JM-1194, regarding from the tax payers.

report completed by the Texas employees. The opinion states, State Auditor's Office, "Mr. Luna was overpaid approxi- a loan, and thus, a lending of mately \$65,188.02 between July credit within the constitutional 1, 1998 and May 13, 2003, prohibition'.' through the City of Brackettville (Brackettville) salary advances.

the authority of a municipality According the investigation to advance compensation to 'an advance of salary is clearly

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The Athletic Booster Club will meet on August 18 at 8pm in the High School gym. 2008-2009 officers will be elected.

CHEER's Back School health fair CHEER in partnership with **HHSC Colonias Initiative** Partners host the Second Annual Back to School Health Fair on Thursday August 21st, 2008 from 2PM to 7PM at the BISD cafeterias. Immunizations will be provided to those students who need shots to start school on the opening day. Please bring your child's shot records to be checked to see if shots are needed. Blood pressure screenings, blood sugar screenings, and dental information will be provided. Many health and human service agencies will be at the health fair. Basic schools supplies will be given away. If you need numbers to place your 911address on your house, please stop by the 911 booth. Stop by and learn about 211 which is a good program to know about to help find resources that could help you to find assistance or funding. Information on resources for the aging will be provided. All members of the community are invited to attend. Any questions, please call Pat Sitzes at 563-5528. See you at the health fair.

Smiley's Back to school **Evening of Prayer on August** 23rd at 7pm to 8PM

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 Frerich at 563-5372. Letter and notes are the most requested since it boosts their morale and reminds them that the are not forgotten.

Computer Classes The Kinney County Library will be offering an "Introduction to Microsoft Office" class on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am - 10am beginning July 8. "Cyberspace 101: Introduction to Computers and the Internet" class will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am -10am beginning September 9.

TBN Mailbox The Brackett News recently installed a mailbox on the front door of the office. We hope this will be of help to the early birds that stop by the of-

fice before 10am.

TexasSure Vehicle Insurance Information An estimated 1 out of 5 vehicles on our Texas roads has no automobile insurance, but that is about to change. TexasSure Vehicle Insurance Verification matches vehicle registration information to insurance policy data, which immediately tells law enforcement officers and tax collectors who is driving without insurance. So, if you are not covered, better get insured. To learn more, visit: www.





Horrific Crash on Hwy 90

On August 8 a small pickup traveling west on Hwy 90 near the Dust Bowl Ranch veered into the eastbound lane causing an oncoming 18-wheeler to swerve. The small truck collided into the rear axle on the tractor trailer killing one man and sending the other to the hospital in San Antonio by way of Life Flight. Sources say the driver of the 18-wheeler was not injured. Hwy 90 was closed from 11 p.m. until around 2:30 a.m. Law enforcement officials suspect alcohol may have played a part in the tragedy.

Superintendent resigns



By Allison Taylor Editor

ees accepted Superintendent Paula Renken's resignation effective September 5, at the Regular board meeting on Monday, August 11.

in the summer of 2005 after the dent Bobby Templeton.

Renken was initially hired as BISD Elementary principal then Brackett ISD Board of Trust- moved to high school after John P. Schuster resigned.

School Board President J.P. Schuster stated Renken is leaving the District for a better position with the Region 20 Ser-Renken was hired as Super vice Center. Schuster commended Renken for achieving resignation of then Superinten- her long term goals sooner than

Pants and trousers

Raincoats and ponchos

Shirts

Shoes - sandals, slippers,

sneakers, tennis, walking Socks (including athletic)

Shorts

Suits, slacks, and jackets

Sweatshirts

Sweat suits

Sweaters

Swimsuits

Work clothes and uniforms

Trustees also accepted Jones Elementary/Intermediate teacher April Rogers resignation with a 4-3 split vote.

Kate Magors was hired by unanimous vote to fill a Jones Elementary/Intermediate posi-

The board will meet again on Monday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss hiring an interim superintendent.

Sales tax holiday - August 15-17, 2008

to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

The law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under however. \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. Backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt. A backpack is a pack with straps one wears on the back. The exemption during the sales tax holiday includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack, and messenger bags. The exemption does not include items that are reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffle/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased tax-free at one time without providing an

exemption certificate to the seller. A word of caution: If you sell items that do not qualify for the exemption, you may not adver-

Texas shoppers get a break tise or promise that you will pay from state and local sales taxes on your customers' sales tax. Addi-August 15, 16 and 17 - the state's tionally, you are prohibited from annual tax holiday. Lay-away advertising that you will not colplans can be used again this year lect sales tax on items that do not qualify. You may advertise that tax is included in the sales price of the taxable items that you sell,

> For information on how to report tax on these sales, please visit Reporting Sales Tax on Tax-Free Items or call us toll free at (800) 252-5555



Devin Villarreal and his brother Donovan, of Brackettville look at school supplies at the local Dollar General

List of Items and Their Exemption Status Baby clothes Accessories (generally) -Backpacks for use by barrettes, elastic ponytail elementary and secondary holders, wallets, watches students Backpacks - unless for use by Belts with attached buckles elementary and secondary Boots - cowboy, hiking Caps/hats - baseball, fishing, students Baseball cleats and pants

golf, knitted Belt buckles (without belt) Coats and wraps Boots - climbing, fishing, Diapers - adult and baby Dresses rubber work boots, ski, waders Buttons and zippers Cloth and lace, knitting yarns Gloves (generally) Gym suits and uniforms and other fabrics Hooded shirts and hooded Dry cleaning services sweatshirts Football pants Hosiery Golf gloves **Jackets** Handbags and purses Handkerchiefs Jeans erseys - baseball and football Hard hats Helmets - bike, baseball, football, hockey, Jogging apparel Neckwear and ties motorcycle, sports Paiamas Ice skates

> Jewelry Laundering services Leather goods - except belts with buckles and wearing apparel Pads - football, hockey, soccer elbow, knee, shoulder

Personal flotation devices Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes) Roller blades and skates Safety clothing, glasses Shoes - bicycle (cleated),

bowling, golf

LETTER to the Editor

Opinion

My great grandfather William Mulcahy left Tralee, Co Kerry, Ireland on 18 August 1879. He went to America to try to make money to support his wife and child left behind in Ireland, but never managed to return. A fragment of one letter says he was a baker, and worked in the late 1880s for the Austin and North Western Rail Road. Another is from Brackett (ville) in 1883. It is a poignant story, which I am currently researching with a view to writing a book.

I plan to visit Brackettville next month, and would welcome any information on the railroad, or Brackettville of that time, either from descendents who worked on that railroad, or people with information about the Irish who would have lived in Brackettville or the vicinity at that time.

Any assistance would be much appreciated.

With kind regards, Fionnuala Mulcahy fgmulcahy@gmail.com

To the Flowers family: I should have known better than to point my camera into your direction after I was done filming one of the EMT's motorcycle.

I offer my sincerest apologies; I did not mean to cause any

Erik Janssens



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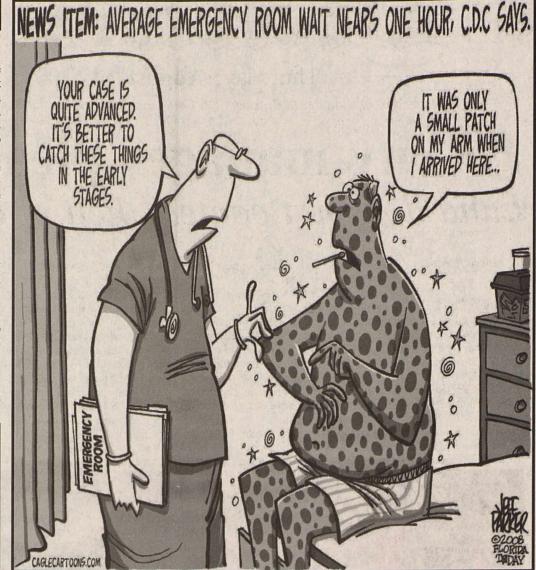
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Senator Carlos Uresti

extends a public invitation to his

next town hall meeting in Uvalde

August 15th, 2008

6:30 pm

Willie De Leon Civic Center

(300 East Main Street, Uvalde, Texas, 78801)

regular contact with me, and it is my goal to

make this as easy as possible while we prepare

for the 81st Legislative Session. I look forward

"I encourage my constituents to maintain

takes the form of low back pain, alternative or complimentary recurring headaches, or just therapies. Regular chiropractic muscle aches that don't seem to adjustments can help the body go away, the tendency is to say return to a natural balance and "Well, I'll just have to live with reduce or eliminate chronic pain. Chronic pain is like wa-More and more Americans are ter damage to a house - if it goes turning to alternative care to on long enough, the house col-

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How should you respond to market "Dips"



You already know that stock prices can take sudden "dips." But do you know what causes them? And, just as importantly, is there any way you can take advantage of these drops?

Let's answer these questions one by one. First, what causes the stock market to fall quickly?

Actually, the "suddenness" of a market decline may often be misleading, because the forces that cause markets to fall (or rise) may be in place for weeks or months before prices move noticeably. Here are some of these key "change agents":

• Investors' actions - Individual and institutional investors can, by their actions, move the price of stocks. For example, if many people think a particular stock is "hot," they will buy it, and this increased demand helps drive up the price. Conversely, if investors decide that a company is in trouble or that it is part of an industry in decline, or even that it's time to take profits, they will sell the stock, creating downward pressure on its price.

 Business fundamentals — A company's earnings, profit margins, management and competitiveness can affect its desirability to investors and, as a result, its stock price.

 Legal changes and regulatory decisions - When Congress passes a law or a government regulatory agency makes an important decision, the result can have a big effect on the fortunes of a company - and, consequently, its stock price. Decisions by the Federal Reserve to change interest rates also can affect the financial markets and individual stock prices.

• Economic indicators -When economic activity - as measured by the gross national product - slows, unemployment increases and inflation rises, investors may get nervous and pull back from the markets, leading to a drop in stock

• International events — Po-

It's very hard for most people to follow these events closely enough, and respond to them quickly enough, to take advantage of market drops by buying stocks whose price has

Furthermore, although it would be great to always "buy low and sell high," it's impossible to predict when a stock has fallen to its lowest point. Consequently, you could end up wasting a lot of time, energy and worry by trying to "buy on the dip.

constantly buy stocks just because their prices had dropped, you may well end up owning a lot of investments that are not really suitable for your individual needs, goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

chasing an appropriate mix of quality investments, holding them for the long term and making adjustments only when your situation changes or when the investments themselves have altered in a way that's not positive for you.

external forces.

While "dips" may be tempting, they can also lead to

State Senator Carlos Uresti

Texas Senate District 19



Emily Cooper

litical instability, wars, natural disasters and other events can all disrupt the financial markets and cause stock prices to fall.

Moreover, if you were to

You would be better off pur-

Ultimately, it's a good idea to stay informed about the various forces that affect stock prices. The more you know, the less surprised you'll be when the market goes up or down. But if you want to truly succeed as an investor, you should avoid short-term decisions based on

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School School Supply Lists

Pre-Kinder

backpack - box 24 count crayons

2 - large glue sticks I - pair of Fiskars scissors (not pointed) 4 - #2 pencils

- box of family size Kleenex - roll of paper towel 3 - plastic folders with brads and pockets (blue, green, and

yellow) 1 - 10 count classic Crayola markers (washable)

I - roll 24 exposure -35mm I - package of small incetive

stickers I - 4 count of Play Doh (NO

Roseart 1 - 24 count colored pencils

I - box gallon size heavy duty Ziploc bags I - 50 count white paper plates

GIRLS I - package Expo Dry Erase markers

I - box quart size heavy duty Ziploc bags I - PRANG watercolor (8 colors)

I - package white lunch bags

First Grade I - 4x6 Index Cards Backpack

36 - No. 2 pencils 2 - boxes of 24 crayons 2 - composition notebooks

4 - large glue sticks 12 - Dry Erase Expo markpkg. top erasers - pair of Fiskar scissors

- 2 inch 3 ring binder - plastic folder with pock-2 - boxes of Kleenex 2 - roll of paper towels

2 - large zipper pencil pouches at least 7"x10" NOT - package of map colors

h - box ziplock bags, I quart box ziplock bags, I gal-

Third Grade I pkg. notebook paper (wide

pair of scissors (Fiskars) l large glue stick l box (24) count crayons

I box (24) count colored large pink eraser arge roll paper towels
boxes family size Kleenex

plastic school box box quart size freezer bags - composition book for sci-

ence (not a spiral) No binders - teachers will buy folders

Fifth Grade

- 3 ring binder - 2 inch 1 - 1.5 inch binder (black) 4 black and white composi-

tion books 2 pkgs subject dividers Plastic folders with pockets and brads - (I black, 2 red and 2 blue)

2 pkgs of highlighters - yellow, blue 2 pkgs Red grading pens Map pencils - 2 sets #2 pencils - no mechanical

pencils cm/inch ruler Washable markers Scissors **Erasers**

colored pencils

spiral notebook

I pocket folder

notebook paper

high-lighters

divider tabs

7th Grade Science

ors) at least 12

red pen

pencils

high-lighters
7th and 8th Grade Lan-

guage Arts and Reading

colored pencils (map col-

7th and 8th Grade Science

2 composition notebooks for

3 ring binder for 8th Grade

3 ring binder (2 inch)

Pencil bag - large enough to hold all markers, scissors, pencils, etc. Glue stick and small Elmer's

Kindergarten plastic school box

2 - I" hardcover binder with

I - 3 ring zippered pouch 3 plastic folders with brads and pockets (any color) 2 composition notebooks

2 - 24 count Crayola Cray-

large pink eraser pair of Friskar scissors 2 - 8oz. Elmer's school glue 4 large glue sticks

20 #2 pencils

2 boxs of family size Kleenex I - box gallon size heavy duty Ziploc baggies - (boys

I - box quart size heavy duty Ziploc baggies - (girls only) I - Backpack (large enough to hold a I" hardcover binder)

> **Second Grade** I - I 1/2" Binder - Trapper

3 - composition books 2 - pencil pouches to go in binder (not plastic) 24 - #2 pencils (They come

n a box) 2 - large pink erasers - pkg. pencil top erasers

- 24 count box crayons for binders 2 - boxes family size Kleenex 2 - rolls paper towels

I - box quart size ziplock I - backpack (no wheels please)

2 - jumbo glue sticks

I - pair fiskars pointed scis-

I - I2 count colored pen-

* Please label your child's supplies

Fourth Grade

Backpack 1 package notebook paper (wide ruled)

#2 pencils (no mechanical pencils) - your child will be required to provide additional pencils throughout the year.

Zippered pencil bag 2 rolls paper towels

2 large boxes of Kleenex 1 1/2" 3 ring binder (not zippered)

2 large knit book covers 3 composition book (100 page - not spiraled)

Sixth Grade 3 ring binders - 1-1/2 inch (2 blue and 2 red)

I black and white composition notebook Notebook paper (wide rule)

#2 pencils (no mechanical Erasers - small pink

I package of markers 2 packages of map colors School scissors with pointed

Ruler - inches and centime-

Highlighters - yellow and Glue stick and small Elmer's

school glue Large pencil bag package of red pens plastic folders with brads and pockets (I blue, I red and

2 packages of dividers Kleenex - 2 family size boxes I roll of paper towels

green)



Seventh and Eighth Grade Supply Lists 7th and 8th Grade Math Science with 6 divider tabs (3 inch) Notebook paper either col-3 ring binders (3 inch) pencils

lege or wide ruled 6 divider tabs Mechanical pencils may be red pen used but must have own lead. I college ruled notebook paprefer mechanical vs. regular ruler

One roll paper towels High-lighters Sharpie perm. Marker Colored Pencils

x 5" note index cards... **Optional "Flash/Jump Drive 7th and 8th Grade Social

Studies map colors #2 pencils notebook

General Supplies for both 7th and 8th Grade Students Pencil Bag 2 boxes of Kleenex



Courtesy Photo

Overcoming a low test score blow from the 2006-2007 school year, the beloved Brackett ISD Jones Elementary teachers and staff members celebrate their return to a Recognized status from the Texas Education Agency. This year's TAKS, scores in reading, math and science all significantly improved.

GeoFORCE students complete 4th year

students to take part in the Florida Keys, with stops Schroeder, 12th grade. along the way at geological sites in Utah, Oregon, Texas and Virginia.

ington, D.C. to Washington Sitgreaves, 11th grade; and Emily from Houston. state, from the Grand Canyon to Calk, Samantha Moore and Jacob

lege (SWTJC) and The Univer-

and 16,000 miles later, the first move on to fulfill the program's number of students pursuing de-lies. 80 southwest Texas high school mission by preparing for college. grees in math and science. Start-Representing Brackettville in ing with 80 students entering in science by taking students into GeoFORCE Texas have com- the program are: Brittany Hale, ninth grade, the program has pleted the summer college pre- ninth grade; Kelsey Bruce, Bryan grown to 320 students in grades tacular locations. During the four paratory program, making an Calk and Sahera Rodriguez, tenth 9-12 from the SWTJC service years of the academy program, educational odyssey from Wash- grade; Brooklyn Gose and Jeff area and, by 2009, another 320

Southwest Texas Junior Col- the inaugural week-long summer academy - so many that sity of Texas at Austin began GeoFORCE administrators imme-The high school seniors from GeoFORCE in 2005 as a long-diately added a second, two-day while navigating the Florida Evcomponent to the program called erglades. Young Geoscientists. Student interest has remained rock-solid ever since. Of the original 40 students in the summer academy,

to remain in the program,) "It's great to see students stay director of outreach and interna- and science. tional programs for The Univerof the students and the support degrees.

AUSTIN, Texas - Four years 21 different public schools now term experiment to increase the many receive from their fami-

GeoFORCE inspires interest the field to learn geology in specmembers of the inaugural class have studied structural geology In 2005, more than 120 stu- while river rafting through Glen dents applied for the 40 spots in Canyon in Arizona, learned about volcanoes while hiking up Mount Saint Helens in Washington and assessed water quality

Students in the Young Geoscientists program visited Texas quarries, identified sea life from the deck of a research vessel in only three have left, and none for the Gulf of Mexico, and will paracademic reasons. (Students must ticipate later this summer in a maintain high academic standing star-gazing party at the McDonald Observatory.

The ultimate goal of so committed to a program that's GeoFORCE is to move students all about science and academic into college with a significant achievement," said Doug Ratcliff, number pursuing degrees in math

Ratcliff believes the inaugusity of Texas at Austin's Jackson ral class will set a high standard School of Geosciences, which with more than 90% going to oversees GeoFORCE. "It give college, many of them seeking you hope, and it speaks highly math, science and engineering

Jones Elementary/Intermediate **Back to School Night**

August 21 Grades 4-6 6:00 - 6:30pm Grades PK-3 6:20 7 6:30 Grades PK-3 6:30 - 7:00pm



Twelfth graders from Brackettville and Del Rio recently completed their

fourth and final summer academy with a field trip to Florida. Pictured are:

(front, I-r) Emily Calk, Jacob Schroeder and Samantha Moore, all of Brackett;

(back) Elyana Barrera and Sabrina Cervantez, both of Del Rio.

Attending the 11th grade GeoFORCE summer academy in Washington and Oregon were (I-r) Brooklyn Gose and Jeff Sitgreaves, both of Brackettville; and Dominique Zvorak of Del Rio.



Brackett 10th graders who visited geological sites in Utah and Arizona, including the Grand Canyon, this summer are (I-r) Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk and Sahera Rodriguez.



Ninth graders from Brackettville and Del Rio in the GeoFORCE summer academy program include: (I-r) Brittany Hale of Brackett, and Daniela Ocada and Alan Meza of Del Rio. The group visited the Washington, D.C.,



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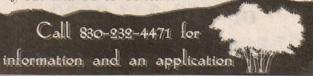


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OBITUARY

Rev. William P. Adams, Sr. July 6, 1946 - July 29, 2008



Rev. William P. Adams Sr., of Brackettville, age 62, was called by the Lord Tuesday, July 29, 2008 in Del Rio. He was born July 6, 1946 in Seguin, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Judith E. Adams, his children, and many other relatives.

Visitation was held August 1 at the St. John's Church in

Funeral services were held August 2 at 3 p.m. at the Jesus Loves You Church in Del Rio. Interment followed on August 4 at 2 p.m. at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Anto-

Full military honors were presented by the United States

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> 8 ounces carton cottage cheese 1/3 cup chopped green olives 1/3 cup chopped green onions 1/4 cup chopped parsley 1 cup buttered soft bread

Cook, cool and chop chicken, then set aside. Mix soup, milk, salt and poultry seasoning and heat. Beat cheeses together. Stir in olives, onions, and parsley. Cook noodles, drain and rinse in cold water. Place half of the noodles in and 11 1/2 x 7 1/2 inch baking dish. Spread with half cheese mixture, half chicken, and half, soup mixture. Repeat layers. Top with buttered bread crumbs.

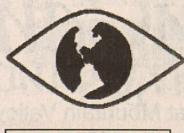
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Elva Rosa Garcia

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Elva Rosa Garcia, 2008 BISD graduate recently graduated from the Navy Recruitment training command in Great Lake City, Illinois, Garcia will now begin three months of Quarter Master schooling in Illinois.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

James Stafford

James Stafford, a long-time resident of Fort Clark Springs, bassed away on Tuesday, August 12.

A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church, Brackettville, on Sunday August 17 at 4 PM.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the First United Methodist Church. An obituary will be published at a later date.

District attorney seeks state jail time for Luna

continued from page 1 report, Luna's weekly gross sal- count to charge a gasoline purary began at \$932.40 in 1998 and ended at 1,036.14 in 2003. This does not include annual leave time check." he could have sold back to the City for an approximate \$1,500 per year plus approximately \$100 per year in Christmas bonuses. The maximum amount in salary Luna should have received from 1998 through 2003 is \$261,752.32. The actual Gross amount received was \$336,640.34.

Luna paid back \$9,700 for cash advances but was still found to have been overpaid by more the \$65,000.

Along with the cash advances, Luna was also found to have abused the City of Brackettville's Sam's Club credit account, which Luna applied for without any knowledge or consent of the council at the time.

According to the audit, "On 12 occasions, Mr. Luna charged gasoline at Sam's on the City of Brackettville's business credit account for trips taken to San Antoconsent of the Mayor and City Council. For each of those 12 trips he was also paid a mileage reimbursement for using his own to exceed \$10,000.00. vehicle as described below:

• For eight of the 12 occasions Mr. Luna caused the Mayor and City Council members to sign checks by presenting checks or directing city staff to present payment for mileage reimbursements for trips which he had already charged a gasoline purchase to a city credit account.

• For the other four occasions Also according to the auditor's Mr. Luna used a city credit acchase when he had already received a mileage reimbursement

The total in gasoline purchases was \$391.91.

The total identified amount Luna stole is \$65,579.93.

Luna was found to have criminally violated the following Texas State Statutes; Theft (by a Public Servant), Credit Card or Debit Card Abuse, Misapplication of Fiduciary Property, Securing Execution of Document Deception and Abuse of Official Capacity, according to the state audit.

Luna pled out to three counts of Theft by a Public Servant. Two counts are a second degree felony punishable by confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division for a period of not less than two (2) years or more than twenty (20) years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.00. The third count is a third degree felony punishable by confinement in the Texas Departnio, without the knowledge of ment of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division for a period of not less than two (2) years or more than ten (10) years and a fine not

According to Judge Thomas Lee's office, Luna will report back to Val Verde sometime in November for his punishment and restitution hearing. Luna has chosen to have the judge himself deliver checks for signature to authorize his sentence and not a jury of his

> At press time, Luna's attorney had not returned attempts to reach him by phone.

Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District update

Kent Lowery

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ducted according to Chapter 36 plan was approved by the TWDB of the Texas Water Code. Up- on its first review. The District

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Submitted by KCGCD VP Dr. dating the Management Plan had Rules which set forth require- activities. to be completed before the ments for water permits and wa-Rules could be reviewed and ter usage are now in the process There is no question that updated. This process took sev- of being updated as well and will groundwater is our most valu- eral months of intensive commit- be submitted for public com- the District, some of which were ment as soon as that process is serve our land and its bounty for ommended during the public sight by the KCGCD is the per- times seem tedious, legal guidegenerations to come. The cur- comment process were reviewed mit and pumping process. It is lines must be followed at all rent Board of Directors of the by the committee and incorpo- crucial to know what water sup- times and first and foremost in Kinney County Groundwater rated into the plan if feasible. plies are available for permit-every Director's mind is the need

water's first and most important secure much-needed funds to this scientific data, the District has started the process to get funds allocated during the next purpose. This process includes the submission of a \$1.75 million in appropriations request to the Federal Government with oversight by the USGS. Through diligent efforts on behalf of the Board, including meetings with staff from US Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and US Congressman Ciro Rodriguez's offices, correspondence with US Senator John Cornyn, and preparation and submission of a detailed science able. plan listing the activities needed tivities, the Board is exploring all avenues for obtaining not only major funding for scientific studies, but also support from State and National entities for our projected water management

The KCGCD Directors are working steadily and effectively toward resolving issues facing inherited from previous boards. Although the process of work-An important area of over- ing through problems can some-Conservation District has made. One major revision to the Plan ting, in which area or zone in to be fair to all the residents of great strides this past year to- was the inclusion of the follow- the county they are located, what Kinney County - not just those

The District wishes to acknowledge and express appreciation for the willingness of Gov. Rick Perry to take a stand for private property rights by writ-District's stand against proclaiming critical habitat for the Devils River Minnow in Kinney County.

The District also wants to appropriations period for this acknowledge the constant and invaluable support from Senator Carlos Uresti, who has always been willing to assist the District and to affirm the District's efforts of water management.

Thanks also go to other volunteers such as Dr. Joe Goebel, who prepared a detailed Science Plan and who, along with Jack Boxell, faithfully monitor the wells and stream base flow and the other data-gathering equipment we currently have avail-

The TWDB has also given and a time frame for those ac- encouragement and support, even to performing an initial "peer review" of the Management Plan to speed the approval

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Frontier

The District's Board is proactive in all issues affecting Kinney County's water management responsibilities. There is an ongoing and diligent effort to secure funding for scientific studies protecting our springs and the water rights of all Kinney County citizens. We are also challenging the Federal Government's right to establish critical habitat for the Devils River Minnow in Las Moras Creek and Pinto Creek without first recognizing local control as the Endangered Species Act mandates.

It is the Board's desire to be given the opportunity to work with Kinney County landowners and other entities to address habitat issues prior to being forced to comply with Federal guidelines that would adversely affect the economy, property values and private property rights of Kinney County citi-

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